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GFWC MORROW CIVIC WOMAN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENTS:

Our first event and gathering of 2016 was a great way to begin this club year. We are grateful and appreciative of all the planning and work done by the Social Committee for a wonderful brunch! We hope the lovely floral centerpiece shared with Lee Casey's sister-in-law brought some sunshine her way.

Rosemary M. Thomas, Chief Operating Officer of the GFWC, conducted a moving installation of our officers. After her visit to the MCWC, she emailed this message: *The opportunity to interact with the Morrow Civic Woman's Club was quite an honor. The women are clearly "Living the Volunteer Spirit." When my cousin, Lois, invited me to install her and her fellow officers - it was a touching reminder that GFWC is the intersection of nature and nurture in our lives. We are Clubwomen like our mothers, aunts and grandmothers were and we believe in the same basic principles of making the world a better place by giving what we have to give. I was so touched by everyone's kindness and hospitality. I will treasure the book I was given as a reminder of that day and a piece of Elaine Chandler's Federation life as well. Thank you for all of the courtesies extended to me and I hope to visit again soon. The work you are doing is the very fabric that makes GFWC the positive force that is in the world.*

January was a busy month, while members of the community service programs and committees met and developed their plans of work. The chairs will highlight these plans during our February meeting. Because the plans of work are created for the whole membership, please be sure to read the folder information you will receive on February 4th. We realize that club members cannot participate in every offering of the community service groups and committees, so simply participate in the projects and activities as you are able. We look forward to a special club year - one in which we continue to serve our local and extended communities, as well as each other. ~ Denise and Lois



COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS



ARTS

Front Porch Players. OLIVER!-March 11-13, 18-20

Reserved tickets- \$15. General Admission- \$12

<http://thefrontporchplayers.com/tickets/>

Spivey Hall

Sunday, February 7, 2PM

METROPOLITAN OPERA NATIONAL COUNCIL AUDITIONS

\$40 |

Outstanding vocalists from North and South Carolina, Florida, and Georgia sing opera arias for the audience and a panel of expert judges, vying for a chance to advance to the National Finals on stage

Friday, February 12, 8:15 PM

RENE MARIE: I WANNA BE EVIL (WITH LOVE TO EARTHA KITT)

\$40

"Presenting a program in tribute to the late Eartha Kitt, René Marie pretty much reduced her audience to stunned, delighted silence.

Stockbridge/Hapeville Academy Theater

<http://www.academytheatre.org/stockbridge/>

February Weekends The Last of the Red Hot Lovers

8:00 pm- Friday

8:00 pm- Saturday

2:00 pm- Sunday

Tickets under \$22.00

Southern Crescent Symphony Orchestra

2015-16 Concert Schedule

Stories in Music Saturday, February 13 - 3:00pm First Baptist Church of Morrow A free family concert featuring Prokofiev's Peter and the Wolf

An Evening at Pops Tuesday, April 26 - 7:30pm Spivey Hall, Clayton State University Light classics along with music from stage and screen will be featured.



CONSERVATION

Cornell University sponsors "**The Great Backyard Count**," an annual four-day event that engages bird watchers of all ages in counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of where the birds are across the continent. Anyone can participate, from beginning bird watchers to experts. It takes as little as 15 minutes on one day, or you can count for as long as you like each day of the event. It's free, fun, and easy—and it helps the birds. This year's event is Feb. 12 - 16. For more information, go to: <http://www.birdsource.org/qbbc/>

Recycling – We hope you continue to recycle and report it.

Here's some information for you:

Clayton County Recycling Drop Off Center
(behind the CCPS bus maintenance building)
1430 Highway 138 Spur, Jonesboro, GA
(770) 473-5470

Monday-Saturday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
CLOSED on SUNDAYS and HOLIDAYS

The following items **ARE** accepted at the Recycling Drop Off Center in Jonesboro.

- Glass (clear, brown and green only)
- Plastic (Look for the recycling triangle- #1 & #2 only) ♻️
- Cardboard
- Aluminum Cans (**no steel cans**)

They have wood chips that are available at no charge; however you must load your own.

The Center **CANNOT** accept the following items:

Household Trash, Egg Cartons, Mirrors, Light Bulbs, Window Glass, Drinking Glass, Ceramics, Heat Resistant Ovenware, Crystal, Plastic Bags, or Paper Bags. **In addition, we are unable to accept newspapers, office paper or magazines at this time!**

Publix - recycles plastic grocery bags & Styrofoam meat trays and egg cartons

Target - recycles plastic grocery bags

You can greatly reduce the amount of garbage you produce by simply recycling glass, paper, cardboard, aluminum cans, plastic bottles and containers (#1 & #2). We can also *UPCYCLE* (formerly known as *REUSE*) various things that we would otherwise throw away.

