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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,

Peace and all good things to you sisters! The past seven weeks with my mother have given me ample opportunity to reflect on life here in Tennessee and moving forward. Yet, it is very difficult to think about life moving forward when everyone and everything is at a virtual standstill.

While going through some treasures taken from a hall closet, my mother shared a story with me concerning my grandmother during the Great Depression. My grandfather was laid off from the Ford plant, so he took as many jobs as he could to support his wife and five children. Mom recalled that people would appear at the doorstep hungry and looking for something to eat. My grandmother NEVER turned anyone away. She did not care about the color of their skin nor inquire about their political affiliation or religious denomination. She saw only another brother or sister in need, and she cared for them the best that she could.

The fear and uncertain nature of this pandemic is hard to comprehend, especially if you are cut off or isolated from others. However, we can still reach out to others even when we are not physically together. I pray during these difficult times that we come together as a nation and as a world to resolve this global health emergency. A song comes to mind that speaks to some of these issues that we are facing today...From A Distance. https://youtu.be/hLHE9jrb_N4

Cookie and I hope that you and your loved ones are healthy and safe. We are proud to be part of such a wonderful, caring group of women, and look forward to seeing all of you as soon as we possibly can.
Mary and Cookie

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

WE HAVE MANY WINNERS FROM CENTRAL WEST DISTRICT



2019 Awards

On March 13, 2020 during the GFWC GA Central West District Meeting, the GFWC GA Morrow Civic Woman's Club received recognitions and awards for the club's work during 2019. Great members and strong leadership were recognized. In addition to the citations, our club is well represented on the district leadership team for the 2020-2022 administration.

District Officers:

Lois Wolfe, Recording Secretary; Peggy Wilson, Corresponding Secretary; Angelia Wright, Treasurer

2019 Central West District Clubwoman of the Year: Angelia Wright

Community Service Program Awards:

First Place in General 25-50 Members: Arts, Education, Home Life, Tallulah Falls School (silver award - candlesticks)

Conservation was honored with two awards: 1st Place 25-50 Members; Best Overall

International Outreach was honored with three awards: 1st Place 25-50 Members; Best Overall; Best Overall: General/Junior (silver award - pitcher)

Second Place in General 25-50 Members: Public Issues


Attendance: Highest Percentage of Members Present, Fall Meeting, 2019; Highest Percentage of Members Present, Spring Meeting 2020

Arts Competition: Poetry, Anne Fordham, 1st Place; Miscellaneous: Mosaic Tile Ceramic Plate, Mary Harmon, 1st Place; Quilting, Cookie Keene, 1st Place

WE ARE LOOKING FOR STATE WINNERS!



ARTS

The Arts Community Service Program is asking you to continue to support the Arts through our containment for protection from the . We have many offerings online from museums to Broadway. Maybe you can use some of your stimulus money to support Arts Clayton, The Front Porch Players, Henry Players, Southside Theatre Guild, or Legacy Theatre. Don't forget Spivey Hall. Hope to see you in May!

Please enjoy the Art Web Links at the end of the Newsletter!



CONSERVATION

Remember to keep track of the time you spend (so you can record the hours later):

- Recycling
- Picking up trash while you walk
- Reading about or researching environmental issues
- Working in your garden or yard

EARTH DAY TIMELINE

1970

The first Earth Day mobilizes 20 million Americans to call for increased protections for our planet

1990

Earth Day goes global, mobilizing 200 million people in 141 countries

2000

Earth Day leverages the power of digital media to build millions of local conversations across more than 180 countries

2010

Earth Day Network launches A Billion Acts of Green® and The Canopy Project. Earth Day 2010 engages 75,000 global partners in 192 countries

2020

Earth Day will mark **50 years** with global activations that aim to mobilize a billion people worldwide for transformative action for our planet

If you want to learn even more about the history of Earth Day (and really, who doesn't want to know more!?) check out this link: <https://www.earthday.org/about/the-history-of-earth-day/>

April 22 is Earth Day. Earth Day was first celebrated in 1970 and is now recognized in more than 193 countries. At the height of counterculture in the United States, 1970 brought the death of Jimi Hendrix, the last Beatles album, and Simon & Garfunkel's "Bridge Over Troubled Water." War raged in Vietnam and students nationwide overwhelmingly opposed it.

At the time, Americans were slurping leaded gas through massive V8 sedans. Industry belched out smoke and sludge with little fear of legal consequences or bad press. Air pollution was commonly accepted as the smell of prosperity. "Environment" was a word that appeared more often in spelling bees than on the evening news.

Although mainstream America largely remained oblivious to environmental concerns, the stage had been set for change by the publication of Rachel Carson's New York Times bestseller **Silent Spring** in 1962. The book represented a watershed moment, selling more than 500,000 copies in 24 countries, while beginning to raise public awareness and concern for living organisms, the environment, and links between pollution and public health.

