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GFWC GA MORROW CIVIC WOMAN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CO-PRESIDENTS

Greetings to All Club Sisters!

Is it September already? The past few months have made describing “normal” extremely difficult. Moving my mother from her home of 58 years to a one-bedroom apartment has been challenging, but she has made the change knowing that there would be rough spots along the way. We have found that ups and downs appear when you least expect them, but Mom has dealt with them as best she could.

Similarly, how can we embrace the changes coming from GFWC and GFWC GA, while managing our club through this uncharted territory of COVID? Hopefully, we will be able to modify the approaches we take to successfully carry out our plans of work, while incorporating the five new Community Service Programs from GFWC.

May we consider new ways to extend community outreach, improve our communication, and envision a way to merge International Outreach CSP projects into the five CSPs. As we move forward with a servant's heart, let us be open to new opportunities and ways of giving. We encourage all members to reflect on the upcoming months and share ideas during our Zoom meeting and through email and/or phone conversations.

Sincerely,
Mary and Cookie

INTRODUCING NEW COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS



FORMER ARTS CSP



Arts and Culture Community Service Program

The GFWC Arts and Culture Community Service Program encourages members to promote and support art and cultural programs in their clubs and communities, and to expand understanding on every level, from local and regional to national and international. Our goal is to create projects that include crafts, dance, drama, food, music, and other manifestations of art and culture that develop skills, awareness, and appreciation. It is designed to inspire clubwomen and ignite within them a desire to make the world a more beautiful, thoughtful, and caring place.

Heloise Wilson met via Google Meets with the PTSA and School Council for ME Stillwell High School in Clayton County. Heloise is considered a community representative for the School Council. Therefore, MCWC GA is in a partnership with the school. The school council and PTSA are presenting a survey to students, teachers, and parents. This survey will determine what a student's self-help needs might be during virtual learning. The students on the committee were exceptionally good representatives for the school. The council and the PTSA are working on a program to offer supplies and additional support for students. There may be an opportunity for MCWC to assist in this effort and offer up support in several ways other than financially. One suggestion is to virtually provide recorded messages of encouragement for the students. There are many from the arts community that would be willing to support these students at this time. We could possibly facilitate this effort in some way. We hope to learn and share more next month.

The arts can help us so much during the days we are feeling cut off from the world. Many are watching more TV and have increased their screen time. Have you watched the movie based on a true story, *I Still Believe*? It was inspiring but get your tissue ready. Marlynn Jones recommended *Peanut Butter Falcon*. The arts can get us through — so reach out and support the arts. Hopefully, the community arts programs are getting some financial stimulus support during this Pandemic because they could be struggling. We have heard that grants are available in Henry County for small businesses and non-profits.

Perhaps you can research a way to give back to the arts. Check out the following websites:

<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/>

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



FORMER CONSERVATION CSP



Environment Community Service Program

The GFWC Environment Community Service Program encourages us to become stewards of the earth by working to preserve the world's resources, protect wildlife and domesticated animals, live sustainably, and beautify our communities and enjoy nature. Environmental degradation is cumulative, and many scientists warn that we are at a tipping point. There is no time like the present to act.

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

Conservation purchased reusable product gifts for our monthly club drawings. Denise McCulley Martin drew names for the gifts and dropped them off at the winners' homes. Congratulations to the following: Pam Ashman, Lois Wolfe, Mary Harmon, Lorelei Bonner, Peggy Wilson, Loretta Tucker, Heloise Wilson, Betty Bush, Karen Garcia, Carolyn Cochran, Cookie Keene, and Marlynn Jones.



FORMER EDUCATION CSP



Education and Libraries Community Service Program

We aim to help others, while we also continue to learn. Projects in the Education and Libraries Community Service Program are designed to foster schools, as well as other educational institutions and opportunities. These projects promote libraries, literacy, and the love of a good book. Through these efforts, we encourage the growth of individuals and communities at home and around the world.

Most of the 2020 Plan of Work is related to schools and libraries, yet students are attending school virtually or local libraries are closed. Therefore, we encourage each member to pray for our students and teachers during these difficult times. Also, continue to keep books you have read on hand and when the "Friends of the Library" in Fayette County reopens, Cathy White will deliver the collected books. If any members need reading material, contact Cathy. She has MANY books in her garage. Cathy says you are welcome to come and get the books. She also says she misses y'all and prays you are all doing well.



FORMER HOME LIFE CSP



Health and Wellness Community Service Program

The human body, mind, and spirit comprise our health and wellness. To improve our well-being, we must address three key components: nutrition, disease prevention, and physical

and emotional care. This Community Service Program aims to explore the various opportunities for awareness and advancement of each of these vital areas.

