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2022 - 2024

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# The Georgia Clubwoman

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## District visits with the President!

Dear GFWC Georgia friends,

We are in the season of thanksgiving and you are all at the top of my list of blessings! It has been a whirlwind 6 months but, what fun we are having and what a difference we are making. Thank you for following your passions in your clubs, I love seeing all your Facebook posts and reading your newsletters. Thank you for your support of GFWC Georgia and thank you for attending LEADS and Institute in August. It was wonderful to be together hearing the new information from GFWC and sharing ideas for projects, membership and success. We had a record attendance for LEADS and I thank each of you for sharing your day with us and our leadership team for preparing an inspiring and uplifting program. You have truly embraced my theme of Purpose + Passion = Power. I cannot wait to see how much you accomplish in this club year. We are better together!



It was a delight to travel our beautiful state to be with you all at the District meetings. Thank you for the opportunity to join you in your "homes" and for the generosity you showed in support of Wellspring Living with food donations and for SRC through your donations of welcome bag items and door prizes. You are kind and compassionate members and you truly do make a difference to those whose lives you touch. As Jackie Robinson said, "A life is not important except for the impact it has on other lives". My friends, you must all be VIPs!

Please join us at the Lipscomb Cottage on Wednesday, December 7 for our Holiday Open House. Have a safe and happy November and December and don't forget, it's time to prepare for reporting! Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season, We are all GFWC Volunteers with a Passion!

In Federated Spirit,

Kim Sekulow, 2022-2024 GFWC Georgia President





## Cathy's Crew

Cathy Jones  
GFWC Georgia 1<sup>st</sup> VP  
President-elect  
2022-2024



If you didn't attend Institute 2022 you missed a great treat! Cathy's Crew set out to find the Treasures of Georgia, "X" marks the spot. (Cathy Jones, Marybeth Jacobson, Barbara Scott, Maria Barnhart for Julie Bates, Barbara Brooks, Lisa Ramsey and Libby Bond for Peggy Gau.)

Southern Region on Jekyll Island—Barbara, Cathy, Marybeth and Lisa



## Central East District -PRESIDENT Mary Beth Jacobson



Due to the Hurricane Ian Central East District meeting was postponed in the interest of the attending members.

Central East meeting was held on October 11, via zoom. Food boxes were collected and notebooks distributed by Mary.



## Central West District – PRESIDENT Peggy Gau



Libby Bond stood in for Peggy who was ill. They had a cake walk, basket pull and door prizes. Kim Sekulow and Nicole Braun gave greetings from the State.

Food boxes for Wellspring Living were received by Kim along with SRC notebooks and prizes.





## North East District - PRESIDENT Barbara Brooks

Kim Sekulow and Nicole Braun traveled to the North East district brunch meeting and picked up food boxes for Wellspring Living and donations for Southern Region meeting in October.

NED Spring meeting will be held on March 25, 2023, in Lilburn. Registration at 9 am and meeting will start at 10 am. GFWC Lilburn and GFWC Norcross Women's clubs will be the hostess clubs. .



## North West District – PRESIDENT Julie Bates

The last district meeting did not disappoint. WOW, what a wonderful time was had in Lafayette, GA. Julie Bates was at the helm leading the fortune tellers (Cindy Tisdale raising funds for the 2023 Convention), games and much more. Food boxes were collected for Wellspring living. Kim Sekulow and Nicole Braun shared their projects for the administration.







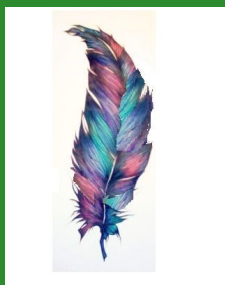
## South East District -PRESIDENT Barbara Scott

The GFWC Georgia South East District Fall Annual Meeting was held October 8, 2022 at Uncle Shug's BBQ in Statesboro, Georgia. There was 50/50 and LRC played. Bear Power was the theme. Kathy Bradley Author, former GFWC member was guest Speaker. Kim Sekulow, GFWC Ga President, gave us Greetings from the State. Georgia South East District Spring Annual Meeting will be on Saturday, March 4, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Refreshments 11:00 a.m. Meeting. It will be hosted by GFWC Thanks so much, Barbara Scott



## South West District – PRESIDENT Lisa Ramsey

What a **Celebration** our very own Centennial was honored for her 100th Birthday, Jeanette Coody, we LOVE you!





