



Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs  
**Morrow Civic  
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# NEWSLETTER



## A Message from Our President

Dear Sisters,

We are speeding through January 2023 and all our brainstorming on our 2023 Plans of Work will drive us for the rest of the year. I want to thank you for all your hard work and dedication to provide the data and narratives needed to complete your 2022 reports.

I have been thinking about teams and success. I have watched a lot of football this month and I have for over 50 years supported the Dawgs. But why has the last few years been so successful. Some may say Kirby Smart and talent did it, but I say it is a culture of communication, love, respect, and working hard while connected together that has made a difference. This is something we will strive to do as we work hard and communicate through all the big decisions and planning. Remember you are shining stars spreading your light into the communities around you and we will be champions of spreading love and respect all around us.

Now to the nitty gritty of the meeting. We will meet at **4:45** and we will start the meeting at **5:15**. During the meeting we will share plans of work or info for the 3 CSPs, Special Projects, and Committees. Please share your collection months if known and **highlight** your plan. There is a process we go through to approve each plan. I will look forward to hearing our plans and to start moving forward.

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We have some dates to remember for **Central West**:

- **Executive Board will meet February 11, 2023 10-12, Locust Grove Woman Club, bring small snack!**
- **Central West District Meeting has been changed new date March 25, 2024**

Here are some Care and Concerns and opportunities for projects to help the **State President and GFWC Georgia**:

- **Pat Busby fell last weekend and broke some bones. She has been moved to a rehab facility and I know she could use some sunshine. Cards can be mailed to Pat Busby c/o Southern Pines, Room 409 419 Elberta Road, Warner Robins 31093.**
- **Additionally, the young woman from UGA, Chandler Lecroy, who died in the automobile accident, was the granddaughter of Brenda Chapman from the Toccoa Woman's Club. Her address is: 74 Woodbine Drive, Toccoa 30577. She certainly needs our support.**
- **Georgianna Toole fell and is out of the hospital. Georgianna wants each of you to know she appreciates your prayers. She still cannot take a lot of calls but she loves us all! Cards of encouragement can be mailed to 139 Cedar Lane, Covington, Ga., 30014**

**Stand with Survivor's Days - SWSD brings together intimate partner and sexual violence advocates, system stakeholders, and community constituents from across the State of Georgia to rally together and speak to their elected officials about legislation that effects intimate partner and sexual violence survivors, their families, and communities.**

**These events will be held:**

- **Advocacy 101: (Webinar)**  
During this 2-hour webinar you will learn more about our advocacy priorities, receive tips on how to talk to legislators, and be able to ask questions.  
**February 13th - 10:00AM - 11:30AM**
- **Kickoff: (In-Person)**  
During this event you will learn about how our key legislative priorities impact survivors and their families.  
**February 14th - 9:00AM - 10:30AM**

Here are some more opportunities to participate in GFWC/Georgia opportunities.

**MCWC will have a SHOE PACKING PARTY in March – Bring your gently used shoes that you do not want to our meeting or the District Meeting in March. GFWC/Georgia can earn \$1000 for 40 bags of shoes.**

**GFWC Georgia Spring Convention will be April 21-23 Downtown just north of Clairmont.**

Well, there are plenty of things mentioned to get us started shining in our community. I want to thank Joy and the Executive Committee for all their help in January. Having a health issue has made it hard to concentrate and get things done, but with any luck I will see you next week. Thank you all for your love and support.

Yours in Service,

Heloise

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.”

Philippians 4:4-9 ESV

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

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Arts and Culture

Each month in the newsletter, various local art events will be listed.

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Following is a list of February events:

**Spivey Hall** – 5<sup>th</sup>, Atlanta Suzuki Piano Graduation Concert (1:00), 12<sup>th</sup>, The Metropolitan Opera Laffont Southeast Region Competition (2:00), 18<sup>th</sup>, Matthew Whitaker Quintet (7:30), 19<sup>th</sup>, Lucille Chung, piano (3:00), 25<sup>th</sup>, Raul Prieto Ramirez, organ (3:00), 26<sup>th</sup>, Catalyst Quartet Anthony McGill, Clarinet (3:00).

**The Henry Players** – The Play That Goes Wrong, February 9<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. (Showtimes – Thursday, Friday, Saturday (8:00), Sunday (2:30).

**Southside Theater** – Charlotte’s Web, February 23 – March 5<sup>th</sup>. (Showtimes – Thursday, Friday, Saturday (8:00), Sunday (2:30)

In March, we will be in charge of the program. We are asking club members to bring art supplies for McGarrah Elementary. Mr. Ables, the Art teacher has requested the following supplies to be purchased: jumbo crayons, plastic student pencil sharpeners, and tempera cake paint sets. These items can be bought at Target, Walmart, and Amazon. Our fundraiser will be several opportunity baskets.



