



FEBRUARY 2017



GFWC MORROW CIVIC WOMAN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENTS:

January was a busy month, while members of the community service programs and committees met and developed their plans of work. These plans will serve as February's program. It's always exciting to learn about the projects, events, and activities that each group has planned for their area, but it can be overwhelming too with so much to do.

Please keep in mind that members are not required to participate in everything. It's simply not do-able. We are invited to participate as much as possible, but should never feel guilty because we can't do it all. The plans of work are created for the whole membership, so please read the folder information you will receive on February 2nd. Just know that when you pick up the folder with the Plans of Work, it's going to be a special club year – one in which we continue to serve our local and extended communities, as well as each other. ~

Denise and Lois

GFWC Georgia History – As we begin 2017, let's learn about the history of our own state in the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Check out this link on the state's website:

<https://gfwcgeorgia.org/about/our-affiliations-and-officers/>



DENISE AND LOIS

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS



ARTS

Here are our Arts Offerings for January

Please send your volunteering hours and participation in the arts anytime during the year to wils4929@bellsouth.net. Sign-up sheets will be available at club.

Spivey Hall

(678) 466-4200

Tuesday, January 31, 2017 11:15 AM

Young People's Concerts

ATLANTA STEEL PAN: LATIN AMERICA IN THE CARIBBEAN

All Ages

\$3 | **BUY TICKETS**

\$2 advance tickets (Box Office only)

\$3 online advance tickets (online fees included in the price)

\$5 on the day of the concert

(Box Office 678-466-4200, M-F 9am-5pm or Education Office 678-466-4491)

Atlanta Steel Pan takes you on a musical tour of Latin American music in the Caribbean Islands! Learn how the musical, rhythmic and instrumental influences of Spain and Africa influenced Latin America, the Caribbean Islands, and the USA. A whirlwind musical tour around the world and through history!

Saturday, February 4, 2017 3PM

DANISH STRING QUARTET

Pre-concert Talk – 2:00 PM

RUNE TONSGAARD SØRENSEN, violin

FREDERIK ØLAND, violin

ASBJØRN NØRGAARD, viola

FREDRIK SCHØYEN SJÖLIN, cello

The Danish String Quartet “plays with an urgency that can feel dangerous, and with a unity of intention that makes familiar material stand out in bold relief, as if it were brand new territory... This is a group that makes you listen” (San Jose Mercury News). “They could be grounded in their tone or mystical. They allowed time to stand still, and they could assume the pose of excitingly aggressive rockers. They did it all” (Los Angeles Times). “Do not lose track of this group: Even by today’s high standards, it offers something very special” (The Boston Globe).

Sunday, February 5, 2017 3PM

JOYCE YANG, PIANO

\$60

An “astonishing virtuoso with tremendous suggestive power and imagination” (**Neue Zürcher Zeitung**), Joyce Yang is blessed with “poetic and sensitive pianism” (**The Washington Post**) and a “wondrous sense of color” (**San Francisco Classical Voice**). “In a world of dime-store piano virtuosos, all with impeccable technique, she seems like something out of Tiffany’s special collection” (**TheaterJones**).

Thursday, February 9, 2017 7PM

CLAYTON STATE UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL CHORAL FESTIVAL

FREE

Presented by the Department of Visual and Performing Arts/Division of Music

ADMISSIONS POLICY

No one under the age of 12 is admitted to Spivey Hall concerts, unless the concert is specifically designated as being appropriate for younger children.

Sunday, February 12, 2017 2PM
METROPOLITAN OPERA NATIONAL COUNCIL 2017 AUDITIONS - SOUTHEAST REGION

\$40

Outstanding young vocalists from North and South Carolina, Tennessee, and Georgia sing opera arias before a panel of expert judges, vying for a chance to advance to the National Finals on stage at the Metropolitan Opera in New York.