## Second Vice President - Peggy Wilson

### HOW TO GET STARTED WITH GFWC GEORGIA REPORTING

**Submit report online via [gfwcga.org](http://gfwcga.org) by the deadline of January 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 p.m. each year**

Reporting section is in the member portal. Password: smile

Access the CSP/Advance Area/Special Project

Complete All Sections for reports

Submit

Reporters will receive an email copy of responses

If errors are discovered after submission, file an edited version

Input all personal information such as personal email, name, club office held

Pull down menu for club and district

Insert information of reporter

Pull down menu for type of club, input number of members for which your club paid dues

### COMPUTE STATISTICAL INFORMATION BEFORE YOU BEGIN WRITING REPORT

Total number of volunteer hours your members worked on all projects in this area

Total amount in dollars donated by club for all projects in this area

Total value of in-kind donations for all project in this area

### CHECK OUR YEARBOOK FOR AFFILIATES

Complete Number of projects completed for the affiliate

Number of Volunteer hours for Affiliate

Total amount in dollars donated by club to the Affiliates

Total value of in-kind donations for Affiliate

Write up your project in a Word or Mac document.

Check to make sure you have not exceeded the 1,000-character minimum for each project.

When it comes time to fill in information for on-line reporting, copy and paste your narrative.

This will help relieve some of the stress of reporting.





# REPORTING 101

## TOP TEN PROJECT NARRATIVES\*

\*If you answer YES for narrative, you will answer these questions for each of the Top Ten project:

- \*Number of members working on project
- \*Number of volunteer hours on project
- \*Dollars donated for project
- \*In-kind donations for project
- \*Description of project

**\*\*\*VERY IMPORTANT CHANGE  
FOR 2022 -2024 REPORTING! \*\*\***  
(1,000 characters-each letter, space and  
punctuation mark counts as a character)

## CREATIVE/MOST OUTSTANDING PROJECT

If you answer YES for Creative/Most Outstanding Project, you will answer these questions:

- \*Project Title
- \*Number of members working on project
- \*Number of volunteer hours on project
- \*Dollars donated for project
- \*In-kind donations for project
- \*Description of project (Extended narrative explanation)

\***NOTE:** The Creative/Most Outstanding Project should be #1 of the Top Ten.

## SUGGESTION FOR WRITING REPORTS:

- \*Start early collecting information. Be the early bird.
- \*Collect all data pertaining to project before writing up project.
- \*Write up your project in a Word or Mac document.
- \*Check to make sure you have not exceeded the 1,000-character minimum for each project.
- \*When it comes time to fill in information for on-line reporting, copy and paste your narrative.
- \*This will help relieve some of the stress of reporting.
- \*More information on reporting can be found on the GFWC \*Georgia Web Site. This is a great source of information!
- \*Make sure you include the group or groups with which you collaborated.

**\*\*\*\*\*Remember January 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 P.M. is the deadline for reporting. \*\*\*\*\***

**Good Luck to all!!!**





## Third Vice President - Julie Walters

### Membership Events

Every program, every project, everything you do as a club is a membership event. To continue to grow we need to work to retain members as we recruit new members. We are always recruiting for new members, and it might be helpful to also arrange events that are membership events. Here are some ideas.

#### **Book and Author Lunch**

Hold a lunch and invite a local author to attend and speak about her/his book. Invite prospective members and the general public to attend. Have information about club membership to hand out.

#### **Welcome Back Pot Luck**

If your club does not meet over the summer, in the fall when you have your first meeting, make it a Welcome Back Pot Luck meal meeting and invite prospective members to attend. Plan activities that require members to mingle and talk to each other. Have sign up sheets for current members and encourage prospective members to sign up as well.

