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Z00M. Welcome to the new Normal

Dear Fellow GFWC Georgia Clubwomen,

It is beginning to look and feel like Fall in North East Georgia as the cool weather is certainly welcome after a hot and humid summer. I enjoyed my time during September and October attending Fall District Meetings. All District Presidents stepped up and were creative during this COVID season as their Fall District Meetings went well and were highly informative. I was delighted to visit one District in-person and then make history with the other Districts who held their first virtual Fall Meeting with clubwomen.



My main emphasis for this Fall Newsletter is to encourage clubs to stay in touch with their club members. If your club does not meet in-person, let me encourage you to come up with a strategy to stay in touch. Outdoor meetings with social distancing are good as you possibly could meet on a club member's patio or maybe visit a park for a day meeting. Clubs could possibly embrace digital change by means of Facebook and remote meetings. Does your club have a Facebook page? If so, have current members post videos about why they joined the club or who you raised money for or provide details about a service project. Share information as well as important dates and promote birthdays. If your club does not meet in-person, host a remote meeting. Have club members meet during a virtual coffee in the morning or share a dessert dish during the evening while having a meeting. But remember, not all your members may be on or utilize social media. Make a list of these members and be sure to give them special care by picking up the phone to reach out to these members, making them feel valued and appreciated. Send cards for birthdays or just "thinking of you" cards. Engage ALL clubwomen! Let us all use this time to make ourselves better by committing to learn new ways to communicate and connect. Step up and take responsibility to figure out what you can do to make your club and community better.

If any club or district does not have a Zoom account and wishes to hold a virtual meeting, you are welcome to use the GFWC Georgia Zoom account. Just contact me and I will be glad to set up a meeting for you.

I thank the 29 Georgia clubwomen who were a part of the virtual Southern Region Meeting. During the Special Order of Business for election of Nominating Committee, Tina Daniel was elected to represent Georgia on the Southern Region Nominating Committee.

With regrets, the December 9th Holiday Open House at the Lipscomb Cottage has been cancelled but I look forward to the creation of the 125th Annual Christmas Tree that will be decorated with pictures from the past, representing GFWC Georgia club's history. Upcoming, we will look forward to a video in early December to allow clubwomen to virtually experience this special 125th tree. The celebration tree will remain decorated throughout December and the 2021 year.

To honor the 100 years from 1922-2022 since our beautiful GFWC headquarters at 1734 N Street in Washington, DC was purchased, we are racing towards a spectacular finale in celebration of this guardianship. Please remember to make your contribution towards the "Run for the Roses" Capital Campaign to assist with the maintenance of GFWC headquarters. Clubs are asked to please include your fifty cents donation per club member when you pay your District Dues

Christmas will be here before we know it. For a special gift thought, please consider making your purchase of a jewelry item through **Starfish Project**. The Starfish Project is an organization that supports women escaping human trafficking and exploitation. It works to help exploited women find freedom, establish independence, and develop careers. The dedicated link to use when making your purchases can be found on Starfish Project GFWC webpage. There will be 25% of the proceeds from any Starfish Project products purchased go to GFWC's Success for Survivors Scholarship through June 28, 2022!

The theme for the GFWC Holiday Open House at Headquarters is "What a Wonderful World!" as the theme will celebrate nature, taking its cue from the French murals that decorate the parlor. This President was excited and proud to mail the hand-painted ornaments to GFWC to represent GFWC Georgia. My appreciation goes to Pat Shaver of the Lilburn Woman's Club, who beautifully created the hand-painted ornaments. As the GFWC Open House at headquarters also has been cancelled during December 2020, President St.Clair informs good things are yet to come that includes a holiday webinar in early December showcasing the decorations at GFWC Headquarters.

We are on the countdown to Savannah. Make plans to attend and be a part as we celebrate the 125th Annual Convention during April 9-11, 2021 as we "Glimpse the Future, View the Past".

My best to you and your family during the upcoming holiday seasons. May your home be blessed with family and friends along with much happiness and many SMILES. In Federated Service,
Shelby Holland

Kim's Sensational Sidekicks

Happy fall y'all! I am so excited for you to see how our members have been in action. Please take the time to read the reports from your District Presidents (aka my Sensational Sidekicks). I am so proud of this dynamic group of leaders and of all the work you have been able to accomplish despite the limited opportunities to gather. In this season of Thanksgiving, I am thankful for each of you. I am thankful for your friendship and for the devotion and love we share for our communities. Keep up the great work!

As we move into reporting mode I want to remind you of a few things regarding the goal sheet. First, each club should absolutely **complete and submit the Goal Sheet report**. Your District Presidents are counting on you to do this. The Ester Barnes Gavel Award is determined from these reports. Please support your DP by completing the Goal Sheet.

While the Goal Sheet is fairly self-explanatory, this year has not been so clear! Remember, as you are completing the report, we are accepting "virtual" attendance for 2019 Convention and Institute. You may have a member or members that attended Convention in person as well. We met in Covington in person but the meeting was live-streamed on FB. There was no in person attendance for Institute. You are on your honor to answer these questions on the Goal Sheet. Be sure to poll your membership to see how many attended each of these meetings inn person or virtually.

Please read each question carefully. We want each club to receive all the report points you have earned. If you have any questions, reach out. I'm always happy to help!

My prayer is for 2020 to quietly become the past and for 2021 to be a blessing for us all. I wish you each a reflective and meaningful Thanksgiving and a very merry holiday season. Cheers to 2021 and to seeing and hugging you all again soon!

Kim Sekulow

What do you know about Ella? The Ella F. White endowment fund was established in 1913.

ELLA F. WHITE ENDOWMENT FUND

The preliminary groundwork for the fund was laid during the administration of Mrs. Ella F. White, President of the Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs 1911-1913. The fund ensures that the GFWC Georgia State Office is well equipped and funded. After Mrs. White's unexpected death while visiting a club in Augusta, the fund was named in her memory. We remember with gratitude the members of that time and the foresight they had to protect the welfare of our state federation.

