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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,

Cookie and I commend everyone on their plan of work presentations and add a “thumbs up” for a focused and successful February meeting. This pandemic has forced us to think **OUTSIDE THE BOX** and explore new approaches to our tasks at hand. Considering this fact, let us continue finding ways to set new goals. Try to spend a little time thinking about creative approaches to attract new members and how we might hold fundraisers differently. If you know someone who might want to become a member, invite them to join us in a Zoom meeting. Please do not be shy about sharing new ways to connect with prospective club sisters and raise money to help those in need.

Cookie and I also want to congratulate everyone on your reports. We sincerely appreciate all your hard work and perseverance in compiling your data and successfully completing the online process. You showed a lot of patience in dealing with the new format. We reported on our Community Services Programs, GFWC GA Special Programs, as well as GFWC Advancement Plans. In doing so, we carried out a total of 92 projects, dedicated 4,361 volunteer hours, donated \$24,344.72, and accumulated in-kind donations in the amount of \$18,327. This brought our financial donations to a total of \$42,671.72. **CONGRATULATIONS!!!** All of this happened despite our largest fundraiser being cancelled and much of our community outreach hampered by isolation and quarantines. Everyone, please give yourself a great big pat on the back for a job well done!

Will March come in like a lion and leave like a lamb? There is no way to tell, but we do know that in March we will **SPRING** forward with our new plans of work and with new ways in which to implement them.

Marching forward together in sisterhood,

Mary and Cookie

OUR COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS



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.

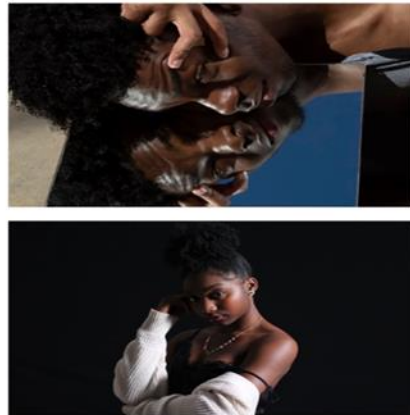
Our CSP is excited about the possibility of a new fundraiser - SERRV! This non-profit was established in 1949 and it empowers marginalized global artisans to break the cycle of poverty through the sale of their handcrafts. If approved, please plan to support SERRV soon. Information will be shared after our March meeting.

We intend to involve the ME Stilwell School of the Arts in our future endeavors. Arts and Culture also hopes to work with Civic Engagement and Outreach to make Christmas stockings. We want to ask the ME Stilwell students to assist with decorating. Perhaps later in the year the students will showcase their talents at an outdoor event. Here are some examples of the students' talents:

https://youtube.com/watch?v=b-zpsEyMQ_U&feature=share

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=265Eiyx1AYc&feature=sharehttps>

Congratulations to Jaleah, Stella, and Aleya for being selected for the All-State Art Show! These three outstanding students had submissions that were selected out of over 2000 entries! The All-State Art Show will be held March 6.



Sophomore Cassie Hicks (see image below) won a gold medal at the state level of the Scholastic Art & Writing competition and has moved on to compete at the national level for a chance to win substantial scholarships and the opportunity to show her work in New York, NY in the national art show!



Several other students won silver medals at the state level! Silver Key recipients had their work invited to the state level show in Savannah. Those students are Zarah Brown, Raven Holloway, and Sky Johnson.

There were several state level honorable mentions too! Michael Adaba 12th (2 pieces), Kylah Dixon 12th, Clemente Herrera 12th (3 pieces), Cassie Hicks 10th, Christy Lam 11th, Sabrina Martinez 11th, and Jordan Sims 10th.

Ways to give back to the arts:

<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/>

Remember to send an email to wils4929@bellsouth.net and tell Heloise Wilson about your contributions!

Please enjoy the Arts and Culture Web Links at the end of the Newsletter!



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.

Socks for Calvary Refuge: A huge thank you to those who have purchased white adult and children's socks for Calvary Refuge. If you have not bought any socks, there's still time. The drop off date is Tuesday, March 2 at 1:00 pm in the First Baptist Church (FBC) of Jonesboro parking lot.