## **Civic Engagement and Outreach**

**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 Service Program Collection and Participation months are **May and November**.

Below is how you can help, however please continue to check the newsletter each month for any updates and new opportunities.

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You will bring everything you wish to donate to our **May** meeting.

- 1.) Collect non-perishable items such as canned peas corn, veg-all, black beans, pinto beans or green beans, rice, dry beans, canned tuna, canned beef stew, canned pasta, stored brand pasta sides (not mac-n-cheese) canned soups, canned fruit, Instant potatoes for the First Baptist Church of Morrow Food Pantry. Please watch expiration dates.
- 2.) Collect new or used adult and children's books to establish or replenish libraries at Calvary Refuge Center for the Homeless, a children's shelter and/or the Good Shepherd Clinic.



## Environment

As we begin the new year let's take a look back at 2022. We will continue to provide containers for recyclable materials, and to stress using environmentally friendly materials during our meetings. As we have learned over the past year, recycling is not always convenient. It is a combination of intentional action, purpose, and the willingness to do something that can make a difference. There are almost 11 million people in Georgia. If every Georgian recycles ONE aluminum can, just ONE day a year, that adds up to 11 million cans. Let's all make an effort to recycle more often.

### **Aluminum Is Not Perfect (Yet), But There's A Lot to Love**

<https://www.mananalua.com/post/why-aluminum-is-better-than-plastic>

Home Recycling Survey and Facts

<https://www.wmnorthwest.com/2012summary/pdf/homesurvey.pdf>

What did you learn? How can you be a better recycler?

**FREE CYCLING** - Some things can't really be recycled, but they can be given away to someone who may want or need them. One man's trash truly is another man's treasure.

*\*Family Navigation...* learn about free cycling, it's a good place to start.

<https://www.familynavigation.com/the-benefits-of-freecycling/>

*Free Cycle sites from our surrounding area.*

**Trash Nothing / Georgia**

<https://trashnothing.com/beta/groups/united-states/georgia/>

**Free Cycle.org**

<https://www.freecycle.org/town/AtlantaITP>

Information can be found on our website concerning legislative centers concerned with health and the importance of water in our daily lives.

**Georgians for a Healthy Future**

<https://healthyfuturega.org/>

**Georgia Water Planning and Policy Center**

The Center was created to assist in the research and design of policies affecting water resources and support Georgia policy-makers, citizens, and students in the field of water resources.

<https://h2opolicycenter.org/>



## Special Project: Women's History Resource Center

When was the last time you visited our club's website? Not recently? Then make time this week to visit <https://mcwcga.org>. While you are there, 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.

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Now, here is a scavenger hunt task for you. Click on and open the MJWC 1984 Scrapbook. Scroll through the pages to find the answers to these questions:

- 1) What type of contest did MJWC hold in the city of Morrow? (Bonus – What were the prizes?)
- 2) What type of course did MJWC sponsor beginning in September 1984? (Bonus – Which organization did MJWC “cooperate” with for the program?)

Email your responses to [loj1122@tds.net](mailto:loj1122@tds.net) by February 1 for an opportunity to win a prize.



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.

Domestic Violence Signature Project Collection and/or Participation month is **August**.

Below is how you can help, however continue to check the newsletter for any updates and new opportunities. You will bring everything you wish to donate to our **August** meeting.

- 1.) Collect items for “First Night” kits such as regular sized toiletry items, hand towels with washcloths, and non-skid slipper socks.
- 2.) Collect items for “Birthday” boxes such as birthday candles, birthday cards, color-coordinated table decorations including plates, cups, napkins, & utensils, birthday crowns, and party hats.
- 3.) Collect items for “Tea Party” baskets such as various kinds of teas (not loose tea, bags only), sugar & Splenda packets, and small jars of honey.



## Legislation and Public Policy

**THE POWER OF YOU:**  
A GFWC ADVOCACY TRAINING SERIES

**POWER UP:  
ELEMENTS OF ADVOCACY**  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 19  
7:00 PM

**POWER UP:  
LAC IS FOR ME**  
LEGISLATIVE ACTION CENTER TUTORIA  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 26  
7:00 PM

**POWER UP:  
LEGISLATION AND LEADERSHIP**  
PAST SUCCESSSES AND CURRENT PRIORITIES  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2  
7:00 PM

**POWER UP:  
PARTNERS TOWARD PROGRESS**  
(PARTS 1, 2, 3)  
GFWC AFFILIATE ORGANIZATION ADVOCACY  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 16, 23  
7:00 PM

**REGISTER NOW**

Have you registered for the **GFWC Training Series**? It's not too late. If you register for **Partners Toward Progress** that begins on February 9, you will have access to all six sessions! Scan the QR Code or go to <https://www.gfwc.org/what-we-do/public-policy/> for info.