Currently we draw \$32,000 per year from the interest earned on that fund over time, which we use to support the operations of our state office. Please keep in mind that if we did not have this fund, our current dues would need to be at a minimum of \$20 more per member each year (in addition to our current dues and fundraising efforts). So, you can see how those lovely women so long ago are still helping us today.

It is now our duty to ensure that this fund continues to exist for future members of GFWC Georgia by the actions we take now. Here is how we can help:

Help increase membership - 2% of our net annual dues is added to the principle of this fund each year.

<u>Club contributions</u> of \$25 are requested on state dues vouchers each year. At one time all clubs participated in these contributions, however many clubs have dismissed this action in past years and the total amount of our club contributions has fallen sharply.

<u>Individual contributions</u> of any amount have been given by some of our very generous members. If you have been one of these members, we sincerely thank you and we truly appreciate your support. It is a very satisfying feeling to support our federation in such a lasting way and we hope other members will be inspired to participate in this way as well.

All clubs are encouraged to support the Ella F. White Endowment Fund by educating your members on the importance of this fund for the operation of our State Office. We also encourage clubs to submit a report on your Ella activities to compete for the Carolyn W. Friedlander Award which is a silver tray presented to the club which best promotes the Endowment Fund. Be creative, have fun, and send your reports! Further information about this committee can be found in the GFWC Georgia Yearbook, pages 182-183. Barbara Reynolds

GFWC Georgia Ella F. White Chair

Central East District -PRESIDENT Deborah Brown

Central East District Meeting News

The Central East District had our 2020 Fall Meeting via Zoom on October 3, 2020. We had 47 attendees and 2 guests. We have 16 clubs in our district and 14 clubs were represented. Our district enjoyed hearing from Shelby and Dana, conducted our business and enjoyed seeing each other.

Central East District Project – WAVES

Several years ago, while working at a homeless shelter, I learned that our communities, the country, and the world have 3 main issues: homelessness, food insecurity and clean water. Water is the focus of my District President Project which I am calling WAVES. We use water for agriculture, hydration, cooking, hygiene, and cleaning. All living organisms contain water. It is essential to all life. But our water sources are polluted and drying up. We need to conserve! Did you know that 1% of the earth's total water supply is fresh water? Where is the rest of our global water supply? Well 2% is in icebergs and the remaining 97% is salt water. This 1% of fresh water must supply the world with water at 21% for daily use, agricultural 69%, and industrial 10%. The average person in the US uses 152 gallons of water a day compared to 39 gallons in the UK. Our growing population puts a strain on the daily water supply, that's why conservation is so important.

What can you do to conserve water? Listed below are several household items with the percentage of water usage and suggested ideas to conserve.

- 57% Yard Use a broom or blower to clean driveways, walkways, and patio/decks. Water yards or gardens early in the day and not on windy or raining days. Use drought torrent plants in your landscape or native plants. Monitor your yard for sink holes and unexplained water.
- 11% Toilet Replace toilets made before 1992 with newer efficient low-flow toilets.
- 9% Clothes Washers The Permanent-Press Cycle uses the most water. Choose another cycle and make sure to adjust the water level to your clothes level. Front loading washers use less water than top loading washers.
- 7% Showers Take a warm soothing bath instead of a long shower. Shorten the length of your shower and install low flow shower heads.
- 6% Leaks Be conscious of running water sounds in your home and irrigation leaks in your yard.
- 6% Faucets 1 minute of water running is 4 quarts of water. Brushing teeth for 2 minutes with running water equals 8 quarts or 2 gallons of water. 2 Quarts of water equals the daily suggested intake for humans. That is 4 days of water for a human down the drain. Turn water off while brushing teeth for 2 minutes. Fill a basin with water to wash dishes instead of running the faucet.

We also need to focus on keeping harmful products out of our water supply. **What can you do?**Don't dump hazardous waste into the ground. It contaminates the soil, which also contaminates the groundwater and nearby surface water. Many household products contain hazardous or toxic substances that contaminate ground and surface



waters, such as: Motor oil, Pesticides and fertilizers, Leftover paints or paint cans, Mothballs, Flea collars, Household cleaners, Medicines, Beauty Products.

Yes, makeup products are filled with synthetic chemicals that, when washed down the drain will make their way to the ocean. The end results: Water treatment filtration systems cannot completely eliminate these toxins from our water. All chemical pollutants hit marine wildlife hard, contributing to the overall problem of species and environmental destruction. The next time you use water in your home, I hope you will think of ways to conserve which will lower your water bill and reduce harmful products from our water.

Debbie Brown, CED President





Central West District — PRESIDENT Patricia D. Busby

Hello, dear friends!

It seems like such a long time since we have seen each other face to face and I know we have all missed each other. Thank you all for keeping in touch through cards, FaceTime, and how grateful am I for Zoom meetings! The magic of social media has allowed us to stay in touch and share news, grins and giggles. I have enjoyed working with the other Sensational Sidekicks who are truly sensational. Many thanks to them for their suggestions and tips.

It has been wonderful hearing what the clubs of Central West District are doing. Nothing can stop a woman on a mission and we have been on a mission throughout history and continue to be on "An Irish Blessing"
May the road rise up to meet you,
May the wind always be at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face
May the rain fall softly on your fields
And until we meet again
May you keep safe
In the gentle, loving arms of God.

our mission of volunteerism. I recently attended a Zoom meeting of the Carrollton Civic Woman's Club where I "met" the women of the suffrage movement. They delighted us with their autobiographies and were even dressed for the occasion. They brought the past to life in a remarkable way. Not only did these ladies share their acting abilities but their agenda included all of the amazing accomplishments they were making in spite of challenges and roadblocks.

I will be attending other club meetings where I will hear of their continued efforts for Operation Christmas Child, toy donations, veterans, the environment, fundraisers and the list goes on and on. Each club has given me the opportunity to speak of my project: Autism Awareness. As a teacher, part of my goal of obtaining a teaching certificate was to enroll in a class centered on identifying and educating an autistic child. When my first grand-child, Thatcher, was diagnosed as autistic, I realized how important simple things like light, color, and sound were to him. The Central West District has embraced this project by donating materials to outfit sensory rooms with plenty of warmth and color, making sure that playgrounds were accessible, and assisting in every way to ensure that children were given the assistance they needed.

