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GFWC GA Morrow Civic Woman's Club Newsletter

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CO-PRESIDENTS

It seems that the weather is finally heating up to bring us into a TRUE GEORGIA summer, and things are also heating up with GFWC and GFWC Georgia. In April we celebrated a year of hard work at the GFWC Georgia State Convention, and now we look forward to the State Institute for inspiration and the sharing of ideas. Unicoi State Park is the site of this year's LEADS workshop and Institute which will be held on August 20-22, 2021.

We have members participating in the LEADS workshop on Friday and hope many others will attend the workshops at Institute the next day. The service project "Rise Against Hunger" will start things off on Saturday morning, and will be followed by several workshops, as well as an informative session "Electronic Reporting Workshop" to guide us through this evolving process. (You are encouraged to bring your laptop.)

Please visit the link below to get detailed information on the sessions, speakers, and agenda concerning the activities available at State Institute.

http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=lmygcp9ab&oeidk=a07ei6clk7o5ac256eb

The GFWC International Convention will held at the Atlanta Marquis Marriott on August 27-30, 2021. You must register by August 4th to attend. Visit the site below to learn more about the convention information. Remember, GFWC Georgia needs people to help at the various events.

https://www.gfwc.org/what-we-do/annual-convention/

Last, but not least, please be aware that on the second Saturday in the month of October is the date of the first Morrow Civic Woman's Club Marketplace. As you all know Covid has made fundraising difficult, and much thought and planning has gone into this effort to help us pay for the community outreach work that we do. You will learn more about the specifics of this event at the August meeting. Cookie and I wish to thank all who have worked on this upcoming event.

See you on August 5th! 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.

The Arts and Culture CSP is staying busy, while helping to get ready for our Morrow Civic Woman's Club Arts and Crafts Marketplace. We hope everyone will encourage your friends to rent a table to sell their wares on Saturday, October 9th.

We were also busy earlier this month supporting GFWC Georgia. On Wednesday, July 14th, nine club sisters met at the home of Peggy Wilson to make 200 Christmas Wreath pins for our Festival of Trees project. With a table full of ribbons, cloth wreaths, hundreds of mini-Christmas decorations, and of course, tacky glue, our creative juices started flowing and in no time, we were oohing over each other's creations. No two Christmas Wreath pins look alike and will appeal to all kinds of buyers. Everyone brought a summer salad to share for lunch. What a wonderful time crafting, bonding, laughing, and eating!









Did anybody see the news on WSB? The Singing Brothers of Stilwell were selected to perform at the American Choral Directors Association 2022 Southern Region Conference in Raleigh, North Carolina. These singing scholars were chosen out of nearly one hundred choirs that hoped to be given the honor. This chorale group is extracurricular, and we hope to have them perform for MCWC possibly at our Marketplace in October.



Remember to send your volunteering hours and participation in the arts anytime during the year to wils4929@bellsouth.net. Sign-up sheets will be available at club meetings.

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.

Stay Safe Posters

Thank you to all members who distributed the Stay Safe Posters to local businesses. Businesses and neighborhoods did not hesitate to take one and display it.

Heifer International

Hope you have been collecting your extra change and dollar bills and placing them in your Heifer International collection container. Please bring your donation and container to the August meeting and give them to Peggy Wilson or Dixie Hulse. Our goal is to collect enough money to buy a cow.

March of Dimes

Along with the "Fingers of Love", Angelia Wright's crochet group, plus several club members, our club is donating 94 crocheted baby blankets and hats, 9 hand sewn blankets, and 5 store bought blankets to the March of Dimes Military Baby Showers project. A huge thank you to the crochet ladies for devoting their material, time, and skills to this project.

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.

During July, Cathy White delivered over 40 large print books to the Palms at Lake Spivey for their library. The Education and Libraries CSP also donated over 15 books to the new lending library located in front of Keystone Apartments.

Reminders:

- (1) Please continue to bring gently used children's books for the lending library.
- (2) If you would like, bring school supplies for us to give to an elementary school—please limit the supplies to pencils, pencil erasers, notebook paper, blue or black pens, and spiral notebooks.
- (3) Bring gently used books for members to swap.

Thank you so much for your continued support!!!!



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.

