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GFWC GA MORROW CIVIC WOMAN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CO-PRESIDENTS

Dear Club Sisters,

We began 2020 in grand style with a wonderful installation celebration. Kim Sekulow, the GFWC GA Second Vice President, did an outstanding job installing our new officers, and she really enjoyed her time with all of you. Special thanks to Renee (and John) for providing us with a lovely and ABSOLUTELY FABULOUS brunch.

After installation, we gathered in CSP groups to develop our plans of work for the coming year. The chairs will highlight these plans during the February meeting. There will be activities, events, and many projects to choose from in each area. Please read through all the information and realize that members cannot participate in every offering of the CSPs and committees. So, we invite you to do what you can and continue to serve our local and extended communities. Together we can make this a special year, while sharing and appreciating each other's unique talents and gifts.

Mary and Cookie

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS



ARTS

Well I am back as the Arts newsletter person. Do not think you can get away that easily. During the last year our biggest project was to make the cards for Nursing and Assisted Living Communities. Marlynn and I were truly blessed to deliver these cards to The Palms and visit with Virginia Stevens, Virginia Hasty, Fred Smith, and several other people seen in the halls of the facility. Below are a few pictures that show my true delight in this event. We enjoyed it so much that we will do it again in September and make them for Thanksgiving and Christmas.



Also, this year, we hope to go into partnership with Stillwell School of the Arts in Clayton County to provide funds and assure at least one student can attend festivals or competitions to further their talent and continue using their gifts. We will continue our work with the Art Class at Haven House and Spivey Hall Children's Choir.

Details of the latest opportunities to enjoy the arts in our area can be found on the back pages of the newsletter so that you can easily remove it for reference during the month. I would like to highlight the concert of [Southern Crescent Symphony Orchestra Family Concert](#)

This is the Symphony where Dr. Richard Bell is the conductor. Let's make it a priority to support the Arts in our Community!

Please enjoy the Art Offerings at the end of the Newsletter!



CONSERVATION

Arbor Day in Georgia: Friday, Feb 21, 2020

Arbor Day is a day set aside for schools, civic clubs, and other organizations, as well as individuals, to reflect on the importance of trees in our state and across our nation. J. Sterling Morton, the father of Arbor Day, initiated the holiday in Nebraska in 1872. He said, "Other holidays repose upon the past; Arbor Day proposes for the future."

The first Georgia Arbor Day was proclaimed by the Georgia General Assembly in December 1890. In 1941, the General Assembly set **the third Friday in February as the day of our state Arbor Day.** National Arbor Day is the third Friday in April.

To celebrate Arbor Day, consider setting aside a time to visit a Clayton County jewel, the William H. Reynolds Nature Preserve. The Preserve is dedicated to promoting public awareness of appreciation of our natural environment. The Preserve is 146 acres of undisturbed woodlands, ponds and streams located in Morrow. A wheelchair accessible native plants trail is located just outside the Interpretive Center. Four miles of hiking trails provide an opportunity to commune with nature and enjoy being surrounded by native Georgia trees.

Conservation Newsletter Article

California Becomes First State to Mandate All New Homes be Built with Solar

California is raising the standard for sustainability in the U.S., by mandating all new homes must now be built with a minimum number of solar panels. The California Energy Commission (CEC) unanimously approved the new mandate and expects around 74,000 new solar installations in 2020.

Before this went into effect on January 1st, one in five new homes in California were being built with solar panels installed. So, this will have a significant impact on the state's solar production. They expect the additional installations to be between 123 and 334 megawatts per year, from now until 2024.

This means an increase in work for solar panel installers and homebuilders. PulteGroup, based in Atlanta, GA, is one of the nation's largest homebuilding construction companies. Ryan Marshall, CEO of the \$10.4 billion company told investors back in 2018, they will be moving towards solar being their new standard.

They began doing so four years ago when they built their first zero-net-energy home. Marshall released a statement to investors: "Our communities in Southern California have had solar as a standard feature for the last year-plus. As we move into Northern California, we're about half-and-half. Not all [multifamily, 3- and 4-story buildings] have solar today, but they will over time."

Vikram Aggarwal, CEO of EnergySage, anticipates homeowners will have the ability to select from many options and upgrades for their new homes. “With this mandate, solar is just like any other appliance,” says Aggarwal. “You may upgrade it... and give homeowners the opportunity to customize it.”

Speaking of the ability to upgrade, Tesla’s new SolarGlass roof version 3 is not only easier to install than earlier versions but also cheaper than standard roofs and solar panels combined. This is good news for both homebuyers and solar installers. The new Tesla roofs are said to no longer require a specialist for installations, they can be done by qualified home builders.

