



MARCH 2018



GFWC MORROW CIVIC WOMAN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

Check us out at <http://mcwcga.org/>



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

Club Sisters,

As previous February meetings have been long, this meeting was no exception. A big thank you to all Community Service chairs and Committee chairs for keeping your presentations concise. Also, a special thanks to our club sisters for being so attentive. As I stated at the meeting, one of my goals is to streamline our meeting. At the March meeting, I will start working on achieving that goal.

Our various committees have planned a full year of many activities and projects. With a small number of active members, it is going to take all of us to help to complete these projects. I have confidence that as usual, we will succeed. Just remember that through our service, we are helping others in our community.

Those of you, who were unable to attend Mia's Art Show, missed a wonderful event. All of her art displays were awesome! As I was looking at each display, I kept wondering how she was able to create this beautiful piece. We are so lucky to have such a talented artist in our midst. Congratulations Mia!

Hope to see you at our March meeting!

Angelia

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS



ARTS

Details of the latest opportunities to enjoy the arts in our area can be found on the last page of the newsletter so that you can easily remove it for reference during the month.

Continue to send your photos to Mia so that she can include them in the slideshow of members' photography during the social hour before each meeting. Don't be shy! You don't have to be a professional to join in. This is a lot of fun for everyone and a great way to share your adventures and treasures with other club members. Please send your photos to Mia Broder, miabroder@hotmail.com or text: 404.245.3122.

Remember the hours you spend on your art, crafts, volunteering at shows, supporting local arts performances, choir practice, visiting art shows, photography, editing, and mounting can be placed on the list of art hours.



CONSERVATION

GET INVOLVED:

RECORD YOUR EFFORTS

Remember to record on the monthly sign in sheet the time you spend:

- Recycling (more information to come!)
- picking up trash while you walk
- reading about or researching environmental issues
- visiting parks and gardens (more information to come!)
- working in your garden or yard
- educating others on an important ecological issue
- other environmentally-related activities

Also record actions such as:

- replacing incandescent and halogen bulbs with compact fluorescent lights
- replacing your high-flush toilet with a low-flush toilet
- replacing old appliances with Energy Star models
- conserving water by using water you boil eggs or vegetables in to water houseplants
- replacing old windows and doors with energy efficient, well-insulated models
- adding insulation/weather stripping to windows and doors
- composting at home (more information below!)
- using reusable grocery bags when shopping

Bring your 2017 plans of work to the March meeting for recycling!

COMPOSTING AT HOME

Decreasing your household's trash output may be easier than you think! Food scraps and yard waste make up 20-30% of waste in landfills, and these items can be composted, freeing up space in landfills and providing healthy nutrients for your plants. Composting at home is an easy and efficient way to get rid of fruit and vegetable waste, coffee grounds and filters, yard clippings and trimmings, egg shells, even the occasional shredded newspaper. Over time, this mixture breaks down and the nutrients left behind can be used to feed your household and garden plants, reducing the need for chemical fertilizers. It's a win, win! Check out this online guide to composting at home and give it a shot in your own backyard. There are even techniques for composting in a small space, such as vermi-composting, which uses worms to do the work of breaking down the materials. Fun! <https://www.epa.gov/recycle/composting-home> If you have questions, check in with Amy Simpkins, who has years of personal compost experience and even taught classes on vermi-composting at local community gardens.

IMPORTANT ECO DATES:

March 22 is World Water Day: World Water Day is an annual event celebrated on March, 22. The day focuses attention on the importance of universal access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene facilities in developing countries.

Our very own Clayton County Water Authority (CCWA) is recognized throughout the world for its sustainability practices and has been named one of the 'Top Water Wise Communities' in the U.S. and a 'Utility of the Future Today' by industry peers.

We can take advantage of the wonderful resources of the CCWA in more ways than just drinking a glass of water! Visit the Melvin L. Newman Wetlands Center located at 2755 Freeman Road Hampton, GA 30228 for a guided tour, wildlife watching, or a walk along the trails as part of your fitness routine.