Check out these websites to learn about what you can do with Paper Towel Rolls.

http://www.make-stuff.com/recycling/cardboard_tube.html

<http://www.mnn.com/lifestyle/recycling/blogs/kitchen-recycling-tips-paper-towel-tubes>

The Environmental Protection Agency also has a website full of useful information on this topic.

<http://www2.epa.gov/recycle>



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness month. 1 in 3 teens is a victim of physical, verbal, emotional, digital or sexual abuse. You can help stop teen dating violence by joining the **Breaking Silence** campaign. **Breaking Silence** is a teen text line available 24/7 to answer questions about dating violence. Tell all the teens and preteens you know that anyone can **text 706-765-8019** for help.

- Special Help- Many of the children that come to stay at Haven House have no change of underwear. You can help by bringing a **package of new girls or boys underwear** to our next club meeting. All sizes are needed.

Tuesday, February 2, 2016 is Stop Violence Against Women Day at the Georgia Capitol. This program is held from 8:00 am- 12:30 pm at the Central Presbyterian Church, 201 Washington St. SW. The event includes a wonderful breakfast sponsored by Mary Kay. To register please go online at <http://www.event.com/d/1fq82d> or contact Marjorie Lacy 678-923-8825.

Domestic Violence Wish List

Boys & Girls Underpants, all sizes
Toilet Tissue
Paper Towels
Boxed Children's Cereal
Copy Paper

Blessings Thrift Store
86 Workcamp Road
McDonough
All proceeds go to support Haven House



EDUCATION



The Education Department would like to remind you to bring in your Box Tops for Education, Campbell soup labels, and empty printer ink cartridges and books and magazines to swap.





BOOK CLUB

DATE	HOSTESS	GENRE, BOOK, AUTHOR
February 9	Lorelei Bonner	<i>No Grits, No Glory</i> , by
March 8	Dinner and a Movie	
April 12	Pat Robertson	<i>7 Women: And the Secret to their Successes</i> by Eric McTaxas



HOME LIFE

National Wear **RED** Day is Friday, February 5th. Please show your support for the fight against heart disease in women by wearing **RED** to club meeting and again on Friday. This event is sponsored by the American Heart Association and is a simple, powerful way to raise awareness of heart disease and stroke. Please report your participation on the Home Life recording sheet.

 Home Life will be delivering Valentines to a local nursing home. Please take a minute to sign a few at club meeting. 

Thank you for supporting these on-going projects:

- Collect hats for cancer patients and the homeless throughout this club year. There will be a basket at each club meeting to donate both new and gently used hats for all ages and both sexes. The next few weeks will be a great time to find winter hats at bargain prices--check the clearance aisles!!
- Collect calendars for donation to the Good Shepherd Clinic
- Collect soft drink can tabs for donation to the Ronald McDonald House
- Collect glasses, frames, and lenses for donations to organizations for the blind
- Collect "little things" (note cards, playing cards, lotion, Kleenex, pens, notepads, puzzle books, etc) to use as bingo prizes at nursing home
- Collect large-print books or magazines for nursing home
- Donations to food pantry at First Baptist Church
- Donations to SHARE and H.E.A.T.



INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

Deborah Griffin is coming to our March Club meeting to share information with members about the maternal & infant health care project going on in La Gonave, Haiti. This project seeks to ensure that mothers are properly nourished, babies are delivered safely and that children grow up healthy and strong. One aspect of the project is providing birthing kits to help avoid infection of newborns and mothers as they give birth.

A birthing kit includes; 1- **Chux Pads**, 2 **Prep Pads**, 2 umbilical cord clips, 2- **Single Edge Razor Blade**, 2 pr. **Latex Gloves**, 2- **4 X 4 Sterile Gauze Pads**. These items are put together and sealed in a **Quart Ziplock Bag**. Our goal is providing 100 kits to present to Ms. Griffin.

In addition to the birthing kits, **flannel receiving blankets and newborn caps** are being collected. Many newborns die of hypothermia if not kept warm after birth. New and gently used, clean receiving blankets and caps are most welcome.

If you are able to purchase any of these items for the kits, (Needed items are in bold print) please bring them to the February 4th meeting. Volunteers are also needed to put together the kits. Club members are invited to help assemble the kits at the home of Marjorie Lacy, 389 Conyers Rd., McDonough on Saturday, February 20 at 10:00 am until the job is completed. A Continental breakfast will be provided. RSVP please at 678-923-8825.



PUBLIC ISSUES

The Public Issues Department is planning to attend the Board of Commissioners meetings in Clayton and Henry Counties in 2016. All club members are encouraged to attend one or more of the meetings, also, and bring back any information pertinent to our club and/or its members each month. The Clayton County Board of Commissioners meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. at 112 Smith Street in Jonesboro. The Henry County Board of Commissioners meets in the community room of the County Administration Building, 140 Henry Parkway, McDonough, GA at 9:00 a.m. on the 1st Tuesday of each month and at 6:30 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Make plans to attend, if you can.

