



Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs
**Morrow Civic
Woman's Club**
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June 2024

NEWSLETTER



A Message from Our Presidents

The June meeting will focus on celebrating club life. Our hostesses have a yummy plan of cookies and joy and more to start the meeting off. We will have an announcement from our scholarship committee along with a short business meeting. Among other activities, we will play MCWC bingo as we recall projects and accomplishments of our club.

Please make sure that you are recording the projects and donations that you make or are involved in. Make a list of things that you have done so that you can record it on the sheets at the meeting. If you are not going to be at the meeting, please email the CSP or committee chairs with your hours and dollars spent. It is much easier to keep up with it monthly than to try to recap it at the end of the year.

We do not have a meeting in July, but we know that our focus on our community and involvement in community projects does not stop. Additionally, our social committee has planned a lunch gathering for us at the Whistle Stop Café in Juliette on July 18th at 12 pm. Lastly, we need to adjust the date of our Bunco night in August from the 13th to the 20th.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS



Arts and Culture

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Member Art Show

In August, our show will take place at the Tomato Sandwich Rally. You still have one month to complete your project. Please bring your project to our August meeting so that we can have them ready to display.

Sign-In Sheet

If you have attended any art displays, festivals, plays, or concerts, please fill out needed information on sign-in sheet.



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.

Educational Moment: June 14th is National Flag Day



Flag Day is a holiday celebrated on June 14 in the United States. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777 by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. The Flag Resolution stated, “That the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation.”

On June 14, 1885, a 19-year-old teacher named Bernard J. Cigrand began his campaign to bring a national observance to the American flag. When he was 50, Flag Day was officially established by the Proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson on May 30, 1916. It was not until August 3, 1949, that President Truman signed an Act of Congress designating June 14th of each year as National Flag Day. It is not a Federal Holiday.

Let us show our patriotic pride by asking our family, friends, and neighbors to display the US flag!

June Projects:

- Please bring to our June meeting the following non-perishable items for the First Baptist Church of Morrow's Food Pantry that assists families in our community experiencing food insecurities: Canned Meat, Canned Soup, Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, Rice, Dry Beans, Pasta Sides, and Boxed Milk. ** Please watch expiration dates.

Upcoming August Projects:

- Collect hygiene items such as men & women socks, washcloths, travel size hand sanitizers, travel size toothpastes, toothbrushes, band aids, combs, face masks, bar soap, and sanitary pads to make health kits (using gallon zip lock bags) for our first responders to give out to the homeless.



Education and Libraries

Book swap - You are invited to bring used books you would like to donate to swap with members or give to other groups with needy readers.



Environment

The month of June is packed full of environmental opportunities in all parts of the world.

June 5 World Environment Day

<https://www.worldenvironmentday.global/get-involved/register-activity>

#GenerationRestoration

We can't turn back time, but we can revive water sources, bring back soils, and grow trees and forests.

June 8 World Oceans Day

<http://www.worldoceansday.org>

June 15 Nature Photography Day

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<http://www.nanpavb.org/events/nature-photography-day>

Closer to home on June 22 from 10am to 2pm the

2024 National Pollinator Week Celebration Festival will take place at the Decatur Square. Peter Helfrich (the beekeeper who spoke at our meeting) is the chairman of this event. Decatur will become Bee City USA.

Even though we don't meet in July we can still do our part with recycling.

July is PLASTIC FREE MONTH!

<https://www.plasticfreejuly.org>

A look ahead to August.

Rain Barrels are an EXCELLENT way to conserve water right in your backyard. Join Lois and me at the Atlanta Botanical Garden on Saturday August 3rd from 10 am until Noon to 'Make and Take' your very own rain barrel.

Find registration information at the following website.

Atlanta Botanical Garden

<https://atlantabg.org/events-exhibitions/>

Continuing with a sneak peek into August, let's ALL help pollinators by participating in **The Great Southeastern Pollinator Census**.

<https://gsepc.org/>

'Bee' on the lookout for more information in the newsletter about participation in the Pollinator census coming up on August 23-24.

Until then,

here are some tips for helping pollinators and plants to work together.

- Plant pollinator-friendly plants

Provide food and water for pollinators by planting a variety of flowers, shrubs, and trees that bloom throughout the year. Bees are attracted to blue, purple, violet, white, and yellow flowers, as well as sweet fragrances. You can also include larval host plants for caterpillars to eat to attract butterflies. When planting, choose native plants to your region and diversify the size, shape, and color of your garden. Planting flowers in clumps can also make it easier for pollinators to find food.

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- Provide shelter

Leave fallen logs, plant stems, and leaf litter for pollinators to use for nesting and overwintering. You can also rake leaves into piles and cover them with branches to keep them in place.

- Reduce lawn space

Lawns are a waste of space for pollinators, so consider growing more gardens and fewer lawns.

- Avoid pesticides

Pesticides can be harmful to pollinators, so try to avoid using them or opt for bee-safe and environmentally friendly options.

Let's enjoy some fun in the sun, and care for our planet at the same time!



Health and Wellness

Some dates to remember for June 2024. Let's celebrate all our Cancer survivors on Sunday, June 2, 2024. You can give blood on June 14.

