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**GENERAL FEDERATION
OF WOMEN'S CLUBS**

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Club Life

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A Scrapbook of Club Activities



Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.
Helen Keller



In early April, the **GFWC Reynolds Woman's Club**, dressed in their finest (including hats), enjoyed an elegant afternoon tea of strawberry salads, scones, sandwiches, and a fine selection of teas. As a charming nod to traditional ladies' gathering, the ladies learned of the evolution of women's clubs from their modest inception to their current status. It was a splendid afternoon of laughter with friends, elegant food and surroundings, shared stories, and engaging conversations about the role of women in shaping a brighter tomorrow.



At the April meeting of the **GFWC Lilburn Woman's Club**, two students from Parkview High School's Environmental Club gave an informative talk about the geodesic dome greenhouse at the Lilburn



Community Garden. Mandy McManus presented the students with a lovely bouquet grown at the Community Garden. Members also donated lots of art supplies to Haven House for the residents to enjoy some art activities.

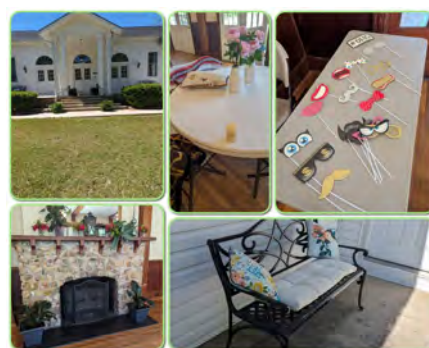
The **Atlanta Woman's Club** donated to Draw Change, a local 501(c)(3) that provides art therapy to unhoused children in Atlanta and in other countries. Jennie Lobato, a member of The Atlanta Woman's Club, heads this organization.



Members of the **GFWC Gainesville Phoenix Woman's Club** planted pinwheels in support of Child Abuse.



The **GFWC Dunwoody Woman's Club** planted their annual display of pinwheels in Brook Run Park in recognition of Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month.



The **GFWC Cochran Woman's Club** decorated their meeting place, the Community House, and invited students from Bleckley County High School to come and take their prom pictures.



Members of the **GFWC Dunwoody Woman's Club** attended the Dunwoody Garden Club's annual card party and fashion show. All funds raised will be used for community projects.



New officers for the **GFWC Maxeys Woman's Club** were installed in April by Laedenia Jewell, newly elected CE District President.

Congratulations!



Members of the **GFWC Calhoun Woman's Club** sported blue to support of Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month.



Six members of **The Atlanta Woman's Club** volunteered in April at Children Read. They placed stickers and bookmarks on new books donated by a publisher,



As part of their ongoing involvement with the Georgia Mountain Food Bank, the **GFWC Gainesville Phoenix Woman's Club** collected more than 140 pounds of food in March at the Burn Boot Camp and Stephens Point. The collection of food is part of the club's Civic Engagement and Outreach CSP.



Sandra McNeil of the **Atlanta Woman's Club** celebrated her 99th birthday on April 8, 2024.



The **GFWC Dawson County Woman's Club** had a fun night in early April playing trivia. They led most of the night but came up short on the last question. Couldn't remember Winston Churchill! They still placed third!

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Guest speaker at the **GFWC Morrow Civic Woman's Club's** April meeting was Peter Helfrich, President of the Metro Atlanta Beekeepers Association. He spoke to the club on the importance of pollinators in our environment.



The **GFWC Tifton Woman's Club** welcomed special guests, Tifton County Elections Supervisor (and beloved club member) Leila Dollison and Tift IT Director Al Stephenson to their April meeting. They shared information on early voting, absentee ballots, and election security. After the meeting, club members assembled bags to hand out at the upcoming YMCA Healthy Kids Day.



The **Atlanta Woman's Club** delivered goodies for the staff of Georgia Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled during the National Library Week. The Atlanta Woman's Club is one of the many groups who volunteer their time and resources to GLS.



Guest speakers for the April meeting of the **GFWC LaFayette Woman's Club** were Mrs. Chambers and her class who spoke about their beehive project in their room. The Environment CSP created a delicious luncheon and members once again brought lots of goodies for the "Pack the Pantries" project of the Civic Engagement and Outreach CSP.



The Civic Engagement and Outreach CSP of the **GFWC Hartwell Service League**

showed their appreciation of all the Meals on Wheels volunteers by giving them each a thank-you note and a sweet treat.





Chief Magistrate Judge Sheila Thompson, a longtime member, installed the new 2024-2026 officers of the **GFWC LaFayette Woman's Club**.