Tuesday, February 14, 2017 7:30 PM
"LOVE AT THE DOOR" SONGS OF SAMUEL BARBER

Saturday, February 18, 2017 7:30 PM

MARK O'CONNOR

FEATURING THE O'CONNOR BAND

\$50

This concert welcomes children ages 8 and up. \$50 adults / \$25 children ages 8 to 18

Fiddler, composer and educator **Mark O'Connor** is hailed as "brilliantly original" (**The Seattle Times**) and "one of America's most beloved and highly regarded violinists" (NPR's **Mountain Stage**). He makes a welcome return to Spivey Hall leading the O'Connor Band in an engaging, dynamic show featuring compelling arrangements, virtuosic solos, and tight vocal harmonies. Introducing Mark's family members: Atlanta native **Maggie O'Connor**, fiddle; **Forrest O'Connor**, mandolin and vocals; and **Kate Lee**, fiddle and vocals. Rounding out the band is National Flatpick Guitar Champion **Joe Smart** and double bassist/old-time banjoist **Geoff Saunders**.

Saturday, February 25, 2017 3PM

FUNNY BONES: THE COMEDY OF

CHARLIE CHAPLIN

WITH DAN KAMIN &

STEVEN BALL, ORGAN

\$40

Charlie Chaplin has been making audiences laugh for over a hundred years now, and you'll find out why in this one-of-a-kind program with **Dan Kamin**, who trained Robert Downey Jr. for his Oscar-nominated performance in **Chaplin** and created Johnny Depp's comedy moves for **Benny and Joon**. In **FUNNY BONES**, Kamin takes audiences on a magical excursion into Chaplin's enchanted comic world through film clips, live performance, and the screening of a newly restored print of *The Pawnshop*, Chaplin's 1916 comedy classic, complete with live accompaniment by **Steven Ball** on Spivey Hall's magnificent Albert Schweitzer Memorial Organ. There's lots of fun audience participation in this program that kids will enjoy as much as adults.

Sunday, February 26, 2017 3PM

ALEXANDER GAVRYLYUK

\$50 |

“One of the greatest discoveries of the past decade,” Ukraine native Alexander Gavrylyuk “enchants the public” with his “thought provoking playing” (**De Telegraaf**). His “mindblowing virtuosity” and “electrifying pianistic display” (**The Chautauquan Daily**) belie his natural nobility as both interpreter and performer. With “phenomenal, totally compelling playing, lucid and subtle” (**ClassicalNet**), Gavrylyuk is “a beguiling pianist, able to find the simplest musical truth behind even the most staggering virtuosic torrent of notes” (**The Australian**).

Southside Theatre Guild

"SUDS-The Rocking 60's Musical Soap Opera" at STG

Our next production, SUDS-The Rocking 60's Musical Soap Opera, has been cast and is now in rehearsal. The production will open on April 27, 2017 and run for two weekends. [Read more.](#)

Performance dates:

April 27, 28, 29, 30(matinee) May 4, 5, 6, 7(matinee), 2017.

Reservation link

Box Office Opens April 13, 2017.

Please note that messages directed to this e-mail address can only be checked and returned by Box Office workers during periods when the Box Office is open. For more information on dates when Box Office is open, visit the reservations page @ <http://www.stgplays.com>

E-mail: boxoffice@stgplays.com

Phone: 770-969-0956

Clayton County Parks and Recreation

Dr. Seuss Celebration March 3, 2017 6-8pm

Wild Azalea Festival April 8, 2017. 11-4pm

Eggstravaganza April 8, 2017 1-4pm

Academy Theatre

Battle Acts Improv

<http://www.academytheatre.org/theatre-programs/featured-events#battleacts>

599 N Central Ave, Atlanta, GA 30354, USA

Tickets available at: <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/104339>

Front Porch Player

Coming Attractions

Disney's Beauty and the Beast March 10-12 and 17-20

Leading Ladies - June

Driving Miss Daisy - August

Lying in State - November

Legacy Theatre

To go to this line up visit: <http://www.thelegacytheatre.org>

404-895-1473



Our Exciting 11th Season

Tickets on Sale Now!