Also:

The Presidential Preferential Primary is March 1. Be sure to vote!

COMMITTEES



Fashion Show - We will have your fashion show Envelope for you at the

meeting. It will have all the information you need for a successful fashion show - April 30!



Club Relations -- We invites you to participate in the Secret Sister program.

Forms will be available at our meeting for you to fill out. If you have any questions contact Catherine Douds. Let's have fun strengthening the bond of MCWC members!



MEMBERSHIP -- Don't forget, your Annual Membership Dues for 2016. Make your \$50.00 check to MCWC, or cash will do!

Goodness, time flies, when you are having a good time, and working hard!! It's 2016, and Membership is thankful for our FANTASTIC Members. All of us should be thankful for a successful 2015.

We are ready to welcome prospective members to our circle. We will be having a Soup and Salad Supper before the March Meeting, for our members and their guests. Please bring a guest, and enjoy dinner on us. If you are unable to bring a guest, we will be asking for a donation of \$5, to membership, as a fundraiser.

Also, did you know April is "National Volunteer Month?" We have members that volunteer outside the MCWC, in our community, and many times work alongside a family member(s). Please complete our questionnaire about you and your family, and the volunteer work you do. We would like to recognize our members and their families at the April Meeting for your volunteer works in our community and beyond.

Thanks, and see you at the meeting, Membership



SCHOLARSHIP -- At our February meeting, you will receive a flyer regarding the Andrea Lane Memorial Scholarship for Clayton State University. Please display this flyer at your church or post it in another location of your choice. Help encourage eligible candidates to apply by the due date of **June 1, 2015**. Thank you!



SOCIAL

<i>Month</i>	<i>Happy Birthday!</i>	<i>Happy Anniversary!</i>
	<p>5 Nancy Wantland 11 Dianna Williams 16 Brenda Rayburn 19 Anne Fordham 20 Marlynn Jones 25 Lorelei Bonner</p>	<p>28 Peggy & Ron Pruett</p>



HOSTESSES

<i>Coordinator</i>	<i>Devotional</i>		
<i>Linda Driver</i>	<i>Pat Henderson</i>	<i>Pat Robertson</i>	

A Note from Peggy Wilson, 6th District President

Opportunities

Come one come all to the last official meeting of the Sixth District. The meeting will be held in Carrollton at the Sunset Hills Country Club on March 12th. Registration will begin at 9:30 with the call to order at 10:00 a.m. Awards will be presented in all of the Community Service Programs. We have not received the call from Carrollton yet, but as soon as we do it will be forwarded to all club members. Please come and support the Sixth District the last district meeting.



I hope that several of you or all of you will attend state convention this year. We will be celebrating 120 years of GFWC Georgia. State awards will be given out to recognize winners in all three categories of membership during the weekend. Morrow Civic Woman's Club has

been the recipient of some of these awards in the past. I know we have completed great work during 2015, and hopefully we will receive some recognition at the state level for our efforts. The GFWC Georgia State convention will be held on Friday, April 22nd through Sunday, April 24th, in Callaway Gardens at the Mountain Creek Inn. The phone number to make reservations is **1-800-225-5292**.

I am in charge of the convention, and I need all the help that I can get. I have been working diligently on trying to get everything planned and organized. There will be a meeting on Saturday, February 6th at 10:00 a.m. to discuss plans for the state convention. Everyone is welcome to come to this planning session. If you would like to help, please let me know so I can add another egg to the pot to make sure I have enough food for everyone. My home phone number is 770-775-1980, and my cell phone is 770-652-4007.

On Sunday morning, the silver awards will be given as well as the installation of officers for the state as well as the district. Since I will be installed as the Central West District President, I would love to see everyone sitting in the audience in support of the new district as well as me.

As soon as I get the call to the convention, I will scan it and send it via e-mail to everyone. It is always a rewarding, fun, and exciting time to see what's happening at the state level.

Hope to see everyone there!

In Federation Love,
Peggy Wilson

 **MARCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:**

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You can access the newsletters at: <http://sites.google.com/site/morrowcivicwomansclub/>



State website: www.gafwc.org



National website: www.gfwc.org

REPORTING FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS ~ ONGOING ITEMS ~

Recycling - CONSERVATION

Campbell's Soup Labels - EDUCATION

Picking up Trash while walking- CONSERVATION

Used Eyeglasses - HOME LIFE

Old Cell Phones – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Items for the Church Pantry - HOME LIFE

Haven House/Secur'us House– DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Hats for Cancer Victims – HOME LIFE

Used Printer cartridges – EDUCATION

Calendars for the Shepherd Center - HOME LIFE

Box Tops for Education– EDUCATION

Drink tabs - HOME LIFE

New or Slightly Used Children's Books- EDUCATION

Items for Birthing Kits – International Affairs

Magazines and Books– EDUCATION

Retired American Flags - PUBLIC ISSUES