



MAY 2016



GFWC MORROW CIVIC WOMAN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENTS:

State Convention

Azaleas, hiking trails, biking trails, a beach, a lake, golf; Callaway Gardens has a lot to offer. Unfortunately, I was so busy attending meetings, collecting our awards for the club and being a page, I barely had time to make one quick hike through what was left of the azaleas. Bo and I will definitely be scheduling a biking trip there soon. I did get to visit the butterfly house for a Butterfly Release in Memory of Elaine Chandler. The love for Elaine surrounded us as the butterflies glided by. Even though the Saturday Night Formal Gala was pretty spectacular, the high light for me was when our Mary sang her arrangement of the Club Collect at the closing meeting on Sunday morning. Unity filled the room as everyone stood and joined hands. It gave me goose bumps.

Morrow Civic Woman's Club was well represented. Nine MCWC members were in attendance on Sunday morning and at least 4 at every other meeting. The Convention was well organized and attended by over 200 club women. Peggy Wilson and her committee did a fabulous job decorating the tables. Robert's Rules of Orders were impeccably carried out during the business meetings and Bylaw Revisions (Of course I was taking notes☺). Rosemary Thomas spoke and that is always a treat. Our new State President, Ida Dorvee shared her ideas of the direction she plans on leading the Georgia Federation of Women's Club.

It was a packed weekend, filled with learning, laughter, old friends, new friends, celebration of accomplishments and most of all the spirit of what it is to be a club woman. If you have never attended, Lois and I encourage you to check out the 2017 GFWC State Convention which will be held in Atlanta.

MCWC 2016 GFWC State Awards

Art entries will be displayed at the Fashion Show

Anne Fordham District Poetry Award

Cookie Keene Machine Quilting 2	Wall-hanging	3 rd Place
“ “ “ Miscellaneous	Ballet Slipper	Honorable Mention
Lorelei Bonner Machine Quilting 2		2 nd Place
Peggy Wilson Painting		2 nd Place

26-50 Membership Program Awards

GFWC 1734 Society Special Award

Ella F. White Fund Award

Conservation Community Service Program 2nd Place

Education Community Service Program 2nd Place

Home Life Community Service Program 2nd Place

International Community Service Program 2nd Place

International Outreach Community Service Program CARE Participant

International Outreach Community Service Program UNICEF Participant

International Outreach Community Service Program Bead for Life Award (\$50)

Public Issues Community Service Program 1st Place

2017 Fashion Show

Ads have been purchased, tickets have been sold, programs are completed, food preparation and presentation planned, models equipped with appropriate outfits, runway delivered and decorations underway. Now we anxiously wait for April 30th!!!

Thanks to Peggy, Connie and the Fashion Show Committee for all your hard work! It is going to be a fabulous event!

Now for **GFWC: A History of Accomplishments**

1901: The 56th Congress of the United States charts GFWC and designates that the Federation maintains its headquarters in Washington D.C.

1906: GFWC member Alice Lakey spearheads a campaign that is responsible for the passing of the pure Food and Drug Act.



DENISE AND LOIS

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS



ARTS

Thanks to Pat Robertson for securing the Magazine for the Arts table in May. It is really a nice source of information on the arts in our area. Grab a copy at our meeting.

The Arts Department is looking forward to our Social event to the following:

The Front Porch Players

<http://thefrontporchplayers.com/coming-attractions/>

THE MOVING OF LILLA BARTON - May 13-15, 20-22

Spivey Hall Children's Choir

Part of the Redeemer Concert Series; Admission is free; donations are accepted at the door.

Spring Concerts -

May 13, 2016 7:00 pm Spivey Hall

Program features Tour Choir, Children's Choir and Young Artists
May 14-15 3:00 pm Spivey Hall
Program features Tour Choir and Children's Choir
Contact Spivey Hall Box Office (678-466-4200) for tickets

Academy Theatre

NOBODY by C. Robert Jones takes on the life of Bert Williams, the first African American to have a leading role on Broadway. W.C. Fields said, "[He is] the funniest man I ever saw - and the saddest man I ever knew."

Stockbridge: April 30 through May 8, 2016 Tickets Available!

Fox Theatre

Beautiful, The Carole King Musical
May 24th - May 29th Comes very highly recommended!



CONSERVATION

Now that the weather is warming up and 'Spring has Sprung' there are many opportunities to improve our gardens, and learn about some of the critters that affect them.

