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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 hope you and your families are well and are coping with the issues of the virus, the hot Georgia summer, and the daily decisions that affect your lives.

In the middle of the year, it is practice in organizations, businesses, and programs to review the first six months, progress and problems, success and struggles, and set a plan to move forward for the remainder of the year. Right now, we find ourselves saying so often, "We didn't get to" or "We had to cancel" Let us look at the past few months and realize the opportunities that have come our way and the things we did get to do. Being at home, many of us did some cleaning and organizing, and lots of donations were made. Hands were put to work making masks, scarves for heart health, and preparing and delivering meals. There are bound to be other activities and projects that were done to benefit others. Please remember to send narratives and pictures to Marlynn and Kristy for the scrapbook and website to document this extraordinary year.

As we move into the remainder of this Club year, there will be adjustments to Plans of Work and general Club activities. As plans are updated, information will be shared with the membership. The reorganization of the Community Service Programs will be discussed at the GFWC Georgia Institute and detailed in the 2020-2022 Yearbook, which we will receive at the August state meeting. Be sure to let Mary and I know if you are planning on attending this year's Institute.

Looking ahead, please consider making a reservation or sending a donation to the Good Shepherd Clinic Tomato Sack Party fundraiser. It will be held on August 1st.

Take care and stay well.
Cookie and Mary

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS



ARTS

Great news! Heloise Wilson will represent MCWC on the Martha Ellen Stilwell School of the Arts Partners in Education Governing Board. You can view our organization's logo on their website: https://316.clayton.k12.ga.us/programs/partners_in_education

MCWC will continue donating to the school. These funds will be available for school officials and students to get started with experiences in the visual and performing arts as soon as COVID-19 health guidelines allow.

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



CONSERVATION

Remember to keep record of the time you spend:

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

Best laid plans get disrupted. Due to the virus and other circumstances, the following was not completed but will be done soon.

- Even though Stately Oaks is closed, Denise Martin and Amy Simpkins will be meeting to tidy up and put down mulch at the entrance to Stately Oaks in Jonesboro. They have discovered that clean, nice-looking mulch is available for free at the recycling center.
- Conservation purchased reusable product gifts for our monthly club drawings. Denise will draw names for the gifts and drop them off at the winners' houses hopefully this week. The winners' names will be in the next newsletter.



EDUCATION

Because area schools are beginning with online instruction only, the collection of school supplies are on hold. As opening day approaches let us keep all individuals connected to schools in our prayers.

Cathy White shared the following note: *Below are some devotions from Dr. Michael Youssef at The Church of the Apostles in Atlanta. I have enjoyed listening to him for many years. He preaches the truth of God's Word. I hope y'all enjoy this as much as I have this week.*

Led by Love -

1. Many Gifts, One Body 1 Corinthians 12: 12-26
2. What Love Is and Is Not 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13
3. For the Sake of Others 1 Corinthians 14: 6-40
4. Our Love is Not In Vain 1 Corinthians 15:1-28
5. Loving Through Giving 1 Corinthians 16: 1-4



HOME LIFE



Please plan to attend the "1st Ever Drive-Thru" TOMATO SANDWICH SACK PARTY to benefit the Good Shepherd Clinic.

- This celebration will take place from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm, on Saturday, August 1st in the parking lot of the First Baptist Church of Morrow (rain or shine).
- For your safety in our new normal world, it is a DRIVE-THRU event. You will enter at Lake Harbin Rd. & Murphy Dr. and exit onto Lake Harbin Rd.
- Organizers need a head count. Visit the Tomato Sack Party RSVP website at www.tomatosandwichpartyrvpify.com/ to reserve a Chick-fil-A box meal. A big thank you to Chick-fil-A for donating the boxed meals.
- A \$20 minimum donation will be your admission to the clinic's largest and oldest fundraiser. You will receive a keepsake "TSP Swag Sack" including: a Chick-fil-A box meal, a tomato, a water bottle, a TSP logo mask, hand sanitizer with the clinic logo, and a 2020 Pillars Luncheon printed program. Please keep in mind, admission is \$20 per person, not \$20 per car!
- The group, Faculty Grass, will provide bluegrass and gospel music as you "stay in line on the tomato vine" along the parking lot route.
- "Pop-up stores" will be available for the following: Keepsake 2020 TSP T-shirt--\$10, Tomato Stand--\$5 bag of tomatoes, and the General Store that will sell Wickles Pickles, salsa, jam, \$5 Market Day produce bags, and miscellaneous merchandise.
- Weather permitting **Bring Your Own Blanket** for a socially distant picnic lunch on the grassy area beside the church parking lot.

