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GFWC GA MORROW CIVIC WOMAN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CO-PRESIDENTS

Greetings, Club Sisters!

As unusual as the events of 2020 have been and the complications those events have created in our lives, we do find life goes on and we are nearing the end of 2020. The holiday season will be most affected for many families. In whatever ways you and your loved ones choose to observe the coming special days, do so with a heart full of love and when the opportunity presents itself, sharing.

The November meeting will be held at the First Baptist Church of Morrow at 6:30 pm. It is our first in person meeting since March. We will follow safety protocols by wearing masks, keeping social distance, and using hand sanitizer. We will not host any hospitality foods before the meeting, but members are welcome to bring their own snack and drink. Plans for the December gathering will be discussed.

Please take a few minutes to visit the General Federation's website: <https://www.gfwc.org>. The national and international work of the Federation is sent each month in an email/newsletter. You will read about the many creative ways clubs all over the country have carried on the work of the Club during these challenging times. You can register to be on the email list for the monthly newsletter.

Remember to Vote!!! Encourage your friends and family not to let November 3rd go by without exercising this privilege.

See you Thursday, November 5th.

Cookie and Mary

STILL REVIEWING NEW COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS



Arts and Culture Community Service Program (FORMER ARTS CSP)

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.

**Check out the GFWC Georgia YouTube video for this CSP. Link is below.
Video can be found on GFWC Georgia YouTube Channel.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J1Xg1DWBIr8>

The Arts and Culture CSP has committed this year to sharing our funds with Spivey Hall Children's Choir, M. E. Stillwell School of the Performing Arts, and Haven House Art Classes. As our CSP changes we will be sharing funds from our various projects with a new GFWC Affiliate Organization, Heifer International. We will also encourage the club to consider purchasing jewelry and art from NOVICA. It has been a favorite website to purchase pieces from artisans around the world. During 2021 we are planning on introducing programs and new commitments that educate us and support different native and international cultures. This plan will involve food, art, music, and fashion. We welcome Joy Lanier and her ideas as we plan these new endeavors. In addition, we have exciting news about M. E. Stilwell School of the Arts. Principal, Michael H. Robinson, was one of 10 Principals who were named recipient of the 2020 Terrel H. Bell Award for Outstanding School Leadership. This recognition is given to principals of the National Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence for their exemplary leadership. We are proud to partner with this Blue Ribbon School of Excellence.

Ways to give back to the arts:

https://www.novica.com/eco-friendly-gifts/?rs_oid_rd=1731528951130978&cellid=JRL2020101701&emh=cd2d0a4f89225242055b83bd153de626&utm_medium=email&utm_source=eblast&utm_campaign=20201017_EcoFriendlySale

<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 Arts and Culture Web Links at the end of the Newsletter!

NOTE: The following projects/donations from the former International Outreach CSP will be reported by the Arts and Culture CSP: (a) promoting events such as the Atlanta Persian Festival for learning about their culture through culinary delights, music, dance arts, and crafts



Civic Engagement and Outreach Community Service Program

(FORMER PUBLIC ISSUES)

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.

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[HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=EAPD1INIIZK](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EAPD1INIIZK)



Our Voting project is posted on our club website and Facebook page. Be sure to check out and share the images, while encouraging others to VOTE!

