



Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs
**Morrow Civic
 Woman's Club**
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NEWSLETTER



A Message from Our President

Dear Club Sisters,

Spring has made it! We may be wet and wind-blown, but I hope this letter finds you all safe and content. Chuck, my sister and I had a wonderful time in San Francisco; it was



cold and windy there but the scenery was beautiful and I found the people in the city to be very kind. I have posted pictures of our trip below. Traveling is good for us all to see and learn about people, different cultures, and the beauty of this earth. We need this to help realize the need to protect and conserve. We stayed in a very reasonable boutique hotel with a pillow menu. Yes, I tried several.

It was good to see some of you at our District Meeting. If you were not there you missed a great time with fellowship, business, and awards. Thank you for giving and working to make us the top club in our 1-25 category. If we continue to give with a

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genuine spirit, our rewards will be there. Remember working in the community and working with other clubs and organizations to give back helps more and will get the job done. Below are the rewards for our work: (I do not have to clean silver as we celebrate now with only certificates.)

ARTS & CULTURE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

1 TO 25 MEMBER CATEGORY

1ST PLACE Morrow Civic Woman's Club

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

1 to 25 MEMBER CATEGORY

1st PLACE Morrow Civic Woman's Club

BEST OVERALL Morrow Civic Woman's Club

BEST OVERALL WOMAN'S/JUNIOR Morrow Civic Woman's Club

EDUCATION & LIBRARIES COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

1 to 25 MEMBER CATEGORY

2nd PLACE Morrow Civic Woman's Club

ENVIRONMENT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

1 TO 25 MEMBER CATEGORY

2nd PLACE Morrow Civic Woman's Club

HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

1 TO 25 MEMBER CATEGORY

2nd PLACE Morrow Civic Woman's Club

COMMUNITY SERVICE GUILD OF MACON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

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COMMUNITY SERVICE GUILD/ELAINE CHANDLER GFWC GEORGIA PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT AWARD OF EXCELLENCE CENTRAL WEST DISTRICT

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**REYNOLDS WOMAN'S CLUB EXCELLENCE IN CIVIC ENGAGEMENT COMMUNITY
SERVICE PROGRAM AWARD**

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**MORROW CIVIC WOMAN'S CLUB GFWC GEORGIA BEST OVERALL CENTRAL WEST
DISTRICT GENERAL AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

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So, we had a great showing at the GFWC Georgia Central West Meeting. I want to thank any of you who helped by bringing gently worn shoes to district for the state project that will benefit Wellspring. There are many projects we can help with at the state. When we work toward our goals in Domestic Violence we help one of the top President's Projects, Wellspring. When working to help Veterans and their families we help the State Jr. President with her project. Our Civic Engagement and Domestic Violence Areas are the areas where the President's and Junior President's project fall. Please attend to the request for **May** and **August**.

This month, **April**, we will be all about our Earth, it's beauty, and resources. Please read Mary's suggestions for April very carefully and respond appropriately for you.

In the coming months, Morrow will be trying to build community with several events and as they do we need to make ourselves visible in this community. Our visibility is the way we are trying to build up our club. Bunco should be on the board at the Interstate. We need to sell tickets in the community. Arts and Culture, we are looking to you for guidance in setting up this event. Please sign up for food and if you cannot attend please make arrangements to have your dish, and card table there. We might need to send out invitations to Retired Teachers and AT&T Pioneers. Try everything to make this a successful event that brings in the community.

Once again, I say THANK YOU. I know writing reports is hard on some of us, but it helps give us the fuel to carry on. Clubs and Communities are changing. Let us be resourceful to make an effort to bend and or evolve as we have done in the past.

In love,
Heloise

“Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.””

Genesis 1:26 ESV

“And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.”

Genesis 1:31 ESV

2023 STATE CONVENTION
DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS
MIDNIGHT, APRIL 7, 2023
(Late Fee of \$25.00 in addition
to Registration will apply
after April 7, 2023)
Go to website to register.



Instructions on ordering a POPUP CARD at
<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=lmygcp9ab&oeidk=a07ejpbiwt34e9b033f>

1. The top portion is asking for your contact info.
2. Then proceed to complete the sections: "Who do you want to send the card to, please provide contact info/address or let us know if you want to donate."
3. Then enter your message. If you only want 1 card You can skip the other prompts for additional info.

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4. Next - Let us know how many cards you need and if they are or a loved one or donation card to nursing facility. Choose the Quantity of cards in either box. Then click register to place your order.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS



Arts and Culture

If you were unable to attend last month's meeting, you missed a treat. With the help from Mr. Ables, McGarrah's Art teacher, we all painted our own masterpiece. A great time was had by all. A big thank you for all the art supplies and for buying tickets for the baked goods opportunity baskets. We raised \$130.00.