Please come and celebrate a reinvented, "socially distant" 18th Annual Tomato Sandwich Party. In these uncertain times, the Good Shepherd Clinic needs your continued support and help so it can continue its ministry to provide quality health care for the uninsured in Clayton County.



Update on Heart Scarves Project: a new Home Life project to collect and donate handmade red scarves to offer comfort, support, and encouragement to women with heart disease. Karen Garcia presented and organized the details of this project. Some of our club members have been using their "covid time" to make scarves for our on-going project. Angela Wright and members of her crochet group, the Fingers

of Love, have handcrafted 28 tokens of love so far, with a team goal of 50 prior to the September deadline. One of our Home Life members, Karen Garcia, has completed 25 Heart Scarves. All donations are due to club by the end of the September deadline. Please contact Vickie Jennings or Renee Goolsbee to make arrangements for collecting your handmade scarves. The Heart Scarves will be delivered to the Piedmont Fayetteville Heart Unit in November.

Continuing collections: eyeglasses, calendars, pop tops

Church pantry: peanut butter, jelly, individual servings of fruit (applesauce, peaches, pears, mandarin oranges, etc.), "kid-friendly" cereals



INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

We are continuing with the Operation Smile project of sewing hospital gowns for children. Use the link to see how a gown can make a difference. <https://www.operationsmile.org/content/community-fundraising-and-service-projects>

Community Fundraising and Service Projects



If you would like a gown pattern, please contact Joy Lanier.

If you have not already designated Heifer International through Amazon Smile, please do so. Heifer International will receive a percentage of sales.

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PUBLIC ISSUES

Soldiers' Care Packages - In September, Public Issues will be sending care packages to 10 soldiers. Following is a list of suggested items to donate: soap, shampoo, body wash, toothbrush,

toothpaste, floss, deodorant (travel size/non-aerosol), lip balm, foot powder, baby wipes, sunscreen, hand sanitizer, Vicks VapoRub, lens cleaning cloths, reading material, board games, decks of cards, puzzles, plastic model kits, water flavoring packets, beef jerky, Slim Jims, protein bars, gum, sunflower seeds, and hot sauce (such as Taco Bell Packets). Thanks in advance for purchasing any of the above items. On **August 17**, from 1:00 to 1:20 pm, Angelia Wright will be at the First Baptist Church of Jonesboro parking lot (in front of the sanctuary) to collect these items.

Wearing Red in Support of the Military - On Friday, **August 7th**, we are asking everyone to wear red in support of our military. Please take a picture of yourself and sent to Marlynn Jones for the scrapbook and to Kristy Coughlin for our website.

Continue collecting bottle tops for the USO. You will give them to Peggy Wilson.



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

Carol Peebles was the first recipient of our organization's scholarship for women attending Clayton State University (formerly Clayton Junior College). Thirty-eight years later, the Andrea Lane Memorial Scholarship continues being awarded. See the Scholarship Committee report for the names of this year's recipients.



Scholarship Awarded

Carol Peebles (Second from left) of Jonesboro, a nursing student at Clayton Junior College, is the recipient of the first annual Morrow Junior Woman's Club scholarship. Making the presentation was Carol Hatfield (L), chairwoman of the club's education department for 1981-82. Also present were Jayne Troy (second from right), club president for 1981-83 and Carol Hall (r), education department chairwoman for 1982-83.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Haven House, which provides a safe shelter for domestic violence victims, needs several items. Save donations at home until our next face to face meeting.

Any type of cleaning products (bleach, Lysol, etc.)

Gloves

Pasta

Pasta sauce

Canned soups

Fruit juice

Peanut butter

Jelly

COMMITTEES



Budget and Finance

1. If you have reimbursements to submit, send a request with copies of the receipts to Joy Lanier.
2. Chairs are encouraged to request payment of any donated funds that are in your plan of work and that could be helpful to our community during this pandemic. Scan and email requests to Joy Lanier. Submitted information needs to include the following: your name and date, the amount, the purpose, the specific Community Service Program or Committee it applies to, how the check should be made out, and the address to where the check should be sent.



Fashion Show Fundraiser

Updates on the annual fashion show fundraiser will be shared next month. If you have any questions, ask/call/email Peggy Wilson, Lois Wolfe, or Marlynn Jones.



Club Relations

Hope that everyone is doing fine! Please let Angelia Wright know of any illness so that Club Relations can send a card. Continue calling your club sisters to see how they are doing.



Membership

The Membership Committee is planning for the future!

Belonging to a GFWC club provides the opportunity for us to make forever friends and help many others too. Like this poem says, let us remember to be kind and become friends. We should not look for

ways for others to remain strangers. Invite someone to our next face to face meeting and we will offer them mint for their tea!