Installed were Rachel Willeford, President; Stephanie Wardlaw, 1st VP; Irma Shaw, 2nd VP; Lecia Eubanks, Treasurer; and

Cecilia Westbrook, Parliamentarian. Not pictured were Beverly Byrd, 3rd VP, and Jennifer Chandler, Secretary. Also installed were Diane Dotsn, Environment CSP Chair; Cecilia Westbrook, Health & Wellness CSP Chair; Renee Griffin, Recording Secretary, and Alicia Reagan, Public Relations. Not pictured were Marilyn Fulmer, Civic Engagement & Outreach CSP Chair; Theresa Dorsey and Allison Johnson, Arts & Culture CSP Co-Chairs; and Donna Clements and LouRea Underwood, Education & Libraries CSP Co-Chairs.



Dawn Eversley, Assistant to the Executive Director of the House of Hope, was the guest speaker at the April meeting of the **GFWC Brunswick Woman's Club**. The House of Hope is a 501(c)(3) faith-based therapeutic safe house in Brunswick - a place of refuge and recovery - for girls traumatized by sex trafficking or are at risk of becoming sex trafficking victims. The facility currently can accommodate 11 girls. Dawn spoke of the mission and how they accomplish it by offering a home-like environment, education opportunities, and teaching life skills and boundaries.



The **GFWC Cartersville Woman's Club** has Emmi Losasso from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Fisheries as the guest speaker for their April meeting. Emmi talked about her job, the special aquatic species in the area, and the ways all could help with conservation efforts.



At their April meeting, the **GFWC Hartwell Service League** presented the committee chairmen with the awards won at the NE District Meeting. Honored were the Arts & Culture CSP, Environment CSP, Health & Wellness CSP, Civic Engagement & Outreach CSP, Education & Libraries CSP, and Communications & Public Relations Committee.



The **GFWC Tifton Woman's Club** made goodie bags for National Library Workers Day.



At their April meeting, the **GFWC Vienna Woman's Club** enjoyed a lovely salad bar and cheesecake prepared by their hostess, Charlotte Vestal.



The **GFWC LaFayette Juniette Club** makes a difference at the Walker Games supporting their teams.



The CSPs of the **GFWC Moultrie Federated Guild** were busy during April making plans for the coming months. The Education and Libraries CSP met at the Welcome Center to discuss and plan for scholarships to be awarded in 2024. The Civic Engagement & Outreach CSP met at 3 Crazy Bakers to discuss and plan for the May meeting program and the upcoming Memorial Day Ceremony at the Cobb-Suncrest Memorial Gardens. The Health & Wellness CSP met at Margaritas to discuss and plan for the Grannies and Girls Tea on May 25th at the clubhouse. And the Hostesses Committee was busy organizing and arranging the supply closet at the Moultrie Federated Guild Clubhouse.



The **GFWC Stone Mountain Woman's Club** stood united in wearing blue in April to fight child abuse during National Child Abuse and Prevention Month.



The **GFWC Reynolds Woman's Club** decked out in the festival t-shirt sold these fashions at the Miss GA Strawberry Festival. Proceeds from the sales will fund scholarships for high school seniors.



The **GFWC Roswell Service League** cleaned up and planted spring flowers in the President's Garden at Tallulah Falls School to ensure it was perfect for the State President, Kim Sekulow's new plaque. Deborah Landress, Administrative Assistant for GFWC Georgia, helped the club with the project. A special thanks to the TFS crew who made chicken ceasar wraps for them.



The **GFWC Sylvester Woman's Club** participated in the Spring Fling in Sumner selling Alzheimer's pin-ups, *Morning with Mom* tickets, and collecting books for the Sumner Library.





The **GFWC Sylvania Junior Woman's Club** helped make and pack meals for the elderly and the needy at the Screven County Soup Kitchen on Saturday, April 13, 2024.



Members of the **GFWC Hartwell Service League** helped with stage décor for the Hart County Community Theatre's production of *The Wizard of Oz*, scheduled from May 17 to June 2. Members showcased their talents by making floral decorations for Munchkinland.



The **Atlanta Woman's Club** held its Annual Membership Tea on April 14, 2024, at The Wimbish House. The Arts & Culture CSP arranged for musicians from Midtown High School to serenade the ladies. Art from students at Midtown High School was also displayed. Joining the members were special guests, Peggy Wilson of the GFWC Morrow Civic Woman's Club and current GFWC Georgia Second Vice President, and Maria Barnhart of the GFWC Dunwoody Woman's Club and newly installed North West District President.