Recycling and conserving water at home are effective and simple ways to help our environment. Enjoy the following tips and information.

We have had a lot of rain lately. Did you know sediment (clay, silt) is the #1 source of water pollution? Never leave soil exposed! If you do not have plantings or grass, cover the bare areas with straw.

Did you know? Recycling just 10 plastic bottles saves enough energy to power a laptop computer for more than 25 hours, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

One of the simplest ways to help our planet is to carry a reusable water bottle instead of plastic bottles. Fill your reusable bottle with ice before you leave home and enjoy ice cold water later.

Carry your own bags to the grocery store. Once you get in the habit of using them, it's an easy switch.

Minimize the use of kitchen sink disposals; they require a lot of water to operate properly.

Store drinking water in the refrigerator rather than letting the tap run to get a cool glass of water.

Especially in the summer raise your lawn mower blade to at least three inches. A lawn cut higher encourages grass roots to grow deeper, shades the root system and holds soil moisture better than closely clipped lawns.

While you are saving the planet remember to keep a record of your time and money spent:

- 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.

National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM) is an annual observance held in August to highlight the importance of vaccination for people of all ages. Click on link to find out more about National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM) | CDC. Encourage others to get back on track with immunizations. Vaccination is a highly effective, easy way to keep your family healthy. Everyone 12 years of age and older is now eligible to get a COVID-19 vaccination. COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/niam/index.html

- Once you are fully vaccinated, you can resume activities that you did prior to the pandemic. Learn more about what you can do when you have been fully vaccinated.
- **COVID-19 Testing** is available to all Georgians who request it. Learn more about CDC New Mask Guidance for People Fully Vaccinated. www.dph.georgia
- **UPDATE August activities: Clayton County Board of Education** approves 2021-2022 school calendar; new school year begins August 2nd.
- Guest speaker Chelsea Folds, the Executive Director of the Good Shepherd Clinic, will share the organization's history, updates, and upcoming events about providing free Healthcare to Clayton County's uninsured. We thank this great organization, volunteers, and supporters for their contributions and support in providing Clayton County residents top notch healthcare. Learn more about Good Shepard Clinic at https://www.goodshepherdclinic.org/ and info@goodshepherdclinic.org/ and info@goodshepherdclinic.org/
- Support the Good Shepard Clinic Tomato Sandwich Party through your donation of \$20 during the drive through event on Saturday, August 7th, 2021, from 11 am 1 pm.

- In the month of **May**, we promoted awareness of March of Dimes Georgia with club donations to create Neonatal Intensive Care Packages, NICU. Thanks to all club members who supported this effort. Gift bundles were delivered to the Riverdale Medical Hospital, NICU. NOTE: Piedmont Medical Hospital, NICU was unavailable to coordinate delivery.
- Highlights from the month of **July**: Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Month, the monthlong observance increased awareness and promoted the need for a cure for juvenile arthritis, on behalf of those suffering from this health condition. Learn more at https://curearthritis.org

ON-GOING COLLECTIONS:

- Soda can pop tops for Ronald McDonald House
- Calendars for Good Shepherd Clinic
- Stuffed animals for Red Cross



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





<u>Four years ago</u> during the week of July 26, the Morrow Civic Woman's Club delivered all club documents and artifacts to the Clayton State University Archives. Since then, every scrapbook of our organization has been scanned. If you visit www.mcwcga.org, you will learn about the early years from 1962 though 1980 when we were the Morrow Junior Woman's Club. Go to the "Our Programs" tab, scroll down, and click on the "Women's History Resource Center". Open the link to each scrapbook and take a virtual walk back into time.







Club members are encouraged to shop at the Blessings Thrift Store on Tuesdays AND Saturdays, while dropping off donations on Tuesdays AND Saturdays. Gently used clothing is needed for all ages. The new store is open and located at #18 Depot Street in McDonough.

COMMITTEES



Budget and Finance

The MCWC Fall Arts and Crafts Marketplace will be here before we know it. We need all hands on deck to make this fundraiser a success. Please make sure that Saturday, October 9th is on your calendar. Revenue sources will come from vendor rentals, cake sales, Krispy Kreme donut sales, opportunity baskets, and club sales of SERRV International, Rada, and various crafts. We will have music and arts provided by the M.E. Stilwell School of the Arts. At the August meeting we will have "Save the Date" flyers for each member along with vendor applications. We will also have signup sheets for committees and assignments for the day. The next planning meeting is scheduled for August 11th at 11:00 am at the First Baptist Church of Morrow.