Members are asked to wear **TEAL** to our Zoom club meeting to promote education and awareness of health issues related to ovarian and other gynecological cancers. Because ovarian cancer is the deadliest of gynecologic cancers, it is crucial to spread awareness and the need for early detection. The disease is called the “silent killer” because its symptoms are described as vague or silent, and often attributed to other conditions affecting women. Only approximately 15 percent of ovarian cancer is diagnosed in the early stages before it spreads—the median age for diagnosis is 63. However, most cases are caught too late when it has advanced to a later stage. The following are often identified by women as some of the signs and symptoms of ovarian cancer: bloating, pelvic or abdominal pain, trouble eating or feeling full quickly, feeling the need to urinate urgently or often. Interesting information:

- 1 in 78 women will develop ovarian cancer in her lifetime
- A Pap test does not detect ovarian cancer
- The 5-year survival rate for early stage ovarian cancer is 90%

Read more about resources and latest news at www.ovarian.org

September is National Suicide Prevention Month. All month, mental health advocates, survivors, prevention organizations, allies, and community members unite to promote suicide prevention awareness. September 6th through 12th, National Suicide Prevention Week, is a time to share resources and stories, as well as promote prevention. September 10th is World Suicide Prevention Day, a time to remember those affected by suicide, to raise awareness, and to focus efforts on directing treatment to those who need it most. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, 1-800-273-8255, is a national network of local crisis centers that provides free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They are committed to improving crisis services and advancing suicide prevention by empowering individuals, advancing professional best practices, and building awareness. Check www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org for resources.

Remember, ANYONE could be struggling with suicide.

Ongoing collections: pop tops, calendars, glasses Pantry: canned veggies, meats, fruit



FORMER INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH (Integrated into New CSPs)

The former members of the International Outreach CSP want to introduce you to the Gaza Lighthouse School in the Gaza Strip in Palestine. You may recall that Joy Lanier was born and raised in the Gaza Strip. Gaza is so isolated from the rest of the world and there is so much heartache in Gaza that Joy is excited about MCWC providing a donation to the Gaza Lighthouse School. Established in 2004 through a partnership of Christian organizations, the Lighthouse School is committed to educating the children of the Gaza Strip. There are over 200 children currently enrolled in kindergarten through

elementary school. Please add the Gaza Lighthouse School and the people of Gaza to your prayer list. NOTE: The Gaza Lighthouse School support will now fall under and be reported by the Education and Libraries CSP.

The Operation Smile project of sewing hospital gowns for children is continuing through October. Use the link to see how a gown can make a difference: <https://www.operationsmile.org/content/community-fundraising-and-service-projects> We appreciate all members who are helping to sew hospital gowns for Operation Smile. Also, we are grateful to our project partner, the St. Philip Benizi Craft Group, who has made already 62 gowns! Hopefully with all sewers, we will exceed 100 gowns! If you would like a gown pattern, please contact Joy Lanier. NOTE: The Operation Smile project will now fall under and be reported by the Health and Wellness CSP.



If you have not already designated Heifer International through Amazon Smile, please do so. Heifer International will receive a percentage of sales. As of August 20, \$42.88 have been generated for Heifer International! NOTE: The Heifer International Amazon Smile initiative will now fall under and be reported by the Civic Engagement and Outreach CSP.



FORMER PUBLIC ISSUES CSP



Civic Engagement and Outreach Community Service Program

The GFWC Civic Engagement and Outreach Community Service Program reminds GFWC members that each of us is a part of a larger society and is responsible for undertaking actions that will create a better quality of life and foster a sense of community—locally,

regionally, nationally, and globally. This Community Service Program highlights and encourages citizenship; crime prevention, safety, and disaster preparedness; the needy, hungry, and homeless; and our military personnel and veterans.

Thank you to all club sisters who wore red on Friday, August 7th, in support of our military. If you have not already sent your picture to Marlynn Jones and Kristy Coughlin, please do so.

A big thank you to all club sisters who donated items for the soldiers' care packages. We hope to send them in September. Angelia Wright said it was good seeing some of you at the First Baptist Church of Jonesboro parking lot.

Another planned project in our Plan of Work involves collecting items for the USO at Atlanta Hartsfield Jackson Airport. Following is a list of needed items: paper plates (all sizes), paper napkins, plastic sandwich and snack bags, individually packed serving size of trail mix, cheese or peanut butter crackers, small bottles (12 oz.) Gatorade, small bottles of Powerade, paper towels, hand soap, disinfecting wipes, Welch's fruit snack (individual packs/gummies), cases of small bottled water, and fruit, pudding, and applesauce cups. These items will be delivered in October.