March of Dimes: A clarification is needed for the "Beanies and Blankets" project. Beanies are not stuffed animals; they are baby hats. Please consider buying or making these much-needed items for our military families. Deadline is September.

Women's History Month: For the month of March, our club will be celebrating Women's History Month by displaying at the Morrow Library photos and articles of past MCWC events that have impacted local history. If you have an opportunity, visit the display. Hours of operation are M, W, Th, F from 10-5 and T from 12-7.

Habitat for Humanity: Our club will have a "Kitchen Shower" for a new Habitat for Humanity homeowner. This project will provide some essential kitchen items from these suggested items: broom & dustpan, mop, cutting board, can opener, Tupperware, measuring cups, baking pans, dish soap, cleaning supplies, paper towels, sponges, kitchen utensils, trash bags, light bulbs, oven mitts, dish towels, toaster, and blender. Any other items would be greatly appreciated. The drop off date is Wednesday, April 7 at 1:00 pm in the FBC of Jonesboro parking lot. Thanks in advance for your help with this project.

Have you been following the Georgia Legislative session? Either go to www.legis.ga.gov or visit our club website at www.mcwcga.org and on the homepage under "Stay Informed" click the link. At the bottom of informational sites, select "Georgia General Assembly". The daily schedule for Under the Gold Dome is listed with links to issues, documents, or bills.

The screenshot shows the Georgia General Assembly website. The main heading is "UNDER THE GOLD DOME" for February 22, 2021. Below this is a "Today's Schedule" table with the following data:

Date	Time	Name	Location
02/22/2021	TBD	Rules Upon Adjournment (Senate)	450 CAP
02/22/2021	8:00 AM	Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications Energy Subcommittee (House)	406 CLOB HYBRID
02/22/2021	8:00 AM	Motor Vehicles Driver Safety and Services Subcommittee (House)	515 CLOB
02/22/2021	9:00 AM	RULES (House)	341 CAP
02/22/2021	10:00 AM	FLOOR SESSION (LD20)	House

To the right of the schedule are sections for "House of Representatives DOCUMENTS" and "Senate DOCUMENTS", each with buttons for "RULES CALENDAR", "FIRST READERS", "STATUS SHEET", and "COMPOSITE". There are also "ALL DOCUMENTS >" buttons for both chambers. A note at the bottom states: "These are the most recent available documents. Click here to learn more."



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.

In February, our CSP celebrated Library Lovers Month by taking a heart shaped box of candy to the staff at the Morrow Public Library. A note of appreciation was included for all their hard work.

If any members have gently used children's books, they are needed at the library box in front of Lee Street Elementary School and at the box at the playground at "The Beach" Clayton County Park. You can drop off the books in the special library box or a time can be arranged with Cathy White to get the books from you. These library boxes are really neat--children can take a book at any time!

Cathy invites members to come by her garage during daylight hours and swap books at "Cathy's Garage Library". There are two large containers of books behind her large trash can.



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.

- The Great Backyard Bird Count that took place February 12-15 had 260,000 people participate, representing nearly every country in the world! If you participated, please contact Catherine Douds. You will be included in a drawing.
- The Festival of Camellias is in full swing at Masee Lane Gardens in Fort Valley. Ladies, this is an absolutely wonderful hidden gem. Catherine plans to organize an outing for all interested in visiting. Check the website for more information and let Catherine know if you would like to participate in a day trip. www.americancamellias.com
- Continue to save your used towels to be donated to the Clayton Human Society. Batteries, ink cartridges, magic markers, and crayons will also be recycled.

SEASONAL REMINDERS:

Prune Holly Shrubs: Now is the time to prune giant holly shrubs back to a manageable size. Do not be shy – you can cut them to eighteen inches tall and they will come back!

Camellia Cleanup: Remove spent camellia blooms from the bush and from the ground. You will prevent camellia petal blight.