SunRun, a solar installation company, has already contacted 5 of the top ten homebuilding companies in California. They are working together with Citadel Roofing and Solar to provide builders a single source, for solar systems, installation, roofing, and financing. They are also working on pairing battery storage, as they said, more buyers are interested in back-up storage.

Cost

The cost of the new California mandated solar systems are said to be around \$8,400 per unit on average. According to the CEC, it will cost the homeowners around and extra \$40 a month increased mortgage cost but ends up saving around \$80 on average in utility bills. Let’s also not forget the environmental impact this will have. So many times people just think in terms of finances, when the larger implications affect the planet and life as we know it.

Forward Thinking

As California leads the way, many other states are looking forward to following suit. Bob Raymer, Senior Engineer for the California Building Industry Association, told the New York Times in 2018 that this could become a template for the rest of the country. “This adoption of these standards represents a quantum leap. You can bet every state will be watching to see what happens.” Massachusetts may become the second state to issue a mandate, as they also care about carbon emissions. Let’s hope the rest of the country follows suit.



EDUCATION

We are excited about this new year:

1. Please bring gently used books to the meeting for the book swap. We donated over 1,000 books to Friends of the Library and an assisted living home this year!
2. This year the Education Department plans to sponsor a table at the Ferst Foundation fundraiser luncheon on April 16th. The time is 11:30-1:00. The luncheon is held in Stockbridge and I will give directions at the meeting. We would like to have a full table of 10 people. I have been the last two years and they have a wonderful program. Ask Denise or Amy--they attended last year. The cost of the tickets is \$35--please remember this money goes to the foundation to provide books to children from birth to pre-k in Henry County. Clayton County does not have a Ferst Foundation. If you plan to attend, make your check out for the tickets to MCWC and bring it to the February or March meeting. I am really looking forward to it again this year!

3. Sign up to read at McGarrah Elementary on Dr. Seuss birthday, which I believe is March 2nd.



HOME LIFE



National **WEAR RED** Day is Friday, February 7th. Please show your support for the fight against heart disease and strokes in women by wearing **RED** to club meeting and again on Friday, Feb. 7th. This national event is sponsored by the American Heart Association and is a simple, powerful way to raise awareness of heart disease and strokes. Encourage family, friends, co-workers, church members, neighbors, etc to wear red on Friday, Feb 7th. Please record your participation on Home Life reporting sheets. Additional information, including signs and symptoms of heart attacks in women, available at www.wegoredforwomen.org.



February is also National Cancer Prevention Month. The American Cancer Society offers an abundance of information and resources for newly diagnosed patients, caregivers, and survivors at their website www.cancer.org. This website provides basic cancer information, as well as in-depth information for specific cancers--risk factors, early detection, symptoms, treatment options, and informative videos. The website also offers hope and support with insights and inspirational stories from survivors. Home Life will be making a donation of \$100.00 to this organization and encourages your support as a volunteer or with a donation.



Heart Scarves Project: This is a new project to collect and donate handmade red scarves to offer comfort, support, and encouragement to women with heart disease. Details will be presented at club meeting by Karen Garcia. Additional information on heart disease in women is available at the website www.womenheart.org.

On-going projects/collections: eyeglasses, aluminum can pop-tops, calendars for the Good Shepherd Clinic, and food for the church pantry (cold-weather items such as canned soups, chili, stew, and crackers are especially useful at this time)



INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

Please join the International Committee in the Wells for Hope's Walk for Water on **Sunday, March 8** at 2:00 pm. You will recall that Majok Marier started Wells for Hope after he and the other Lost Boys of Sudan spent so much time walking in search of safety and water during the Sudanese Civil War. Even **today**, women and girls must walk 4-6 miles one-way to get fresh, clean water for their families in many areas. Wells for Hope has been collecting funds and installing wells in villages

in Sudan. Morrow Civic Woman's Club has been a sponsor of the Walk for Water for several years. The walk begins at the Carter Center parking lot.

If you have not already signed up to support a charity on Amazon Smile, we encourage you to do so. This year the International Community Service Program wants to focus donations on Heifer International. Gifts can provide animals (goats, chickens, cows, etc.) that help families earn monies from milk/eggs but also provide them with much needed nutrients. Heifer International works with 21 countries around the world. They work with local farmers and business owners. They provide training and help them improve the quantity and quality of the goods they produce and connections to markets. Visit smile.amazon.com. Sign in with your normal Amazon account and click on "Choose a charitable organization" and enter "Heifer International".



