



MARCH 2016



GFWC MORROW CIVIC WOMAN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENTS:

February meetings can be a bit lengthy because it is chalked full of information. Lois and I would like to thank Community Group Chairs and Committee Chairs for keeping your presentations short and to the point. We know this is difficult when you have so many exciting things planned for the year. We also appreciate everyone's respectful attentiveness. Because of all of you February's meeting flowed efficiently. Lois and I recognize that club is the one time of the month that we get to enjoy each other's company. We will do our best to keep this in mind as we keep the meeting moving and try to adjourn at a reasonable time.

Please take a moment and fill out the MCWC survey. This information will be used to improve MCWC, sustain membership and acquire new members.

Spring District meeting will be Saturday, March 12, at Sunset Hills Country Club, Carrollton, Georgia

- Mail your registration form before March 2nd
- Car Pool sign up will be available at March Club meeting
- Hope you can will come and support the club as we bring home the silver ☺
- If you would like to contribute to our club's gardening opportunity basket for this meeting, bring the donation to the March meeting

News from our 2016 Convention Chairman – Peggy Wilson

GAFWC 2016 convention, April 22nd- 24th Calloway Gardens at the Mountain Creek Inn Celebrating 120 years – Reservations 1-800-225-5292. The call for State Convention will come out in the next few weeks. When it does, the information will be sent electronically to you.

MCWC Responsibilities

- Table decorations for Friday's lunch - Collect magic markers, colored pencils, rulers, mechanical pencils and/or any other school supply item – Also need 50 Reader's Digest Condensed Books (give to Peggy W. at the March/April mtg.)
- Table decorations for Friday's dinner – Sunday Spring dress hats, evening bags and gloves – notify Peggy W. if you can help out with these items.
- Decorate for Saturday night Banquet & take down decorations afterwards
- Supply enough candy for 40 bags for the Executive Board (Club Officers-responsibility??)
- 6 door prizes with \$10-\$15 value (Community Service Group responsibilities??)
- Donate \$10 money tree (bring to Spring District meeting) (Club??)

Discussion and decisions will be made at March club meeting.

GFWC: A History of Accomplishments

- 1868: After being denied to a Charles Dickens event, journalist Jan Cunningham Croly forms a club for women.
- 1890: 63 women's clubs convene in New York City to form the General Federation of Women's Club



COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS



ARTS

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

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

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

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

Remember to bring your old plans of work to the March meeting to be recycled.

Did you participate in the backyard bird count? If so, you might be interested in possibly catching sight of more than 130 bird species and explore tree-lined paths at [Newman Wetlands Center](#). Take your time exploring the 32 acre wildlife habitat and wetlands trail. Trails open March-Oct. 7am-7pm Nov.-Feb. 7am-5pm Learn more about NEWMAN WETLANDS CENTER at <http://www.cwa.us/newman-wetlands-center>
HOW'S the air in your HOUSE??? HOUSEPLANTS can help purify the air you breathe, and there are some plants that are almost impossible to kill. Various things such as cleaning products, furniture, and upholstery in homes and offices can give off a variety of toxic compounds, like [formaldehyde](#). [Indoor air pollution](#) can also be caused by pollen, bacteria, and molds. All of these are made worse in small or [poorly-ventilated spaces](#).

This month's plant is the Aloe Vera plant. Many people have Aloe Vera in their homes because of its healing ability. The gel inside the leaves is excellent for helping to heal burns and cuts. Aloe Vera however, is

also a great plant to improve your indoor air quality. It is easy to grow (and hard to kill for those of you who do not possess a green thumb) and it helps to keep your home free from benzene which is commonly found in paint and certain chemical cleaners.

If you want to learn more visit the following site... <http://greatist.com/connect/houseplants-that-clean-air>

PLEASE REMEMBER TO STOP BY THE CONSERVATION SIGN-IN SHEET AND LOG YOUR HOURS SPENT RECYCLING, PICKING UP TRASH, MAKING PLARN, OR COUNTING BIRDS.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

SECURUS HOUSE, THE CLAYTON COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER, IS IN DIRE NEED OF TWIN BED SHEETS. PLEASE BRING A SET TO THE MARCH MEETING!

