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Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs  
**Morrow Civic  
Woman's Club**  
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# MARCH 2025

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# NEWSLETTER



## A Message from Our Presidents

Greetings to everyone, and let's welcome the change of seasons as spring is on the way. Here's information on the upcoming meetings for your planning:

At the March meeting, Arts and Culture will present the program. We will be doing a hands-on activity. In April, we will have a speaker from Clayton County Friends of the Library, pay tribute to Library Month and the preparations for the celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Morrow Branch Library.

Reminders: Please pay your 2025 dues for membership renewal, read the CSP and Committee messages in the newsletter, contact Peggy Wilson to secure the program month for specific programs or activities.

At the March meeting, please record activities, expenses and hours for the individual CSP.

The Call for District meeting was sent out, in a February 8 email. The spring meeting will be held in Bremen, Saturday March 22. Registration is requested by March 14.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone on March 6.

Joy and Cookie

## An Announcement from our Vice President

Schedule for Speakers/ Activities 2025  
GFWC Georgia Morrow Civic Woman's Club

January – Discussion of Plans of Work

February – Plans of Work

March – Arts and Culture

April – Education

May- Environment

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June – (OPEN)  
July – No Club Meeting  
August – Scholarship Recipient  
September – Library  
October – Health and Wellness  
November – Quilts of Valor  
December – Holiday Party

**\*\* If you need to change your planned time, please call Peggy Wilson.**

## COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

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### Arts and Culture

Arts & Culture is sponsoring an art supplies drive for McGarrah Elementary. We are asking each club member to bring one or more of the following items to our March meeting: 1 box Sharpie Black Ultra Fine markers, student incentive reward trinkets, yarn or yarn scraps, water soluble block printing ink tubes, mini hot glue sticks-.28" round, and any art supplies of your choice. Mr. Ables, the art teacher is very thankful for all the given supplies.

On Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, our club will be sponsoring McGarrah Elementary's third annual Student Art Show. If you would like to help with the judging of art entries, please meet us at the school's office at 10:30. Then we will go to the library. The judging will take about an hour.

For our March meeting program, members will be making angels that will be delivered to an assisted living home. Please make plans to join us for this fun activity.



### 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: The National Woman Suffrage Parade**

On March 3, 1913, 5000 women marched up Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C. to demand the right to vote. The march was the first large political march on Washington and the first civil rights march to use the U.S. Capitol as a backdrop.

#### What Happened:

- The march took place the day before Woodrow Wilson's inauguration as the 28th president.
- The march was organized by Alice Paul and Lucy Burns for the National American Woman Suffrage Association (NAWSA).
- The marchers carried banners, sashes, postcards, letters, and photographs.
- The march included bands, mounted brigades, floats, an allegorical pageant, and a contingent of male supporters.
- The march was challenging due to segregation at the time.
- The march was a turning point in the fight for the vote.

#### Who Participated:

- Inez Milholland led the march on a white horse.
- Fola La Follette, a Broadway actress, led the actress group.
- Lillian Wald, founder of community nursing, led the nurses' section.
- Ellen Spencer Mussey, a D.C. attorney, led women lawyers in the procession

#### How the GFWC supported the suffrage:

- In 1914, the GFWC passed a resolution supporting political equality for women and men.
- The GFWC's magazine kept members informed of efforts to pass a national suffrage amendment.
- The GFWC's activities helped make suffrage a mainstream cause for middle-class women.

#### **March Projects:**

- **Please bring to our March 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 Beans, Canned Corn, Canned Chicken, Canned Salmon, Canned Tuna, and Canned Tomatoes. \*\* Please watch expiration dates.**
- **Days for Girls – We will be collecting the following items at our March meeting to help this organization in their mission to help menstruating girls and young women around the world:**
  1. **100% cotton or cotton blends of underwear for Girls (sizes 8-16)**  
**100% cotton or cotton blends underwear for Women (sizes 5-8)**  
**NOTE: They want SOLID Colors (meaning no images or words or girly glam) in order to be culturally sensitive. BEST panty or Brief choices are:**

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**Classic briefs, High-cut briefs, full briefs, Hipster OR Bikini. They DON'T ACCEPT boyshorts, Tanga, Thong, or G-String.**

- 2. 100% Cotton Washcloths – NO white or microfiber**
- 3. Soap – 1oz or less bar**
- 4. 100% Woven Cotton fabric – Used to make shields**
- 5. 100% Cotton Flannel – Used for the liners     NOTE: All fabrics must be new and unlaundered. Bright, colorful, stain busting fabrics work best!**
- 6. Snaps – any color is fine as long as they are Size 20**
- 7. Thread – any color polyester thread, Orange is the most helpful color**
- 8. Measuring tape**
- 9. 5/8" grosgrain ribbon any color, Orange is the most helpful color**
- 10. Drawstring Threader**

### **Upcoming Projects:**

- April - Day of Service: We will volunteer at the FBC of Morrow food pantry (TBD) and/or Compassion Ministries food pantry (Fayette Friendship Community Church) in Fayetteville (TBD)



### **Education and Libraries**

Education and Libraries will sponsor a year-long collection of children's books, new and very gently used, for the Books or Little Hands collection. This is a state initiative of the GFWC GA President Cathy Jones to provide books for as many children as possible through community book collections. Donated books are welcomed each month. There will be a box labeled Books for Little Hands, and a chart to record number of books, dollars spent, hours of time.