There are several performances available, Smokey Joe's Cafe, Church Basement Ladies and Beauty & the Beast.

Henry Players



April 20-23, 27-30

Rated PG

"BIG FISH 12-Chair is the new, small-cast version (for 12-actors) of the Broadway musical. Based on the celebrated novel by Daniel Wallace and the acclaimed film directed by Tim Burton, BIG FISH centers on Edward Bloom, a traveling salesman who lives life to its fullest... and then some! Edward's incredible, larger-than-life stories thrill everyone around him – most of all, his devoted wife Sandra. But their son Will, about to have a child of his own, is determined to find the truth behind his father's epic tales. Overflowing with heart, humor and spectacular stagecraft, BIG FISH is an extraordinary new Broadway musical that reminds us why we love going to the theatre – for an experience that's richer, funnier and BIGGER than life itself."

Our box office phone number is [770.892.9906](tel:770.892.9906)

All Showtime are Thurs, Friday & Sat @ 7:30; Sunday @ 2:30; **doors open 45 minutes prior to show**



CONSERVATION

Let us all resolve to **START** doing something new this year that will help conserve our natural resources and reduce the amount of trash that we accumulate each day.

We can start by bringing our **OLD PLANS OF WORK** to the February meeting so they can be recycled. Collection boxes will be placed at the Conservation table. Please make sure that you fill out the Conservation Sign-up sheet.

Cornell University sponsors "**The Great Backyard Count**," an annual four-day event (Friday, February 17 - Monday, February 20) 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. For more information, go to: <http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc>



EDUCATION

Thanks to all of you for the Box Top coupons and Campbell soup labels you have donated. We will still be collecting them to benefit our local schools. As we have been unable to find a school still participating in the ink cartridge recycle program we have turned in the ones we had collected to Office Depot. We will continue to collect them but they will now be listed under the Conservation Department. I encourage all members to continue bringing in books and magazines for our book swap as items not "swapped" end up at the Friends of the Library book sale or at the local veterans' facility. The Friends of the Library book sale will be at Headquarters Library on Friday, January 27th, 1 to 5 PM, Saturday, January 28th, 9 to 4 PM and Sunday, January 29th, 2 to 4 PM. Come and see all our great bargains!



HOME LIFE

Go **Red** for Women is the American Heart Association website devoted to women's heart health issues, healthy living, and a support network. Visit their website: www.goredforwomen.org for valuable information for yourself and to share with others. ♥□♥□

Members are encouraged to WEAR RED to club meeting on February 2nd and on National Wear Red Day, Friday, February 3rd. Also encourage your family, friends, and co-workers to wear red to support women's heart health issues. ♥□♥□

😊♥□😊 Please take a few minutes to help sign Valentines before club meeting. They will be donated to local agencies serving aging, disabled, or homeless clients.😊♥□😊

💰💰 America Saves Week is observed February 27-March 4. Visit their website: www.americasaves.org as a great resource of financial information.

TALLULAH FALLS

We will be collecting prom dresses and accessories at February and March meetings. Also, if you don't have access to these items and would like to make a monetary donation, this will be used for shoes and boys tux rentals.

FASHION SHOW

You will be receiving your fashion show packets at February meeting. Go ahead and sell those tickets and ads. Please go through it and read everything so you will have the answers when selling tickets and ads. The list of your individual duties on the fashion show date follow at a later meeting.

We will be using dress form jewelry holders for our centerpieces (they are like the picture on your posters). We need to collect costume jewelry to display with them (nothing dainty because it won't show up). Only bring items that you don't want back so clean out your jewelry box for beads, earrings and bracelets that you don't want anymore. Don't forget about yard sales as well. After the fashion show, these will be donated to Haven House's Thrift Store. You can count this on Domestic Violence sheet at club.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

I have a little project I know many of you would enjoy. We received the cutest little vinyl bags that have the following picture of a Dr. Seuss classic on the front. I do not have copies of the books to put in the bags. I was hoping any of you might be willing to select one or more of these titles and bring them to club in February. I will make certain the children at Haven House are given their book and bag. The following is a list of the number of bags I have for each book title. Thanks in advance for your help in making a small child smile!