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



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

It is always fun to look back and see the difference MCWC GA has made in our community over the years. Check out the newspaper article that was published in 1983 – 37 years ago! Now, in 2020, our organization has new Community Service Programs. Let us submit an article to the local news media reflecting current changes and how our organization continues supporting others even through COVID.

Our 5 New Community Service Program Areas



Can you name them? Left to right: Arts and Culture, Civic Engagement and Outreach, Education and Libraries, Environment, and Health and Wellness.

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Club To Begin Its 21st Year Of Service

By CAROL WILLEY
Staff Writer

Members of the Morrow Junior Woman's Club are preparing to launch

a slate of service oriented programs as they begin their 21st year of involvement in the Clayton community.



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SANDY WADDELL, HOMELIFE CHAIRMAN FOR THE CLUB, DELIVERS REPORT
The Club Will Focus On Public Affairs, Education And Homelife

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JANE SMICK (L) AND CAROL HATFIELD CHAT DURING THE CLUB'S MEETING
The Club Meets Every First Thursday At The Maddox Road Fire Station

The club, which includes professional women as well as full time homemakers, boasts 35 members. The group will meet every first Thursday at the Maddox Road fire station in Morrow to plot a wide range of volunteer activities.

This week the group is launching a glass recycling drive in observance of Keep America Beautiful Week. The effort, explains public relations coordinator Vivian Rice, is part of the club's conservation outreach.

The club, says Mrs. Rice, divides its volunteering efforts into four major areas. These are public affairs, education, conservation and homelife.

Conservation work this year will include such projects as tree planting at Reynolds Nature Preserve in Morrow. In past years, the group has been very involved with beautification efforts sponsored by the City of Morrow.

Public affairs for the Morrow Junior Woman's Club includes a political rally held at Clayton Junior College every even year to provide the Clayton community an opportunity to become better acquainted with public officials up for election.

Homelife activities this year will include work with Clayton's Meals on Wheels Program, special services coordinated in conjunction with the Clayton Unit of the American Cancer Society and involvement in a county health screening drive, says Mrs. Rice.

Also on the agenda is a special "Cooking for Health" series of courses which the group will develop as a nutritional guide for individuals faced with health problems.

Another county-wide "Baby-sitting Clinic" will teach young baby sitters how to deal with potential catastrophe with, among other things, CPR training and instructions in how to answer the telephone.

The club, which promotes educational opportunities within the county, offers a special scholarship each year to women returning to college after years of being away from school.

The scholarship to Clayton Junior College, which is designed primarily to assist students financially, is generally offered winter quarter, according to Mrs. Rice.

One of the most active of the clubs within the Georgia Federation of Womens' Clubs, the Morrow Junior Woman's Club has accumulated a number of accomplishments and accolades over the years.

Last month the club was awarded five of the federation's silver awards for outstanding accomplishments in all areas of volunteer work.

Persons interested in obtaining more information about the Morrow Junior Woman's Club may inquire at 961-1195.



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(L-R) PAT ROBERTSON, MARY ANN MacLANE AND CORRESPONDING SECRETARY CONNIE TAYLOR SOCIALIZE
The Morrow Junior Woman's Club Begins Its 21st Year Of Involvement In The Clayton Community

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JAYNE TROY (L) WAS NAMED OUTSTANDING WOMAN, CAROL HATFIELD (C) WAS NAMED OUTSTANDING CITIZEN
Jayne Young, Chairman Of Public Affairs Department Of Sixth District, Honors The Two Morrow Junior Members

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

NOTE: In lieu of collecting actual items at home, a monetary donation may be mailed to Haven House, PO Box 1150, McDonough, GA 30253. Financial donations are used for keeping residents in house and/or motels during bouts of quarantine. Be sure to include a note that the check is from a MCWC GA member. Also, keep record of the amount donated or email Loretta Tucker with the information.

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

Cancellation of the annual fashion show fundraiser has been posted on the club website. If you have any questions, ask/call/email Peggy Wilson, Lois Wolfe, or Marlynn Jones. If you can “foster” one or more of the fashion show plants, please contact Marlynn Jones. If you have fashion show food such as muffin mixes, please check the expiration date. If a food item needs to be used before Fall 2021, make it, and then purchase a replacement when the fashion show is held. Thank you!



Club Relations

Hope that everyone is well and staying safe. Thank you, Linda Harrelson, for taking care of sending out cards.

While living in these uncertain times, a quote from Kelly’s Treehouse, is very appropriate.

Strong women aren’t simply born. They are made by the storms they walk through.