Everyone knows the magic that exists between a child and an animal, especially a little dog who soothes and protects its best friend. Research has deemed this to be so and an organization named "4 Paws for Ability" trains dogs to assist their friends with communication and social interaction and safety. While not trained by this group, Lucy has become a valuable asset to our family. She soothes Thatcher when he cries and protects him. She is quick to size up all situations and assess their threat level. Autistic children do not recognize threatening situations and can be "runners" or "wanderers."

Lucy's Journey begins when she was born 3 years ago. From her birth, she knew she was destined for greatness. Her workout video featured Rocky Balboa boxing to "Eye of the Tiger." This didn't feel right to her. She preferred to the more soothing sounds of "Rock-a-Bye Baby."

She tried pulling a wagon in front of millions of people, screaming for touchdowns and their favorite beverage. This wasn't a good fit either. She rode atop a fire truck but the fit wasn't right. Finally she found Thatcher and they have become the best of friends even reading each other's minds and assessing each situation. A special boy and a special dog.

Central West District Pat Busby, President







North West District — PRESIDENT Cimi Douglass

The North West District has continued to press on with online engagement as both our Board and District meetings were held online. We kicked off our meetings with sweet inspirational videos from special guests – our members' children/grandchildren. Since my special project is to support children's charities across our

district, we have invited our members' children and grandchildren to give the "Inspiration" and to recite the Pledge of Allegiance at our meetings. It brings us so much joy to see children and teens participate in our meetings. An added bonus to having them involved is the wonderful memories these children make with their parents or grandparents as they prepare the video, not to mention the fact that it keeps these charities at the forefront of our charitable giving. We've heard poems recited with personalized hand drawn illustrations with spectacular video production to a young lady dressed up in a pen-



guin costume giving us inspirational tips and showing us a penguin exercise dance in an effort to stay healthy during this time. As club members, parents, and grandparents, we all lead by example, but we can also teach leadership skills to our young children/grandchildren by giving them an opportunity to lead in creating the Inspiration and Pledge videos. We love having them participate and it is a wonderful way to introduce them to what we do as volunteers.

Like other Districts, our members took care of business as we ratified motions, voted on amendments to our awards lists and standing rules and discussed upcoming changes to our CSP and Reporting process. We also unanimously approved to support the "Run for the Roses Campaign" by adding an extra .50 to our District dues to assist GFWC's capital campaign.

In addition to business, our CPR Chair, Ursula Reynolds hosts a Wednesday Webinars series each month. In September, our members learned about the various virtual meeting platforms; in October they learned about Constant Contact, and in November we will dig into social media platforms. Also, in November, our 2nd VP, Maria Barnhart will also host two training sessions on the new Reporting process. Training is a great opportunity for our members to grow their knowledge base and improve their skills to become more effective within their clubs. It also brings an added value or benefit to being a member of our organization.

In closing, I am extremely proud of all our Clubs. They are driven and dedicated to serving their community and continuing to volunteer in various ways. I applaud them in moving their club business and member engagement forward with virtual meetings and events. AWC created COVD relief fund and asked nonprofits to apply for their grants, Cartersville created t-shirt sales as a fundraiser, Chickamauga partnered with local businesses to raise funds with donation jars; DWC organized a virtual 5K walk/run and GFWC's flower power fundrasier, Marietta is working on an Etsy store, LaFayette organized an in person Reindeer Run in December, and Sandy Springs hosted a sign campaign which yielded \$1,200 in donations. COVID will not stop our clubs from raising funds to help others!

LaFayette Woman's Club and Marietta Woman's Clubs Receives 1st Annual BRAvo Awards!

Congratulations to the Marietta Woman's Club and LaFayette Woman's Club – winners of the

North West BRAvo Award! Each winner will also receive a custom banner or table runner to help

brand their club.

Our NW District hosted a Bra-Ha-Ha Cause Awareness Campaign and Contest. We challenged our clubs to design a bra that showed their creativity and humor for Breast Cancer Awareness month. Photos were posted on our public social media channels and we asked our followers to help choose a winner by liking our bras or sharing our pages. Some clubs had their bras showcased in hair salons, medical centers, and libraries to publicly promote Breast Cancer Awareness month and the importance of mammograms. Within 24 days, our District received 24 new Facebook followers, 12 new Instagram followers and our pages were shared 85 times. With 85-page shares, if each page had 100 followers that means our Bras promoting Breast Cancer Awareness month was potentially viewed by approximately 8,500 people or more!



South East District -PRESIDENT Hilda Hagarty



Members of the South East District met via Zoom on Saturday, October 10, 2020 at 9:00 am for their Fall 2020 District Meeting. Originally an in-person meeting, hosted by the GFWC Georgia Altamaha Woman's Club and the GFWC Brunswick Woman's Club, the meeting was rescheduled as a virtual event because of Covid-19. Twenty-two District Members came together on the virtual screen to greet one another and welcome our 2020-2022 GFWC Georgia State President Shelby Holland. Also joining us on was our GFWC Georgia Administrative Assistant, Deborah Landress. Shelby brought greetings and shared with her plans for the 2020-2022 Administration. We thank both ladies for joining us.

Our theme for this fall meeting was "Honoring Our Veterans." We honored three of our District Members who are military veterans: Peggy Tuten, US Navy, from GFWC Brunswick Woman's Club, Sherri Kent, US Army and Lisa Stojanowski, US Army, both from GFWC Civic Woman's Club of Milledgeville. In addi-

tion, members who are wives or widows of veterans were recognized. Two other members from the GFWC Civic Woman's Club of Milledgeville – **Lisa Batt and Mary Lucik** – were recognized as a Blue Star mother and grandmother, respectively. This fall meeting was packed with leftover items from the cancelled Spring Meeting, reports from officers and committee chairmen and club presidents, recognitions, and contests.



