



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

September 2024



A Message from Our President

Last week it felt like Fall had arrived early, but this week summer is back in full swing! We've had a good month. The August meeting was a great project meeting and September will be another project meeting geared to serving our communities.

Morrow Civic Woman's Club was well represented at Leads and at Institute. Both meetings were informative and inspiring.

The Bunco fundraiser was so much fun! It was good to see former members and enjoy fellowship together. I laughed so hard during a couple rounds that my stomach hurt. Bunco is a lot of work but it's up and done in one day!

In September we have two opportunities to participate in events related to the Day of Service. The first is on September 12th, when we will feed the residents at the Calvary Refuge Center. This is a family oriented homeless shelter which assists individuals to transition from homelessness to self-sufficiency. The second opportunity is on September 25th when we will put together food from the FBC Morrow food pantry and provide it to families requesting help. Please read the newsletter for more information on both these opportunities.

Please register for the fall district meeting which will be held at the Methodist Children's Home in Macon on September 14th. Registration is due by September 6th.

Let's be intentional about reporting the hours we spend on areas related to projects in our plans of work. How long did you spend observing insects in your garden? Did you get carried away and get inspired to do more gardening? How many hours did you spend on volunteer activities? How much money did you spend collecting school supplies or on food to contribute to food pantries? Did you go to any plays or art exhibits? Did you write letters to your elected officials, did you go to a city council or county commissioner's meeting or perhaps a school board meeting? All of these are things and more can be logged in for various CSPs.

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The September meeting will be a project night. We will have a brief business meeting after our social time and then will move into projects directed by the Education and Library Community Service Programs. Please read the newsletter and bring items for as requested so that we have a successful project night. If you have something to bring up during the business meeting, please let Joy or Cookie know so that we can put you on the agenda.

It's not too early to begin talking about pecans to your friends. It will be pecan time before you know it!

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS



Arts and Culture

Thanks to Cookie, Peggy, and Angelia for bringing items for the Members Art Show which was held at our club's Bunco fundraiser. There were some beautiful items displayed.



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: Constitution Day and Citizenship Day

Constitution Day commemorates the formation and signing of the U.S. Constitution by thirty-nine brave men on September 17, 1787, recognizing all who are born in the U.S. or by naturalization, have become citizens.

Below is some information about one of those Founding Fathers: Abraham Baldwin

One of Abraham Baldwin's strongest beliefs was that education was the key behind the development of the American frontier, including states like Georgia. Mr. Baldwin turned down a highly sought after teaching position as professor of divinity at Yale; however the governor at the time, Lyman Hall, induced him to undertake on the heavy responsibility of developing an educational plan for secondary and post-secondary education in Georgia.

Upon his election to the Georgia House of Representatives, Abraham Baldwin introduced an educational plan that included land grants from the State of Georgia to fund a new University – the University of Georgia, in

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Athens, GA. Under his guidance and direction, UGA was to become the very first state-chartered educational institution when it was incorporated on January 27, 1785. UGA was a State university which was run on State funds, assuring that youth had the option to attend higher education if they wanted to but could not afford to. UGA was designed to be quite similar to Yale, where Mr. Baldwin attended University.

Abraham Baldwin moved to Georgia where he received the necessary approval through the legislature to practice law. He then applied for a land grant in Wilkes County. Later in his political career, Abraham Baldwin sat in the assembly as well as the Continental Congress. His work in the formulation of the Articles of Confederation was invaluable.

Mr. Baldwin continued to remain involved in politics during the years that he was President at the University of Georgia. He served five terms consecutively starting in 1789, in the US House of Representatives, as well as two terms also consecutive, from 1799 to 1807 in the U.S. Senate.

September Projects:

- Please bring to 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 Green Beans, Corn, Peas, Black or Kidney Beans; Soups; Peanut Butter; Flour; Sugar; and Corn Bread, Cake, or Muffin mixes. ** Please watch expiration dates.
- Two Opportunities for GFWC Day of Service:
 1. Prepare food for and serve at Calvary Refuge Center in Forest Park on Thursday, September 12th at 6:00 PM. Renee Goolsbee will have a sign-up sheet for food and servers.
 2. Assemble food distribution boxes on Wednesday, September 25 at First Baptist Church of Morrow Food Pantry. Time: 1:00-3:00 PM

Upcoming November Projects:

- Partnering with Quilts of Valor to host a county wide presentation at First Baptist Church of Morrow November 7th.



Education and Libraries

Come ready to work at the September meeting. The Education CSP is planning an evening of hands-on preparation of treat bags and notes of appreciation for the faculty and support staff of Mt. Zion Primary School. No donations to bring. All supplies will be provided. We will divide into two groups: one for writing notes, one for filling treat bags. The treat bags and school supplies that were collected at the August meeting will be delivered to the school on September 12.