Membership

Upon reviewing the Membership Plan of Work, the committee has noted the need to be more creative. Our own Peggy Wilson inspired us to learn and shared the “Keys to Membership” in her Institute video. The symbol for our membership drive is the “Key”. As we plan, we will be asking you to think of 3-5 people you could or would like to invite to our club. We may ask you to complete a survey that can assist us with planning and improving recruitment and maintenance of membership. So be thinking and reflecting on the steps we need to take to grow a fantastic membership.



CLAYTON STATE
UNIVERSITY

Scholarship Committee

On June 4, the Scholarship Committee moved that Ronshanda Chaney and Kersten Toeppen 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. Last month we met Kersten Toeppen. On September 3rd, Ronshanda Chaney will join club members in our Zoom meeting.



Scrapbook

It may be a picture of a member(s) in a red t-shirt standing tall supporting the Military, a picture of one of the winners of the Conservation drawing, the title of a movie(s) you have enjoyed, the donation of a walker or life chair for a shut-in, visiting a club member, the picture of a front porch alive with fashion show plants, pictures of hospital gowns for children you have made and donated, the caring and moving of your Mom to safety, or delivering designer baskets to nursing homes, but it will live on in our scrapbooks and be surely appreciated in the future when we look back on this time and what our club continued to do in the community and for family and friends during the COVID-19 Pandemic. We will be able to see that we continued our civic work, participating as was safe at the time, along with the giving of our prayers. We will also see what we, as individuals, did to stay entertained, alert, healthy and sane! Remember to send Marlynn Jones pictures, if you can, or descriptions of your activities.

Consider, too, taking the just for fun survey that was included in the August Newsletter. The responses that have been received are great. If for instance you have more than one movie as a favorite (like Marlynn), list them all. Marlynn says, “I really look forward to hearing from you. Take care everyone. Miss all of you!”



Tallulah Falls School

MCWC GA has purchased a brick in the Walk of Honor that will be a physical reminder of our support of a beautiful school that provides a much-needed service to many students in Northeast Georgia and from around the world.

The Tallulah Falls (TFS) website: <https://www.tallulahfalls.org/about/news-and-announcements.cms/2020/929/tfs-offers-peek-into-reopening-plan>)

has provided an account of things going on to start the new year. They are using one of the blended learning recommendations to teach the boarding and day students at TFS.

Members of area media organizations were on the Tallulah Falls School campus August 21st to hear from school leaders and to tour key areas of campus. *We wanted to offer a glimpse at the hard work by our Risk Management Team, said President and Head of School Larry A. Peevy. As excitement builds about our students' return to campus on Monday, we have invited our families to partner with us to help keep our learning community as safe as possible.*

Making it possible for students to return to school was the goal behind all the hard work noted Upper School Academic Dean Kim Popham. *We are all 'All In' and 'Better Together',* Popham said, echoing the upper school's theme.

Visitors observed a classroom Blended Learning demonstration (which includes virtual learning for some) led by Upper School Social Studies teacher Dallas Barron. *It's important to remember to be flexible as we work together to keep everyone as safe and healthy as possible,* Assistant Head of School David Chester said.

On the tour were health screening protocols, hallway traffic patterns and staggered release protocols, water fountain and restroom modifications, a deep cleaning demonstration, and a visit to the newly expanded serving area in the dining hall. As you can see, TFS is on its way to providing the safest school year possible. We as committed Clubwomen will now be able to deliver our donations for students and the clothes closet.

HAPPY SEPTEMBER!

SPECIAL OCCASIONS

<i>Happy September Birthday!</i>		<i>Happy September Anniversary!</i>	
9/18 – Denise McCulley Martin 9/27 – Pam Ashman		September 28 – Kristy and Ed Coughlin	

~~HOSTESSES FOR SEPTEMBER MEETING - "STILL ZOOMING"~~

<i>Coordinator</i>	<i>Devotional</i>	
-----	Vickie Jennings	

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 21, 2020



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



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

ARTS FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

Links that enrich you in the Arts:

Here are links you might enjoy!

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

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

<https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&ved=2ahUKEwjM-4ji5rHrAhUQRKwKHdl9C0MQFjADegQIBBAB&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ajc.com%2Fentertainment%2Farts--theater%2Fatlanta-museums-extend-exhibitions-closed-abruptly-because-covid%2F2AAGaX9nO1TAg03oIQSL9M%2F&usg=AOvVaw29RjmUZecTsjiCP5sMjEJY>

This one comes with an R-rated warning. Art coming from COVID!

<https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&ved=2ahUKEwjM-4ji5rHrAhUQRKwKHdl9C0MQFjAHegQICBAB&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.instagram.com%2Fcovidartmuseum%2F%3Fhl%3Den&usg=AOvVaw2wkndpN2H-tegyMLMPFCLG>