Prune Roses: Last chance to prune bush roses to approximately one half their present size.

- April 30th is Arbor Day! Planting a tree is an act of optimism and kindness, a labor of love and a commitment to stewardship. The Environment CSP is searching for wholesale tree farms and nurseries that sell tree seedlings or small trees. Retail prices are just too expensive!

If you have any recommendations or suggestions, please contact Catherine at 770.364.4207. The planting of trees will be a yearlong focus for the MCWC Environment Community Service Program so please share with Catherine how you would like to participate.

As always, remember to keep a record of the time you spend:

- Recycling
- Picking up litter while you walk
- Reading or researching environmental issues
- Planning or working in your garden or yard.



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.



To promote the awareness of healthy eating, the Health and Wellness CSP will provide healthy snacks for the healthcare workers at Cadence Mt. Zion, a senior living and memory care facility in Jonesboro. Because we are not meeting together right now, club members are being asked to donate \$5.00 to be used by Health and Wellness CSP members to purchase fruits, veggies, nuts, and other healthy snack items. Checks (made out to MCWC) can be mailed to Vickie Jennings at 2121 Fort Trail, Morrow, GA 30260. Vickie will also accept cash or check donations at the First Baptist Church in Morrow on Saturday, February 27 from 11:00 am until 12:30 pm.



Feeding America is an organization whose mission is to feed the hungry through a nationwide network of member food banks and to also engage our country in the fight to end hunger. To show our support of this organization and to honor the 125 years anniversary for GFWC, we are conducting a local “Healthy Food Drive” within our membership. We are hoping to collect 125 donated healthy items such as canned fruits, low-salt vegetables, or dry beans. We will donate our items to the food pantry at Morrow First Baptist. Vickie will be at the church to accept donations on Saturday, February 27 from 11:00 until 12:20. If you would prefer to donate to another food pantry, please let Vickie Jennings or Renee Goolsbee know the number of items, amount and time spent, and location of your donation.



Our club supports the American Red Cross with donations of cash and by collecting teddy bears and other stuffed animals for distribution by Disaster Team Responders. As a volunteer team responder, Cookie Keene has depleted her supply of stuffed animals in responding to three fires already this year. She really needs our help to replenish her supply of the stuffed animals she gives to young victims. You can give your donations to Vickie on February 27 or directly to Cookie by connecting with her. This is an on-going project for the entire club year, so keep an eye out for sales after Easter or any time. March is American Red Cross month, so visit their website at www.redcross.org to view the resources they have to offer. Our CSP recently made a \$100 donation to the American Red Cross.

The spring Pillars Luncheon has been cancelled and plans for the fall are up in the air. For the time being, the Pillars Luncheon chair has asked us to hold donations until further notice.



Georgia vaccine sites have recently been added in Atlanta at the Delta Museum near Virginia Ave and in Macon, Albany, and one in north Georgia. Information is available at <https://Myvaccinegeorgia.com>

Thanks to Karen Garcia for the beautiful Scentsy gift basket that Heloise Wilson won as the winner of Heart Health Trivia.

On-going collections: 1) calendars for the Good Shepherd Clinic and 2) soda can pop-tops for the Ronald McDonald House



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

Feechi Hall, the Clayton State University (CSU) Archivist, is appreciative of MCWC's submissions to the Archives project - *CSU Reflections on the COVID-19 Pandemic*. Some of our club's outreach, service, and reflections will be included in the Clayton State Community experiences.

Our onsite work at the Archives is still on hold indefinitely; yet, our partnership continues. In learning about our club's Women's History Month display at the Morrow Public Library, Feechi said she will stop by to take photos. An intern is assisting Feechi with preparing our scanned scrapbooks for public viewing and soon we will be able to post additional links to our historical documents on our website.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The Blessings Thrift Store located at 86 Work Camp Road in McDonough currently needs clothing donations more than any other items. Clothing donations may be dropped off only on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. You can contact the store at 770.288.6503. All proceeds at Blessings go toward the Haven House domestic violence shelter, which could also use monetary donations in the form of cash or gift cards. Below is the link for making donations to Haven House.