The electronic vote for our 2020-2022 officers was ratified and a mini installation of officers was performed by **Armenda Barnes**, our past State Treasurer and member of GFWC Magnolia Civic Woman's Club. Clubs and members were recognized for their District and State awards. And the FY2021 budget and District Awards were approved.

Several members were recognized at the meeting: ADD-A-MEMBER Contest Winner was **Sherri Clifton**, a new member of the GFWC Civic Woman's Club of Milledgeville, who received a Mastercard gift card and The First Time Attendee was **Vicky Jefferis**, member of the GFWC Brunswick Woman's Club, who received an Amazon gift card. The GFWC Magnolia Civic Woman's Club was also recognized for their 10th Anniversary as a federated club. Congratulations to all!

The fundraising project for the 2020-2022 Administration will be the Crisco Queen Bake-Off Contest. Because of restrictions on an inperson fall meeting, each club will be having a baked goods raffle locally, with proceeds sent to the District Treasurer no later than December 31, 2020. The baker whose entry brings in the most money will be recognized as the Fall 2020 Crisco Queen at our Spring Meeting in March.

Our next meeting is Saturday, March 6, 2021 with GFWC Magnolia Civic Woman's Club and GFWC Savannah Woman's Club as our hostesses. Place to be determined.

Happy Holidays!





South West District — PRESIDENT Janice W. Blanchard

The South West District is "**lighting** the way for **GFWC.**" On September

20, 2020, the first-ever Zoom meeting was held, with representatives from clubs all over the district participating. Business was handled in a professional and organized manner, with special guest appearances from GFWC Georgia President Shelby Holland and Georgia's Director of Junior Clubs Dana Skelton.

District officers shared information in regards to new or special emphasis projects. Members learned how to support Easter Seals, South West District President Janice Blanchard's special project. Lisa Ramsey, District 1st Vice President, shared some "**Keys to Membership**" and challenged clubs to increase their membership by at least two. "Coach" Sonya Aldridge, District 2nd VP, urged club members to visit the GFWC Georgia website to experience the virtual Institute and learn about the new Community Service Programs and online reporting. Each of the five Community Service Program chairmen reviewed the Challenge Project suggested in their respective areas. Treasurer, Shirene Daniell pre-

sented a budget, which was adopted. Jr. Director Becky Smith presented information about Advocates for Children and NAMI.

Committee chairmen reported in their areas. District clubs were invited to attend the grand opening of a domestic violence shelter for women in Albany. Members were urged to contribute to the Ella F. White Memorial Endowment Fund, the 1734 Society and the Lipscomb Society. Legislation and leadership tips were shared. Awards were updated to meet the changes of the new five CSPs. The District raised over \$700 through a virtual Money Tree, with the winner Genie McCook taking away a \$200 gift card.

Even though there were no actual hugs given or received, District love was shared. The South West District clubs are proud stars, shining in communities and working to enhance the lives of others. In this time of uncertainty, we must be the light, together forming a GFWC constellation.





North East District -PRESIDENT Jill Bagley

Greetings from North East District, Our district was excited to hold our September 26 meeting as combination in person and zoom. With 27 in room and 4 on Zoom, we were over our quorum requirement and had 10 of our 11 clubs represented. The smiles behind our masks were evident as we greeted friends and club women we had missed over the last few months. Shelby Holland and Dana Skelton were our special guest speakers and their excitement for plans as this unprecedented administration continues were contagious. Recognition of Carnesville Woman's Club 100 year anniversary was celebrated. Second VP Marge Jones along with Brenda Martin did a great mini workshop for on line reporting. As our business concluded, we were thrilled to present Shelby and Dana with a brick at Tallulah Falls School Walk of Honor. Three other bricks were also purchased to honor continued service as life directors, Brenda Martin and Pat Swan, along with a district brick, purchased by friends of our district. Fundraising wrapped up our meeting with 50-50 and a rousing game of heads or tails with all proceeds/winnings

being donated back to the district. Following our meeting, I asked each club to have their photos made with our new North East District flag, made by Kitty Wise. The pictures were then sent to the state office to be added to our 125 anniversary tree.

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3401 Lindenridge Drive Buford, GA 30519

Camp Sunshine, camp for kids with cancer, is our district project this administration. This year-round non profit serves all children and their families in Georgia from diagnosis through age 18 with camps, weekend trips, special events and field trips. After contacting Director Sally Hale, I suggested a project to our clubs and with our combined efforts more than half our clubs have already donated a wide variety of prizes for all ages for the virtual bingo games. The prizes have been delivered to Camp Sunshine house, so the kids are able to virtually chose their prize and receive it in the mail, after they win a bingo game. This hands on project serving sick children during this pandemic year provides our ladies with a new project to be done safely for themselves while spreading joy to others. NED Ladies, you are the best! As together we



Jill with North East District flag

Dream Big Sparkle More Shine Bright

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GFWC Georgia On-line Reporting



ONLINE QUESTIONNAIRE

ALL COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM AND SPECIAL AREA REPORTS MUST BE SUBMITTED VIA THE GOOGLE ONLINE QUESTIONNAIRE SUPPLIED BY GFWC GEORGIA.

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GFWC Georgia Club Statistical Reports: The Club president or designee should complete the end-of-year statistical summary of all work the club has completed during the reporting period (January 1 through December 31). The end-of-year summary has NO narrative option. In

addition to the end-of-year summary report, each CSP/Advancement Area/Special Project has a statistical section on the online questionnaire.

GFWC Georgia CSP/Advancement Areas/Special Projects Narratives – this is where you report the activities of your club work in a narrative form. This is an *optional* part of the Google online questionnaire. After submitting statistical information via the Google online questionnaire, the narrative may be completed. The online Google questionnaire allows the reporter to submit only TEN projects.

GFWC Club Creative/Outstanding Project Award – this is an opportunity to provide additional information and highlight ONE (1) project that your club feels is exceptional in each area of work. Consider this project to be your most creative or most outstanding project in each area of work. It should also be included in the TEN projects reported in the narrative. This report is *optional*.

The GFWC Georgia Challenge Projects have been selected by each Community Service Program to emphasize a special topic within the plan of work. Statistical data and a brief narrative are included on the report. This is a bonus and may be considered an 11th project.