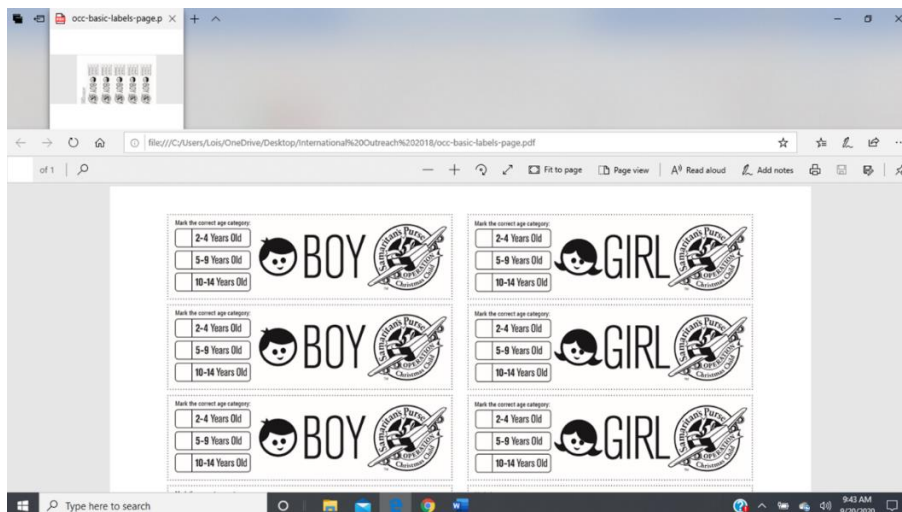


Many members have already purchased items for the USO. Thank you! Donations should be brought to our November meeting. In case you have not purchased anything, here is a list of the needed items: paper plates (all sizes), paper napkins, plastic sandwich and snack bags, individually packed serving size of trail mix, cheese or peanut butter crackers, granola bars, 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.



Operation Christmas Child boxes will be collected at the November meeting. Remember to INCLUDE \$9 cash or a check payable to MCWC to cover the processing cost. Place the \$9 donation inside the box and please **DO NOT TAPE** the box closed. If you have more than one, it will be \$9.00 per each box. **DO TAPE** the child label on the box top noting gender and age –

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/izw0fget1g0wg00/14391-shoebox-labels-color.pdf?dl=0> –



Side note – Angelia Wright had a conversation with an Amazon customer service representative concerning an item missing for a Christmas box. She told him about the project. The representative said he was a father of four and lived in the Philippines. He shared that two years ago, his children received these boxes. He told me to continue to be kind to others and keep up the good work. This conversation validates and confirms that the projects we are doing are touching the lives of others.

NOTE: Transitioning to the new CSPs: Public Issues had one project that no longer applies. However, the 9-11 Program with Morrow as a Partner was not able to be completed.

Additional NOTE: The following projects/donations from the former International Outreach CSP will be reported by the Civic Engagement and Outreach CSP: (a) Operation Christmas Child (gift-filled shoeboxes for children in need around the world)



Education and Libraries Community Service Program (FORMER EDUCATION CSP)

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.

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1. The Education and Libraries CSP took treat bags to educators at Huie Elementary School. The bags included crackers, several kinds of candy, and a Bic pen.
2. A donation of \$100 was made to the GFWC Disaster Relief Library Replenishment Fund.
3. Club members are invited to come and get books from Cathy White. The books are housed in her garage.

NOTE: The following projects/donations from the former International Outreach CSP will be reported by the Education and Libraries CSP: (a) El Refugio (education/information/donation on this ministry of support to detainees and families of detainees at the Stewart Detention Center); (b) Gaza Lighthouse School in the Gaza Strip in Palestine (donations/sharing information on this school for Kindergarten through elementary children)



Environment Community Service Program

(FORMER CONSERVATION CSP)

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

Amy Simpson volunteered with the Urban Food Forest at Brown's Mill on Monday, October 26. The Food Forest is flourishing with lingering summer crops and budding winter crops. MCWC's donation has gone to good use! Thank you!

NOTE: The following projects/donations from the former International Outreach CSP will be reported by the Environment CSP: (a) Wells for Hope's Walk for Water (sponsorship/donation/participation to build water wells in villages in South Sudan – sustains gardening during dry season)




Health and Wellness Community Service Program

(FORMER HOMELIFE CSP)

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.

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 **Purple** is the awareness color for Alzheimer's disease. The Health and Wellness CSP is asking members to wear **PURPLE** to the November meeting to show our support for individuals living with this disease and for their caregivers. This month we are spotlighting resources available to caregivers through organizations that support them. The Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA) staffs a national toll-free helpline with licensed social workers who are specially trained in dementia care. This helpline, 866.232.8484, provides support, counsel, educational materials, and referrals to local resources. The AFA offers tips and strategies to facilitate meaningful living. Activities such as a virtual community class with musical performances of singing and ukulele and guitar playing, a chair yoga series, and a science experiment on leaf changing can be found at <https://alzfdn.org/caregiving-resources>. Other resources can be found at <https://alz.org>. They support caregivers with information on maintaining their own health, how their role changes as the disease progresses, finding support groups, and learning about available resources.



A \$50 donation to the Canine Companion Wounded Veteran Initiative was budgeted and planned for November to honor our veterans. However, all donations were made earlier in the year to allow organizations to assist with pandemic relief. This project is being moved and will be reported by the Civic Engagement and Outreach CSP.