June Health Awareness

- June 1-30: Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month
- June 1-30: Aphasia Awareness Month
- June 1-30: Cataract Awareness Month
- June 1-30: Men's Health Month
- June 1-30: Myasthenia Gravis Awareness Month
- June 1-30: National Cytomegalovirus Awareness Month
- June 1-30: National Migraine & Headache Awareness Month
- June 1-30: National Safety Month
- June 1-30: National Scoliosis Awareness Month
- June 1-30: Professional Awareness Month
- June 1-30: PTSD Awareness Month
- June 1-30: Scleroderma Awareness Month
- June 1-7: National CPR and AED Awareness Week
- June 2: National Cancer Survivors Day
- June 8: World Brain Tumor Day
- June 10-16: Men's Health Week
- June 14: World Blood Donor Day

- June 15: World Elder Abuse Awareness Day
 - June 17-23: World Continence Week
 - June 18: Autistic Pride Day
 - June 19: World Sickle Cell Day
 - June 21: Global MND Awareness Day
 - June 21: International Day of Yoga
 - June 25: World Vitiligo Day
 - June 26: International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking
 - June 25-July 1: Helen Keller Deaf-Blind Awareness Week
 - June 27: National HIV Testing Day
 - June 27: National PTSD Awareness Day
 - June 27: National Sunglasses Day
 - June 29: Rare Chromosome Disorder Awareness Day
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Special Project: Women's History Resource Center (WHRC)

Did you know that GFWC Facebook has "WHRC Wednesdays" on the GFWC Facebook page? Every Wednesday, there is something new to learn. Interesting, right? What is something you have learned over the past weeks? 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!

2025 will mark the 50th year of the Morrow Public Library, and **YES**, MCWC's role in its establishment will be featured in the celebration. On May 9, Lois Wolfe, Mary Harmon, and Feechi Hall met with Scott Parham, Director of Clayton County Library Services. Joining Mr. Parham were Sherri Stanley, Deputy Director and Richard Coleman, Assistant Director. The Clayton County Library System (CCLS) representatives were presented with a notebook of documents that supported MCWC's role in the establishment of the Morrow Library Branch. The CCLS folks were as excited as our club members are about this part of our history! Ideas were discussed and the group of six planned to meet again in August. Mr. Parham said that he would share the news of our history with the Clayton County Library Board of Trustees at their monthly meeting on May 14.



By now, you must have begun your spring cleaning. If not, please allow me to help. No, I am not coming to your home. However, if you bring up to three of your good, but no longer needed items to the June meeting, I will deliver them to the Blessings Thrift Store that is located at 18 Depot Street. Now, if you have more than three items to donate, you may take the additional items to the store, which is open Tuesday-Saturday 9:00am-4:30pm. Donations are accepted on Tuesday-Saturday 9:00am-4:00pm. Remember to record a list of your donations for the end of year Domestic Violence club report. I will have a recording sheet for the items you bring to our meeting in June.

Please note, the Blessings Thrift Store accepts donations of gently used clothing, furniture, household items, toys, and linens. Donors receive a tax donation receipt at the time of donation. For questions, call 770.337.3886. (Just a note: please only bring items I can get in my car. Thank you!)
Lois



Legislation and Public Policy

On May 6, 2024, GA Governor Brian Kemp signed SB324, State Printing and Documents, a Victim-Centered Address Confidentiality Program, and GFWC GA was there! Why was the state organization represented at the signing? Because GFWC GA clubwomen played an important role in supporting SB324 by answering their state's "Call to Action," which was sent out via GFWC's Legislative Action Center (LAC).

How did this alert ultimately come about? It began on February 6, when GFWC GA clubwomen participated in a webinar that prepared them for attending Capitol Day on February 7 with the GA Coalition Against Domestic Violence (GCADV). At the Capitol, Senator Kim Jackson, a Sponsor of SB324, welcomed support from GFWC GA. Working together with Karimah Dillard, GCADV Policy Director, Juliet Casper, GFWC Legislation and Public Policy Chairman, and Debby Bryant, GFWC Legislative Consultant, Lois Wolfe, GFWC GA Legislation and Public Policy Chair (and MCWC member) sent urgent messages to state clubwomen to support SB324. On March 20, the **GFWC LAC Action Alert** was sent out and clubwomen across the state got busy answering it! Thank you, MCWC clubwomen, for being a part of the response! In short, SB324 passed the Senate and House and was sent to Governor Brian Kemp for his signature.

The personal address confidentiality of victims is critical in preventing future harm and in reducing the survivors' fear and isolation. With the passing of SB324, now Act 582, lives can be saved!



Lois with Senator Jackson of District 41 and SB324 Sponsor and Karimah Dillard, GCADV Director of Policing

COMMITTEES



Budget and Finance

Ladies Luncheon

Thanks to all club sisters for your hard work in making the ladies luncheon a huge success. Even though the attendance was low, everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. We still have ticket money out for this event. If you haven't turned in your money, please bring it to our June meeting and give it to Peggy. At the August meeting, I'll give a recap.



Scholarship Committee

The MCWC Scholarship Committee has reviewed the Andrea Lane Memorial Scholarship applications received by the May 1st deadline. On June 6th, the committee will present to membership the applicant selected as this year's recipient of the \$1,000 financial award.



Tallulah Falls School

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Congratulations to the Class of 2024! TFS graduates from the Class of 2024 have been accepted to more than 140 outstanding colleges and universities and earned more than \$8 million in scholarships.



Scrapbook and Website



Pam Adamson and Joy Lanier supporting the Front Porch Players.

The pictures from the ladies luncheon.

As we engage in our work, remember to take pictures, and email them to
Scrapbook, Instagram, and Facebook- Heloise Wilson wils4929@bellsouth.net

Website- Kristy Coughlin coughline@bellsouth.net

Special Occasions



Linda Harrelson

June 23

Betty Bush

June 5

Angelia Wright

July 5



Ernesteene and David Knowles

June 26

Joy and Bill Lanier

June 10

Hostess(es) for Meeting

Coordinator	Devotional	Hostess
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Renee Goolsbee	Peggy Wilson	Lois Wolfe
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State website: gfwcgeorgia.org



National website: gfwc.org