Clubs must pay dues on time. Dues are payable on June 1 and are delinquent if not received in the State Office by December 1st. Dues should also be submitted to the district by the deadline. Additionally all Junior Clubs must pay Junior Conference dues on or before December 1. No club or club member is eligible for an award if the club's dues are not postmarked on or before December 1 of the reporting year.

Clubs must pay dues on the same number of members to their District, the State and, if applicable, the Junior Conference. The number of members submitted on reports should equal the number of members for which dues are paid.







Submissions must be received by 11:59 pm on January 25. This is regardless of the day of the week.

JUDGING CRITERIA: CLUB REPORTS

Statistical Report Criteria

Percentage of members participating

Basic: 1 – 50% Exceptional: 100% Number of projects attempted

> Basic: 1 - 2 Minimal: 3 - 5 Moderate: 6 - 10 Exceptional: 11 or more

Volunteer hours

Minimal Average: 1 – 14 hours Exceptional Average: 15 hours & up

Dollars donated

Minimal: \$1 - \$299 Moderate: \$300 - \$999 Exceptional: \$1000 & over

In-kind donations

Minimal: \$1 - \$299 Moderate: \$300 - \$999 Exceptional: \$1000 & over

Affiliate organization support













Challenge Project Criteria

Involvement of Membership: The project was a team effort (not just "a one man show").

Organization: The project was implemented in an organized fashion.

Success: The project was highly successful as evidenced by the number of attendees/ participants, the amount of money raised/ donated, or the lasting effect for the community.

High profile: The project garnered the public's good opinion by utilizing a wide variety of media or resources during implementation.

Focus of Project: The focus of the project met the requirements of the Challenge.

Narrative Report Criteria

The GFWC Georgia plan of work: Did the club utilize the GFWC Georgia plan of work? Were affiliate organizations involved?

The involvement of the membership: How were the members of the club involved? Was there a planning committee? How many members participated?

Impact of the project: Did the project fulfill a specific need in the community? Did the project make a long-lasting difference in the community? Can the results of the project be measured in some way? Did the club receive recognition for the work from the community or other organizations?

Fundraisers: Did members donate out of pocket? Was there some actionable way funds were raised? Were in-kind donations solicited? Involvement or partnerships within the community: Did the club involve community members or other organizations outside of the club membership?

Report Content: Was the narrative well-written? Were the descriptions concise and easily understood? Did the narrative answer the 5 W's (who, what, when, where, why) and the How?

Creative/Outstanding Project Criteria

Uniqueness: The project is unique. Ideas are original and surprising. The project addresses a problem in a new, interesting way. Involvement of Membership: The project was a team effort (not just "a one man show").

Organization: The project was implemented in an organized fashion. The project clearly shows that much effort went into its implementation.

Success: The project was highly successful as evidenced by the number of attendees/ participants, the amount of money raised/ donated, or the lasting effect for the community.

High profile: The project garnered the public's good opinion by utilizing a wide variety of media or resources during implementation. Quality of report: The report uses descriptive language, good grammar and proper spelling. The report answers the 5 W's (who, what, when, where, why) and the how.

Membership Chairman — Peggy Wilson

Dear GFWC Georgia Club Sisters,

Multimedia is a part of our lives whether we want it to be or not. Over the last eight months it has become a friend to me. I have ordered groceries, clothes, shoes, birthday presents, craft items, new phone, and items for the USO at the Atlanta Airport as well as soldiers deployed. I know many of you have been doing the same kinds of things to make the best of pandemic times. So what can we do to continue to engage our GFWC Georgia club sisters?

Social media has become an important asset in our everyday life. We face time our children, grandchildren, club sisters, and friends just to be able to see the expressions on their faces when we talk to them. Zoom meetings have become a part of our everyday life. Let's take social media to another level in our GFWC Georgia clubs. It is a powerful tool in how news can be communicated. We need to let the world know about all the work we do across Georgia. Becky Wright, GFWC Membership chairman, encourages us when we post on social media: Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Tumble Snapchat, YouTube, or sending a simple e-mail to end it with #IAMGFWC. This may spark someone to contact you and ask you what is GFWC. This is a perfect opportunity to invite them to a club meeting or to join your club. This is an opportunity to get the word out about what we are about and what we do.

As soon as you read this article fill social media by posting something about yourself and the work you do in your club. Then end it with **#IAMGFWC.** This is an opportunity to make a difference in our community as well as a way to reach out to potential members.

How can we make remote meetings fun? Host a monthly virtual coffee in the morning or a dessert dish meeting at night. Share how to do a make an item such as a wreath to get members involved remotely. Send members a packet to make thinking of you cards! Make cards for people in a nursing home and have members send them to a designated person to be distributed. Record yourself reading a children's book and share it with a kindergarten class. Be creative and continue living the volunteer spirit.

What can we do to get new members? Offer a friend the gift of a membership for a year. Talk to relatives about your club because you may have a shared personal interest or cause. Volunteer to help an acquaintance with a project in order to get to know them better. Talk to your neighbors, share what your club is doing and invite them to the next meeting. Take them out for a meal before the meeting. After the meeting take time to share with your guest about your club.

Once we get new members, we must foster a good relationship with them to keep them involved and interested in GFWC Georgia. Whenever you see a member any where always speak to and engage them with a cheerful word of greeting. Always smile at people; it takes 72 muscles to frown and only 14 to smile. Call people by their name because the sweetest music to anyone's ear is the sound of her own name. Be genuinely interested in your members; you can like anybody if you try. Always be generous with praise and cautious with criticism. Be thoughtful of the opinion of others. There are three sides to a controversy--yours, the other club member, and the right one. Remember! What counts most in life is what we do for others as well as how we treat others.

Recently, Angelia Wright, a club member from Morrow Civic Woman's Club, had a conversation with an Amazon customer service representative concerning an item missing for a Operation Christmas Child box. She told him about the project. The representative said he was a father of four and lived in the Philippines. He shared that two years ago, his children received these boxes. He told me to continue to be kind to others and keep up the good work. This conversation validates and confirms that the projects we are doing are touching the lives of others. Ladies we do make a difference in the lives of others. Keep up the wonderful work and keep seeking out new members.