<https://givebutter.com/havenhousegotheextramile>

COMMITTEES



Budget and Finance

The Budget Committee will email a proposed 2021 budget to all members before our next meeting. We will discuss it and vote on it during our March Zoom meeting. The Morrow Civic Woman's Club really does make a difference in our community and our world. While things are tight this year, we are determined to continue that impact, but it will require your commitment, creativity, excitement, and marketing skills to make 2021 a success. The Budget Committee wants to say thank you to all our members who have sent in their dues. We anticipate that we will have 100% of the dues in, or close to it, by the March meeting. Look for information on new fundraisers in the near future, if approved by membership.



Fashion Show Fundraiser

While the status of a future Fashion Show cannot be determined at this time, please note that the 2020 program ads are still being featured on <https://mcwcga.org/>. When you visit these patrons, remember to thank them for supporting our organization and outreach.



Rada Online Fundraiser

Visit <https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=4699925.3900a81> for the MCWC fundraiser. The link is good, so continue to share it 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

The Club Relations Committee hopes that everyone is well and safe. This year let's try to stay in better touch with our club sisters through phone calls or cards.



Membership

The Membership Committee welcomes our new member - Dixie Hulse! Dixie lives with her husband in Jackson, Georgia and is a neighbor of Peggy Wilson.

We are also excited to have Karen Wright joining us in our Zoom meetings. Karen is originally from Macon, is enrolled in school in the dental field, and lives in Hampton. Please help her feel welcome at our next Zoom meeting.

The Membership Committee has some exciting plans for later in the year. Hopefully with the availability of vaccinations, an end to the pandemic is in sight. Our Committee will be working with the Budget Committee to be involved in a fundraiser that might bring in new members. As we learn more, we will keep you involved.

Below is a picture of our Zoom meeting. It is easy to join and at least listen to if you give Zoom the opportunity to use the audio on your computer. Hope to see you there on March 4!





The Scholarship Committee is working with Clayton State University on posting the Andrea Lane Memorial Scholarship opportunity and sharing it with qualified candidates. The committee needs your help too in spreading the word. Through May, be on the lookout for possible Clayton State University applicants and tell them the criteria and application are posted on our club website, www.mcwcga.org. The completed forms are due June 1, 2021.



Scrapbook

As we move forward with our 2021 plans of work for our community despite this pandemic, keep in mind, "Marlynn needs to know what I am doing in service activities with MCWC, and I need to take pictures and send them to her."

If you want to see the 2020 scrapbooks, contact Marlynn Jones, and make plans to come by and safely visit and look at MCWC year 2020 in action. You will be pleased at how much we were able to accomplish in the community, thanks to our members. Marlynn's contact information is Mjones1694@hotmail.com and 770.713.5143.





Tallulah Falls School (TFS)

This month the Tallulah Falls Committee (Heloise Wilson) thought to herself, "I can introduce those who have not toured the school campus through a virtual visit. TFS has really changed over the years since I was a student. Simply touch a location and use the arrows to move through the pictures of the venue. I hope you enjoy the virtual tour. Go to <https://tallulahfalls.highschool-tour.com/>

HAPPY MARCH!

SPECIAL OCCASIONS

<p><i>Happy March Birthday!</i></p> 	<p><i>Happy March Anniversary!</i></p> 
<p><i>3/28 – Renee Goolsbee</i></p>	<p><i>3/7 – Catherine and Steven Douds</i> <i>3/30 – Renee and John Goolsbee</i></p>

HOSTESS(ES) FOR MARCH ZOOM MEETING

<i>Coordinator</i>	<i>Devotional</i>	
-----	Mary Harmon	

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: MARCH 22, 2021



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



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

ARTS AND CULTURE FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

Links that enrich you in 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=AOvVaw29RjmUZecTsjCP5sMjEJY>

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

Thought you might like a college friend's gardens. He is a great landscape architect.

<https://williamsmithgardens.com/>