EDUCATION

As a part of the Education Department part of the newsletter list the book A Touch of Stardust by Kate Alcott as our book of the month--(the information is below in Brenda's email). Then also include the following: (1.) Please respond to Denise's email and volunteer to read at McGarrah Elementary for Dr. Suess' birthday. We need to be there before 10am so we can go to the classrooms on time. (2.) If any of you have husbands, boyfriends, or older male children, please encourage them to read at Huie--the principal would like that role model of men reading to the children on Dr. Suess' birthday. Contact Denise if you know of a male willing to read to them. (3) Please continue to bring books you have read to meetings for us to swap and for us to take to a nursing home in the area. (4) Bring gently used children's books for Huie--Brenda and Connie delivered almost 200 books to Huie already!!! Congrats!! (5) We also have a special request for new or gently used children's books for an orphanage in Haiti--we know how little these children have on this ravaged island. We really appreciate your support.



HOME LIFE

It is Relay for Life Time. The Clayton County Relay will be in April. Renee Goolsbee is the Chairman of the MCWC collection for Relay. If you would like to contribute to Relay, please bring your contributions to the March, April or May meetings. Checks may be written payable to American Cancer Society. Cookie Keene is participating in Relay in Fayette County. If you would like to purchase a luminary in honor or memory of someone dear to you, the cost is \$10.00, and write a 3 word description of that person, give it to Cookie, and it will be lit at the Fayette Relay. Make your check payable to American Cancer Society.

Please bring donations for the Coffee, Tea and Sweets Opportunity Basket for the Fashion Show. There will be a collection box on the Home Life table. Chocolates, teas, pretty cups, etc.

We will not be collecting teddy bears for Red Cross in March or April. That collection will be delayed until later in the year. Cookie has found a good deal through JoAnn.com, and has purchased sale priced bears, free shipping and 20% of total purchase. These will be donated to Red Cross.



PUBLIC ISSUES

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME begins early Sunday morning, March 11.

Please use this day that ruins your sleep pattern to check the batteries on your smoke alarms. This mundane job could alert you to save your life. Check the smoke alarm batteries of your loved ones as well – your children as well as your friends. There is usually a button to push that checks it or just put in a new battery, so it won't start beeping “low battery” in the middle of some night.

Along with this checking exercise, think about what path you would take to evacuate each and every room of your house in case of a fire. If we mentally practice, it could save us some anguish in case of emergency.

IDENTITY THEFT

Follow these tips to protect your personal information:

- Always use **security software** with firewall and anti-virus protections and allow it to update automatically.
- **Encrypt sensitive files**, like tax records.
- Use **strong passwords**.

- Recognize and avoid ***phishing emails, threatening phone calls and texts***. Don't click on links or download attachments from unknown or suspicious email addresses.
- Store your Social Security card and tax records in a ***secure location***.

Learn more about how to avoid tax-related identity theft and what to do if you're a victim from the IRS's [Taxpayer Guide to Identity Theft](#).

Have a special notebook where you can write down those intriguing passwords you create and note what website you use them on. When "older" age hits us, we can't remember many things. Don't leave such things as passwords to memory but write them down. Use your memory for more important things such as where you laid your glasses or even what day it is.

The following bills are a very small number of the ones being considered during the 2018 legislative session. The current status of all bills can be checked at <https://legiscan.com> or www.legis.ga.gov .

HB 61 Bill would require online retailers who make at least \$250,000 or 200 sales/yr to either remit state sales taxes or send tax due notices to customers. Amazon already collects GA sales taxes.

SB 362 Bill is an education bill that seeks to establish an innovative assessment pilot program and provide for revised accountability requirements. (Alternative testing for annual state exams)

HB 930 & SB 386 Bills seek to revamp transit oversight and funding in metro Atlanta. Both bills would create a regional board to oversee transit planning in 13 metro Atlanta counties.

HB 796 Bill would bring back the state's back-to-school sales tax holidays in August and September. Legislators must approve this bill because one tax-free shopping weekend costs state and local governments about \$70 million in lost revenue.

SB 315 Bill creates a new "crime" of unauthorized computer access, and it also provides for penalties.

HB 680 Bill calls for the state to replace the touch-screen voting system with a paper-based system.