The **GFWC Toccoa Woman's Club** supported April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month by having guest speakers Lisa Fugel (SANE) and Madison Bills from FAITH's Power House (Child Advocacy and Sexual Assault Center) share details and statistics about child abuse in their area. After the meeting, the members assembled pinwheels for a display in their area. Later, they planted a pinwheel garden in front of LeCroy's.



At their April meeting, the **GFWC Woodbine Woman's Club** had as their special guests—Jennifer and Amy from AC Service Center—who talked about air conditioning and women in the industry. Afterwards, the club got ready for summer by decorating flip-flops.



The **GFWC Civic Woman's Club of Milledgeville** had a fun project creating blankets with 2nd graders.



The **GFWC Tifton Junior Woman's Club** had a successful meeting in April preparing for several upcoming events. They were also able to stuff their soup kitchen bags.



Kathy Mattox, **GFWC Lilburn Woman's Club** President, accepted a plaque from Hopkins Elementary School for the club's continued support in 2023-2024.



The **GFWC Reynolds Woman's Club** at a great time with all, especially telling stories to the children, at The Strawberry Patch at Taylor Orchards



The **GFWC Roswell Cares Service League** had a productive April Meeting and a Meal on April 17, 2024. Thanks to 2nd VP they crafted no-sew blankets for Simple Needs Georgia, who distributes 500 blankets annually to children, people experiencing homelessness, and others in need.



Members of the **GFWC Brunswick Woman's Club** and their guests assembled at the First Methodist Church of Brunswick on Saturday, April 20, 2024, for their House of Hope Luncheon as part of the GFWC Georgia Day of Service. Ragan Flowers, Director of Operations of the House of Hope, joined them and gave an informative talk on the safe house for young girls who were victims or potential victims of sex trafficking, followed by a question-and-answer session. The meal was lovingly planned, prepared, and served by a team of the members. In addition, the club assembled individual birthday bags for the girls that included cake mix, icing, sprinkles, candles, cupcake liners, napkins, plates, plasticware, a birthday banner, body wash, lip gloss, a bracelet, and a \$35 gift card to Target.



The **GFWC Moultrie Federated Guild** participated in the Spring Fling on the Square in downtown Moultrie on Saturday, April 20, 2024. They sold raffle tickets for wonderful prizes and gave out information about joining the club.



The **GFWC Cartersville Woman's Club** hosted a Lunch and Bunco on Saturday, April 20, 2024, at The Episcopal Church of Ascension to benefit Wellspring Living.



The **GFWC Suburban Woman's Club of Augusta** enjoyed a wine and cheese get together at Faye Sherrill's home and garden in recognition of GFWC Georgia Day of Service for Wellspring Living.



The GWC Bremen Junior Woman's Club held their Springfest on Saturday, April 20, 2024. Lots of activities and fun for the whole family!




The GFWC Dawson County Woman's Club donated a Little Free Library to the Black's Mill Elementary School. The students decorated the box. (Group picture courtesy of Dawson County News.)



The GFWC Gainesville Phoenix Woman's Club had its April meeting at the Hall-Dawson CASA offices, and they learned about the court-appointed special advocates programs.



The GWC Lilburn Woman's Club had their 2nd Annual Taste of Lilburn on Saturday, April 20, 2024. It was a resounding success.



TASTE OF LILBURN

Taste Food from around the world that
can be found just around the corner

APRIL 20TH

4 pm-7pm

Heritage Hall @ Salem Missionary Baptist Church



On April 20, 2024, the **GFWC Sylvester Woman's Club** held an informative class celebrating Earth Day. Melissa Souter, Environment CSP Chairman, taught the group about pollinators and their importance to the environment. Each attendee received a free Coreopsis. They explored the Village Community Garden, too.



The **GFWC Cochran Woman's Club** helped with the Cochran Clean Up Day in honor of Earth Day. And they debuted their new club t-shirts.



At their April meeting, the **GFWC Dallas Woman's Club** had a speaker from the Paulding Child Advocacy Center in honor of Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month. Also, a spokesman from the Dallas Police Department talked about safety and awareness. Members brought snacks and books for the police department.



Members of the Environment CSP of the **GFWC Dawson County Woman's Club** worked at the library cleaning up and planting the Roselyn Carter Pollinator Garden and native plant bed to celebrate Earth Day.