Get out your GFWC Georgia membership key, put on your GFWC membership hat, and recruit new members. My challenge to you is to reach out and find at least one new member for your local club before December 31, 2020. You can do it and make a difference in that person's life as well as others.

Happy Holidays from my house to yours,

Peggy Wilson Third Vice President/Membership Chairman



PARLIAMENTARY TIPS

Brenda Martin, Parliamentary Advisor

You have a board composed of four officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer), five directors, and the immediate past president, ex officio. One member passed away unexpectedly, One member was removed from office in a disciplinary proceeding, one member has told people she resigned, one member has a known conflict of interest with a matter set in a special meeting, and the past president has formally resigned. We wish to know what the quorum for special board meeting will be. Our bylaws are silent.

Answer:

If the governing documents are silent, the quorum of a board is majority of its members. RONR, p 347.

At the beginning of the term, there was a ten-member board. Vacancies may occur from death, resignation, or removal. The ex officio position of the immediate past president is not counted toward the quorum because, as a result of his resignation, he is no longer under the control of the society, RONR, p. 483-4. A resignation submitted in writing or orally in person should be voted upon in a board meeting, RONR., p. 291. Statements outside of a meeting, such as the one you describe, have no effect. It might be advisable to contact this member privately to inform her that she should resign in writing or in person at a meeting, and that the board must accept the resignation for it to have effect. Until the resignations are accepted, the individual is a member of the board and as such is counted toward the quorum.

In this case, membership on this board was reduced by the death of a member, by the removal of a member in disciplinary proceeding, and by resignation from membership of the past president; the quorum of the seven-member board is 4. Any resignation must be approved by the board to be accepted and unless that is done, the member is still on the board and is still counted toward the quorum. If the individual submits a proper request to resign and such is accepted by the board, composition of the board is reduced; if no resignation is given or accepted, the composition of the board is not affected. The presence by one with a conflict of interest does not affect the quorum calculation.

GFWC Georgia State President's Project, FARE



FARE enhances the lives of individuals with food allergies empowering them to lead safe, productive lives with the respect of others through education and advocacy initiatives and improved awareness around healthcare options and treatment. Their website is **www.foodallergy.org**

What can YOU do? REGISTER your allergies



View our GFWC Georgia Fare representer, type this link in your browser to watch a webinar about food allergy 101 https://tinyurl.com/GAFARE101

Congratulations! Judine Heard has accepted the position for the 2020-2022 GFWC Georgia Juniorette Chairman. As this position has plans to be updated, clubs are asked to aid the Membership Committee for securing new Juniorette clubs. Please contact Peggy Wilson, Nicole Braun and Judine Heard for assistance. A suggestion would be for clubs to contact members who are teachers to allow connections with high school students to acquaint them with the Juniorette program. Also, President Marian St.Clair offers a special GFWC membership incentive award of \$50 to States who form new clubs (General, Juniorette or Junior clubs).

Just buzzing by to remind all clubs that your club dues are due by December 1st. Please remember to use the 2020 – 2022 vouchers when submitting your dues. These vouchers can be found on pages

Treasurer — Dale Reddick

when submitting your dues. These vouchers can be found on pages

247 – 248 of the GFWC Georgia Yearbook or you can go to the GFWC Georgia website and
download the vouchers. In addition to your state dues your District dues and if you are a
junior club your Junior Conference dues are also due by December 1st. Please make sure to

submit the correct voucher and a membership roster with each of your dues checks. Also, if you are one of the lucky clubs and you have been able to have former members rejoin your club please make sure you attach the new voucher with the former member's information, so these members can get credit for the \$5.00 reduction (Shelby's incentive) in their dues. Please don't get caught "sleeping" and miss the December 1st deadline.





If you have any questions, call Treasurer - Dale Reddick (912)682-1168, Junior Conference Treasurer - Erica Alfonso (912)412-2567 or your District Treasurer.

GFWC Georgia Awards Update from GFWC Georgia Awards Chairman Kathryn Youles

If your club received a silver, pewter, acrylic or other physical award please remember to get it back to Julie, Annette or me before next year's judging weekend which is February 19-20, 2021. Or arrange with your District President to bring it to the GFWC Georgia Executive Board Meeting on February 27, 2021. If the award is silver, please remember to return it polished!



If you or your club are sponsoring a new award please get it to Julie, Annette or me before next year's judging weekend which is February 19-20, 2021. Or arrange with your District President to bring it to the GFWC Georgia Executive Board Meeting on February 27, 2021. If your award is monetary then you may mail it to the State Office. Again, please be sure to have it in by the end of February 2021.

Arts and Culture Community Service Program

October 25th was National Art Day and was established on Pablo Picasso's birthday to celebrate all forms of art. One of the things that we, Arts and Culture, would like for the women's club to remember is to not only celebrate art, but to work on creating it all throughout the year. With the end of the year upon us, there is no better time to celebrate arts and culture than during the Thanksgiving and Christmas season. Whether it is holding a holiday dinner with festive decorations, caroling around your neighborhood, or making handmade Christmas presents, we can all be creative in this season.



For some ideas on how you can be festive during this holiday season please see the links below. http://diyandcrafting.com/best-christmas-crafts/

https://www.realsimple.com/holidays-entertaining/holidays/our-most-festive-holiday-decor-ideas https://www.hgtv.com/design/topics/holiday-decorating

https://www.latimes.com/lifestyle/story/2020-10-30/unique-art-books-spark-creativity-2020-holidays

https://www.bostonglobe.com/2020/10/28/arts/hip-hop-holidays-music-changing-times-tap-bso-digital-concerts/

https://www.rollingstone.com/music/music-lists/40-essential-christmas-albums-35316/the-beatles-the-beatles-christmas-album-220681/

Civic Engagement & Outreach Community Service Program

Patty Hosea and I love reading about your projects on Facebook and look forward to reading about many more that you have planned. We have had several inquiries regarding where to report Girl Scout projects; ladies, please report them in CE&) as they were previously in Public Issues. Hope this helps answer your questions.