Following is a list of April Art events: **Spivey Hall** – 1st, Stephen Hough piano (3:00), 6th Francisca Maxwell, soprano & Elena Dorozhkina, piano (7:30), 15th, Alan Morrison, organ & David Coucheron, violin (3:00), 16th Camilla Tilling, soprano & Jonathan Ware, piano (3:00), 21st and 22nd CSU Music Drama Production: Patience (7:30), 23rd The Glenn Miller Orchestra (3:00), 26th Division of Music Curated Recital (11:00), 30th Clayton State University Masterworks Chorus, Clayton State University Orchestra, Southern Crescent Symphony Orchestra (3:00). **Front Porch Players** – Puzzle in the Piazza, April 28-30, May 5-7, Friday & Saturday shows (7:30), Sunday Matinees, (2:30). **Henry Players** – Once on This Island, April 27th – May 7th, Thursday, Friday & Saturday shows (8:00), Sunday Matinees, (2:30). **Southside** – The Odd Couple, April 27 – May 7, Thursday, Friday, Saturday shows (8:00), Sunday Matinees, (2:30). **Mia Broder's** art show titled "Ukraine in Bloom" will be to the end of April at the Peachtree City Library. **Arts Clayton** – Atlanta Technical College April 22 – May 6, Clayton County Public Schools Exhibit April 10-15, Art through the eyes of Clayton Seniors May 5 – June 2 with a reception on May 5, 6-8 pm.

I have spoken with Brian Hebert, director of Arts Clayton, concerning any needed help for the reception on May 5th for the Clayton Seniors art exhibit. He said that he would appreciate any help that we could give him. At the April meeting, there will be a sign-up sheet for finger foods for this event. You can bring your food item to the May meeting, since it is the night before the reception. Thanks in advance for your help!



Education and Libraries

Everyone is reminded to collect and save books for donations to Little Libraries, Books for Babies at Pregnancy Care Center, The Palms Senior Living Community and Friends of the Library. Gently used or new books welcome. Please check for papers or items that might have been left in between the pages, and mark out names that may have been written in the cover. Large print is welcomed.

Books will be collected at the September meeting, which is also National Literacy Month.

School Supplies will be collected at the September meeting. Be on the lookout for a list of suggested items needed in summer newsletters.



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.**

GFWC Affiliate Highlight:



Canine Companions is one of GFWC's Affiliate organizations.

Canine Companions is leading the service dog industry so our clients and their dogs can live with greater independence. We provide service dogs to adults, children and veterans with disabilities and facility dogs to professionals working in healthcare, criminal justice and educational settings. Since our founding in 1975, our dogs and all follow-up services are provided at no cost to our clients.

Independence should not be limited to those who look or live a certain way. Disability reaches all races, classes and backgrounds, and Canine Companions will too. Clients come to Canine Companions because of our reputation, the quality of our dogs, the experience of our training staff and the desire to lead life with greater independence. We are committed to providing services to all qualified clients.

We are asking club sisters to support this wonderful organization by “raising a paw against Service Dog fraud” and going to <https://canine.org/advocacy/> to sign the petition today. I did!

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

Please bring everything you wish to donate and sign up to volunteer at our **May 4th 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, store 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.) 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!
- 4.) Collect individualized snacks such as crackers, popcorn, chips, protein bars, dried fruit, trail mix, candy, nuts, and/or small bottles of water to assemble and deliver CARE baskets to Morrow Police, Fire/EMS, & City Hall.
- 5.) We are planning a "Day of Service" with the FBC of Morrow Food Pantry. A date/time in May is currently being determined.



Environment

The first Earth Day in 1970 focused on air and water pollution. The 2023 theme: "Invest

in Our Planet" encourages all nations to engage businesses, governments, and citizens to do their part. More information can be found at

<https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2023/>

More activities EARTH DAY ACTIVITIES.

50 Earth Day Ideas <https://www.signupgenius.com/groups/earth-day-activities-ideas.cfm>

Earth Day 2023: How to Celebrate Earth Day

<https://www.almanac.com/content/earth-day-date-activities-history>

Best Earth Day Activities for Schools and Kids | Earth Day 2023

<https://www.earthreminder.com/earth-day-activities/>

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42 Crafts and Activities That Utilize Upcycled Materials

<https://www.weareteachers.com/earth-day-crafts-classroom-activities/>

This month the Environment CSP program will feature Dr. Aubrey Dyer, a chemistry and physics professor at Clayton State University. She has been instrumental in organizing the Southside River Rendezvous hosted by Clayton State University. Water tests are conducted to create a snapshot of water quality throughout the area. We look forward to learning more about the conservation of creeks and rivers, and to continue our focus on environmental stewardship.