Lunch and Learn

May 10th — 12 Noon Henry County Extension 770-288-8421
Honey Bees Presented by Jim Quick UGA Entomology Dept. UGA Griffin

Vermicomposting Tuesday, May 3

During the first week of May, Clayton County Extension will celebrate International Compost Awareness Week by offering a free class on vermicomposting. Vermicomposting is an easy way to turn food scraps into a low cost, high quality soil amendment for the garden, soil around trees, and a treat for your houseplants. The vermicomposting class will be offered in the front conference room at 1262 Government Circle. To register, please call 770-473-5434.

Growing Dahlias in the South MAY 26 12:15 PM | JONESBORO, GA

Dahlias are more of a challenge to grow here in our Georgia heat than in the cooler areas of the United States. We can grow them here but we need to use heat tolerant dahlias and a few techniques that will allow us to be successful in growing this beautiful flower. Taught by John Kreiner, Dahlia Society of Georgia.

Plant of the Month

Gerbera daisy (*Gerbera jamesonii*)

This bright, flowering plant is effective at removing trichloroethylene, which you may bring home with your [dry cleaning](#). It's also good for filtering out the benzene that comes with inks. Add one to your laundry room or bedroom — presuming you can give it lots of light.

Gerberas (sometimes called Gerber daisies) like well-drained soil, so be sure pots have drainage holes. Mist leaves a couple times a week and make sure plants get at least six hours of direct sunlight every day, [suggests Gardens.com](#). Brightly colored cut blooms can last as long as two weeks.



EDUCATION



The Education Department will be honoring Teachers Appreciation Day next week. Members will be providing homemade snacks and treats to Morrow Elementary School. If any other members of the Morrow Civic Woman's Club are interested in participating, please call Pat Henderson or Marilyn Mitchell and we will arrange to pick up your donations. We want to thank all of you who so generously donate used books and magazines to our book swap table. They are then donated to the Friends of the Library for their book sale. There will be a book sale April 29 and 30 so plan on stopping by either Friday, the 29th or after the Fashion show on Saturday, the 30th at the Headquarters Library on Battle Creek Road.

Also, a reminder to continue to bring in ink cartridges, Box Top coupons and Campbell soup labels.



BOOK CLUB

DATE	HOSTESS	GENRE, BOOK, AUTHOR
May 10	Marilyn Mitchell	"The Rosie Effect" by Graeme Simsion
June 14	Dinner & a Movie	To Be Announced
July 19	Connie Johnson	"The Boys in the Boat" by Daniel James Brown



HOME LIFE

Home Life plans for May focus on continuing support of our monthly collections: eyeglasses, pop-tops for Ronald McDonald House, hats/caps for adults and children in need (including cancer patients), calendars for Good Shepherd Clinic, bingo prizes for rehab/nursing care facility.

Please remember to record your contributions on the sign-in sheet on the Home Life table. A section for donations to Relay for Life and Easter Seals will be included on the sheet. Easter Seals is a Georgia Federation of Women's Club Partnership initiative. It assists more than a million children and adults with disabilities and their families annually. Each center provides family focused and innovative services tailored to meet the needs of the community it serves.

In May, Home Life directs awareness to local programs that serve adults with disabilities and disadvantages. In Jonesboro, we are fortunate to have a campus of Bobby Dodd Institute. Please visit their website: www.bobbydodd.org to read about the work they do with employment, job training, support services and ways in which you can support their work in the community.



INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

Happy Birthday to Shot@Life!

Thanks to GFWC and support from club women like you, today Shot@Life celebrates four years of advocating and raising nearly \$7 million for global childhood immunizations. To commemorate this special day we are asking for one simple gift from you. Join us for a national action day to mark World Immunization Week and tell your members of Congress global vaccines are a priority.

We encourage you to write to your member of Congress to urge them to make funding for global vaccines a priority. You can also contact your members of Congress by following these three easy steps:

1. Call the Capitol Hill main phone number at [202.224.3121](tel:202.224.3121) and ask to be connected to your Senator or Representatives office.
2. Tell the staffer who answers the phone that you have an opinion on global health and foreign aid.
3. [Use Shot@Life's talking points](#) to deliver the message.

By contacting our Congressional leaders on the same day, Shot@Life's birthday, we can generate an even greater impact! We hope that you will be a part of sending this birthday gift to our amazing partner!

Take Action



PUBLIC ISSUES

Veteran's Socks

Please remember to bring your filled Veteran's socks to the Club meeting. Sharing these is our way of showing these weary and wounded that we care.

If you cannot get your cookies and crackers in the socks with all the rest without making them crumbs, we are sending an extra bag with crackers and cookies to be shared at some other time. Please check the expiration date on these items so we share fresh goodies. Thank you for your astute shopping for these items. They are much appreciated.