Special Project: Women's History Resource Center (WHRC)

March is Women's History Month. What better time to help preserve our club's (and community's) history by assisting with the CSU archival project. Email me the dates you can work. March dates include:

Thursday, March 8, 10 am – 2 or 3 pm

Friday, March 9, 10 am – 2 or 3 pm

Wednesday, March 21, 10 am – 2 or 3 pm

Thursday, March 22, 10 am – 2 or 3 pm



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Day of Service Update

The statewide GFWC Georgia Day of Service will be observed on Saturday, April 28, 2018. On that day, clubs all over the state will implement their plans to collect items for donation to domestic violence shelters in their areas. Clubs have developed individual project plans to rally the resources of club members and outreach into the community in order to bring a focus to the needs of people who have been victims of abuse, and with very few resources of their own, sought refuge and safety in local shelters. Here's where GFWC Morrow Civic Woman's Club can help. During March and April, reach out to groups, friends and your family to collect the badly needed items on the list which was distributed at the February meeting. Bring your donations to the

March, April and May meetings. There will be a box for your donations. At the March meeting, there will be information flyers for the membership to distribute. Think about your Bridge group, Sunday School class, Bunko group, your membership in other groups that seek service project opportunities, etc. At the May meeting, our collection will be inventoried and sorted for distribution. We will wear our Day of Service t-shirts for photos to be taken for our web page and sent to GFWC Georgia. Among the businesses which have corporate policies limiting soliciting, there are opportunities to apply for donations for the Day of Service project. MCWC is in the process of submitting those applications for donations. On April 28, wear your t-shirt in observance of Day of Service. There are some club members who will be wearing theirs at the Fashion Show, to share with the community our support of the work of those shelters that are providing safety and basic needs for individuals and families in a crisis.

If you look at the gfwcga.org website, at the top of the page there is a tab " GFWC Day of Service", click and on that page scroll down to a button for Amazon GFWC Ga Wish List. There you can see items that can be bought in quantity at a good price.

Here's a reminder: diapers (all sizes), baby wipes, shampoo (full-size/adult and baby), conditioner(full size), body wash (full-size/adults, children, babies) deodorant (men's and women's), tampons and pads, shaving cream, disposable razors, kid friendly snacks, paper towels, kitchen 13 gal trash bags, toilet tissue, liquid or powdered laundry detergent, gift cards: gas/groceries/Wal-Mart. In assessing the needs of the shelters in our area, a few items were added in addition to the ones on the Day of Service List.

Thank you in advance for the time and effort you will contribute toward addressing this need in our community. Cookie Keene is the point of contact for this project.

The following bills are related to Domestic Violence. Please contact your local legislatures and let them know you are a registered voter in their district and you would like them to support:

HB745 which help victims not get trapped in leases if they need to break a rental agreement due to safety issues.

HB541would ensure those with active TPO's do not have access to firearms.

A TPO (temporary protective order) is a court order that prevents the abuser from coming near the victim.)

How to Find Your Legislators and Send a Message in Support of a Bill

Every Georgia resident has one senator and one representative.

To find your legislators-

- Go to: www.openstates.org/find_your_legislator/
- Enter your address and click the magnifying glass icon
- Both of your legislators should appear on the right side of the screen
- Click on each legislator's name to get their mail and email addresses

(Note: Each legislator has a district and capitol office. You will want to send your letter to the capitol office)

Once you have identified your legislators, you may send them a letter via email or send one directly to their office (or both).

COMMITTEES



MEMBERSHIP See you next time.



SCHOLARSHIP

Have you posted your flyer announcing the Andrea Lane Memorial Scholarship opportunity? You'll be asked to share the location during our March meeting. Help spread the word.



International Committee



Have you, any family members, or friends registered for the 2018 Walk for Water and Health on Sunday, March 11? The event will occur from 2-4pm, leaving from The Carter Center parking lot in Atlanta. Still need to register? Go to <http://www.wellsforhope.org/> Be sure to specify Morrow Civic Woman's Club on the registration form in the "School" information box. Please note on our CSP sheet, if you or anyone you know has registered for the Walk under MCWC.