Fall is a busy time for CE&O. Here are a few reminders of upcoming events:

State Challenge Project – Support/Aid/Celebrate Women Veterans during the first 2 weeks of November. We know that with the pandemic and restrictions on assembly numbers that you won't be able to celebrate Veteran's Day in your usual way. We challenge you to think outside the box to celebrate and support your local women veterans. If you are fortunate enough to have a Veterans Hospital in your area, we encourage you to lend your support there. Perhaps, sponsor a "Missing Woman" table at a local restaurant or donate needed items to the USO. Create a library at a Veteran hospital or health clinic.

Operation Christmas Child – boxes are due in November for shipping. If your club is meeting, host a club packing party. Each box now costs \$9.00 to ship, so if you don't feel safe shopping donate monies for shipping instead.

Wreaths Across America is set for Sat., Dec. 19, 2020. Donate wreaths at \$15 each and plan to attend a laying ceremony near you.

The weather is changing so now is the time to be collecting coats, hats, scarves, gloves, socks and blankets to donate to homeless shelters (some food banks and soup kitchens even accept them).

Ladies, keep up the great work and please continue to post on Facebook. Our wish for each of you is to stay healthy and safe. Thank you for the positive impact your club has on our world!

Sharon Wilkin, CE&O Chair

Health and Wellness Community Service Program

What is Health and Wellness? The World Health Organization defines health as "a state of physical, mental, and social well-being." Wellness is described as an active process of becoming aware of and making choices toward a healthy and fulfilling life. Wellness is more than being free from illness ~ it is a process of change and growth.



ORLD DIABETE

Covid has been here for eight months now...and winter is looming. Mental health issues related to our lock down and the pandemic are especially hard for people with depression and other mental health disorders. NAMI, The National Alliance on Mental Illness has a 24-hour helpline: 800-950-6264. The relapse and overdose rate has increased by 30% since March.

The H&W Plan of Work is full of great ideas and projects that your club will want to participate in.

Support Walgreens "Get a Shot, Give a Shot" for flu vaccinations. Gather after for a fun lunch to celebrate how many vaccines you have provided (https://shotatlife.org/partner/walgreens).

November is Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month ~ Pancreatic Cancer is the third leading cause of cancer deaths. There is no detection test and no cure. In Georgia, it is estimated that there will be 1,300 deaths this year and 47,050 in the country. Barbara Washburn, GFWC Atlanta Woman's Club is a survivor and would welcome the opportunity to talk with any club or group to tell her story and share more information. Please wear purple on November 19th and post a picture on social media ~ it is World Pancreatic Cancer Day. Help turn Georgia purple!!

Remember to Report. It is imperative that clubs report the programs and projects they have developed. This information allows GFWC to better understand the interests and concerns of its members, and it allows us to highlight and share your club's ideas and successes that will inspire other clubs.

GFWC Georgia Junior Clubs in Action

Junior Awards Reminders from Annette Belk, GFWC Georgia Junior Awards Chairman

Please remember to nominate a club member for the Irene J. Watts Outstanding Clubwoman Award and the Outstanding Citizen Award. Every club has a member that would be a worthy nominee for both awards. Plus, these nominations are a wonderful way to recognize club members.

A major change this year is that both awards can now be submitted by email to JrAwards@GFWCGeorgia.org by February 1 by 11:59 p.m. Reports may still be sent by mail but must be post marked by February 1. Mail reports to Annette Belk, GFWC Georgia Jr. Awards Chairman, P.O. Box 306, Sylvania, GA 30467 Please note that these special reports have a due date of **February 1**.

These awards require a special report which includes a cover sheet with the name of the award, the full name and address of the nominee, the name of the club, the club's town and the club's district on it. The actual report may be up to 5 8 ½ by 11" pages, typewritten, double spaced. Five 8 ½ by 11" pages of addenda are also allowed. More information about these special junior awards is available in the GFWC Georgia Yearbook on pages 243-244 or by contacting me at JrAwards@GFWCGeorgia.org.

Making a Difference in Our World Through the Life of a Child
GFWC Junior Special Program: Advocates for Children from Sandra Huey, GFWC
Georgia Chairman and Kathryn Youles, GFWC Georgia Junior Conference Chairman



Advocates for Children Week

taber 25-31, 2020

Did your club "stick their neck out"? We hope every club celebrated Advocates for Children's Week, October 25-31, 2020. If you did please send let us know by emailing us at keyoules@yahoo.com or posting on the GFWC Georgia Advocates for Children Facebook Group at https://www.facebook.com/groups/175768749499931.

GFWC Juniors' Special Program: Advocates for Children is designed to encourage all General, Junior and Juniorette clubs to make a difference in our world by being an advocate. The definition of child advocacy is "support for children who are in a vulnerable position in society or in a vulnerable situation." The Program includes a special focus in two areas: (1) To advocate for art curriculums and outdoor activities at schools for all students, including those with disabilities, and to highlight the value of art and outdoor programs as therapy and enrichment for children with emotional, mental, and physical challenges, and (2) To advocate for education and training that helps parents and other caregivers be the best advocate possible for a child in emergency and other health situations. While project ideas are numerous, clubs are encouraged to educate themselves regarding current issues facing our children: child abuse, health issues, poverty, cyberbullying, teen dating violence, child obesity, texting while driving, depression and suicide, etc.





Athens-Oconee Junior Woman's Club in conjunction with Winder Woman's Club donated to the TREE HOUSE in Barrow County snacks and treats for the TEAL Pumpkin Project, Deborah Landress

Dear JUNIORS,

Junior's Corner

We've enjoyed traveling through virtual meetings wandering across Georgia through virtual meetings. . The amazing projects we see online through Facebook and social media have been fantastic.

Since we could not meet in person for Institute be sure and share our Institute videos for your members. They can be found on the GFWC Georgia website home page, click on the SMILE.

I have enjoyed seeing the pictures of everyone on the first Saturday of the month wearing their federation shirts. KEEP SHARING!