We will also have a 50/50 drawing fundraiser.

Free Cycle theme is “garden stuff”... anything you might have concerning your yard and/or garden. Please remember, if your garden items don’t find a ‘new home’ please take them back home or donate to the charity of your choice. Ex. Books, garden tools, vases etc.

Garden Tip - When you’re building garden beds, trellises, etc. never use pressure treated wood. The chemicals used in it can be very toxic to the soil, plants and to you. Instead try cedar, oak, or spruce. Having fewer chemicals in and around your home will help keep birds, pets, and your family healthy.

You all are doing a great job with our recycling efforts. Remember to bring used ink cartridges and batteries to our meeting to be recycled. Please record the time that you spend recycling for reporting purposes.



Health and Wellness

Continue to explore the various opportunities for awareness and advancement of nutrition, disease prevention, and physical and emotional care. Be your best healthy YOU! We encourage members to track their fitness plan hours, and activities monthly. Record entries on HW Activity Tracker sheet at club. Keep in mind the effects of healthy living, begins with exercising regularly and eating right, so let’s get MOVING!

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The value of good health is celebrated on World Health Day. Spearheaded by the World Health Organization (WHO), physical, mental, and emotional well-being is promoted and celebrated all over the world on this day. Every April 7th, the World Health Organization chooses to highlight a special theme current in the wellness and medical world. This year is the 75th Anniversary, and the theme is HEALTH FOR ALL. More information can be found at the site below.

World Health Day

<https://www.who.int/news-room/events/detail/2023/04/07/default-calendar/world-health-day-2023-health-for-all>

PLEASE REMEMBER THE ON-GOING COLLECTIONS

- Soda can pop tops for Ronald McDonald House
- Calendars for Good Shepherd Clinic



Special Project: Women's History Resource Center



Scholarships Empowering Women, the Women's History Installation at the Clayton State University Archives that highlights our club's 40+ years of offering scholarships to women attending and completing their degrees at Clayton State, will be available for viewing through April. Extending the exhibit into April is great because it coincides with the timeframe to apply for this year's financial scholarship 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

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application. It's history in the making! Right? Well, let's visit this exhibit together as club members! Date and time will be discussed during our April meeting.



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**

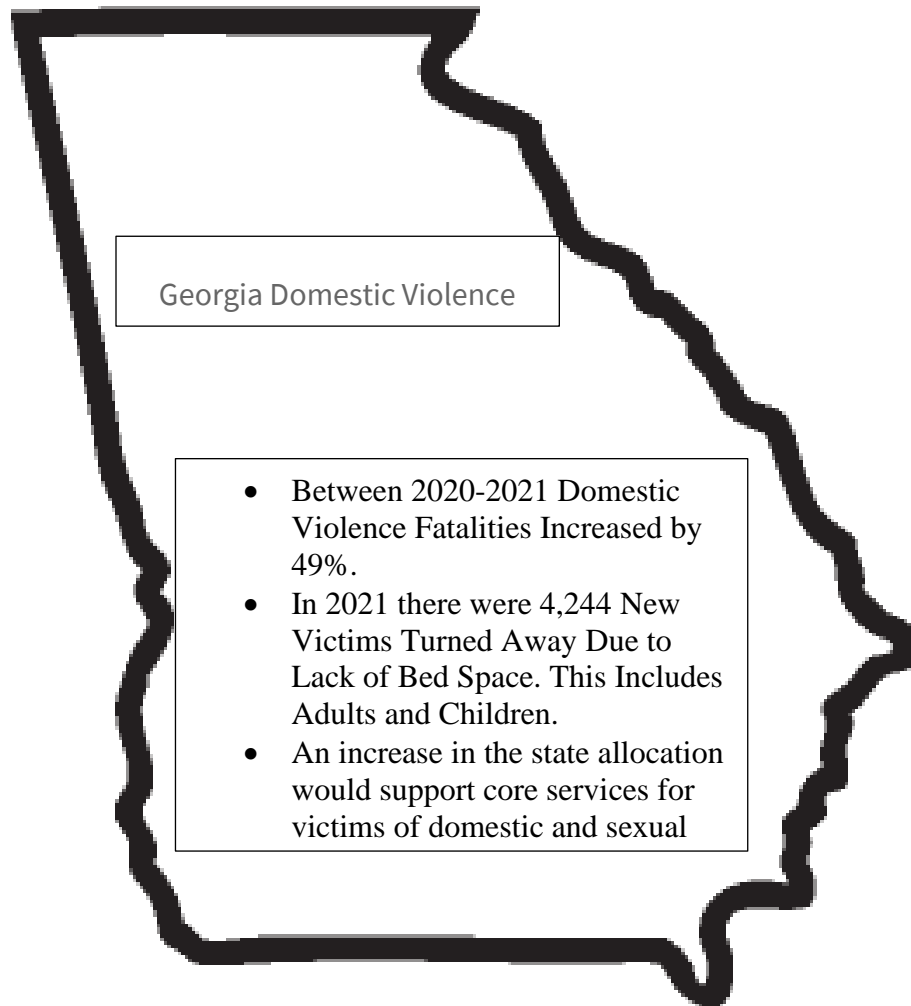
Below is how you can help, however continue to check the newsletter for any updates and new opportunities. You will bring everything you wish to donate to our **August** meeting.

