



MAY 2017



GFWC MORROW CIVIC WOMAN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENTS:

May is upon us! How fast this year is going by. It seemed like only yesterday we were having our first meeting of the year. As we get older, we really understand the saying, time flies. The older we get the faster it goes. So on this beautiful Spring day; Seize the day, Enjoy the view, Smell the roses, Appreciate every day like it is your last and do not miss an opportunity to let someone know how much you appreciate them!

Morrow Civic Woman's Club you are a special group of women!!

State Convention – Friday April 28th – Sunday April 30th

It will be a weekend packed with opportunity baskets, raffles, art displays, a business meeting, Robert's Rule of order, proposed amendments to the bylaws, discussion, delegates voting, vendors selling their wares, good food, laughter, collecting items for the President's service project, receiving awards, celebrating, Listening to– Mary Ellen Brock- GFWC President Elect, memorials and silver awards.

This will give you just a brief synopsis, just in case you will not be joining Lois and I at the 121st GFWC Georgia State Convention!

GFWC State Awards to come!

2017 Fashion Show

Cater issues resolved, runway problem solved, model's date at Belk's set, ads sold, program in the works, tickets sold, decorations are ready, final preparations being made! Sounds like we are ready Ladies for another fabulous event!!!

MCWC Website

Lois and I hope that you have taken the time to visit the website. If there is information that needs to be added or you can't find, let us know. In order to get our site to come up on the top of the list, we need as many hits (visits to the site as possible). Please every time you go on line to check your bank account visit our website mcwca.org. It is filled with so much information. Break it into sections and explore a section at a time.

Mia continues to work on the SEO (Search Engine Optimization). This allows people to find our website by using key words. As she is collecting more information, she hopes to make great strides by the 1st of May.

Mia and I are working with Ginger's daughter Emily to close out the old website. We know this can't be easy for her and appreciate her assisting us. Please keep us all in your prayers through this process.

GFWC Georgia History - Mrs. Rebecca D. Lowe – President 1896-1897

Mrs. Rebecca D. Lowe served as Georgia's First GFWC State President. Mrs. Lowe and other valiant Georgia women were the moving force in the work for the advancement of education, legislation, welfare and other phases of civic improvement.



DENISE AND LOIS

LATE BREAKING NEWS!!

Our hard work was acknowledged at the state convention

- GFWC 1734 Society Participation Award
- Club Anniversary Award – 55 Years
- Education Community Service Program 3rd Place
- Home Life Community Service Program 3rd Place
- International Outreach Community Service Program 2nd Place
- Public Issues Community Service Program 2nd Place
- Marlynn Jones-Photography – Living Things - 1st Place
- Connie Johnson - Photography - Living Things - 2nd Place
- Marlynn Jones-Photography - Still Life - 1st Place
- Lorelei Bonner-Quilting – Honorable Mention
- Jenae Brittain-Student Art- 1st Place \$500.00

Mary Harmon touched every club sisters' heart by sharing her song about the collect on the closing day.

Job well done ladies!!!

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS



ARTS

This section has been moved to the last page of the newsletter so that you can easily remove it for reference during the month.



CONSERVATION

This month we will be welcoming a speaker from the Newman's Wetland Center. People really do come from all over the world to see how water is purified and cleaned in Clayton County, Georgia. You can learn more about the process at this website. <http://www.ccwa.us/water-use>
Our speaker devotes a lot of her time to the Wilderness Works program, you can learn more about this wonderful program for urban youth. <http://www.wildernessworks.org/>

It is always fun to see new ways to Reuse and Recycle household items, and this site provides a lot of Upcycling Ideas.

<http://www.motherearthnews.com/homesteading-and-livestock/reusing-things-zmaz76mazhar>

Spring is here. Go out and visit trails and parks across Georgia and the entire US.

National Kids to Parks Day May 20, 2017

<http://gastateparks.org/KidsToParks>

As the plant and animal life awakens from a long winter nap, it is good to know about the ones that are a bit out of place. Take a look at these websites exploring the invasive plant and animal species of Georgia. <https://www.gainvasives.org/>

<http://www.qfc.state.ga.us/resources/publications/InvasivePlantsofGeorgiaForests.pdf>



EDUCATION

As always, we appreciate the donation of used books, magazines, box tops and Campbell soup labels. These items are all recycled to the library, veterans' facility and schools.

May is the month to honor our teachers and we plan to do that by furnishing lots of goodies to one of our local schools. The National Education Association describes National Teacher Day "as a day for honoring teachers and recognizing the lasting contributions they make to our lives." Teachers play a critical role in educating and shaping our children: the future leaders of our country. They are kind, patient, hardworking, dedicated and understanding professionals that mold our children's lives in a positive direction.

