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A Message from Our President

Dear Club Sisters,

I for one am excited to start our club year off in February! It is a chockfull month. When I was a kindergarten teacher, I often got overwhelmed because we taught Black History, Ground Hog's Day, dental health, heart health, and Valentine's Day. Be sure to take the time to see all the special days we have in our shortest month. There is even Do a Grouch a Favor Day on February 16!

All kidding aside, I am excited to learn all the special days you have planned for Morrow Civic Woman's Club this year. Remember, we are ready as a club, and we have the power to touch lives everyday this month and in the months to come. We will be working very hard to make this a great year. We will present our plans of work, and we will push forward to share our work with many. Thank you for all your creative and ambitious plans!

As we start what is a new year, I would like to thank Cookie Keene and Mary Harmon for all their hard work in leading us the past two years. They have been fearless and steadfast. We have accomplished much during a difficult time. Also, Congratulations to you, all of our members, for your accomplishments. You have reported well and set the tone for success.

As I sign off, let me remind you of my favorite bible verse for February. It is 1 Corinthians 13:13. **And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.** If we go out and work with love in our hearts, we will be able to make a difference in our community and ourselves.

Let's Get Started In Love,
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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. During 2022, Arts and Culture is committed to sharing our funds with M.E. Stillwell School of the Performing Arts, Nursing Home Gifts and decorating. We will also be donating to Art Projects for local schools. The CSP members and club members will also be making and donating Christmas decorations for the Festival of Trees event.

In addition, we will be having a Member Art Show at Bunco. A competition for Artwork, Poetry and Writing will be held for students at McGarrah Elementary School.

Don't forget to bring in your Christmas Cards and give to our CSP Team for the placemats we are making in August.



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.

Civic Engagement and Outreach Community team is off to a fast start this year. Listed are our two projects for February with a description of each:

- 1.) **Kitchen Shower for Habitat for Humanity** - we will be having a “Kitchen Shower” for a new Habitat for Humanity homeowner. This shower will provide some essential kitchen items. Some suggested items are broom and dustpan, mop, cutting boards, can opener, Tupperware, measuring cups, baking pans, dish soap, cleaning supplies, paper towels, sponges, kitchen utensils, trash bags, light bulbs, oven mitts, dish towels, coffee maker, toaster, and blender. Any other items would be greatly appreciated. This a wonderful opportunity to help make this kitchen an inviting place to cook and bake. We can't wait to see what club members bring!
- 2.) **First Baptist Church of Morrow Food Pantry** – Our CSP is asking each club member to help restock the First Baptist Church of Morrow's food pantry with the following items for February: Rice, Canned Beef Stew, Canned Tuna, Canned Pasta, and Canned Vegetables. This is an ongoing monthly project, and we will update what is needed the most.



Education and Libraries Community Service Program

Education and Libraries CSP has developed an exciting plan of work. Details will be shared at our February meeting.



Environmental Community Service Program



Environment CSP invites you to participate in a local event that supports the non-profit, Wells for Hope for South Sudan. **On Saturday, February 26, 2022,** Majok Marier will speak during an **“I Thirst” Ecumenical Prayer Journey** at St. Philip Benizi Church. Calling to mind that so many around the world suffer from physical and spiritual thirsts, participants will walk the journey that girls and women take to find water to meet the villagers’ physical needs. Participants will walk on church grounds, weather permitting, or inside the church if rainy or too cold. During the “Walk,” leaders from area churches will reflect on collective spiritual thirsts. **Participants may donate onsite to Wells for Hope for South Sudan.** St. Philip Benizi Church is located at 591 Flint River Road in Jonesboro. The event is 10 – 11:30 a.m.

Environment CSP suggestions for February:

- Cornell University sponsors the Great Backyard Bird Count, an annual four-day event (February 18 – 21, 2022) that engages bird watchers of all ages in counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of where the birds are across the continent. Anyone can participate, from beginners to experts. It takes as little as 15 minutes on only one day, or you can count as long as you like each day of the event. It’s free, fun, and easy - and it helps the birds. To participate, please go to www.birdcount.org and don’t forget to have some fun!
- Make sure bird feeders are always cleaned and stocked so you can enjoy our feathered friends!
- Rotate houseplants. Remember to turn houseplants 180 degrees every two weeks to prevent uneven growth.
- Prune your butterfly bush. Reduce the size of your butterfly bush by two thirds to one half to encourage new growth (and big blooms) this summer.
- Pruning—Except for maples and birches: Now is a good time to prune trees.

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

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



Health and Wellness Community Service Program

The health and wellness CSP encourages all our members to find a way to get some exercise each and every day.

We also encourage you to call on other members of the club. It's always good to hear from a friend!