If there are questions about the plans for this activity, call or text Cookie Keene.



Environment

GFWC Georgia held its annual Institute the weekend of August 17 & 18 in Albany Georgia. Hopefully, everyone enjoyed the sessions during the weekend, especially the Environment presentation on Saturday afternoon. The participants learned more about garbage, plastics, the Great Southeast Pollinator Census, and a toilet paper that is made from bamboo. The book, Total Garbage written by

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Edward Humes was discussed, along with the 8 R's of recycling. Members were encouraged to participate in the Great Southeast Pollinator Census, and were quickly guided through the process of recording and reporting. Hopefully all MCWC members were able to join in the count.

CHARM is an organization with 2 locations in the Atlanta area. Please learn about and how to dispose of Hard to Recycle Materials. <https://livethrive.org/charm/>

Who Gives A Crap? This organization uses 50% of it's profits to build toilets around the world. The use of bamboo in the toilet paper saves thousands of acres of virgin timber each year. Learn more https://us.whogivesacrap.org/?utm_source=microsoft&utm_medium=paid_search&utm_campaign=392406867&utm_term=who%20gives%20a%20crap&utm_content=1323813095194250&utm_source=microsoft&utm_medium=paid_search&utm_campaign=*WGAC%20Brand%20%7C%20US&utm_agid=1323813095194250&utm_term=who%20gives%20a%20crap&device=c&placement=&utm_content=1323813095194250&utm_a=1323813095194250&msclkid=1a4ca64e97181383b03bc082758cb890

Learn more about the environmental issues discussed at Institute.

Presentation for GFWC Ga Institute Environment August 17, 2024

The 8 R's... A Look at a book... **Total Garbage** by Edward Humes

The Great Southeast Pollinator Census <https://www.gsepc.org/>

. QR code will take you to the website for information and uploading census counts.



You may sign up for the newsletter and find a PowerPoint to aid in preparation for the count days on August 23 & 24.

Downloads of

2024 counting sheets, insect counting and identification guides, as well as corresponding pamphlets are available here.

You can also join

the Southeast Pollinator Census Facebook and Instagram.

View The Pollinator Census-How-to and History <https://youtube/LNgrSzuGRQc>

Goals for Pollinator Census project

1. To create sustainable pollinator habitat by educating gardeners about using plants that provide nutrition for our pollinators while handling our summer droughts and do not have disease or pest insect pressure.
2. To increase the entomological literacy of our citizens. As I mentioned to one teacher, we want students to go from "oooo, it's a bug" to "look at the tarsal claw on that bee!"
3. To generate useful data about our pollinator populations, so we can begin to spot trends and see how pollinator populations are affected by weather and how honey bees influence native bee populations.

A Tip to Try before the actual days of counting...practice a time or two to see how it goes.

Pollinator plants are VITAL in supporting pollinators that visit your gardens. The seed packets will help you get a good start on your pollinator journey. It is important to select plants that will tolerate the climate conditions in your area.

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Remember... No plants...No pollinators...No pollinators...No food. No food...NO GOOD!



WHO GIVES A CRAP?

Toilet paper from bamboo? Who Gives a Crap? <https://us.whogivesacrap.org/pages/home>

The toilet paper that is made from bamboo, NOT virgin timber. What a great idea... I can vouch for this product, I use it, it is good stuff.

Who Gives A Crap started when we learned that 2.4 billion people don't have access to a toilet (now 2 billion – yay for progress!).

That's roughly 40% of the global population and means that around 289,000 children under five die every year from diarrheal diseases caused by poor water and sanitation.

That's almost 800 children per day, or one child every two minutes.

Simon sat on a toilet in our draughty warehouse and refused to move until we had raised enough pre-orders to start production. 50 hours and one cold bottom later, we'd raised over \$50,000 ([see the video here!](#))

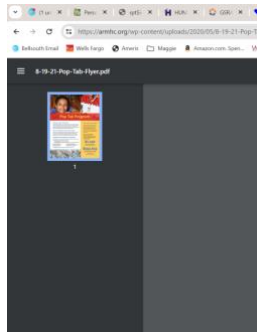
We delivered our first product in March 2013 and have been thrilled to keep growing ever since. Not just because our toilet paper is gracing bathrooms across the country but also because **we donate 50% of our profits to help build toilets and improve sanitation in the developing world.**



Health and Wellness

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The GFWC Health and Wellness Community Service program encourages members to explore the various opportunities in their clubs and communities for awareness and advancement of nutrition, disease prevention, and physical and emotional care.



We will collect can pop tops at each meeting.

September is Healthy Aging Month. Find activities and more information at this [link](#)



September 10 is World Suicide Prevention Day. <https://www.iasp.info/wspd/>

[This is an article specifically about suicide in Women and Girls.](#)



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

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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.