Members of the **GFWC Tifton Junior Woman's Club** celebrated Earth Day

by picking up trash on April 22, 2024.

Keep Tift Beautiful





The Environment CSP of the **GFWC LaFayette Woman's Club** had a very busy April. They donated to Camp New Dawn to help beautify their prayer garden.

They also worked with the city to celebrate Earth Day by sprucing up "Mary's Garden" inside Joe Stock Park.



They donated two kinds of basil and dill and two rhubarb plants to the historical Marsh House.

They visited April Chambers' Community Based Vocational Instruction class at LaFayette High School, donated flowers for their pollinators boxes, and assisted the class in planting, fertilizing, and watering. And they provided pizza for them to enjoy!



The **GFWC Sylvania Junior Woman's Club** sponsored a General Primary Candidate Forum on April 22, 2024 at the Screven County Court Room.



GFWC Lilburn Woman's Club's Education & Libraries CSP donated to Camp Creek's Odyssey of the Mind team.



In honor of Earth Day, several members of the Civic Engagement & Outreach CSP of the **GFWC Hartwell Service League** picked up trash along Ridge Road, filling 2 large garbage bags.



The GFWC Azalea City Woman's Club honored Earth Day all week long by posting information and pictures on social media about some issues impacting our environment and ways individuals can help.

- Day 1 — Litter
- Day 2 — Importance of Trees and Flowers
- Day 3 — Stormwater Pollution
- Day 4 — Endangered Species
- Day 5 — Recycling

Further information about these issues can be found on the club's Facebook Page.



The Atlanta Woman's Club hosted a Seeded Event for Eleos Foundation at The Wimbish House. The foundation provides personal care items to women experiencing homelessness, and survivors of domestic abuse and human trafficking, helping them stabilize and build brighter futures. Mayor Andre Dickens was given an award for his support.



Several members of the GFWC LaFayette Woman's Club helped with the Honeybee Bike Ride that kicked off the Honeybee Festival. Proceeds from the bike ride will go towards lowering the cost of children's programs at the LaFayette Recreation Center.





Several members of the **GFWC Tifton Junior Woman's Club** volunteered at the Champions of Hope Sporting Clays Tournament on April 27, 2024. The event benefits Ruth's Cottage & The Patticake House, which provides services to those affected by family violence, including child abuse.



On Saturday, April 27, 2024, **GFWC Sylvester Woman's Club** members participated in the Great Sylvester Clean Up, cleaning up the streets around The Duck Pond.



The **GFWC Woodbine Woman's Club** sold baked goods at the Crawfish Festival in late April.



The Day and Evening Divisions of the **GFWC Dunwoody Woman's Club** hosted their GFWC Georgia Day of Service event benefiting Wellspring Living on April 25, 2024 at Marlow's Tavern. Special guests were Michelle Graves from Wellspring Living and Dunwoody Police Chief Mike Carlson. Entertainment was provided by high school students Sydney Moss and Ethan Leong. About 50 members, friends, and family enjoyed the evening.



GFWC Lilburn Woman's Club members enjoyed *Menopause II* at the Athens Classic Theater and had dinner at South Kitchen.





Four **GFWC Morrow Civic Woman's Club** (Cookie, Mary, Lois, and Pam) spent Saturday morning, April 20, 2024 volunteering with Compassion Ministries Food Pantry and Fayette Friendship Community Church. They prepared distribution boxes of non-perishables such as dry pastas, canned vegetables, sweet treats, snack items, cheese, fruit juice, creamers, raisins, and salad toppers. They were delivered to the outside volunteers who placed the food boxes in the clients vehicle as they drove up. Each client received a large bag of shrimp or chicken thighs. This distribution served 240 individuals with food.



The Education and Libraries CSP of the **GFWC Covington Woman's Club** held their annual "Special Art Exhibit" in late April. All the art exhibited was the work of special education students in the Newton County schools.



The **GFWC Tifton Woman's Club** handed out bags with deodorant and candy to local children at the YMCA Healthy Kids Day on April 20, 2024.



On April 20, 2024, the **GFWC Locust Grove Woman's Club** participated in the Locust Grove Day City Event. They had a "float" on which several members and their children rode in the Locust Grove Day Parade. They also had a booth in front of the City Hall Building, selling homemade cakes as a Fundraiser for the club. Along with cake sales and donations, they made almost \$800.

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FLOWERS



On April 20, 2024, the **GFWC Calhoun Woman's Club** held their 2024 Sequoyah Ball at Twelve Oaks Pond, a Weddings & Events Venue.