- 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 needs all of us to be **Changemakers** by asking our legislators to support the GCADV's asks and/or help champion their asks into a bill. The four asks were:

1. **Safe Time – information shared at March MCWC Meeting**
2. Keep Firearms out of the hands of Abusers
3. Safe at Home Address Confidentiality
4. **Funding Victim Services**



If you want more information on how you can make a difference, please contact Pam or Lois.



Legislation and Public Policy

Sine Die, Legislative Day 40 of the Georgia General Assembly, occurred on March 29. In the few days prior, the crush was on. Last-minute committee meetings were held as lawmakers took their final shots at pushing through their bills. Among the issues were school vouchers, sports vetting, and mental health coverage. Did you watch the Live Bill

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Tracker? Which survived and made it into law, and which ones were tabled? Check out the monthly Legislative Board during our upcoming meeting to read the outcome.

COMMITTEES



Budget and Finance

Bunco Night



- 1. Please bring your money for the tickets that you have sold as well as be ready to let us know the number of people that will be attending. We need to know how many so we can make sure we have plenty of tables set up. This does not mean you cannot continue to sell tickets up to the night we have BUNCO. It is very important that we sell as many tickets as possible.**
- 2. Set up for BUNCO on Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. Bring card tables, table cloths food, containers and utensils for your food item when you come on Tuesday. It is imperative that everyone arrives at 4:00 promptly. It is going to take all of us to pull everything ready.**
- 3. Bring two door prizes for our winners!**
- 4. Thank you in advance for all of your help!!! It takes everyone's help to make it a successful night for our attendees.**
- 5. There will be a sign-up sheet at club meeting for food items.**
- 6. Please plan to stay to help clean up after our guests leave!!!!!! Take all items you brought home with you.**
- 7. Let Peggy know if you have card tables and how many you have. We will need approximately 20. There will be a sign-us sheet for this also.**

8. Any questions, please call Peggy Wilson or Angelia Wright.



Club Relations

Please keep Catherine and Steven Douds in your prayers. She had surgery last week. Please keep sending the cards and making the phone calls.

Membership

With the time change and more signs of spring around it is becoming more pleasant to be out and about. We are looking forward to our Bunco night, it's always a fun event. It's a good time to share with friends the reasons you are a club member and invite them to join us.

Murray's Custom T-shirts & Design at 1497 Mt Zion Rd in Morrow has shirts available and can put our club logo & information on it. If you want a shirt (t-shirt or sweat) feel free to give him a call (404-936-6895) or drop in and order a shirt. The club logo & pattern options will be under the club name or under my name. (Joy Lanier). You can also take your own shirt. The sweatshirt has all the club info on the front and the T-shirt has the logo on the front and all the info on the back.

Please continue to lift your club sisters up in prayer. Whether it's physical or mental health issues or grief or just the busyness of life we all need to be lifted up in prayer.

At our club meeting we will discuss the Cinco de Mayo event to be held at the Morrow District on May 7th and how or if we want to participate. Please think about how we can participate in this event and get the word out about our club.



Scholarship Committee

The Andrea Lane Memorial Scholarship has been shared with eligible students and applications are currently being received. With only one month remaining before the due date of May 1, 2022, the committee needs your help in spreading the word. Now

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through the end of April, 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.



Scrapbook and Website

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

Facebook- Heloise Wilson wils4929@bellsouth.net

Website- Kristy Coughlin coughline@bellsouth.net

Special Occasions



Mary Harmon	April 4
Kristy Coughlin	April 29
Peggy Wilson	April 30



-no anniversaries this month-

Hostess(es) for Meeting

Coordinator	Devotional
Mary Harmon	Lois Wolfe

Next Newsletter Deadline: April 25, 2023



State website: gfwcgeorgia.org



National website: gfwc.org