- 5- Horton Hatches an Egg
 - 4- One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish
 - 3- Oh the Places You'll Go!
 - 8- The Cat in the Hat
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International Committee

The International Committee will be presenting the March meeting. The speaker for our meeting will be Miriam (Mimi) Lanier. As you may have guessed Mimi is related to Joy Lanier. Miriam is the daughter of Southern Baptist missionaries, August and Alta Lee Lovegren, and was raised in Jordan. Observing her parents love and service, it is no wonder that Mimi developed a heart for service and love for the people. Currently she and her husband, Homer, serve the people of the Middle East from their home in Lebanon. Part of her

work for the last five years has been with the Syrian refugees along the Lebanese border. We know you will enjoy hearing about her work.



PUBLIC ISSUES

Georgia State Legislature

Do you know who represents you as State Representative and State Senator?

Close to our everyday lives are the actions of the Georgia Assembly.

Some of the issues planned to be dealt with are:

- Opportunity School District – plans are being worked giving state power to allow students to transfer from the 153 state's failing school list
- Cannabis oil uses to be increased to other diagnosis
- Casino gambling to be legalized
- Opioid abuse
- Only hands-free telephone calls while operating a vehicle except in emergencies
- Requiring fire arms training courses before issuing a carry license
- Prohibiting smoking inside a vehicle when a person age 18 or under is present
- Raising the age of mandatory education age from 16 to 17

These are only a few of the matters Legislators are attempting to put before the State body.

If you have a definite opinion on any of these or any other proposals, you are urged to contact your representatives to let them know your wishes.

We will continue to keep you updated on the actions either with information or electronic links to the information. It is each of our responsibilities to take part in the actions of all of our governing bodies.

Public Issues continues to encourage you to attend your local County Commission meetings. Also, very important, are the meetings of the zoning board. We wonder why we have *another* Family Dollar in our area. They went before the zoning board at some time and were granted permission. We need to be aware of what else they want to build in our neighborhoods.

COMMITTEES



MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to February 2017. By this time, all of us have met with our respective Service Departments and Service Committees, and reports have been completed. We are now gearing up for another year of fun and service to our community. Watch out community, here we come!!

News concerning members that will be inactive or will resign club this year:

We will miss our member Lee Casey, who has resigned, due to almost overwhelming family responsibilities. Lee's help is needed to care for family. We hope that Lee will return to us when she is able. We will miss Linda Driver! She will be inactive this year due to health reasons, and we will surely hope this dear friend will be able to return to our club next year.

We have two members that have had to move to assisted living recently; Jane Young and Becky Sanders and her husband Ed. These two "dear to our heart" ladies will be on our inactive list, and hopefully may be able to join us for some meetings or socials.

All of these club sisters need our support at this time in their lives, and we can keep them in our hearts, and in our thoughts and prayers. I am sure all would appreciate a card, phone call, e-mail, or maybe even a visit sometime. I will have current addresses for all hopefully by meeting time.

Membership needs everyone's help:

Membership's main objective this year will be to increase our membership, and will need everyone's help to do this!! Please be thinking of ladies you can invite to a club meeting. We will surely welcome them. Remember, the first member who invites a guest to a meeting, and she then becomes a member, will receive a \$25.00 gift card! Also, the first three members who invite a guest, who attends a meeting, will be given a pink tote, I purchased at Institute, with your initials embroidered on it. Start thinking!!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the February meeting.



SCHOLARSHIP

At our March 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, 2017. Thank you!

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



HOSTESSES FOR FEBRUARY MEETING

<i>Coordinator</i>	<i>Devotional</i>		
<i>Renee Goolsbee</i>	<i>Cathy White</i>	<i>Pat Robertson</i>	



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