Earth Day 1970 gave voice to that emerging consciousness, channeling the energy of the anti-war protest movement and putting environmental concerns on the front page.

**EDUCATION**

1. Cathy White will update members who signed up for the Ferst Luncheon on April 16th--it too may be postponed.
2. Mr. Taylor from Huie Elementary called earlier asking if MCWC could donate hand sanitizer and wipes to the school. While school of course is not in session, it might be a good idea to buy one or two of these whenever we shop, so we can give the items to them either this year or next school year.

**HOME LIFE**

April 2nd is World Autism Awareness Day, a day to invite friends and neighbors to come together and make 2020 the Year of Kindness. Pledge to create a kinder, more inclusive world this year and to increase acceptance of autistic people and their families. On this day, many landmarks and buildings around the globe, as

well as homes, businesses, and communities will “Light It Up Blue” in recognition of people with autism and those who love and support them. Even if you’re social distancing, wear something **BLUE** on April 2nd in support of understanding and acceptance for people with autism. You can “light up” your home or business in **BLUE** (blue Phillips lightbulbs are available at Home Depot). These are good opportunities to discuss simple ways to be kind with your children or grandchildren or make and illustrate a “KINDNESS is ………” book or pamphlet. Additional information and ideas can be found at <https://www.autismspeaks.org/world-autism-awareness-day>; follow the link for autism awareness month.



World Immunization Week, April 20th-26th, is a global public health campaign to raise awareness and increase the rates of immunizations against vaccine-preventable diseases around the world. It is observed by all the member nations of the World Health Organization. The aim of this year’s theme, #Vaccines Work for All, is to promote the use of vaccines to protect people of all ages against disease. Immunization saves millions of lives every year and is widely recognized as one of the world’s most successful and cost-effective health interventions. The campaign will focus on how vaccines and the people who develop, deliver, and receive them are heroes by working to protect the health of everyone, everywhere. Enter World Immunization Week in your search box to link to additional information.



All Relay for Life events have been postponed until at least mid-May as we practice social distancing. Please support a Relay for Life event, hopefully later this year. Check www.acsevents.org for activities and schedules. Home Life will share any information we receive. Please report donations to Relay or other American Cancer Society events to Home Life.

Please continue to collect calendars for the Good Shepherd Clinic, pop-top tabs for the Ronald McDonald House, and eyeglasses for the Lions Club.



INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

On March 8, we participated in the Wells for Hope Walk for Water and Health. On March 24, a post on the Wells for Hope Facebook page noted the following update:

Wells for Hope/ "Seed of South Sudan: Memoir of a “Lost Boy” Refugee"



Majok’s trip to South Sudan to build two more water wells has been postponed for a few months due to the danger of coronavirus affecting this country that has enough to deal with not to get the virus! Together with our Board, Majok Marier made the courageous decision to put this off, even though he’s been working hard on it for two years. Then last night this news came. Humanitarian aid (we are humanitarians, but we don’t carry direct aid), cargo (the country is very dependent on products from neighboring states), and emergency landings only will get through.

<https://www.facebook.com/ssbcnews/videos/215042686378999/>

Thanks to Ngor De Aguem for posting.



MCWC Team with Majok Marier and Bryan Hendrix



2020 Walk for Water and Health T-shirt



MCWC Sponsorship

LOOKING AHEAD: At our May meeting, we will have Dr. Marie Marquardt speak to us about El Refugio, a ministry of hospitality and visitation serving immigrants at Stewart Detention Center and their loved ones. El Refugio has indicated a need for volunteers and for Shell gas cards to help transport loved ones.



MCWC Visiting El Refugio with SPB Parish



PUBLIC ISSUES

Thank you to all the ladies who brought art supplies for the Girl Scouts, participated in the making of no sew blankets, and bought tickets for the 50/50 drawing. The scouts, as well as club members, thoroughly enjoyed their experience in making the blankets. The scout leader was very appreciative of the art supplies.

Due to the coronavirus, the Georgia General has suspended the 2020 legislative session indefinitely. Go to the MCWC website, click "to Stay Informed," and click on www.legis.ga.gov for status of the legislative session and bills.

Praying that everyone will remain healthy during this time of uncertainty.



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

The first influenza pandemic of the 21st century occurred in 2009-2010 and was caused by an influenza A(H1N1) virus. While most cases of pandemic H1N1 were mild, globally it is estimated that the pandemic caused between 100,000 – 400,000 deaths in the first year alone. In researching the club documents on an external drive, there was no mention of H1N1. It is likely though that club members discussed and addressed the pandemic.