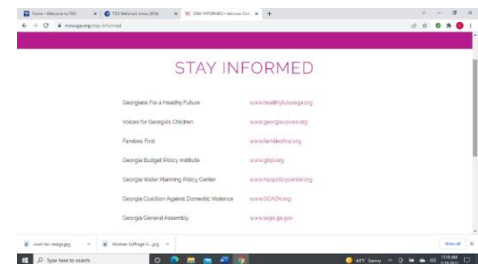


Soon, we'll celebrate Valentine's Day. during a time when women could not might have presented a card to your husband or boyfriend (or even male relatives and friends) like the one pictured above. Suffragists used holidays like Valentine's Day to promote the cause of "Votes for Women". This card appeals to men for support for suffrage by suggesting that women respect and love men who support the cause.

Imagine living vote. You

Now, all women have the right to vote. So, are you following the current legislative session? MCWC makes it easy to do. Simply go to <https://mcwcga.org/> and scroll down to the bottom of the home page. You will see a Legislative Action Center box with a link to click, which takes you to this page:

Among the listed websites is [www.legis.ga.gov](http://www.legis.ga.gov) where you can read about all legislative action and events "under the Gold Dome." So, what are you waiting for? Women worked hard to give us the right to vote. Check out this site and STAY INFORMED!



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**During Social Time** at our **February meeting**, a tri-board will be set up with sticky notes that each member may use to write a few words about issues and concerns that she deems important. This board will be set up at each meeting so the “group” sponsoring the monthly program can post articles and information on issues pertinent to their areas of interest and concerns. For example, Environment and Health and Wellness could post info on supporting childhood global vaccination efforts or simply details about a county commissioners’ meeting.

Coming up soon is one more event – **Stand with Survivors Day**. The Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence is hosting an advocacy 101 webinar and an in-person kick-off event. Let’s be sure MCWC is present at one or both events. Even if you cannot attend the webinar on February 13 from 10-11:30 am, you will be sent a recording of the session if you register.

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## COMMITTEES

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### Club Relations

What an unforgettable year our club just went through. We experienced several members deaths and members immediate family deaths. Also, we had several members with health issues or immediate family members with health issues. Praying for a better year with few health issues and deaths. Please continue to pray for Linda Harrelson and her family.

### Membership

Happy New Year! The Asian culture just celebrated New Year based on the lunar calendar last week. One of my ESL students brought me a traditional

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dish – a rice cake with a layer of pork and mung beans in the center, wrapped in banana leaves tied with colorful ribbons (Banh Chung). I love trying foods from other countries and meeting new people. I'm sure you've heard that 2023 is the year of the Rabbit in the Asian calendar. The rabbit is clever and has lots of energy. I'm told that those that were born in the year of the rabbit (199, 1951, 1963...) are supposed to wear red underwear all year. ☺ I think our membership is clever and we obviously have more energy than we generally give ourselves credit for. I've read many of the reports that have been turned in and it is just amazing what we accomplished last year – which was a very hard year (health wise) for many of our members and was a year of loss for our club as we lost two very dear members. Because of our cleverness, our energy and our commitment 2023 will be a great year for our club. I am excited to hear the plans of work and all the good works our CSPs and committees will do this year.

Membership is working with leadership and cities in our community to get our club registered so that we can participate in various citywide events. Once we have the authorization we will need your ideas and excitement as we participate in events in an attempt to make sure the community knows about our club and all that we do.

Save the Date: June 1<sup>st</sup> – Membership will host a Salad Supper and information will be provided to demonstrate the impact our club has had in the community and beyond. Please be thinking about who you will invite.

We challenge every member to bring at least two guests to a meeting during the year. Think about what attracted you to the club and how you first heard about the club. We want to build on the legacy that Jane Young, Cathy White, Pat Henderson, Pat Robertson (and many others) worked so hard for.



Just three months remain before the May 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.mcwcga.org).



## Scrapbook and Website

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

Facebook- Dixie Hulse [dixielee@bellsouth.net](mailto:dixielee@bellsouth.net)

Website- Kristy Coughlin [coughline@bellsouth.net](mailto:coughline@bellsouth.net)



## Tallulah Falls School

This year we will try to keep you abreast of the differences TFS can provide. Giving some of the children in these mountain cities these opportunities is life changing.



I remember the small classes and the excellent teachers, but I cherish the field trip to the lake to learn by the water and trying to learn how to ski on water. A new tradition at TFS is the annual ski trip for upper class men. Our work for Tallulah provides a difference for these kids. Do you think they will remember and cherish this moment?

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## Special Occasions

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Cookie Keene	January 07
Brenda Rayburn	February 16
Lorelei Bonner	February 25



-no anniversaries this month-

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## Hostess(es) for Meeting

Coordinator	Devotional
Renee Goolsby	Lorelei Bonner

Next Newsletter Deadline: February 21, 2023



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