#### **Monthly Tea**

Club members take turns hosting a tea monthly at their home. Invite current members to bring at least one prospective member. Purchase vintage tea cups at Goodwill or flea markets and tie a tea bag and membership invite to the handle. All prospective members get their tea in one of those cups—that is a take home favor.

#### **Ice Cream Social**

Hold an ice cream social and invite prospective members to attend. Promote on social media and have membership information to distribute at the event.

#### **Virtual Membership Bingo**

If the pandemic has taught us anything—it is that we can still connect with each other if we are not in the same room. We can connect virtually. Hold a membership Bingo game via Zoom or Teams. It is a fun way to connect and introduce prospective members to your club.

#### **At the Office**

Have a membership event at the office and invite the co workers who are interested.

#### **Library**

Reach out to your local library and see if you can participate in their Summer Reading Program, hold an event and invite prospective members to attend.

### Focus on REALTORS

We historically have cast a wide net in terms of membership. We will continue that—inviting coworkers, friends, family members and fellow church members to join our clubs—and we will also have a focus on REALTORS.

Our plan is to reach out to new ladies who are moving into your community and invite them to join your club. These are ladies who are new the community and we want to welcome them and let them know there is a place where they can volunteer and make friends.

We are distributing Welcome to the Community postcards to each club at our 2022 August Institute. We ask that each club give the postcards to a REALTOR in your community and ask them to give one to homeowners at closing. Making a connection with a REALTOR that will distribute the postcards is the key to success. Decide as a club who is the best REALTOR to ask—is it someone in your club, or someone whom your club has a great relationship with already. Every club should have at least one member who knows a REALTOR well.

The email address that ladies will email for more information is the GFWC Georgia Membership email address. Julie Walters, GFWC Georgia Third Vice President/Membership Chairman, will route inquiries to the appropriate clubs.

When you receive that contact information, invite her to attend a club meeting, or the next project your club is working on—make her feel welcome to the community and invite her to join your club.

When you need more postcards, email Julie Walters at [membership@gfwcgeorgia.org](mailto:membership@gfwcgeorgia.org).



# Treasurer - Cimi Douglass



Happy Fall everyone, I'd like to kindly remind all General, Junior and Juniorette clubs that our dues are due to the State office by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Please remember to use the 2022–2024 vouchers when submitting your dues. The vouchers can be found in our yearbook and on our website at <https://gfwcgeorgia.org/club-resources/reporting-forms/>

Please make sure to submit the correct voucher to the correct person and don't forget to send in a membership roster with your dues checks.

## **Treasurer Forms 2022-2024**

2022 GFWC GA State Dues Voucher (Women's & Jrs.)

2022 Tallulah Falls School Voucher

2022 GFWC GA District Dues Voucher

2022 GFWC GA Juniorette Clubs Dues Voucher

2022 GFWC GA Junior "Conference" Dues Voucher

Next, in addition to my Treasurer responsibilities, one of my goals was to help find funds that are available to us from outside sources. I'm happy to report that GFWC Georgia now has an AmazonSmile page. AmazonSmile is a way shoppers can support their favorite charitable organization every time they shop with Amazon, at no additional cost. When you shop using AmazonSmile by clicking the link below, you'll find the same Amazon storefront you know and love, with the added bonus that AmazonSmile will donate a portion of the eligible purchase price to GFWC Georgia, at no additional cost.

How to use AmazonSmile on a web browser:

Visit [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)

- Sign in with the same account you use for Amazon.com
- Select your charity
- Start shopping! Remember to checkout at smile.amazon.com to generate donations for your chosen charity.
- Tip: Add a bookmark to make it easier to shop at smile.amazon.com.

I created a "How To Video" which is located on our GFWC Georgia Youtube Channel: [https://youtu.be/pKiC\\_0E8kS8](https://youtu.be/pKiC_0E8kS8)

This is very simple to use and with the holiday season approaching, our collective buying power could potentially raise funds for us. It all adds up.

