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NEWSLETTER



A Message from Our President

Dear Sisters,

Hope this letter finds you well and ready to celebrate and support Arts and Culture at the March Meeting. Also, you may want to bring gently used books for Education and Libraries. I will miss being with you but hope to see you at the District Meeting. I will send the Call as soon as I receive the official notice, but the Date is March 25th and the registration will be due on March 17th. The Welcome will be at 9:15am and the Meeting will start at 10:00am. We will not be the hostesses this time. Whew!!! We **will** be asked to bring in lightly worn shoes. This is a project for GFWC Georgia. Our goal is 3 pair per person. You might even find a good deal at Belk's, Goodwill, or Walmart. I think I can find at least 1-2 pair in my home, but I will look for a bargain pair also. Our other responsibilities(opportunity basket) will be taken care of by Peggy. Thank you for this!

After working on the minutes for this last meeting, I am now so aware of the importance of a secretary. Please consider doing this job for us. I did try to listen carefully to the entire 2 hours of the meeting and recap the plans of work. Thank you to those who wrote up their presentations and this is so important for the future. If you stick to the script, sending those electronically would make this job a snap! The other months will be easier because there will not be so much presented

by each person. Please consider offering to do this secretary job. We need your help to record the main details of the meeting.

Next, I will be giving you copies of a new letter for patrons and future donors. The letter will list organizations that support our projected areas of work and major projects along with the data of how we have worked in the community. This year I will be reporting that we had 94 projects, 6486 volunteer hours, \$4,670 in donations by the club and \$14,937 was donated in-kind by members and cooperative partners. Considering that we are small, we are still very mighty. We do a lot of work and considering the need, it is so important that we do what we can. We will be a little smaller for a while, but as we become a presence in the community we plan to grow larger again. Please continue to help with projects that you feel you can do and we will be a force within our community. Make a list of things needed and look for good bargains throughout the year. Save them for the CSP's month you plan to help with.

Please remember to pray for and support your club sisters by sending cards of appreciation, condolences, and good wishes for health and happiness. If you do not send cards, telephone calls can lift us up as well. Small gestures of kindness can encourage high hopes.

Thanks again for all you do,

Heloise

“Anxiety in a man’s heart weighs him down, but a good word makes him glad.”
Proverbs 12:25 ESV

“Be strong, and let us use our strength for our people and for the cities of our God, and may the Lord do what seems good to him. “
1 Chronicles 19:13 ESV

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS



Arts and Culture

A big thank-you to Mr. Ables', McGarrah's Art teacher, classes for making Valentine cards for Morrow Police and Fire. Peggy Wilson distributed the cards to various locations.

Just a reminder to crochet hats for March of Dimes.

Arts and Culture will be in charge of our upcoming club meeting. The following events will be taking place:

- A proclamation will be read from Mr. John Lampi, mayor of Morrow, to Mr. David Ables, McGarrah's Art teacher, proclaiming March as Youth Art Month.
- Please bring the following art supplies for McGarrah: jumbo crayons, plastic student pencil sharpeners, and tempera cake paint sets. These items can be bought at Target, Walmart, and Amazon. Hope to have lots of items for Mr. Ables to take back with him.
- Selling opportunity baskets' tickets. Our baskets will be baked goods. Money raised will be used to send some of McGarrah students to a program at Spivey Hall. Come prepared to buy lots of tickets.
- Our program will be presented by Mr. David Ables, McGarrah's Art teacher. He has planned a fun art activity for us.

Following is a list of March art events: **Spivey Hall** – 5th, Southern Crescent Choral (3:00), 12th, Boris Giltburg, piano (3:00), 16th, Clayton State University Orchestra, Southern Crescent Symphony Orchestra (7:30), 18th, Elias String Quartet (3:00), 19th, Fleur Barron, mezzo-soprano, Julius Drake, piano (3:00), 25th, Jazzmeia Horn 7 Her Noble Forces (7:30), 26th, Clayton State University Faculty Recital, Kurt-Alexander Zeller, tenor, Michiko Otaki, piano (3:00). **Front Porch Players**- Sound of Music, March 3-5, 10-12, Friday & Saturday shows (7:30), Sunday Matinees, (2:30). **Arts Clayton** – Joe Berry Carroll “My View from 7 Feet”, Opening reception, March 3, 7-9pm, On

display through April 7. **Mia Broder's** new art show titled "Ukraine in Bloom" will be from March 4 to the end of April at the Peachtree City Library.

Forsythia Festival, Arts and Crafts, March 11-12 (Forsyth, Ga)



Education

In March and September, the Education community service program will be collecting gently used or new children's and adult books to share with Little Libraries, The Palms, the Pregnancy Care Center and Friends of the Library.



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.

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.
- 3.) Prepare food for and/or volunteer to serve the evening meal at Calvary Refuge Center on Thursday, May 11th at 6:00 PM. Mark your calendar now and Sign up at our May club meeting to serve!



Environment

March is a month filled with many chances to make a difference in our communities and throughout our state. We invite you to consider the following opportunities to "Be the Change You Want to See in the World".

*Attend Clayton County Board of Commissioners meeting on March 7, 2023 at 6:30PM in the Boardroom located at 112 Smith St. in Jonesboro. (1st and 3rd Tuesday of month) (If you can't attend this meeting, or you don't live in Clayton county, attend your local board meetings)

*Follow legislation at the Georgia General Assembly website

<https://www.legis.ga.gov/> Health, environmental issues, check on bill status.