Our club's Christmas project is being coordinated through the Health and Wellness CSP. We will continue collecting toys and donations for the Forgotten Angels program administered by the Salvation Army. We are adding the CASA program (Court Appointed Special Advocates) to this year's donations. CASA is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of children in foster care. The CASA volunteers are specially trained adults appointed by the courts to provide compassionate, individualized attention to help each child find a safe, permanent home when reunification is unlikely. They advocate to amplify each child's voice and bring a sense of urgency to their needs. Additional information can be found at <https://www.gacasa.org>. We are asking that donations of toys or money be brought to the November meeting. This year is especially difficult for many families, so please be as generous as possible. Plans for shopping will be announced later.



Most Relay for Life events for this year have fallen victim to postponement or cancellation due to the pandemic. Donations can still be made to the American Cancer Society, earmarking them to Relay for Life.



A soup supper to benefit Hope Lodges had been planned for last month. You will recall from the October newsletter that Hope Lodges are facilities supported by the American Cancer Society (ACS) to offer cancer patients and their caregivers a free place to stay during treatment. Unfortunately, their operations were suspended in response to the pandemic because they were no longer able to

ensure the safety of their immune-compromised cancer patients. The ACS offered the Hope Lodge facilities to first responders and health care workers, with donations to a new Hope Lodge COVID-19 Response Fund to operate them. Club members are asked to make a \$5.00 donation to Hope Lodges in lieu of the planned soup supper. Because these donations are going to first responders rather than cancer victims, these donations will now be reported by the Civic Engagement and Outreach CSP.

On-going collections: eyeglasses (donated to Lions Club) and 2020/2021 calendars (donated to Good Shepherd Clinic)

Health and Wellness CSP is asking members to bring to November meeting a list of your activities this year, time spent on each, and the amount for donations made this year.

NOTE: Transitioning to the new CSPs: In accordance with the new state plans, the following projects will be reported by the Civic Engagement and Outreach CSP – Habitat for Humanity, Church Pantry donations, First Responders projects, American Red Cross stuffed animal collections and money donations, National Consumer Protection/America Saves financial activities and information, Calvary Refuge meals and donations, all needy/hungry/homeless assistance, Canine Companions for Wounded Vets Initiative, Project Share donations, H.E.A.T. donations, and Salvation Army Forgotten Angels and CASA MCWC Christmas project.

Additional NOTE: The following projects/donations from the former International Outreach CSP will be reported by Health and Wellness CSP (a) Heifer International (donation plus Smile Amazon support for nutrition); (b) Kupendwa Ministries (donation for expectant teenage girls in crisis pregnancies); (c) Operation Smile (sewn hospital gowns/partnered with St. Philip Benizi Parish Craft Group); (d) Shot@Life (donation for lifesaving vaccines)



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

Because International Outreach is no longer a Community Service Project (CSP), the space that this program held on our club website is being transitioned to pages for the Women's History Resource Center. In time, not only will this special project be described, links to our documents held at the Clayton State University Archives will be available.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Haven House, which provides a safe shelter for domestic violence victims, needs several products. The following items will be collected at the November meeting:

- Any type of cleaning products (bleach, Lysol, etc.)
- Gloves
- Pasta
- Pasta sauce

- Canned soups
- Fruit juice
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Towels and washcloths
- Twin sheet sets

The Blessings Thrift Store has reopened for donations on Tuesday - Saturday, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm.

COMMITTEES



Budget and Finance

Have you promoted our Rada Knives and Pecans fundraisers? Our ability to make a difference in our communities require us to step outside our comfort zone in making sales and raising funds especially during this pandemic. SELL, but do it SAFELY!



Fashion Show Fundraiser

Cancellation of the annual fashion show fundraiser is posted on the club website. Program ads are featured on <https://mcwcga.org/>.



Pecan Fundraiser

Just a few days remain to sell pecans. Remember...

1. Prices will be \$13.00 for a 1-pound bag of Mammoth Pecan Halves and \$13.00 for a 1-pound bag of Medium Pecan Pieces.
2. We are required to pay for the pecans before they are shipped, so please collect the amount for your sales when you take the order if possible.
3. PLEASE KEEP YOUR SALES FORM UP TO DATE WITH YOUR ORDERS AND MONEY COLLECTED, SO YOU RECEIVE CREDIT.