**DO YOU SHOP AT KROGER?** Here's another easy way to raise funds for GFWC Georgia at no cost to you. Set up Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs as your selected charity on your Kroger Plus card. Kroger will then make a donation each time you shop!

To Use the Kroger Community Rewards Program:

Please visit <http://www.kroger.com>. Once logged into your Kroger account, please search for GFWC Georgia either by **name or WX744** and then click Enroll. New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a *rewards* card.

\*You must have a registered Kroger *rewards* card account to link to our organization.

\*If you don't have a Kroger *rewards* card, they are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger.

An instructional video on how to link your card to our organization can be found on our GFWC Georgia Youtube Channel - <https://youtu.be/2H8iVsjhM2E>.

**REMEMBER**, purchases will not count for our organization until after you register your *rewards* card. You must swipe your registered Kroger *rewards* card or use the phone number or other number that is tied to your Kroger *rewards* card when shopping for each purchase to count.

So there you have it ladies – whether you are shopping for gift items or groceries, by selecting Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs as your preferred charity your purchases can help raise funds for our organization. Feel free to share this information with your family and friends and ask them to select our organization when shopping with AmazonSmile and Kroger.

If you have any questions, please call Cimi Douglass, Treasurer @678-467-1922 or email at [treasurer@gfwcgeorgia.org](mailto:treasurer@gfwcgeorgia.org).

## Awards Chairman - Kathryn Youles



If your club won a silver, pewter, acrylic or other physical award at the 2022 Convention, please remember it is your responsibility to get it back to Kathryn or if a junior award to Annette Belk before next year's judging weekend which is February 18-19, 2023.

Or arrange with your District President to bring it to the GFWC Georgia Executive Board Meeting on February 18, 2023. Again, please be sure to have it to us by the end of February 2023. If it is silver, then please be sure to return it polished.

## Junior Awards Chairman - Annette Belk

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.

Please note that these special reports have a due date of **February 1**. Both awards may now be submitted by email to [JrAwards@GFWCGeorgia.org](mailto: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.

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 five (5) 8 ½ by 11" pages, typewritten, double spaced. Five (5) 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 252-253 or by contacting me at [JrAwards@GFWCGeorgia.org](mailto:JrAwards@GFWCGeorgia.org).







## ELLA F. WHITE MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND

Barbara Reynolds Chairman

The Ella F. White Memorial Endowment Fund was established in 1913 to ensure that we will always have funds available to operate our State Office. We draw up to \$32,000 annually to support the activities of our business office.

Are you ready to celebrate Ella? Now is the time to plan for a presentation to your club highlighting the Ella F. White Memorial Endowment Fund. Share the great news about the EFW fund with your members. All club presidents will find a printout in their packets from our GFWC Georgia Institute held in Athens which will give suggestions. In about 10 minutes you can give an informative program to your members. Then, please submit a report of your activity to the EFW committee and compete for the Carolyn Friedlander award. We look forward to hearing from all of our GFWC Georgia clubs.

Please consider including the EFW Memorial Fund in your charitable gifting. We are a 501c(3) and as such will save you from paying taxes on your deferred income required minimum distribution. Many of us already do this for contributions to our churches and other charitable organizations. Please contact your financial advisor, attorney, or our financial advisor at Merrill Lynch. There is something good in this for all of us.

Have you heard about our great tote bag offer? All EFW fund contributions of \$150 or more will receive a canvas tote bag appropriate for so many activities. If you prefer to send a smaller contribution we welcome your gift in any amount. Please send EFW fund gifts to our GFWC Georgia State Office. Checks should be made payable to GFWC Georgia..

Thank you to all clubs and individuals who have already contributed to the EFW Fund. We appreciate your support.



## 2022 GFWC Community Connection Initiatives

**Domestic Violence:** "Raise awareness to hope & help" - increase public awareness & provide victims with information on sources of help.

**Advocates for Children:** "Refresh & Revive" - refurbish a room in a local shelter for a children's room.

**Arts & Culture:** "Community Historical Gems" - create a digital or printed brochure of places to experience Arts & Culture in the community

**Civic Engagement:** "A Little Thanks Goes A Long Way" - give thanks and advocate for essential workers in the community

**Education & Libraries:** "Bring the Sparkle to Public Libraries: - plan beneficial services, programs, and activities in the library.