PUBLIC ISSUES

It's that time of the year to order Girl Scout Cookies. At our meeting, we will be taking orders for delivery at the March meeting. We are asking for payment at the time of ordering. If you do not want to buy any for your personal use, please consider buying some boxes of cookies for our troops. The Girl Scouts will take care of delivery.



Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs
**Morrow Civic
Woman's Club**
SERVING SOUTH METRO ATLANTA

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



In keeping compliant with the Clayton State University Human Resource Department requirements for on-campus community volunteers, the Archives Department must certify all volunteers through a background check via the institution's selected vendor. At this time, members' forms of those interested in the archival project have been submitted to Feechi Hall. Current Archival Work:

For our *Timeless Concepts* Fashion Show theme, photos spanning our club's history are being selected to display as part of the table decorations.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Information will be shared during our upcoming meeting.

COMMITTEES



Budget and Finance



Just a reminder that annual dues for members is \$50. If you want to combine your dues and Fashion Show food contribution into one check that is fine. Just make the check out for \$75 and on the memo line indicate that it is for Dues & FS Food.



Fashion Show Fundraiser

Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is SUCCESS!

- Let's sell lots of ads! If you have already sold some, please bring them to the February meeting. An envelope will be on the table in which you can place your ads and money. Be sure to attach the money to the ads.
- If you receive ads after our February meeting, please mail them to Peggy Wilson at 657 Harbour Shores Drive, Jackson 30233. This way, the ad booklet can be a project in progress and will not be an overwhelming task in the end.
- Let's sell lots of tickets! If you have ticket money, please give the money to Cathy White. If you need more tickets, see/contact Cathy. (The initial 5 tickets will be distributed at our meeting.)
- If you did not pay your \$25 contribution at the January meeting, please give it to Joy Lanier.
- The Fashion Show's "Timeless Concepts" theme involves using photos from our archived scrapbooks to decorate the tables. We need to borrow black frames of all sizes. Please MARK YOUR NAME on the frames or on the bag in which you bring them to our meeting. Please give the frames to Marlynn Jones.
- Make sure you have March 26, 27, and 28 on your calendar for the fashion show. We need YOUR help!
- If you have any questions about the fashion show, do not hesitate asking/calling/emailing Peggy Wilson, Lois Wolfe, or Marlynn Jones.

Let's Make this Fashion Show a Tremendous Success!



MEMBERSHIP

Well as life goes on and changes things, so does our MCWC membership change. I will hopefully give a full report of the changes at the meeting, but one thing is a constant. We will need more members who have the desire to have fun while working to help and support our community. So, put on your thinking cap and be ready to invite a friend. We will have a membership dinner in June and in October. We will hopefully increase our membership by 20% over the next two year. Ready, Get Set, Go!!!!



CLAYTON STATE
UNIVERSITY

Scholarship Committee

The Andrea Lane Memorial Scholarship opportunity is posted on our club website. Please help spread the word. Let's do all we can to have a large applicant pool.



Scrapbook

Remember to take a picture when you volunteer or work on projects for MCWC. Email them to Marlynn at mjones1694@hotmail.com.



Tallulah Falls School

Well the Natatorium is going up, and it will be a nice facility attended by students from all over the state of Georgia. It will be a place for Swim Teams to hold their meets.





This year we will continue to support this project and also provide snacks for the Student Center. This will provide students snacks while they are studying for their finals. These non-perishable snacks should be individual sized. I will be attending my Fiftieth High School reunion this spring. How did I get so old?

Thanks for your continued support of TFS. I am in search of a TFS day student in need. I would love for our club to continue to provide "A Light in the Mountain".

We will be collecting Prom dresses, wraps, purses and jewelry at the February and March meetings (no shoes). We will also happily accept monetary donations for purchase of shoes, cleaning, boys tux/suit rental, etc. These dresses allow students who could not afford to attend prom to discreetly select their outfits and proudly attend the prom. Thanks for your donations.

HAPPY FEBRUARY!

SPECIAL OCCASIONS

<i>Happy February Birthday!</i>		<i>Happy February Anniversary!</i>	
2/11 – Dianna Williams 2/16 – Brenda Rayburn 2/20 – Marlynn Jones 2/25 – Lorelei Bonner		No February Anniversaries	

HOSTESSES FOR FEBRUARY MEETING

<i>Coordinator</i>	<i>Devotional</i>	
<i>Marlynn Jones</i>	<i>Amy Simpkins</i>	<i>Karen Garcia</i>

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 24, 2020



State website: <https://gfwcgeorgia.org/>



National website: <http://gfwc.org/>

ARTS FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

Clayton County Parks and Recreation Events

A great place to snap pictures for next year's GFWC Arts Judging is to go on a walk on one of CCP and R many trails. Go to claytonparks.com and find a place to walk among God's Masterpiece!