If any member would like to join us in providing some snacks please let Pat Henderson (770-471-5999) or Marilyn Mitchell (770-778-2932) know. If necessary we can pick up your donation. Celebration day is May 11th.

Please continue to bring in all used magazines and books for the book swap as well as Box Top labels and Campbell Soup can labels.



Fashion Show Reminders

- When you get this newsletter, call, email or text Connie or Peggy with the **ACTUAL** number of people coming to the fashion, that you've sold a ticket to.
 - Thursday, May 4, 3:00 - Fashion Show Committee set-up with Mt. Zion ROTC. Regular club meeting at 6:30 - **TURN IN ALL TICKET MONEY.**
 - Friday, May 5, 3:00 - Club members to complete set up. Bring baskets, door prizes and member art for display.
 - Saturday, May 6, 8:30, Members come and park in the grass. Snacks for members.
 - Members may buy tickets for baskets between 8:55 - 9:10. Members may also buy jewelry holders and plants.
 - **WEAR YOUR NAME TAG.**
 - Be at your station at 9:10. Doors open at 9:15 and guests will be seated and immediately get their food.
 - When showing people to their seats, remove table signs when table is full. Remaining signs will show where there are available seats.
 - Please do not go into the kitchen unless you have a job that requires it. Renee is "Boss of the Kitchen!"
 - Leftovers will go to Haven House.
 - **THANK YOU** for all you have done and **THANK YOU** for all the work that is coming up!
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HOME LIFE



Do you know the month of May is officially dedicated to older Americans? First launched in 1963 by President John F. Kennedy, the annual presidential declaration designates May as an annual event that honors older Americans and celebrates the contributions they have made, and continue to make, to the nation and their communities. The Administration for Community Living designed the 2017 theme, **Age Out Loud**, to give aging a new voice-one that reflects what today's older adults have to say. More than

ever before, older Americans are working together, trying new things, & engaging in their communities. They're taking charge, striving for wellness, focusing on independence, and advocating for themselves and others. What it means to age has changed, and Older Americans Month 2017 is a perfect opportunity to recognize and celebrate what getting older looks like today.

Local agencies serving older adults are Clayton Senior Services and the Bobby Dodd Center. Check the Home Life table for information about the Bobby Dodd Center, available from last month's program.

The month of May is also designated as National Arthritis Month and Osteoporosis Month to promote awareness of these diseases and how their effects are related to our overall health.



If you donated to Easter Seals this spring, please record your support on the Home Life reporting sheet.

Thank you to club members who participated in local Relay for Life events and members who supported them with donations. Please record time spent and donations on the Home Life reporting sheet.

Church pantry: Canned fruit or meat, coffee, tea, children's juices, dried beans

On-going collections: calendars, pop-top tabs, bingo prizes, hats (good buys on these in clearance areas this time of year), bingo prizes, glasses

Reminder to Home Life members: coffee, chocolates, and related items for Fashion Show opportunity baskets



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

School will be ending soon and it is time to begin planning summer fun for the children in the shelter. We welcome donations of gift cards at Wal-Mart and Kroger to purchase snacks for outings and passes to movies, bowling, skating and other fun spots. We take the children on at least one outing per week and generally have 10-15 children of field trip age. Any help will be greatly appreciated.



PUBLIC ISSUES

Veteran's Socks

Please remember to return the filled tube socks provided you at the April meeting for the Veteran's. If you were not present, there are a couple pairs still available to be claimed. We will meet with the Veteran's program liaison in June, so you may still take a pair and return it at June's meeting. The list of suggested items comes with the pair of socks. Do not be dismayed if you cannot fit all the items in the socks. This is just a suggested list to use. Also, if you would rather give money, donated amounts will be given to the Veteran's to use in the canteen.

Thanks for your support of our needy veterans.

MAY IS NATIONAL BIKE MONTH

Most of us are motorists accepting bicyclists as sharing the road, instead of actually riding. We need to be aware of their rights on the roads. Following are a few guidelines to be aware of and consider.

In all states, cyclists are deemed by law to be drivers of vehicles and are entitled to the same rights on the road as motorists. Watch for cyclists on the road. Treat them as you would any slow-moving vehicle.

Patience, especially on the road, is a virtue, and can save lives. Recognize road hazards that may be dangerous for cyclists and give cyclists the necessary space to deal with them.

In conditions where there is not enough room for a cyclist to ride to the right, they are allowed to ride closer to the lane of traffic, and sometimes even in the lane of traffic.

Do not pass a cyclist until you can see that you can safely do so. If you pass too closely, the drag from your car can pull a cyclist off course and cause the rider to swerve out of control.

Watch out for cyclists when you are turning right. A bicyclist may well be to the right of you and planning to go straight at the same intersection.

When backing out of your driveway always look to see if someone is riding in your path. Children on small bikes might be hard to see. Drive slowly and look carefully.