Please continue to share the link https://www.serrv.org/?a=MCWC for MCWC's Serrv International fundraiser with your friends and family. If you will take the challenge and send the link to 12 more people, we can continue our momentum. SERRV International is a nonprofit, fair trade retailer that empowers marginalized global artisans to break the cycle of poverty through the sale of their handcrafts. The artisan partners prioritize investing in projects that create sustainable families and communities, including childcare and scholarships for children, health clinics, anti-trafficking programs, and environmental education programs. Your purchases help support the artists and their programs.

Likewise continue to place your orders and share the link for <u>MCWC Rada Sales</u>. Visit Rada Knives at https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=4699925.3900a81 for the MCWC fundraiser.



Membership

We were so glad to have Cindy Peterson visit with us at our June meeting. Cindy also joined members at our Arts and Culture decorations party at Peggy Wilson's house. When you see her at the upcoming meeting, remember to say hello.

Karen Wright has moved to Rome. She asked to remain in our club through 2021. Her new address will be shared through a roster update. Karen will be joining us by Zoom for the remainder of the year.



Upon final review of 77 applications and reference letters, one candidate was recommended as the recipient of the \$1,000.00 Andrea Lane Memorial Scholarship financial award. Tammar Green is 39 years old, the mother of a teen, and a medical assistant. She was admitted to Clayton State University in Spring 2018. Ms. Green is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Science. Members will meet Ms. Green at the August meeting.



Scrapbook and Website

The front of our scrapbook for 2021 reads: "The years tell us much that the days never knew." Snap a picture of a club member or members at work, and it will be placed in the scrapbook for us to see, celebrate, and remember for years to come. Text pictures or information to:

Scrapbook: Marlynn Jones: 770-713-5143; mjones1694@hotmail.com

(or come by and visit and bring your pictures and information)

Webpage: Kristy Coughlin: 770-527-6087; coughline@bellsouth.net



Tallulah Falls School (TFS)

Do not forget to bring your cash for a 50/50 and plan to enjoy an ice cream treat. The funds raised will be sent to our GFWC GA sponsored high school, Tallulah Falls School. Please go to tallulahfalls.org and go to the News and Announcements section to read about two unique girls at TFS.



Morgan Ward: https://www.tallulahfalls.org/about/news-andannouncements.cms/2021/1453/cowgirl-proud---morgan-ward-passionateabout-rodeo

Josie Plaisted: https://www.tallulahfalls.org/about/news-andannouncements.cms/2021/1457/two-wheels--one-heart---josie-plaisted-born-to-ride-

HAPPY JULY / AUGUST!

SPECIAL OCCASIONS

Happy July / August Birthday!



Happy July / August Anniversary!



7/5 – Angelia Wright

7/14 – Amy Simpkins

7/26 – Loretta Tucker

No August Birthdays

No July or August Anniversaries

HOSTESSES FOR AUGUST MEETING

Coordinator	Devotional	
Lois Wolfe	Mary Harmon	Renee Goolsbee
		Heloise Wilson

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: AUGUST 23, 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!

Spivey Hall (678) 466-4200 Jeremy Denk, piano

"A pianist you want to hear no matter what he performs" (The New York Times) SUNDAY, SEP 26, 2021, 3:00PM \$60



Southside Theatre Guild

Performance Dates:

July 29, 30, and 31^s Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 8PM

Please note that messages directed to this e-mail address can only be checked and returned by Box Office workers during periods when the Box Office is open. For more information on dates when Box Office is open, visit the reservations page @ http://www.stgplays.com

E-mail: <u>boxoffice@stgplays.com</u> Phone: 770-969-0956

Clayton County Parks and Recreation



Front Porch Players



Legacy Theatre

To go to this line up visit: http://www.thelegacytheatre.org 404-895-1473

Newsies

Performances Jul 6 - Aug 1 // 2021

Legacy is thrilled to bring Disney's Newsies back INSIDE this summer! You will be "wowed" by amazing production numbers and talent!