Let's start the 'Wear Red National Day' **by wearing red to the February meeting.** The first Friday each February (2/4/2022) the nation comes together to support American Heart Month, igniting a wave of red from coast to coast. This annual groundswell unites millions of people for a common goal: the eradication of heart disease and stroke.

Health & Welfare will continue collecting stuffed animals for the American Red Cross, calendars and eyeglasses for the Good Shepherd Clinic and non-perishable food for the food pantry at First Baptist Morrow.



Special Project: Women's History Resource Center

When was the last time you visited our club's website? Not recently? Then you need to visit <https://mcwcga.org>. While you are there, be sure to check out the WHRC page. On the menu, click on "Our Programs". Scroll down to the "Women's History Resource Center" tab and click on it. Information on the Morrow Civic Woman's Club and Clayton State University Archives Partnership is posted. Even better, the WHRC page has links to our club's scrapbooks from 1962 through 1986! There is a lot of history in these documents that you will not want to miss. Archival work is a slow but rewarding process. As our scanned scrapbooks are "cleaned up", additional years will be posted on the WHRC webpage.

Domestic Violence

Our club will be supporting again this year Haven House (Henry County) and Gigi's House (Clayton County), plus Promise Place (Fayette County). We are looking forward to providing in-kind and monetary donations to assist the residents.

The Domestic Violence committee is ready to get started this year. Listed is our project for February with a description:

- 📌 The committee is asking club members to bring Juice boxes, Canned Chili, Canned Tuna, Boxed Macaroni-n-Cheese, and Snack Packages of chips & cookies to help restock the pantry at Promise Place.

COMMITTEES



Budget and Finance

BUNCO NIGHT

1. Tickets will be available at the February club meeting. Everyone will be given 5 tickets to sell. Please sell all five tickets and more if possible. The more tickets we sell, the more money we can make to give back to our community. Bring ticket money to club meeting in April.

2. We are using card tables like we did before. Let me know at the April meeting if you have a table. We need around 30 tables. If you do not have one, please try to borrow one from a neighbor or friend. Bring tables to First Baptist Church of Morrow on Wednesday, April 27th between 1:00 and 2:00 p.m. Put your name on the table. Please stay to help set up. Please bring a tablecloth for your table.



3. Please sign up to bring food for our BUNCO Night at the April club meeting. We need everyone to participate! Remember to bring a tray/bowl for your food.

4. Bring one wrapped prize for the BUNCO winners. You can bring those on Wednesday.

5. Please have your food at the church no later than 5:30 on April 28th.



6. Come with a smiling face on Thursday to have a good time.

7. Help clean up afterwards so we all can go home in a timely manner.

8. Thank you in advance for making this a fun, entertaining, and fruitful night. Invite someone that you think might be interested in becoming a club member



Membership

The Membership Committee is excited to see all of our members, new and returning, at the February meeting!



Scholarship Committee

Just three months remain before the May 1st deadline for scholarship applications. Beginning now through April, be on the lookout for possible Clayton State University applicants and share our criteria and application that are posted on our club website, www.mcwcga.org.



Scrapbook and Website

As we engage in our work, remember to take pictures and email them to

Scrapbook -Karen Garcia garcia10218@bellsouth.net

Website- Kristy Coughlin coughline@bellsouth.net



Tallulah Falls School

We will continue our support of the GFWC Georgia President's Tallulah Falls Project. At this time, it is for the outdoor amphitheater located at the middle school but will possibly change during the summer. As stated before, it is encouraging to find that the school is still working hard to be "The Light in the Mountains". This school has given many students a great education.

Tallulah Falls provides an education that promotes practical technical skills that will serve its students well in life. An example of this was found on the TFS website.

Members of the entrepreneur class commemorated an experiential learning project with the opening of the new school store on Dec. 7.

The name, 1909., is a nod to the past, noting the year of the school’s founding.

Teacher Jennifer Cox said the students have implemented a business plan including purchasing, stocking and merchandising the inventory soon to be available for sale to the target audience – TFS students.



More than four dozen items will be offered for sale including basic school supplies, water bottles, school logo stickers and specialty items such as uniform sweatshirts and other branded apparel.

The store, conveniently located in the lobby of the Larry A. Peevy Upper School Academic Complex, is slated to open in early 2022, Cox added.



Shown, from left, are Colton Augustine, Yukun “Tom” Fu, Andrew Erwin, President and Head of School Larry A. Peevy, Mara Radovic, Milos Vico, Ashli Webb, Ninel Tarasova, Nafis Rahman, Zeyu Fang and teacher Jennifer Cox.

Special Occasions

 <p>Birthdays</p>	 <p>Anniversaries</p>
02/16 Brenda Rayburn 02/25 Lorelei Bonner	None this month

Hostess(es) for February Meeting

Coordinator	Devotional	
Angelia Wright	Peggy Wilson	

Next Newsletter Deadline: February 25, 2022



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