Remember, you can support Save the Children Federation Inc, Fairfield CT, with your purchases on AmazonSmile. Register, so your shopping will result in a 0.5% donation of eligible products' purchase price to support the non-profit organization. Check out this site: <http://www.savethechildren.org/site/c.8rKLIXMGlpl4E/b.9202159/k.88EE/AmazonSmile.htm>



unicef The March speaker will be LaDarrien Gillette, UNICEF's Community Engagement Fellow. She has an impressive profile. Check it out before the meeting, so we'll have more time to hear her presentation: <https://www.unicefusa.org/sites/default/files/GCF%20Bios%20-%20FY18%20Entering%20Class%20-%20Final%20%281%29.pdf>

Our CSP will sponsor an opportunity bag of UNICEF products fundraiser for the organization.



Tallulah Falls School

This is your last chance to bring in prom dresses and accessories (no shoes). Financial Donations are also gladly accepted for guy's tux and girl's shoes. Ask your friends and Sunday School classes. You will be doing them a favor as most people have them hanging and don't know what to do with them. Thanks so much for your help.



March 15 - Lunch at Cheddars and Movie at the Regal Theatre off Jonesboro Rd.
This event is coordinated by Brenda Rayburn.

June 14 – Dinner and a play - Henry Player – Nine to Five - Place for dinner TBD.
This event is coordinated by Renee Goolsbee and Peggy Wilson



FASHION SHOW UPDATES NEWS AND REMINDERS

NEWS:

- Goals have been set and we are aiming for success. This group can do it because we are, as always, determined.
- Tickets are being sold. Call Betty, Denise or Marlynn for more tickets.
- The Menu has been completed and sound delicious.
- Opportunity Baskets are being prepared.
- Ads are being acquired and readied for the program. These ads make our work of helping others a reality.
- Models are in the works and Belk of McDonough is ready to assist us with the latest and greatest spring fashions.
- Tables will be cheerful with brightly colored wrapped packages and bows. The table décor is ready and waiting. Email Amy - amartin1469@msn.com if you read this sentence.
- We thank Betty Bush, Linda Harrelson, Cookie Keene, Heloise Wilson, Marlynn Jones, (Marlynn's neighbor Sue), and Denise Martin for the contribution of many gift boxes, cereal, oatmeal, toothpaste and cracker boxes for decorating. Who knew a cracker box could look so fancy!! Conservation, we will have some numbers for repurposing and recycling for you!!
- Entertainment is being investigated.....if you would like to sing or tap dance let us know!!
- Job assignments for the Fashion Show are being readied.

REMINDERS:

Have you:

- Paid your \$25.00 toward food for the fashion show?
- Sold your tickets and need more!?
- Sold Ads?
- Purchased items for your opportunity basket?
- Acquired at least 2 door prizes?
- Placed a Fashion Show poster in a Church, business or other place for viewing?

Thank you to everyone for the work you contribute to the success of MCWC 20th Annual Coffee Fashion Show.
Denise, Marlynn and the Fashion Show Committee

	Happy Birthday! 	Happy Anniversary!
March	<i>Renee Goolsbee - 3/28</i>	<i>Catherine and Steve Douds - 3/7</i> <i>Renee and John Goolsbee - 3/28</i>

HOSTESSES FOR MARCH MEETING

Coordinator	Devotional		
Brenda Rayburn	Marlynn Jones	Peggy Wilson	



MAIL NEWS FROM CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

We received the following:

- A Thank you note for planting the flowers from Erica Ware at the Forest Park Library.
- A Thank you note for the donation of \$100 from Tallulah Falls School This money goes toward a brick in the TFS Walk of Honor in memory of Master Sgt. Mitch Young.
- Pictures and thanks for our donations to CCPS Homeless Education's Holiday Sponsorship Event



- Thank you from The Nature Generation for a donation of \$150 to be used to inspire children and young adults to take action in and for the environment by donating picture books and providing activities to educate on the topic.
- Thank you from The Bedford School for a donation of \$100 to assist with meeting the needs of the learning-disabled children at the school.
- Thank you from the Wounded Warrior Project for a donation of \$100 that assists with support to injured servicemen and women.
- Thank you for a gift of \$25 to American Cancer Society.

APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

MARCH 24



State website: www.gafwc.org



National website: www.gfwc.org

Here are our Arts Offerings for March

Mia Broder Art Show: Out of the Ordinary | February 24 - March 24, 2018

Opening Reception: February 24, 2018 | 5 - 8pm

Artisans on the Square: 397 LaGrange St. | Greenville, GA 30222

Mixed Media Show with artists: Dinett Hok, Kim Ramey, Victoria Slagle, & Mia Broder

March 17, 2018 | Yellow Pollen Street Festival Hampton, GA

Downtown Hampton | Main Street, Hampton, GA 30228

The annual Yellow Pollen Street Festival will be held on March 17, 2018. It is a premier early spring event for artisans and craftsmen in the state of Georgia. The festival will offer live music throughout the day, 100+ vendors on site, great food, rides for children, and much more. Hours: 10am-5pm

April 7, 2018 | Wild Azalea Festival

Reynolds Nature Preserve | 5665 Reynolds Road | Morrow, GA 30260

Reynolds Nature Preserve is hosting its annual Wild Azalea Festival this spring featuring guided hikes, live animal shows, hands-on workshops and native plant sales. Whether you're new to Reynolds Nature Preserve or not, this is a great event for the whole family to enjoy the outdoors.

Parking is limited, so visitors can park at Babb Middle School, and a shuttle will be available for transport.

Clayton County Parks and Recreation

Mommy and Me Paint Class

March 10, 2018

Carl Rhodenizer Recreation Center 11:00-2:00 PM

Cost: \$8.00 Per Canvas.

Arts and Game Night

March 15th, 2018

Jim Huie Recreation Center 6:00-8:00 PM

Click HERE for more information.

Spivey Hall (678) 466-4200

March 2018

Didgeridoo Down Under presents A Musical Tour of Australia

Friday, March 2, 2018 @ 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM

Spivey Hall, 2000 Clayton State Blvd, Morrow, GA 30260, USA

Young People's Concerts

Southern Crescent Chorale

Saturday, March 3, 2018 @ 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Spivey Hall, 2000 Clayton State Blvd, Morrow, GA 30260, USA

Imogen Cooper

Saturday, March 10, 2018 @ 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Spivey Hall, 2000 Clayton State Blvd, Morrow, GA 30260, USA

Piano, Saturday, March 10 @ 7:30PM

David Russell

Sunday, March 11, 2018 @ 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Spivey Hall, 2000 Clayton State Blvd, Morrow, GA 30260, USA

Guitar, Sunday, March 11 @ 3PM

Capitol City Opera
Seussome Twosome

Tuesday, March 13, 2018 @ 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM

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Young People's Concerts

Terell Stafford Quintet

Saturday, March 17, 2018 @ 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Spivey Hall, 2000 Clayton State Blvd, Morrow, GA 30260, USA
Jazz - Saturday, March 17 @ 7:30PM

Clayton State University Orchestra
presents Music and Magic

Thursday, March 22, 2018 @ 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM

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Young People's Concerts

CSU Music Drama
La Périchole

Friday, March 23, 2018 @ 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Spivey Hall, 2000 Clayton State Blvd, Morrow, GA 30260, USA

CSU Music Drama
La Périchole

Saturday, March 24, 2018 @ 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Spivey Hall, 2000 Clayton State Blvd, Morrow, GA 30260, USA
Saturday, March 24 @ 7:30PM

Spelman Glee Club

Tuesday, March 27, 2018 @ 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM

Spivey Hall, 2000 Clayton State Blvd, Morrow, GA 30260, USA
Young People's Concerts

Southside Theatre Guild

First Things First
by Derek Benfield

Performance Dates:

May 10, 11, 12, 13

May 17, 18, 19, 20

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

Front Porch Players

Coming Attraction

The Secret Garden

March 9-11, 16-18

Henry Players



Our box office phone number is 770.892.9906

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

The Horizon Theatre

1083 Austin Avenue

Atlanta, GA 30307

(at the corner of Euclid Ave. &
Austin Ave. in Little Five Points)



Mar. 9-April 22

Legacy Theatre

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

404-895-1473

LEGACY
Theatre
Presents

ALL SHOOK UP



Cast A: 3/22 & 3/24 @7:30pm, 3/24 @3pm
Cast B: 3/23 & 3/25 @7:30pm, 3/25 @3pm
Cast C: 3/28 & 3/30 @7:30pm, 3/31 @11am
Cast D: 3/29 & 3/31 @7:30pm, 3/31 @3pm

March 22nd-31st
thelegacytheatre.org

Did you find the person you were to email? Hope so!