Set in turn-of-the century New York City, *Newsies* is the rousing tale of Jack Kelly, a charismatic newsboy and leader of a band of teenaged "newsies." When titans of publishing raise distribution prices at the newsboys' expense, Jack rallies newsies from across the city to strike against the unfair conditions and fight for what's right!

Based on the 1992 motion picture and inspired by a true story, *Newsies* features a Tony Award-winning score by Alan Menken (*Little Shop of Horrors, Sister Act*) and Jack Feldman and a book by Tony Award winner Harvey Fierstein (*Kinky Boots*). Featuring the now classic songs "Carrying the Banner," "Seize the Day," and "Santa Fe," *Newsies* is packed with non-stop thrills and a timeless message, perfect for the whole family and every audience.

Pelagius

Artistic Director Mark Smith's riveting new musical!

Written By Mark Smith

Music By Michael and Lisa Gungor

Based on writings of John Phllip Newell

Performances August 20-22 // 2021

We are producing a staged reading of this exciting new work!

Henry Players

Our box office phone number is <u>770.892.9906</u> The season has ended.

All Showtime are Thurs, Friday & Sat @ 7:30; Sunday @ 2:30; **doors open 45 minutes prior to show**



The Box Office is open Tuesday-Saturday from 12-5 PM. Call 404.584.7450 to speak with a box office attendant.

ARTS LINKS Welcome Back Front Porch Players

The day has finally come!

https://thefrontporchplayers.com/

Maytag Virgin by Audrey Cefaly

We can announce that we will re-open our theater for a performance on June 11! Show dates June 11-13 and 18-20 (*).

TFPP will present the low-key but touching, memorable, and "quietly profound" [review, Erik Nikander, in *The Arts Fuse*, Lowell, MA; 1/2020] play *Maytag Virgin* by Audrey Cefaly. The story follows the budding relationship between relatively recently widowed Lizzy and her new neighbor, Jack, a widower, as they go through a year of their lives. From their back porches (which face each other) and backyards, they carefully get to know each other, become friends, and eventually create a deep bond through chats and squabbles and stories from school—where they learn they both work—oh, and through Jack's acquisition of his first Maytag: thus the title. We think it's a story that we can all recognize and feel at home with.

*Demand will determine the need for shows on the 18-20.

The Henry Players

The Color Purple

June 10th-13th, June 17th-20th



All tickets must be purchased in advance. No ticket sales at the door.

An inspiring family saga that tells the unforgettable story of a woman who, through love, finds the strength to triumph over adversity and discover her unique voice in the world. This musical adaptation of Alice Walker's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel (and the popular 1985 Steven Spielberg film) spotlights Celie, a downtrodden young woman whose personal awakening over the course of 40 years forms the arc of this epic story. With a joyous score featuring jazz, ragtime, gospel, African music and blues, THE COLOR PURPLE is a story of hope, a testament to the healing power of love and a celebration of life. With a book by Marsha Norman and music and lyrics by Brenda Russell, Allee Willis and Stephen Bray, THE COLOR PURPLE premiered at the Alliance Theatre Company in Atlanta, Georgia and opened on Broadway on November 1, 2005. It was nominated for eleven 2006 Tony Awards, including Best Musical, Best Book, and Best Original Score. The London off-West End production opened on Broadway in 2015, winning the Tony Award for Best Revival of a Musical.

Broadway is coming back!

https://www.newyorktheatreguide.com/news-features/how-will-broadway-reopen-again-in-2021?back=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.google.com%2Fsearch%3Fclient%3Dsafari%26as_qdr%3Dall%26as_occt%3Dany%26safe%3Dactive%26as_q%3Dwhen+does+Broadway+start+back+up%26channel%3Daplab%26source%3Da-app1%26hl%3Den

 $\underline{https://www.forbes.com/sites/alisondurkee/2021/05/05/broadway-shows-will-be-back-september-14-cuomo-}\\$

says/?back=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.google.com%2Fsearch%3Fclient%3Dsafari%26as_qdr%3Dall%2 6as_occt%3Dany%26safe%3Dactive%26as_q%3Dwhen+does+Broadway+start+back+up%26channel %3Daplab%26source%3Da-app1%26hl%3Den&sh=8ed48fc28d51