Vote – May 24 –

Primary elections in Georgia are May 24.

You can vote early at your Courthouse if you wish.

Voting in the primaries is very important. Many candidates in various sought-after positions do not have opponents in the other party. If they win the primary, they have won the office.

Thank you to those of you who work the polls. That is an exhausting day of service.

COMMITTEES



When you receive this, we'll be in full Fashion Show mode! We're sure it will be a big success. First of all, thank you, thank you, thank you for all of your hard work selling the ads and tickets. This may be a record setting year! Thank you, too, to the Fashion Show committee! As our presidents say, "if you want to go far, go together." We've worked together and it shows. Hopefully, we can give you a full report at the May meeting.

Thank you again,

Peggy and Connie



MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to **Amy Simpkins**, our newest member. Amy joined the club at the April meeting, and we are delighted to have her. Amy, we look forward to getting know you and welcome your ideas and energy!!

Recognizing our **“Cracker Jack”** Member Super Volunteers for the month of May:

Pat Robertson....member of MCWC since 1972!

Participates in teaching Sunday School and helps organize teachers at First Baptist Church Morrow. She has helped with this for 2 years.

Pat also works at **The Good Shepherd Clinic** organizing and filing patient charts every Wednesday. She has volunteered at the clinic since it opened, about 11 years ago.

Elaine “Cookie” Keene....member of MCWC since 11/01/2012

Has worked with the **Peachtree City Civic Ballet** with the “Ballet Shoe Project,” a fundraiser for the last 7 years. She also worked as a parent volunteer for 4 years.

Works with **“Clayton County CASA”**...Court Appointed Special Advocate, making quilts for Foster children and to sell at auction for fundraisers. She has done this for 4 years.

Works with the **“Clayton County Cancer Society---Relay for Life.”** She has made quilts for fundraisers and raffles for two teams for the last 2 years.

For 2 years she has worked with the **“Pink Posse,”** assisting with the breast cancer walk/run fundraiser.

Mary Harmon....member of the MCWC since 1/06/2012

Works with **“Clayton County CASA.”** She has been a board member for 2 years, meeting monthly; Assists with fundraisers such as 5K runs, toy drives, golf tournaments and more.

She works with the **“Social Justice Ministry,”** at St. Philips Benezi Church assisting with such activities as Back to School Carnivals, International Night, Tutoring, Easter Egg Hunts, Family Dinner Nights and much more involving Riverwood townhouses. This ministry also includes work with Calvary Refuge, and more. All services ongoing. Has served for 4 years.

Mary’s Mom, **Ellen Harmon**, now 90+ years wonderful, still gives to the community by arranging food for grieving families. She was once much more involved, but still gives and cares! BRAVO!



SCHOLARSHIP

Just a few weeks remain to encourage eligible candidates to apply for the Andrea Lane Memorial Scholarship. The application is due June 1, 2016 and can be found on our club's website. Thank you for sharing this opportunity.



SOCIAL

Birthday Buddies for March, April and May will be held at O'Charley's in Stockbridge at 6:00pm on Wed, May 11. A signup will be available at Club.

<i>Month</i>	<i>Happy Birthday!</i>	<i>Happy Anniversary!</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>1 – Cathy White 10 – Marjorie Lacy 20 - Linda Driver 21 – Lee Casey 29 – Catherine Douds 31 – Pat Henderson</i>	<i>15 – Brenda & David Rayburn</i>

 **HOSTESSES**

<i>Coordinator</i>	<i>Devotional</i>		
<i>Joy Lanier</i>	<i>Mary Harmon</i>	<i>Anne Fordham</i>	

 **MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:**

MAY 24TH



State website: www.gafwc.org



National website: www.gfwc.org

REPORTING FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS ~ ONGOING ITEMS ~

Recycling - CONSERVATION

Picking up Trash while walking- CONSERVATION

Old Cell Phones – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Haven House/Secur'us House– DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Used Printer cartridges – EDUCATION

Box Tops for Education– EDUCATION

New or Slightly Used Children's Books- EDUCATION

Magazines and Books– EDUCATION

Campbell's Soup Labels - EDUCATION

Used Eyeglasses - HOME LIFE

Items for the Church Pantry - HOME LIFE

Hats for Cancer Victims – HOME LIFE

Calendars for the Shepherd Center - HOME LIFE

Drink tabs - HOME LIFE

Items for Birthing Kits – International Affairs

Retired American Flags - PUBLIC ISSUES