Domestic Violence Wish List

Blessings

Thrift Store

Toilet Tissue
Paper Towels
Boxed Cereal
Macaroni & Cheese
Laundry Detergent
Mexican Boxed Dinners
Canned Tuna

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
March 8	Dinner and a Movie	
April 12	Pat Robertson	<i>7 Women: And the Secret to their Successes</i> by Eric McTaxis



HOME LIFE



Thanks to your generous donations, winter hats and caps were delivered to Calvary Refuge Center during the bitter cold days in early February. Also, thank you for the calendar donations; they were delivered to Good Shepherd Center. Please continue the monthly donation of hats, calendars, pop-top tabs and eyeglasses.

Food Pantry Needs: rice, dried beans and peas, peanut butter and canned meats.

An Easter basket of large print books and magazines will be delivered to Lake City Rehab and Nursing facility. Thanks to Friends of the Library for partnering on this project.



A club donation will be sent to Nothing but the Truth, the organization that supports the backpack meals for Clayton County children. Volunteers are appreciated to help pack the meals. Volunteers meet each Friday during the weeks that school is in session at the Southern Crescent Habitat for Humanity office on Tara Blvd. A March sign-up sheet will be on the Home Life Table.

Plans have been completed for the MCWC table at the Pillars Luncheon to be held on March 22.



The Home Life department is encouraging anyone who does not already participate Project SHARE to consider this worthwhile project which provides help with utility bills to those in need. Georgia Power customers simply add a donation to their bill, and the funds are then distributed through the Salvation Army to the county where they were collected. Your dollars go to work in your own backyard. Georgia Power also matches contributions dollar for dollar, so your donation does "double good." Brochures with information and a sign-up card will be available on the Home Life table. You can also sign-up by visiting the Community/Project SHARE section of the Georgia Power website.



H.E.A.T. (Heating Energy Assistance Team) also provides energy assistance to needy Georgians, whether it is gas, electric, propane, wood, etc. Donations made to H.E.A.T. are distributed by the GA Division of Family and Children Services through local community action agencies. You may donate in the following ways:

- Online one time or monthly at H.E.A.T.'s secure website-- www.heatga.org
- Monthly through your utility bill if you are a SCANA or Walton EMC customer
- Mail a donation to:

H.E.A.T., Inc
 Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
 P.O. Box 930112
 Atlanta, GA 31193

Flyers and contribution forms will be available on the Home Life table.

These are both Georgia Federation projects, so please include your participation on the Home Life reporting sheet.



The Clayton County Humane Society is planning their annual spring yard sale for late March or April. As you do your spring-cleaning, please save household and decorative items, furniture, small current electronics, etc. to donate to their Two By Two thrift store or yard sale. They do not accept clothing, large appliances, or old-style TVs. Because they are a "no kill" shelter, they are ineligible for local, state, or federal funding. They depend on the proceeds from the thrift shop, yard sales, and a quilt sale for the majority of their financial support. Contact Gwen Lyle (404-432-9986) for details or questions.



INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

Many thanks to Lorelei Bonner, Marlynn Jones and Cookie Keene for volunteering Saturday, February 20th to pack 100 birthing kits. Each Birthing Kit includes 2 umbilical cord clips, 2 pairs of gloves, 2 razor blades, 2 alcohol prep pads, 2- 4" X 4" gauze pads and 1 Chux pad. The kits were assembled and placed in quart bags. Of course, good conversation and fellowship was added to the mix.

In addition to the birthing kits, volunteers have sewn and knitted over 50 newborn caps and at least 50 flannel receiving blankets were donated. A huge thank you goes out to all club members that have participated in this project. These gifts of love will be shared with Deb Griffin, a volunteer social worker with the Maternal & Infant Health Care Project in LaGonave, Haiti. Deb will be speaking at the March club meeting.