Currently, we are facing a new pandemic - COVID-19. Some of you are sewing medical face masks and are donating disinfecting and paper products to those in need. Let's keep a record of how MCWC members are responding to this crisis. Send photos, stories, and statements to Marlynn Jones to assist her in documenting club efforts to support our community during the current health crisis.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- 1) Gigi's House recently requested a few items that can be purchased online and shipped to the shelter's mailing address, which is Gigi's House, 7147 Jonesboro Road, Suite Number 870051, Morrow, GA 30287. The needed items are Purex liquid laundry detergent 2-pack, 220 loads - \$18.99 and Solimo multipurpose drawstring trash bags 30-gallon, 50 count - \$9.99. Remember to record any purchases you make for the Domestic Violence records. You can order through Smile Amazon. If you have not already signed up for a charity through Smile Amazon, do that now and select Heifer International. That way your purchases will have increased impact.
 - 2) During the current pandemic, it is noteworthy that people who are impacted by violence and abuse are likely to experience additional stressors with lost work, closed schools, and social isolation. Visit <https://gcadv.org/covid-19-update/> to read the response/update from the Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence (GCADV) on COVID-19.
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COMMITTEES



Budget and Finance



If you have not paid your Membership dues of \$50 for the current year, please put a check in the mail to our treasurer, Joy Lanier. Also, email Joy if you have any outstanding reimbursement requests. She asks that you scan a reimbursement form and receipts if possible.



Fashion Show Fundraiser

A fall date has not been set for the fashion show. As soon as the church calendar can be accessed, the date will be scheduled. Thank you for informing ticket holders and businesses of the fundraiser postponement. If you have any questions about the fashion show, do not hesitate asking/calling/emailing Peggy Wilson, Lois Wolfe, or Marlynn Jones.



Club Relations

As we go through the upcoming weeks of social distancing, take time to reach out to club sisters through calls, texts, and email. Here's a prayer offered to all our sisters and brothers across the globe.

Dear God-

Thank you for your loving presence at all times and in all ways.

We praise you for who you are, our holy and most worthy God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Today as we face together this virus, help us remember the words Jesus spoke to us the night before he died:

*"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.
I do not give to you as the world gives.*

Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid"

(John 14:27)

O Lord, we receive your peace, a peace that is not dependent on the world nor its circumstances. We receive the deep peace of the Prince of Peace. May this peace guard not only our hearts, but also the hearts of all the world, especially those affected by this virus.

We pray you will draw all people to find rest in you, dear God, for you alone cause us to dwell in tranquility.

Please bless our civil and religious leaders, and guide them to make the right decisions for the good of all.

We ask you to remove this scourge from us, and through it to bring us all closer to you, our beloved Lord.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen



Membership

Membership is happy to ask you to prepare for our Membership Salad Supper in June. Please think of people you will invite. We will send a suggested salad list via newsletter next month. Everyone will bring salad or compliments to salads. We will have a wonderful program and displays of some of our noteworthy accomplishments throughout the years. Please make plans to attend this important meeting on the first Thursday in June.



Scholarship Committee

The Andrea Lane Memorial Scholarship application is posted on our club's website. However, the 2020 link is still not posted on the Clayton State University external private scholarships listing despite several requests (though it is currently being addressed). Many of you are using social media to stay connected, while staying home during the COVID-19 pandemic. Let's see if we can spread the word of our organization's scholarship opportunity. Please share this link with family and friends and ask them to forward the information to others.

<https://mcwcga.org/community-outreach/2020-scholarship>



Scrapbook

From Marlynn Jones: I have received some pictures and other information capturing the work of MCWC in our South Metro area. Keep your pictures and other information coming, so we can continue recording an accurate account of our club's work. (I realize that many activities have not and will not be able to take place due to the Coronavirus restrictions.) Everyone stay safe, along with your families.

Thought you would like to see our group picture. Although many members were not available for the picture, it did turn out good. Maybe when we return to our meetings, we can get another picture to capture more members.



Tallulah Falls School

The Tallulah Falls Committee was starting to collect snacks for the students. These snacks will be donated, if still needed at the school. If they are not needed, Heloise Wilson will gladly donate them to the First Baptist Church of Morrow Food Pantry. Heloise has heard that all students have been sent home, even the international students. Please remember the 2020 seniors all over our country; this illness has put a lot of things into perspective.

HAPPY APRIL!

SPECIAL OCCASIONS

<p><i>Happy April Birthday!</i></p>		<p><i>Happy April Anniversary!</i></p>	
<p><i>4/4 – Mary Harmon 4/15 – Carolyn Cochran 4/29 – Kristy Coughlin 4/30 – Peggy Wilson</i></p>	<p><i>None this Month</i></p>		

~~HOSTESSES FOR APRIL MEETING~~ - MEETING CANCELLED

<p><i>Coordinator</i></p>	<p><i>Devotional</i></p>	

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: APRIL 27, 2020



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



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

ARTS FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

Links that enrich you in the Arts:

<https://baltimore.cbslocal.com/2020/03/22/coronavirus-baltimore-symphony-orchestra-livestreamed-concerts/>

<https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/life/travel/a31784720/best-virtual-tours/>