MCWC's role in the establishment of the Morrow Public Library is beginning to be recognized. Check out https://claytonpl.org/page/ccls_history/index.php [Library \(claytonpl.org\)](https://claytonpl.org)

As work begins in preparation for the 50th Anniversary of our club's role in establishing the Morrow Library, club members are being invited to support the branch in various ways. One is happening soon. We have been asked to help with a Back-to-School Resource Fair on Tuesday, September 17, between 4:30-6pm. Our role will be signing parents up for library cards and helping them see how the library is a resource. Basically, all we need to do is to show up with smiles wearing club nametags and a willingness to help. Please contact Lois Wolfe if you can be present.



Before the start of school in Henry and Clayton Counties, MCWC partnered with Rahiem Keith, owner of the Sick Wit It Barbershop, in delivering 52 backpacks filled with school supplies to two local domestic violence shelters, Haven House and Securus House.



A Look Ahead...

In October, which is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, a GFWC press release on how MCWC supports local shelters will be submitted to the local media. During the club's October meeting, Lois Wolfe will share information she received during the DV Awareness session at the 2024 GFWC annual Convention. Additionally, club members will build "birthday boxes" during the October MCWC meeting. Please bring in October any of the following: general themed birthday party items such as a plastic tablecloth, plates, napkins, plastic forks, juice boxes, stickers, birthday banner, and non-melting candy in original purchase bag. Also, bring items that could be used as gifts such as art supplies, puzzles, blocks, stuffed animals, or books. A reminder of the birthday box project will be shared in the October newsletter



Legislation and Public Policy

During the recent GFWC GA Institute in Albany, Georgia, five club members helped write postcards to newly eligible voters. Sparkle K. Adams, Executive Director of the Walking in Authority Teen Council (WIATC), is assisting in delivering the postcards to local high school students through the Georgia Secretary of

State's Student Ambassador Program that provides opportunities for high school students to promote voting and civic engagement to their peers.

National Voter Registration Day is Tuesday, September 17. If you would like to help Clayton State University with their voter registration drive, contact Lois Wolfe. Details on the time we would need to be present is still being determined by the planning committee.

COMMITTEES



Budget and Finance

A big **thank you** to all club members for making Bunco a successful fundraiser. A special thanks to Renee for organizing the event. Please bring any ticket money to our September meeting and give to Peggy.

A reminder from our club treasurer

All CSP chairs and committee chairs, please start turning in check requests. The month of November will be the last time for requests.



Scholarship Committee

Jenelle Charlton-Broomes met club members during the August meeting. She shared her gratitude for the \$1,000 financial award. A news story and photo was submitted to the Clayton News Daily regarding this year's Andrea Lane Memorial Scholarship. Here is the submission:

Clayton News

Submit News Submission

Submission ID: 462

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YOUR NEWS

News Story Since 1982, the Morrow Civic Woman's Club, which is part of the General Federation of Women's Clubs in Georgia, has provided financial awards at Clayton State University to women, age 25+, attending college for the first time. Pictured is Jenelle Charlton-Broomes, the 2024 recipient of the \$1,000 Andrea Lane Memorial Scholarship. Congratulations is extended to Jenelle! To learn more about the Morrow Civic Woman's Club that was instituted in 1962, visit <https://www.mcwcga.org>. In looking ahead, the 2025 Andrea Lane Memorial Scholarship application will be posted on the non-profit's website in **February 2025**.

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Tallulah Falls School

This is what Google says about my high school! We will give a donation to Tallulah Falls and the students soon!

Tallulah Falls School is a private boarding and day school located in the town of Tallulah Falls, Georgia, United States, within Habersham and Rabun Counties. The school is located on a wooded campus in northeast Georgia on the southern slopes of Cherokee Mountain at the foothills of the Appalachian chain. [Wikipedia](#)

Address: 201 Campus Dr, Tallulah Falls, GA 30573

Number of students: 467 (2016-2017). 500+ at this time.

Founded: 1909

Colors: Green, Gold

Hours:

Closed · Opens 8 AM

Area: 499 acres

Phone: (706) 754-0400

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Reviews from the web

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From Tallulah Falls School

"Founded in 1909, Tallulah Falls School is an independent, co-educational international boarding and day school serving more than 500 students in grades 5-12. Academics are the primary mission at Tallulah Falls School. The quality of the academic program and the academic success of students are priorities that form the foundation of the school. A dedicated and highly qualified faculty, outstanding facilities, a broad and challenging curriculum, small classes, and eager, motivated students all contribute to the accomplishment of academic goals."



Scrapbook and Website

Bunco pictures to share.



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

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Special Occasions



Pam Ashman

9/27



Kristy and Ed

9/28

Coughlin

Hostess(es) for Meeting

Coordinator	Hostess	Devotional
Renee Goolsbee	Joy Lanier	Pam Ashman



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