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.

COMMITTEES



Fashion Show Reminders:

1. All \$25 food payments are due to the treasurer at the March meeting. Please place it in the envelope that was in your large Fashion Show envelope.
2. Sell those tickets. Get more from Betty Bush. Turn money in by April 18. If you are going to need reserved tables for 8 guests, please advise us by April 18.
3. Sell, sell, sell those ads. Ads with money are due to Peggy Wilson at the April meeting.

4. We will be having an Arts display at the Fashion Show. Be thinking of the any past needlework, painting, craft items, etc. you want to display and let Heloise and Marlynn know what you will be bringing.
5. Remember everyone is responsible for two wrapped door prizes. If you get door prizes that are contributed by businesses, be sure to give their information to Peggy Wilson by the April meeting to be included in the program booklet.

Thanks so much for all you help. This is our major fund raiser and we need it to be a great one!

Connie Johnson and Peggy Pruett, Coordinators

OPPORTUNITY BASKETS

The fashion show is fast approaching and it is time to collect items for the opportunity baskets. This year Arts & Education Departments will work together to put a "GEORGIA" Basket together. Public Issues & International will work together on a Summer Fun basket. Conservation is making a Garden basket and Home Life will be collecting items for a coffee, tea and chocolate basket. Please Bring These Items to the March and April meetings. **Renee Goolsbee**



Club Relations – Hello Secret

Sisters!!

There will be a table set up at each meeting for you to bring something for your Secret Sister. The table will be in the Library. Everyone is encouraged to bring a little something for Easter. (You are not required to bring something each month but if you do the table will be available for your use. It may be just a little note of encouragement or a small token.) Thank you to Cathy White and Carolyn Cochran for the suggestion. Catherine Douds will distribute the gifts for you to your Secret Sister. We look forward to a wonderful year!



MEMBERSHIP

Come and enjoy an assortment of delicious homemade salads, ready for you at 6 PM, on Thursday, March 3, 2016, before the meeting. Bring a guest, and dinner is free! If you are unable to bring a guest, we are asking for a donation of \$5.00, as a fundraiser for membership. Come hungry!

We have a special treat for everyone. Mary Harmon will perform the song she has written based on the Collect. If you have heard her sing this song, you know what an inspiration it is, and if you have not, you are in for a treat. Thank you Mary!

April is National Volunteer Month, so, for those of you that were not ready to return your forms regarding Volunteerism, at the February meeting, please bring them to the March meeting and return them to Marlynn. We want to recognize our members, not only for your hard work (and fun), in the MCWC, but for all that you, and many times, your family, gives.

Everyone, please remember to greet all guests and make them feel welcome. Our guest from the February meeting, Amy, is planning to return, and that is exciting!

The décor for the salad supper and for desserts will be in green for St. Patrick's Day. So, come wearing green to show your Irish! Look forward to seeing you March 3rd!

Marlynn



SCHOLARSHIP

Have you shared the flyer you received at our last meeting regarding the Andrea Lane Memorial Scholarship for Clayton State University? Please take time to 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, 2016. Thank you!

TALLULAH FALLS SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We will be collecting Prom Dresses and accessories (no shoes) for the last time this month. These will be set up for the girls to shop for their upcoming Prom.

Also collecting Coke reward points for the Junioresettes to use in their club work.



SOCIAL

<i>Month</i>	<i>Happy Birthday!</i>	<i>Happy Anniversary!</i>
<i>March</i>	<i>28 Renee Goolsbee</i>	<i>7 Catherine & Steven Douds 30 Renee & John Goolsbee</i>



HOSTESSES

<i>Coordinator</i>	<i>Devotional</i>		
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<i>Marilynn Jones</i>	<i>Heloise Wilson</i>	<i>Lee Casey</i>	

 **APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:**

MARCH 23RD

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