The April meeting will highlight Library month, with a presenter from the Clayton County Friends of the Library.

Save the Date: Saturday, March 29, 1:00-4:00, Clayton County Schools Staff Development Center, Battletcreek Rd, volunteers are needed to be greeters, and general helpers for the Clayton County Schools Spelling Bee. Call or text Cookie Keene if you can share some time that afternoon.

At the March meeting, information will be distributed about ESO: Epsilon Sigma Omicron. ESO is an opportunity for club members to support reading for personal enrichment, encourage book discussion groups, build home libraries and promote greater use of public libraries.



### **Environment**

As we move forward into another year of service, there are a few things to keep in mind concerning our Environment CSP goals and plan of work.

Things to do...

Consider volunteering and donating time to work with county humane societies. Also please check your linen closets for towels have seen their better days, they can be used in shelters. No specific dates for contribution, just bring them to the meeting and they will be collected and taken to shelters.

Continue to recycle at home and pick up litter in your community.

Continue to establish a relationship with the Morrow Branch Library and work with them on issues concerning the environment.

Stay tuned for ways to address our 2025 Environment Plan of Work.

**“We don’t inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children.”**

**Chief Seattle**



### **Environment and Georgia Legislation**

**GFWC GA Clubwomen, consider contacting your representatives to protect the Okefenokee Swamp. Below is information regarding HB561.**

**<https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/70612>**

HB561 – Okefenokee Protection Act – a Bill to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia annotated, relating to



### **Health and Wellness**

**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.**

March is National Nutrition Month, so it is a great time to reflect on your personal nutrition. [My Plate](#) has some good tools to get you started. Click the link and see all that is available to you. Record the amount of time you spend working on and implementing your plan. You may want to also check out [this website](#) from the FDA which explains how to read nutrition labels, and what it all means.

For the March meeting, Health and Wellness is teaming up with Civic Engagement and asking you to bring in nutritious, non-perishable food items to donate to the Morrow First Baptist food pantry.

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**We will collect can pop tops at each meeting.**



### **Special Project: Women's History Resource Center (WHRC)**

Did you know that GFWC Facebook has "WHRC Wednesdays" on the GFWC FB page? Every Wednesday, there is something new to learn. Interesting, right? The most recent posting celebrated February's National Library Lovers Month by sharing the stories of two librarians who had impacts on their field: Mary Lemist Titcomb and Dorothy B. Porter. You can read about them on the GFWC FB page – February 19 entry.

MCWC club members LOVE libraries, especially the Morrow Branch! Be sure that during March, you visit the library to view our MCWC Women's History Month display. Now, if you attend the March 10 event at the Morrow Branch at 1-3 pm for the online Road Scholar lecture, "Blazing a Trail to Congress – Historic Firsts for Women," you'll see our exhibit of MCWC's historic firsts!

And that's not all! Visit the Clayton State University's Archives Women's History Month exhibit. You'll be pleased to see it features our club's involvement in the establishment of the Clayton County Library System's Morrow Library. The exhibit is a look ahead to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Morrow Branch that will be held in August/September (actual day TBD).

So MUCH history, so LITTLE time!





## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND



## Legislation and Public Policy

The following Call to Action was sent by the GA Coalition Against Domestic Violence on February 20.



All open solicitations have been removed from the OVW (Office of Violence Against Women) website. Our domestic violence programs rely heavily on Federal funding and any threats to this funding will put survivors' lives in danger. The chaos, frustration, and fear that has reverberated throughout our movement since the first executive order is palpable.

Not having access to federal funds would endanger access to essential services for survivors, including emergency shelter, legal representation, mental health care, and more. Programs will be forced to immediately end lifesaving services, lay off staff, and even close their doors entirely to survivors and their children who are fleeing abuse and have nowhere else to go. Without access to federally funded services, victims may be forced to stay in unsafe situations while struggling to regain their independence and rebuild their lives.

Reach out to your legislators now through email or phone!

**POLICY UPDATE**

**HB177 HAS PASSED**  
OUT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**ADDING PETS TO TPOS**

NO SURVIVOR SHOULD HAVE TO DECIDE BETWEEN LEAVING AN ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIP OR RISKING THEIR SAFETY TO PROTECT THEIR PETS

### ADDING PETS TO TPOS

- ABUSERS OFTEN USE PETS TO CONTROL, COERCE AND INTIMIDATE VICTIMS - OFTEN TO GET THEM TO STAY OR TO KEEP CHILDREN FROM REPORTING THE ABUSE.
- 71% OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS REPORT THAT THEIR ABUSERS THREATENED OR HARMED THEIR FAMILY PETS.
- OUR NEIGHBORS IN FLORIDA, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TENNESSEE INCLUDE PETS IN PROTECTIVE ORDER PETITIONS, GEORGIA IS ONE OF ONLY 9 STATES THAT DO NOT.
- 48% OF VICTIMS DELAY LEAVING OR RETURN TO AN ABUSIVE SITUATION OUT OF FEAR FOR THE SAFETY OF A BELOVED PET.
- GA RANKS IN THE TOP 10 OF STATES WITH THE HIGHEST INCIDENCES OF ANIMAL CRUELTY OFFENSES.
- 30% OF GEORGIA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTERS HAVE BECOME PET-FRIENDLY AND THREE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTERS HAVE ADDED PET SHELTERS TO THEIR EMERGENCY DV SHELTERS.