Do not to honk unnecessarily at cyclists. If the need does arise to honk your horn to alert a cyclist that you are about pass, do so from a respectable distance.

Cyclists have a rightful spot on the road. Cyclists also positively impact the environment with each revolution of their wheels by opting to ride rather than drive. Do not resent cyclists. Replace frustration with a smile every time to see a cyclist.

If you can't beat them, join them. Ride a bike. It may just change your life. Riding is good for you and good for your environment.

Edited from Yield to Life

COMMITTEES



MEMBERSHIP

Hello to everyone and welcome to the Merry Month of May 2017. Hope all of you have on your comfortable shoes and are ready for our 19th Annual Fashion Show. Hopefully, it will be the best ever! It never ceases to amaze me at the hard work the women in this club approach head on! I am proud to be called a Morrow Civic Woman's Club Member, and most thankful for the friends I have made in MCWC.

Please be thinking of a guest(s) you would like to invite to our Fashion Show and discuss with them the possibility of visiting us in June for the Salad Supper. We would love to welcome visitors and new prospective members to our club. Remember, we will have a Membership table at the Fashion Show and would love for guests who are interested, to stop by the table and talk with us, complete a form with their name and address for a chance to win a \$25.00 gift card to Belk's, along with an invitation to the salad supper. Please ask the ladies you invite and others that may be interested in attending the salad supper to please RSVP to Marlynn at 770-478-1694, or email me at mjones1694@hotmail.com. Whether we have one guest or 20, we need a head count to be sure there will be enough salad for all.

See everyone soon, Marlynn



SCHOLARSHIP

Please continue to spread the word about the Andrea Lane Memorial Scholarship, which is now posted on the private scholarships webpage for Clayton State University! A visit to our club's website at www.mcwcga.org will provide scholarship hopefuls with the information and application they need to apply. We only have a few weeks until the deadline of June 1, 2017.

TALLULAH FALLS SCHOOL

The Board of Trustees joined staff members and construction team for the ground breaking of the new Natatorium. This will be a state of the art facility for swim meets and full school use. This project will be completed in 2-3 years. It follows the completion of the beautiful gym and multi-use building on the middle school campus.





International Committee

100 birthing kits, 61 receiving blankets and 6 hats were delivered to the Haiti Partnership last week. Thanks to all who had a hand in this project. International was also fortunate to be able to make a \$100 donation to Save the Children on a day when our \$100 donation was tripled! The Club's donation went to help the refugee children in Syria.

	<i>Happy Birthday!</i>	<i>Happy Anniversary!</i>
May	<i>1 Cathy White 10 Marjorie Lacy 19 Jane Young 20 Linda Driver 29 Catherine Douds 31 Pat Henderson</i>	<i>15 Brenda and David Rayburn</i>



HOSTESSES FOR MAY 4TH MEETING

<i>Coordinator</i>	<i>Devotional</i>		
<i>Connie Johnson</i>	<i>Dianna Williams</i>	<i>Lois Wolfe</i>	



State website: www.gafwc.org



National website: www.gfwc.org



Here are our Arts Offerings for May

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 meetings

Congratulations again to Jenae Brittain and Lorelei Bonner who placed first in the Arts at District meeting. Hopefully, we will have many more to congratulate after GFWC State Conference.

Please start taking pictures of your bulbs as they come up this spring for next year's photo contest!

Also take pictures of clubwomen doing our work around town. There is an art contest for that as well!!

Here's What the Arts have to offer you elsewhere this month

Spivey Hall
(678) 466-4200

Thursday, April 27, 2017 7:30 PM

FAURÉ REQUIEM \$10

\$10 adults / \$5 students *Free for CSU students, faculty & staff with Laker Card.

Clayton State University Community Chorus

Dr. Michael Fuchs, conductor

Southern Crescent Symphony Orchestra - Dr. Richard Bell, conductor

Sunday, April 30, 2017 3PM

CLAYTON STATE UNIVERSITY CHORALE

FREE

Dr. Michael Fuchs, conductor

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

Sunday, April 30, 2017 3PM
THE LITTLE MATCH GIRL PASSION
FREE

Words and Music by David Lang

CLAYTON STATE UNIVERSITY CHORALE

Dr. Michael Fuchs, conductor

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

Monday, May 1, 2017 7:30 PM
**CLAYTON COMMUNITY
BIG BAND**
STACEY HOUGHTON, DIRECTOR
FREE

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

Wednesday, May 3, 2017 7:30 PM
CLAYTON COUNTY HONOR ORCHESTRA
CLAYTON STATE PREP SCHOOL RECITALS
FREE

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

Clayton County Honor Orchestra

Dr. Richard Bell, conductor

Nancy Conley, conductor

Clayton State Prep School Recitals

Saturday, May 6, 2017 3PM
HECTOR OLIVERA, ORGAN

\$40 | [BUY TICKETS](#)

A passionate and gifted musician, Hector Olivera has amazed and delighted audiences around the world with his personal interpretations of both classical and popular music. He commands a brilliant technique and a colorful repertoire. His “concert performances and commentary make clear why audiences everywhere are beguiled by Hector Olivera’s irrepressible and personable virtuosity” (*Pipedreams*). “Hector Olivera brought the house down with a stupendous performance” (*The American Organist*) and “entertained his audience with a dazzling display of sonic and technical marvels” (*The Washington Post*). “The audience surged to its feet even before the last chord died away, applauding wildly” (*Portland Press Herald*).