Spivey Hall - February 2020

The Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions

Sunday, February 2, 2020 @ 2:00 PM - 5:30 PM

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

Paul Jacobs, organ

Saturday, February 15, 2020 @ 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

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

Faculty Recital

Kurt-Alexander Zeller, tenor &

Michiko Otaki, piano

Sunday, February 16, 2020 @ 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

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

CSU - VPA

Cécile McLorin Salvant

with Sullivan Fortner

Saturday, February 22, 2020 @ 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM

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

Saturday, February 22 @ 7:30 PM

Spivey Hall

Piano and Winds:

Chamber Music Society

of Lincoln Center

Sunday, February 23, 2020 @ 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

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

Spivey Hall

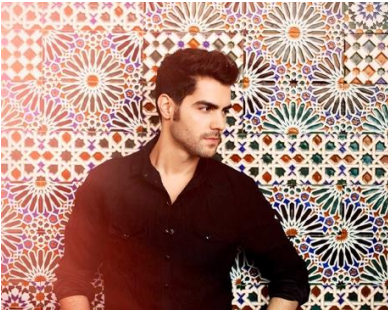
Southern Crescent Symphony

Orchestra Family Concert

Tuesday, February 25, 2020 @ 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

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

CSU - VPA



Miloš Karadaglić
The Voice of the Guitar

Saturday, February 29, 2020 @ 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

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

Spivey Hall

Jonesboro City Events

Jonesboro 4th Annual Clean Up Day - Hosted by the Beautification Commission

Start Date: 2/22/2020 09:00 AM



A clean community is a work of art!

Front Porch Players

2020 SEASON:

The Bridges of Madison County

–Tony Award winner for Best Original Score and Best Orchestration; 2 other nominations

March 6-8 and 13-15

Directed by Karen Ferrell-White

Walking across Egypt

–based on the novel by acclaimed southern writer Clyde Edgerton

May 15-17 and 22-24

Directed by Kathryn Wood

Godspell

–first performed in 1971, this show tells its story through parables, largely drawn from the Gospel of Matthew. It has been revived at least twice on Broadway and has been performed thousands of times on professional and amateur stages across the US for almost 50 years.

August 7-9 and 14-16

Directed by Danny Cook

A Gift to Remember

–This is not a stage version of the 2017 Hallmark movie but a different story altogether: an eclectic group of people stranded in a snowstorm in a train station in Maine at Christmas time, all with their individual problems and stresses, slowly let go of these things and come together in the spirit of the season.

November 13-15 and 20-22.

Directed by Sammie Real iii

Henry Players

All Showtime are Thurs, Friday & Sat at 7:30 pm; Sunday at 2:30pm;

****doors open 45 minutes prior to show****

	<p>September 12th-15th September 19th-22nd PG-13</p>
	<p>December 5th-8th December 12th-15th Rated G</p>
	<p>February 13th-16th February 20th-23rd PG-13</p>
	<p>April 23rd-26th April 30th- May 3rd PG-13</p>
	<p>June 11th-14th June 18th-21st Rated R</p>
<p align="center">  JOIN THE HENRY PLAYERS FOR OUR 29TH SEASON! 2019/2020  </p> <p> WWW.HENRYPLAYERS.COM 470-878-1192 </p>	

Southside Theatre Guild

Those Crazy Ladies in the House on the Corner by Pat Cook

Performance Dates:

April 30, May 1, 2, 3, 2020

May 7, 8, 9, 10, 2020

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 8PM

Sunday at 2:30PM

What do you do when you have three geriatric sisters as patients and all they want to do is sit at home and talk to one another—all at the same time? You move another person in with them. At least, that's what Doc Lomax does when he has a new nurse needing a place to live—a nurse with a secret, that is. The hard part is convincing the sisters they need a roomer. In no time, however, Nurse Jean has them planning parties, pulling Halloween pranks and wearing jogging suits while they race each other to the corner. But when the nephew shows up with a plan to sell the family house, things seem to get complicated again, especially with Christmas just around the corner. This heartwarming piece is loaded with wisecracks and one-liners that keep the laughter flowing.

Legacy Theatre



Almost Heaven

Conceived by Harold Thau

Orchestrations & Arrangements by Jeff Waxman

The songs of John Denver live on stage!

April 17th - May 10th, 2020

(Fri 8pm, Sat 3 pm & 8pm, Sun 3pm)

Diamond Weekends: April 17th-26th

Gold Weekends: May 1st-10th

Box Office: 404-895-1473