**BRING GEORGIA IN ALIGNMENT WITH MOST OF THE COUNTRY, ADD PETS TO TEMPORARY PROTECTIVE ORDERS (TPOS)**

## COMMITTEES

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### Budget and Finance

At the March meeting, we will be discussing the 2025 MCWC proposed budget. Before the meeting, you will receive an email with the budget. Please review and bring any questions to the meeting along with your copy of the budget.

If you haven't paid your \$55.00 club dues, please plan to pay at the March meeting.



### Scholarship Committee

Dr. Alex Hall, Professor of Philosophy at Clayton State University (CSU), shared the Andrea Lane Memorial Scholarship opportunity with eligible students. Additionally, Feechi Hall is posting the financial opportunity in conjunction with promoting MCWC's Archives collection during Women's History Month. Scholarship applications are beginning to be received!

The due date of May 1, 2025, 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](http://www.mcwcga.org). Interested candidates can click the COMMUNITY OUTREACH tab to take them to the online application at <https://mcwcga.org/community-outreach/scholarship>



### Tallulah Falls School

MCWC has been a friend of Tallulah Falls School for many years. There has been several students from the South Atlanta Metropolitan Counties that have attended my old High School. We support TFS in many ways every year. We give to the general scholarship fund and the Elaine Singley Chandler Memorial Scholarship (formerly the Light In The Mountains Perpetual Scholarship). Many of us knew and admired Elaine former GFWC Georgia president. We also give to the current GFWC Georgia President's Project- "Guardians of the Gateway". This fund will be used to enhance the entrance to Tallulah Falls School.

There is no doubt that TFS made a difference when it was started by The GFWC Georgia ladies. There are pictures shared of the old school on Facebook and the school's website. Here is one of students I saw recently. It is a picture of the students on a field trip to learn more about where they live and what the nature around them could teach them. It appears there is always an element of adventure. They are on a single log bridge. When I attended TFS, I almost drank a whole lake trying to learn how to ski. We were on an overnight trip to Lake Rabun to learn a science lesson or two on an overnight trip.





Recently, the Students celebrated the many cultures of the school during their International Day. International week concluded with the annual performance from the international students complete with music, stories, customs, dance, and food. This experience brings the students together as they celebrate everyone's diversity!





## Scrapbook and Website What was happening last year?

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*KEEP US O LORD FROM PETTINESS. LET US BE LARGE IN THOUGHT, IN WORD AND DEED.*



**Peggy and her Senate Resolution 648**

**Peggy Wilson amongst (LtoR) Burt Jones, Lieutenant Governor, Lois Wolfe, Julie Walters, Second Vice President GFWC, Mary Harmon**

**Congratulations, Peggy Wilson, who was recognized for being selected as GFWC GA's Jennie Award recipient! Today, March 18, 2024, Peggy was honored through Senate Resolution 648 by Senators Davenport of the 44th, Anderson of the 43rd and Parent of the 42nd. Adopted in the Senate February 21, 2024. "BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body congratulate and commend Mrs. Peggy Wilson, the GFWC Georgia, and Morrow Civic Woman's Club."**

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*LET US TAKE TIME FOR ALL THINGS*



**Lois Wolfe and Mary Harmon enjoying the presentation**

**With Wendy Carriker, GFWC International 2nd Vice President**

**Pointing to Presidential Visit**

**Morrow Civic Woman's Club Members, Mary Harmon and Lois Wolfe attended the 2024 GFWC International History Month Celebration at GFWC Headquarters**

As we engage in our work, remember to take pictures, and email them to Scrapbook and Facebook- Heloise Wilson [wils4929@bellsouth.net](mailto:wils4929@bellsouth.net) or mcwccorrespond18@gmail.com Website- Kristy Coughlin [coughline@bellsouth.net](mailto:coughline@bellsouth.net)

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## Special Occasions/Social Committee

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**Join us  
Front Porch Players  
March 7-9 &  
14-16**

**Birthday Celebration  
March 18<sup>th</sup>  
11:30 am  
Mesquite Mexican Grill  
Hudson Bridge Rd.  
Kroger Shopping**



Renee Goolsbee

3/28



Renee and John Goolsbee

3/30

Hostess(es) for Meeting

Coordinator	Hostess	Devotional
Mary Harmon	Kristy Coughlin	Lois Wolfe



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