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NEWSLETTER



A Message from Our President

Another year is well underway! The holidays seem like they were so long ago. Part of that feeling is that we have muddled through year end reporting.

Thank you for all the effort you put into getting annual reports done. We don't do the things we do for points. We do it because we care about our communities and our world, and we desire to make a positive impact. It was fun going through records last June to see what our club has done and how things have changed over the last 60 years. Somewhere along the lines someone will look at the records of what we accomplished in 2023 with a small group of women, and it will give them the encouragement to keep on going!

Memories of reporting are behind us and now thoughts of filling our community with joy and cookies through MCWC projects this year is all that we can think of now!

The February meeting is just around the corner, and it will take a little bit different shape than it has in the past. The February meeting will be a project meeting. Angela has two art community service projects for us to do. Both will benefit assisted living or nursing homes. We know that making Valentine Wreaths and Easter Bunnies will bring us joy, but we are more excited about how much joy they will bring to the residents.

At the February meeting we will have a birthday celebration beginning at 5:30! We will be celebrating Cookie, Lorelei, Renee, & Brenda!

Hopefully all CSP and committee info has made it to the newsletter. Because we will not be having business meetings at our monthly gatherings, it is important that you read the newsletter in its entirety. If you have information that did not make it to the newsletter or that you feel needs to be emphasized at the meeting,

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please write down what you need to share and give it to your presidents to share during the announcement time.

We all met together at the January meeting to discuss CSPs and the projects for this year. Because we all worked on all of it together, we do not need to go over them again in the February meeting.

Lastly, we hope that you will support the State Bunco event hosted by the Central West District benefiting Wellspring Living on February 24th at 3 pm at the church. You can buy tickets and find out more information via this link <https://gfwcgeorgia.files.wordpress.com/2023/10/let-the-good-times-roll-1.pdf>.

Please invite a friend to join us on February 1st at 5:30 for our social time and at 6 for projects and a short meeting. Please keep each of our members in your prayers. We continue to have a lot of sickness in our communities and in our club.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS



Environment

As we look forward to the new year, let's take a quick look back at some of our accomplishments in 2023. Continuing with our recycling theme, we were introduced to Free cycling. This is a way to find free stuff or give it away. If you would like to refresh your memory, just click here. <https://www.freecycle.org/>

We also kept harmful chemicals and recyclable materials out of our landfills and water supplies by disposing of outdated prescriptions, batteries, and printer cartridges properly. We worked alongside the youth in our communities by participating in the 7 Cities Initiative Litter Pick Up, as well as the Pleasant Grove Elementary School STEM Kite Day.

In South Sudan, we helped raise funds to make it possible for women to care for their children, and young girls to attend school. We also learned from Dr. Aubrey Dyer that not all drinking water is as safe as we might think.

Publix grocery stores have bins in front of the store for recycling such things as various plastics and egg cartons. Please record the time that you spend reading about or researching environmental issues, planning or working in your garden or yard, picking up litter while you walk, and time/money spent on recycling. Of course, if you attend environmental events that can be recorded as well. Your recorded time counts toward the end-of-year Environment

Report for our club. We do FAR more than we remember, so please try to keep up with your environmental efforts, you will probably notice patterns that will be easier to record. We don't have to win any awards, but to look back at the good that you do is important and just feels good. If any of you come across an interesting event or issue, please share it with me so we can share it with all.

We hope to start working on the prayer garden at Morrow First Baptist in the near future, and of course, continue to be good stewards of this beautiful planet that we call home.



Special Project: Women's History Resource Center

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Did you know that GFWC Facebook has "WHRC Wednesdays" on the GFWC FB page? Every Wednesday, there is something new to learn. Have any of you watched the series, "The Gilded Age"? It's a period piece from Julian Fellowes, who wrote and created "Downton Abbey". Below is the January 17, 2024, WHRC Wednesday entry, which is of particular interest for "Gilded Age" viewers and federated women. It turns out that Emily Warren Roebling, who completed the Brooklyn Bridge project when her husband became ill (Season 2 of the series) was also a GFWC member! Read the story below and be sure to visit GFWC Facebook, especially on Wednesdays for other interesting details about our federation's history.

GFWC

Jan 17

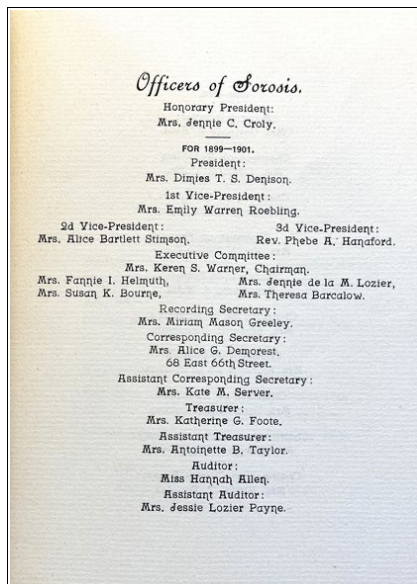
It's WHRC Wednesday! Emily Warren Roebling (1843-1903) is having a bit of a moment, thanks to her recent portrayal on the tv series "The Gilded Age." If she hasn't popped up on your television, historical novel, or social media feed, Roebling was an engineer who stepped in when her husband, Washington Roebling, became ill and unable to finish a project... a paltry little thing called the Brooklyn Bridge, completed in 1883. It's a great story, and it's fantastic that in recent years she's been getting her due.