For Check Sales: Make checks payable to MCWC. Place your name in the “memo” section of the check...OR, place the check in an envelope with your name on the envelope, so you receive credit and payment is noted.

For Cash Sales: Place the money in an envelope with your name and the name of the person ordering the pecans, including the amount of the sale.

4. All money should be given to Marlynn Jones or Heloise Wilson.
5. Orders can be e-mailed to Marlynn at mjones1694@hotmail.com or to Heloise Wilson at wils4929@icloud.com, or call Marlynn at 770-713-5143 or Heloise at 404-403-5755.
If you call Marlynn, please speak up, especially if you leave a voice mail. Thank you!
6. ****Deadline for all orders will be November 1st****

Arrangements for pickup of your order will be announced when we know the details, and we will make the pickup as safe as possible for this Pandemic year.



Rada Online Fundraiser

Visit <https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=4699925.3900a81> for the MCWC fundraiser. Share the link with friends and family along with this message: *Thank you for supporting our fundraiser through Rada Cutlery. With the right kitchen tools, cooking at home doesn't have to be a chore. Every purchase you make using our unique shopping link shown here helps support our group, the Morrow Civic Woman's Club!*



Club Relations (and Social Information)

MCWC members have missed seeing each other this year apart from viewing our smiling faces during ZOOM meetings. On Thursday, December 3rd, our annual Christmas party will be held at the Magnolia House in Jonesboro from 5:30 – 7:30 pm. Be sure to sign up during the November meeting. The cost is \$20 per person for an Italian meal.



Membership

Club members are looking forward to seeing each other at the November meeting with social distancing and clean surroundings. During the gathering, members who did not win gifts last month will benefit from a drawing. The following items will be distributed to our October winners:

- Big Blue Bag to Renee Goolsbee
- Leopard Pouch to Betty Bush
- Autumn Greeting Sign to Brenda Rayburn
- Happy Fall Sign to Mary Harmon
- Gather Sign to Loretta Tucker



Pictured below are a few of Heloise's favorite things. You might win one of these gifts. Would that silver jewelry box look nice in your house? Smile!



Only a few months remain before the next period opens for scholarship applications. Beginning now through January, be on the lookout for possible applicants.



Scrapbook

At the Spring 2021 Central West District meeting, clubs will display their 2020 scrapbooks. Be sure to submit photos and descriptions to Marlynn Jones, so our organization's record depicts the meaningful work that was accomplished this year - despite a pandemic!



Tallulah Falls School





A special organization exists at Tallulah Falls School (TFS). It is the TFS Junioresettes. The members sharpen their leadership skills and put their idealism to work through projects that benefit children,

families, and communities. The TFS Juniorette Club is composed of young women in high school. Juniorettes have voting privileges at the GFWC Georgia Annual Convention, are eligible for awards, and have reporting responsibilities just like Woman's Clubs and Junior Woman's Clubs. GFWC Georgia Juniorette Clubs are sponsored by active GFWC Georgia General and Junior Clubs.

GFWC Georgia Juniorettes are intelligent, energetic, enthusiastic, and talented young adults committed to community service and to self-development. This group is concerned about issues facing themselves, their families, their communities, and the world in which they live. The Juniorette Club affords the perfect opportunity for the TFS female students to learn and grow as well as put their ideas into action.

HAPPY NOVEMBER!

SPECIAL OCCASIONS

<i>Happy November Birthday!</i>		<i>Happy November Anniversary!</i>	
11/6 – Marilyn Mitchell 11/20 – Karen Garcia		None	

HOSTESSES FOR NOVEMBER MEETING - "BYO FOOD/DRINK"

<i>Coordinator</i>	<i>Devotional</i>	
-----	Peggy Wilson	

NEXT (NEWSLETTER) DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 23, 2020

NOTE: IN DECEMBER, ONLY NECESSARY ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL BE EMAILED.



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



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

ARTS AND CULTURE FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

Links that enrich you in the Arts and Culture:

Here are some 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=AOvVaw29RjmUZecTsjjCP5sMjEJY>

<https://www.cnn.com/style/article/what-to-do-at-home-streaming-art-museums-concerts-coronavirus-trnd/index.html>