Red Brocade

[Naomi Shihab Nye](#) - 1952

The Arabs used to say,
 When a stranger appears at your door,
 feed him for three days
 before asking who he is,
 where he's come from,
 where he's headed.
 That way, he'll have strength
 enough to answer.
 Or, by then you'll be
 such good friends
 you don't care.

Let's go back to that.
 Rice? Pine nuts?
 Here, take the red brocade pillow.
 My child will serve water
 to your horse.

No, I was not busy when you came!
 I was not preparing to be busy.
 That's the armor everyone put on
 to pretend they had a purpose
 in the world.

I refuse to be claimed.
 Your plate is waiting.
 We will snip fresh mint
 into your tea.



On June 4, the Scholarship Committee moved that Ronshanda Chaney and Kersten Toebben each receive the Andrea Lane Memorial Scholarship financial award of \$1,000. Deposits have been made in their Clayton State University accounts. Both women are appreciative of our organization's support.

MCWC members will meet these worthy recipients soon. Kersten Toebben will participate in our August Zoom meeting and Ronshanda Chaney will join us in September.



Scrapbook

Four members responded to last month's request from Marlynn Jones for information on how members were affected by the pandemic. These members shared their thoughts, life changes, entertainment, ways to laugh, and daily activities, along with other survival techniques. Their responses included a mixed bag of coping mechanisms. If you have not responded yet, there is still time. Hopefully, several of you will share with Marlynn your "Life and Times During a Pandemic!" She noted that pictures are great too! In years to come while reading this scrapbook section, Marlynn believes we will respond with comments such as, "Oh, I remember when this occurred, and this is how we and our families coped and how it affected us and their lives."

Please remember to send pictures and other information on what you may be doing in relation to our Club's plans of work, or in any other ways you are assisting or helping in the community. Marlynn cannot keep a scrapbook without all our members!!

For FUN, Marlynn has a project. Here is her idea - *Let's do a survey. Send me your responses by email, texting, a phone call, or by regular mail. Miss all of you...see you on ZOOM!*

- What has been your favorite movie during the Pandemic?
- What has been your favorite television show during the Pandemic?
- What has been your favorite food?
- What has been your favorite activity?
- What do you miss the most?

Answer all or just some of the questions. Add other responses/comments if you like.



Tallulah Falls School



Tallulah Falls School (TFS) is planning on opening for both online and person to person learning in August. MCWC will deliver our snacks donation for the student center in August. We will also donate \$100 to buy a brick for the Walk of Honor around the new Natatorium.

As TFS starts the new year, a rising senior, Chathan Clouatre, was selected to be featured in this newsletter. Chathan is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and has future aspirations to play college baseball and study physical therapy. His family chose TFS to give him a more challenging academic atmosphere to prepare for a college education. To that end, he carries a 4.0 weighted GPA. Chathan is a day student. He is the grandson of Patsy and Bob Fausett of Tallulah Falls. Patsy is a former graduate of TFS and as a salon owner she gave our own, Heloise Wilson, her first short haircut. Bob used to work with Heloise's Dad. Go to the following link to learn more about Chatham.

<https://www.tallulahfalls.org/about/news-and-announcements.cms/2020/904/catching-a-break--chathan-clouatre>

HAPPY JULY & AUGUST!

SPECIAL OCCASIONS

<p><i>Happy Belated July & August Birthday!</i></p>		<p><i>Happy July & August Anniversary!</i></p>	
<p>7/5 – Angelia Wright 7/14 – Amy Simpkins 7/26 – Loretta Tucker No August Birthdays</p>		<p>No July Anniversaries August 12 – Anne and Haywood Fordham</p>	

HOSTESSES FOR AUGUST MEETING - “STILL ZOOMING” FOR MEMBERS & GUESTS

<p><i>Coordinator</i></p>	<p><i>Devotional</i></p>	
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NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: AUGUST 24, 2020



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



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

ARTS FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

Links that enrich you in the Arts:

MCWC has an amazing opportunity for members to make a difference in the arts in our community. You may learn more about the local arts at the following links:

<https://316.clayton.k12.ga.us/>

<https://www.artsclayton.org>

<https://www.clayton.edu/spiveyhall/>

<https://thefrontporchplayers.com/>

<https://316ccps.ss10.sharpschool.com/>

<http://www.henryplayers.com/>

Here are additional links you might enjoy!

<https://broadwaydirect.com/where-to-watch-musicals-online-the-musical-lovers-guide-to-streaming/>

<https://artsandculture.google.com/story/DAWx75ap5FKeBQ>