But for our purposes, there's even more - and huge thanks to the GFWC members who alerted the WHRC to the fact that Roebling was a dedicated clubwoman and an active member of Sorosis (NY). In the 1890s, she served as Chair of Philanthropy and First Vice President for Sorosis; worked with the Board of Lady Managers of the World's Columbian Exposition (1893); and was in charge of the arrangements for the New York State Federation of Women's Clubs 1900 convention in Albany. She was also a member of the DAR, the George Washington Memorial Association, and the Relief Society, and she even went back to school to study law, graduating from NYU in 1899.

Upon her death in 1903, the Brooklyn Daily Eagle noted not only her work on the bridge, but also made sure to add, "The executive ability and intellectuality which enabled her to prove so valuable an assistant and substitute to her husband manifested itself in her club life." So the next time someone mentions Roebling's story to you, make sure you throw in her work with Sorosis, and her connection with GFWC! [#clubwomeninhistory](#) [#clubwomeninaction](#)

Emily Warren Roebling, as shown in her obituary in the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle," March 1, 1903

List of Officers of Sorosis for 1899-1901, including Mrs. Emily Warren Roebling as 1st Vice-President. Club History collection, Sorosis files



Interesting, right? Well, here's something that might catch your attention. If you email Lois Wolfe with something new you learned from GFWC WHRC Wednesdays with the date of post,

your name will be entered in an opportunity drawing that will be held in December for a \$25 Chick-fil-A gift card. As you know, more entries increase opportunities, so email those interesting facts to Lois often during this club year!



On MLK Day, six club members joined parishioners at St. Philip Benizi (SPB) Church in Jonesboro in a “Day On” of Service. The speaker, Karimah Dillard, Director of Policy at the GA Coalition Against Domestic Violence (GCADV) provided an overview of domestic violence in our state. Did you know that every 2 days someone in Georgia dies in a domestic violence incident? In 2022, in our state, there were more than 50,000 reports of domestic violence to law enforcement and twice as many crises calls to domestic violence agencies. Ms. Dillard explained how GCADV collaborates with others to stop domestic violence, advocates for responsive public policy, and empowers survivors.

Three service projects were completed, keeping in mind that MLK Day is a day of service. Donations given by the SPB community and visitors including MCWC members were sorted and boxed for Securus House, a local safe and emergency shelter for all victims of family violence. Cards of hope were crafted for the victims. Letters were composed for state representatives to advocate for more effective policies and services for domestic violence victims. **Samples of the letters will be available at the February club meeting, so members who were unable to participate in the MLK Day event can write their representatives regarding domestic violence legislation.**

The 10th SPB MLK Day Celebration ended with a prayer for victims of domestic violence, distribution of GCADV resources, and an invitation to participate in the “Stand with Survivors” Day at the GA Capitol on February 7 (find details at www.gcadv.org and below).





Coming up soon is another event – **Stand with Survivors Day**

(<https://gcadv.org/>). 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 6 from 10-11:30 am, you will be sent a recording of the session if you register. Members may carpool to the Capitol on the 7th for the 9 am event. **A sign-up sheet for carpooling will be available at the February club meeting.**



Legislation and Public Policy



The Power of You: State Federations and the Legislative Action Center

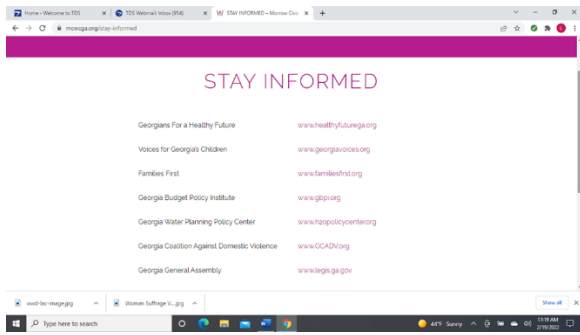
Four members of MCWC registered for "The Power of You: An Advocacy Webinar Series". The final 7th episode occurred on Monday, January 29. Participants learned how to use the GFWC Legislative Action Center (LAC) to bring about change at the state level. The session shared how one club member reading an article in a local paper led to a state federation's support of two pending bills on domestic violence reform.



Soon, we'll celebrate Valentine's Day. Imagine living during a time when women could not vote. You 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.

Now, all women have the right to vote. All club members vote, but 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:

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Among the listed websites is 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!

COMMITTEES



CLAYTON STATE UNIVERSITY 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.



Tallulah Falls School



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Oh My! how we have changed. Look at the hats! Enjoy this excerpt from the book, Tallulah Falls School by E. Lane Gresham. There is a strong interconnection Between Tallulah Falls School and the clubs from across the state that are part of the General Federation of Women's Clubs- Georgia (GFWC Georgia). At the time of the school's founding, this organization was known as the Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs. Mary Ann Lipscomb's impassioned plea to her fellow club members in the early 1900's was what led to the formation of the school. Today the GFWC Georgia club members support the school through financial means and which is located on the TFS campus.



Scrapbook and Website



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

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Special Occasions



Lorelei Bonner February 25

Brenda Rayburn February 16



No one had an Anniversary

Hostess(es) for Meeting

Coordinator	Devotional
Renee Goolsbee	Lorelei Bonner

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