**Environment:** "Brilliant Butterflies, Glamorous Garden Gloves" - plan, develop & grow a community garden.

**Health & Wellness:** "Physical Fitness Opportunities for All Ages" - promote physical activity for any age group such as playground equipment, physical fitness apparatus for senior center, fitness trail, PE scholarship, or exercise group.

**Wellspring Food Box Donations delivered!**  
Clubwomen all over the state collected over two **vehicles** full of food!

We had a "Get Fizzy with it" Ring Bomb party, collections (rings, bracelets, necklace and earrings) ordered and revealed live on facebook.

During Institute backpacks full of school supplies and birthday boxes were collected and donated.

Want to start a great family tradition? On December 3, we have our Gingerbread House decorating party at the Covington Woman's Clubhouse. All proceeds go to Wellspring Living. You can have your photo taken with the Grinch! Click on the state website for more details.







## Braves Game Fundraiser!



Have you heard of PhotoCircle? Both Kim and Nicole are using this app to collect their photos of their administration.

**Can you help** by taking a photo of the QR code and upload your photos

GaFWC for Kim link:<https://join.photocircleapp.com/GQPK7ECMRK>

GFWCgajuniors for Nicole link:<https://join.photocircleapp.com/8C3WRF2R42>



Open the Camera on your iPhone or Android phone to scan this code.

Alternatively, enter your mobile number or email address to send this page to your phone.

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Available on iOS & Android, PhotoCircle is the easiest way to privately share photos with people you trust. [Learn](#)



Open the Camera on your iPhone or Android phone to scan this code.

Alternatively, enter your mobile number or email address to send this page to your phone.

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# Education Community Service Program

## Education



The following events will be coming up in the next few months. We encourage you to participate in any way you can.

### NOVEMBER:

- American Education Week-The week before Thanksgiving. Please salute your teachers.

National Education Support Professional Day. Wednesday of American Education Week.

### DECEMBER:

- National Special Education Day-December 2
- National App Day-December 11

### JANUARY:

Looking ahead, January is National Mentoring Month. One club provided pizza lunch and notebooks filled with supplies for children. The mentoring program is very active in this community.

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If a man empties his purse  
into his head, no man  
can take it away from him.  
An investment in  
knowledge always pays the  
best interest.

*Ben Franklin*

## Libraries

Much of our country has suffered from national disasters. In order to assist these communities, GFWC has started the GFWC Library Replenishment Fund. Grants will be provided to GFWC clubs to help replenish affected libraries in their communities.

## ESO

We want to recognize our published club women who are authors to add to the ESO reading lists. Please contact [sandygfwc@outlook.com](mailto:sandygfwc@outlook.com).

Remember to help promote education, make your libraries sparkle, and read for your enjoyment and edification.

Thanks., The committee

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Any book that helps a  
child to form a habit of  
reading, to make  
reading one of his deep  
and continuing needs, is  
good for him.

*Maya Angelou*






I hope you can join us on Wednesday December 7, for Christmas at Lipscomb. The school is beautiful.

**All members are invited!** If possible please park in the gravel parking lot in front of the Cottage since parking at the cottage is a premium.

We look forward to seeing you!



The Lipscomb Society Committee and The  
GFWC GA Executive Committee  
cordially invite you to a  
Christmas Open House  
to honor the Tallulah Falls School Faculty,  
Staff, and GFWC Clubwomen  
Wednesday, December 7, 2022  
from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.  
Lipscomb Cottage on the Tallulah Falls  
School Campus



## Juniorette Chairman—Judine Heard

### Why Sponsor a Juniorette Club?

Young people have a lot on their schedule these days. Between school work, extra-curricular activities and time with family and friends, and some are even employed part-time, why add Juniorette to the list?

Being a Juniorette offers many of the same benefits that other organizations offer. It helps build confidence, self-esteem, and can demonstrate to college admissions officers how a young person is a contributing member of her community.