And we look forward to meeting in person in April in Savannah. Any day in Savannah is a good day for me!

Thank you to those clubs that have supported my TFS project "Repairing the Steinway".

Please stay safe and well and hopefully in the near future will be able to gather in person .

Dana



Bremen Junior Woman's Club 1st Place scarecrow winner "Flower Girl". Oct 16th The Great Pumpkinfest



Valdosta Junior Woman's Club—working with Fellowship Home at Brookside, Pen Pal Project Wonderful Ideal!



North West District Fundraising:

The North West District opened a Bonfire Store as our District Fundraiser. Our store has masks, t-shirts, long sleeve shirts, sweatshirts, and tank tops. There is something for everyone. State President Shelby Holland is asking all club members participate in her "S.M.I.L.E. Saturday" campaign. This campaign is a chance for club members to show off their GFWC pride by posting a photo of yourself on the first Saturday of each month wearing a GFWC or GFWC Georgia branded shirt. We will continue to stock our store so check back for new designs and start thinking about holiday gifts —please visit: https://www.bonfire.com/store/gfwc-georgia---north-west-district/ or visit our North West District Website under Resources.

Central East District Fundraising

Our district is selling a beautiful Mermaid pin with pearls and sparkle. She will be mailed directly to you and comes in a fabulous treasure box ready for gift giving. Order two or more for all your water sisters. The mermaid is two inches long and just \$25. Please visit our Square Store at https://gfwc-ga-central-east-district.square.site/

Happy Holidays from Tallulah Falls School!

Please remember to include a donation to the "Student Activity "fund" by December 1, 2020. These donations have provided a winter dance for the students. As of this date no large gatherings of students or staff will be held due to COVID. But, consider sending this year's donation any way to **Tallulah Falls**School, P. O. Box 10, Tallulah Falls, Georgia 30573 with "Student Activity "fund" in the memo line.

The Commons, (Light Their Fire project)

- 1. Choose to include a donation this year to Shelby Holland's State Presidents' TFS project The Commons. A name chosen by the students. All funds to be sent in by Dec 1.
- 2. Raffle a basket full of goodies: include items for s'mores, hot chocolate, roasting sticks, anything relating to a fire pit. For a \$200 donation your club can buy a chair or bench.
- 3. Create a basket of items that encourages communication and fun. Cards with topics to start a conversation, tapes with campfire songs, include the words to cheers or yells, include the directions to games that can be played around a fire, on the rock wall or sitting in the new chairs. Include one or more books. The 175 Best Camp Games: A Handbook for Leaders, The Kids Campfire Book: Official Book of Campfire Fun, 1 01 Family Vacation Games: Have Fun While Traveling, Camping, or Celebrating at Home. Donate these or other similar items to the school to be used by teachers and students. Be creative!
- 4. Donate \$10.00 on Valentine's Day in honor of a husband or friend "Lighting their Fire." This request must be sent in by January 15th . A card will be sent to them from GFWC GA recognizing the gift.

All funds for these projects should be sent to the

GFWC GA State office: PO Box 39, Tallulah Falls GA 30573

The **Lipscomb Society Committee** would like to remind all members and clubs to join the Lipscomb Society. Membership is available at the following levels:

Level 1 - \$900.00 Level 2 - \$90.00 Level 3 - \$9.00

A donation form is available in the yearbook, or you may send your check directly to the State Headquarters at:

GFWC Georgia, P. O. Box 39, Tallulah Falls, Georgia 30573 Attention: Lipscomb Society

The Lipscomb Society Committee would like to encourage members and clubs to participate in our service project this fall. "Pantry Party" for the Lipscomb Cottage. Items needed this year are:

4-pack toilet paper, paper towels, Clorox wipes, 13-gallon tall kitchen garbage bags, paper plates, cups and napkins, zip lock bags (all sizes), and rolls of aluminum foil and plastic wrap.

Christmas Open House CANCELLED

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125th GFWC Georgia Convention Friday, April 9 - Sunday, April 11, 2021 Embassy Suites by Hilton Savannah Airport 145 W. Mulberry Blvd Pooler, GA 31322

Hosted by GFWC Georgia SouthEast District

COUNTDOWN TO SAVANNAH

1251 SAVE THE DATE
April 9-11, 2023
Savenah, OA

Come Celebrate 125 years of
Wing the VOLUNTEER Sput!

Living the Volunteer Spirit is what we do. Just because we are amidst a COVID pandemic, let us not slow down! If you should require assistance, please remember the GFWC State Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The Office Administrative Assistant is there for our members, answering questions and solving problems as she is available to respond to you during these hours.

Dues December 1, 2020 with Membership Roster January 25, 2021 On-line Reporting

Deborah Landress - Newsletter Editor
Laedenia Jewell - Junior Newsletter Editor
Visit our website www.qfwcqeorgia.org

Communications and Public Relations - Share the Love of GFWC

Ladies, how have you been keeping in touch with GFWC? Since so many things are digital now, it is so much easier to say connected! Did you know that there are several new ways to connect through Facebook groups? Join the **GFWC Advancements and Programs Forum** to get helpful information, tips, and learning opportunities directly from GFWC! You can also Join the **GFWC 2020 2022 ESO Book Club**, another Facebook Group that will allow you to have discussions on the book of the month and even have Q&A sessions with some of the authors!!!

Speaking of Facebook, have you joined the new **GFWC Health and Wellness** group yet? Through that group you can also learn more about our President's Special Project FARE. Did you know that there is not a special report for the President or Junior Director's Projects this year? It will be reported under the Health and Wellness report. Speaking of reports, did you use the practice report? All the electronic form reports will send you a copy. Don't forget to forward a copy of your report to your club president so she can have the numbers for her report!

Dues Due December 1. 2020









TFS hires new natatorium director

With construction nearing completion on the Tallulah Falls School natatorium, a newly hired aquatics professional is in place to launch the facility, slated to open in early 2021.

Effective Oct. 15, TR Santos joined the TFS staff as Natatorium Director.

Click on the link below to read more about this new member of the TFS community: http://ow.ly/N9xS50C3hYw

at Tallulah Falls School.