You can search for 'water' and learn about the Okefenokee Protection Act-HB71. The current session will end March 29 so don't wait too long. Please take some time to visit.

* World Water Day- March 22,2023 www.worldwaterday.org Water affects us all, we will be donating \$75 to Wells for Hope for South Sudan.

*Bring your old prescriptions. Cookie and Angelia will take them for safe disposal.

*Free cycle opportunity this month will be costume jewelry. Feel free to bring something that you might be able to part with, and then you might find a replacement. Please remember, we ask that you take home anything that remains after the meeting. A true 'Shop & Swap' opportunity, and the best thing is that it is all free.

"I only feel angry when I see waste. When I see people throwing away things we could use." Mother Teresa- A Gift for God 1975. 'Nuff said!



Special Project: Women's History Resource Center



Do you recall the traveling exhibit that was displayed during last year's August meeting? The installation highlighted the relationship between Clayton State University (CSU) and our organization concerning women's scholarships offered by MCWC since 1982! Well, this year the exhibit is going to be even larger with a full installation in the CSU Library Archives. Both Feechi Hall, the CSU Archivist, and Lois Wolfe, the WHRC Chair, agreed that the information would be perfect for the 2023 Women's History exhibit at the university. With the assistance of a graphic artist, the mobile exhibit will be stylized to fill the larger space in the CSU Exhibition Hall.

"Scholarships Empowering Women" will be available for viewing March through early April, which is great because it coincides with the timeframe to apply for this year's financial award. Even better is that students viewing the exhibit who meet the Andrea Lane Memorial Scholarship criteria can scan a QRCode that will take them directly to our club's website and online application. It's history in the making! Right?



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.

How YOU Can Make a Difference.....

The Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence Stand with Survivors Day was held on Tuesday, Feb. 14th at the Georgia state capital. Changemakers participated in a virtual training the day prior to learn what the "asks" were of our Legislators. Pam, Lois, Mary, and Joy represented our club and participated in the training. Lois, Mary, and Joy attended the Stand with Survivors Day at the capital to ask their legislators to support the GCADV's asks and/or help champion their asks into a bill. The four asks were:

1. Safe Time
2. Keep Firearms out of the hands of Abusers
3. Safe at Home Address Confidentiality
4. Funding Victim Services



Legislation and Public Policy

Three club members registered for **GFWC's Advocacy Training Series**. On February 9, we met the newest GFWC affiliate, Hope for Justice. To learn more about this global anti-trafficking charity visit <https://www.gfwc.org/news/gfwc-announces-hope-for-justice-as-new-affiliate-organization/>

Are you following the current legislative session on www.legis.ga.gov? If not, what are you waiting for? Women worked hard to give us the right to vote, and we do vote but are we aware of current issues being addressed (or not addressed) by our representatives? Check out this site and STAY INFORMED! Important dates for this year's General Assembly include March 6 – Crossover Day and March 29 – Sine Die Day. Email Lois Wolfe a brief explanation as to why these two dates are important to be included in a drawing for a prize.

At our February meeting, a tri-board was set up with sticky notes for members to write a few words about issues and concerns of importance to them. The following areas were recorded – Women's Health Care, Senior Safety, Litter and the Environment, Abortion Rights, Gun Violence, Palestinian Rights, Homelessness, and Panhandling. In response, members suggested we attend local council meetings, create a neighborhood watch, adopt a nursing home, and participate in social gatherings. This board will be set up in March so that articles and information on issues pertinent to Arts and Culture (the meeting's featured CSP) can be posted. Of course, if there's any burning issue outside of that area, it may be added to the board.

On February 13-14, four club members prepared and participated in the **Stand with Survivors Day** at the GA Capitol. We met with Senator Gail Davenport who took us to meet Lt. Gov. Burt Jones in the Senate Chamber. In all, GFWC GA was represented by 5 clubs and 15 members. This Advocacy Campaign to support victims of domestic violence was "spotlighted" on February 23 in the GFWC's News and Notes. Currently, our club has completed 8 of the 10 GFWC Legislation Scavenger Hunt items and has earned bonus points. Great work ladies! Be sure to record on your Legislation Plan of

www.mcwcga.org

Work sheet all you have done including contacting representatives and hearing back from them.



COMMITTEES



Club Relations

Hope that you are checking on your club sisters through phone calls. Remember to send “Thinking of You” cards.



Scholarship Committee

Dr. Alex Hall, Director of Honors at Clayton State University (CSU), is sharing the Andrea Lane Memorial Scholarship opportunity with eligible students. Applications should be received soon. Additionally, the Women’s History exhibit that will be displayed in the CSU Library Archives during March through early April will promote

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the scholarship as well. For details, read the Special Projects: Women's History Resource Center entry in this newsletter.

The due date of May 1, 2023 will be here before we know it, so please help spread the word. 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. Interested candidates can click the COMMUNITY OUTREACH tab to take them to the online application at <https://mcwcga.org/community-outreach/2023-scholarship>



Scrapbook and Website

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

Facebook- Dixie Hulse dixielee@bellsouth.net

Website- Kristy Coughlin coughline@bellsouth.net

Special Occasions



Renee Goolsby

March 28

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Catherine and Steven Douds

March 28

Renee and John Goolsby

March 30

Hostess(es) for Meeting

Coordinator	Devotional	
Kristy Coughlin	Dixie Hulse	Betty Bush

Next Newsletter Deadline: March 23, 2023



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National website: gfwc.org