However, Juniorette offers young ladies one thing that other organizations do not: A clubwoman for life - provided we stay connected and make sure she transfers to a junior or general club when the time is right. A lifetime of continued service and lasting relationships that starts in her youth.

It take only three young ladies to start a club. In late 2021, members of the LaFayette Woman's Club made the decision to sponsor a Juniorette club. Under the direction of Amy Millican, who is the director, the LaFayette Juniorette Club was chartered. The club started with three interested ladies. Since that time, the club has grown to more than 20 members.

The LaFayette Juniorettes have been busy in their community since its inception. One project has been collecting undergarment and distributing to local schools for children in need.

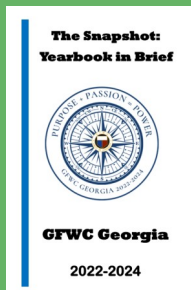
Make a commitment to sponsor a Juniorette club. A club does not have to be a school sponsored activity. Think outside the schoolhouse for potential members. Look within your family, your neighborhood and young ladies who are being home-schooled.

Remember it only takes three young ladies to charter a club. Imagine clubwoman for life.

For more information contact, Judine B. Heard at [juniorette@gfwcgeorgia.org](mailto:juniorette@gfwcgeorgia.org).

Next Issue: Generation Z - Who Are They and How To Support Them as Juniorette Members

# GFWC Georgia Marketplace - [www.gfwcgeorgia.org](http://www.gfwcgeorgia.org)



**\$10 Snapshot**  
A spiral bound brief of year-book



**\$20 Large-Log**  
Garment bag  
24"x54" black  
with gold  
GFWC logo



**\$15 Clear Tote**  
Clear vinyl  
12"x12"x6",  
GFWC logo in  
silver



**\$10 Clear Wristlet**  
Clear vinyl 6"x9"  
with GFWC logo in  
silver,



**\$10 6 oz Stainless**  
steel tumbler in emer-  
ald green, GaFwC  
logo in white. plastic  
liner and push-on lid  
features a swivel  
mechanism to help  
reduce spills or leaks

## Up Coming Events

November 17-27	Georgia Festival of Trees—Georgia World Congress Center—Atlanta. Donated trees, auction items, and volunteers. Benefits Wellspring Living.
<b>December 1</b>	<b>Deadline for Clubs to send State, District, Junior Conference, Juniorettes, and Tallulah Falls School Dues and/or Donations, along with a Membership Roster. See respective vouchers for details and addresses.</b>
<b>December 1</b>	<b>GFWC's Membership Recruitment Campaign "Sparkle and Shine" Recruitment: "Ruby—Share Your Passion" Report Due for September, October, and November Recruitments</b>
December 3	Gift Wrapping Party, benefiting Wellspring Living — Village Campus (College Park)
December 3	Gingerbread House Competition, benefiting Wellspring Living—sponsored by Covington Woman's Club, Heartland Woman's Club and Service Guild of Covington 12-3
December 7	GFWC Holiday Reception—1734 N Street, Washington, DC
December 7	Holiday Open House at State Office—Lipscomb Cottage 3-5
December 12	Federation Fellowship (Zoom) — 7:00 to 8:00 pm
<b>December 15</b>	<b>Deadline for District Treasurer to send Annual Convention Dues to State Office</b>
December 17	Wreaths Across America Ceremony and Wreath Laying at Cemeteries across America, abroad, and at sea.
December 31	End of Club Reporting Year

## Federation Fellowship

### Second Monday of the month — Zoom Call

Just click on the Button in the email (Fellowship Federation) and join us on Monday Evening at 7:00 PM. We will have a CPR BYTE then a guest speaker. We hope to have time for questions before we close out the evening around 8:00 PM.

## Reporting due January 25, 2023



Visits have reopened!



The GFWC Milledgeville Civic Woman's Club visited Tallulah Falls School on Oct. 27. Shown, from left, are Karen Hamrick, Cookie Noel, and Patsy Satterwhite.