Saturday, May 13, 2017 3PM
**ALBERT SCHWEITZER
MEMORIAL ORGAN**
25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
KEN COWAN, ORGAN

**ALAN MORRISON, ORGAN
CHERRY RHODES, ORGAN**

Post-concert Dinner – 5:45 PM • \$40
\$60

The Season 26 Walter and Emilie Spivey Memorial Concert

Spivey Hall proudly observes the 25th anniversary of the dedication of the Albert Schweitzer Memorial Organ created by Fratelli Ruffatti, celebrating its magnificence through the artistry of three master organists. Performances by **Ken Cowan** have been praised as “absolutely stunning” (*Organ Canada*) and “articulate and thrilling” (*Los Angeles Times*). “His unassuming manner and his sure and relaxed technique hide a fiery yet totally musical approach to organ playing” (*The Diapason*). Spivey Hall Organist-in-Residence **Alan Morrison** is a “superb” and “first-rate organist” (*ArkivMusic.com*) who “knows something about igniting audience passions. Without hesitation and throughout, Morrison’s playing is consummate and dazzling” (*Fanfare*). Morrison holds The McGehee Family Organist Residency at Spivey Hall. The first American to win an international organ competition (Munich), **Cherry Rhodes** completed her advanced studies with Jean Guillou and Marie-Claire Alain. During her brilliant career she has toured extensively, frequently premiering new music. Her Pro Organo release, *Everyone Dance*, has been hailed by *The American Organist* as “a joyous celebration of unrivaled artistry.” In demand as an adjudicator and master class leader, she has taught for four decades at the University of Southern California’s Thornton School of Music.

Solo works and a duo performed by Ken Cowan and Alan Morrison; *Pictures at an Exhibition* by Modest MUSSORGKY, transcribed by Jean Guillou and performed by Cherry Rhodes; and the world premiere of a new transcription by Weicheng ZHAO of a suite from Sergei PROKOFIEV’s *The Love for Three Oranges* featuring all three organists playing simultaneously, commissioned by Spivey Hall in celebration of the Schweitzer Memorial Organ’s first 25 years through the generosity of Spivey Hall Friend Richard F. Tigner.

Friday, May 19, 2017 7PM
SPIVEY HALL YOUNG ARTISTS
SPIVEY HALL CHILDREN'S CHOIR
SPIVEY HALL TOUR CHOIR
\$25
CRAIG HURLEY, CONDUCTOR
MARCENA KINNEY, ACCOMPANIST
DR. MARTHA SHAW, CONDUCTOR
JUDY MASON, ACCOMPANIST

The three choirs of the Spivey Hall Children’s Choir Program sing with remarkable beauty of tone, expression, and spirit that is their hallmark. All three perform on Friday, with the spotlight on the Young Artists. On Saturday and Sunday, the Children’s Choir gives an expanded program, and the Tour Choir previews its summer tour repertoire.

Saturday, May 20, 2017 3PM
Sunday, May 21, 2017 3PM
SPIVEY HALL CHILDREN'S CHOIR
SPIVEY HALL TOUR CHOIR
\$25

DR. MARTHA SHAW, conductor
JUDY MASON, accompanist

The three choirs of the Spivey Hall Children's Choir Program sing with a remarkable beauty of tone, expression, and spirit that is their hallmark. The Children's Choir gives its complete culminating program of the year, and the Tour Choir previews its summer tour repertoire.

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

Movies Under the Stars

May 6th•REX PARK•Finding Dory

June 3rd•FLAT SHOALS PARK•Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Out of Shadows

July 22nd•RUM CREEK PARK•Moana

August 12th•Lee Street Park•Sing

September 9th•GERALD MATTHEWS SPORTS COMPLEX•Beauty & the Beast

All movies are free beginning at dusk. Don't forget to bring snacks and a chair!

(Movies maybe subject to change or canceled due to inclement weather)

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

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 performances available, Church Basement Ladies and Beauty & the Beast.

Henry Players



April , 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**



The Box Office is open Tuesday-Saturday from 12-5 PM. Call 404.584.7450 to speak with a box office attendant.

Nobody Loves You March 17th- April 30th

Blackberry Daze July 17th- August 20th