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A New Year

The year 2025 marks the first quarter of the 21st Century and the 129th anniversary of GFWC Georgia. There is so much history to remember, yet so many future events await. What a wonderful time to be a Federation member!

I want to take this opportunity to thank each of you for the service you have rendered to your communities. It has been a real treat to read about all the projects and events our Georgia clubs have sponsored: art shows, concerts, hands-on crafts booths, veterans' programs, safety seminars, book give-aways, scholarship awards, recycling, trash pick-up, health awareness, physical fitness workshops, shelter assistance, food distribution, and oh, so many more! You have joined hands – one pair, two pairs, ten pairs, or fifty pairs – and what wonderful work you have done together!

Check Constant Contact for the Call to our GFWC Georgia Convention. Please register as soon as possible! The North East District has many exciting plans for us. Our venue, Legacy Lodge at Lanier Islands, is situated along the shores of Lake Lanier, right off I-985. Mark your calendars for April 25 -27 as we celebrate the accomplishments of our clubs, fellowship with federation sisters, and while away the hours together with "Changes in Latitude, Changes in Attitude."

Also, I urge you to register for the GFWC 2025 Convention, which will be held in Atlanta June 6 – 9 at the Omni

Hotel. This is an exciting time to be a GFWC Georgia member as we offer our

Southern hospitality to Federation sisters from all over the United States. We need volunteers for many jobs, including table hostesses for State Night (Friday), meeting pages, greeters at the welcome table, and event decorators. Please visit our website and offer your help through Sign-up Genius.

Hope to see you soon!

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The General Federation of Women's Clubs is a unifying force, bringing together local women's clubs, with members dedicated to strengthening their communities and enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service. With more than 60,000 members in affiliated clubs in every state and more than 20 countries, GFWC members are community leaders who work locally to create global change by advocating for women, children, and families on issues such as domestic violence and sexual assault, food insecurity/hunger, and promoting healthy lifestyles. GFWC also supports the arts, works to preserve natural resources, advances education, encourages civic involvement, and works toward world peace and understanding. For more information, please visit www.GFWC.org or call 1-800-443-GFWC (4392).

First Vice President/President-Elect**Peggy Wilson****E: firstvp@gfwcgeorgia.org*****From the desk of the First Vice-President of Georgia***

A real-life princess knows she's not a princess in fairy tales, where she enjoys a pampered life of ease. Instead, she is someone who understands that she must work hard to make her dreams come true. She doesn't wait for someone else to come and rescue her. She believes in herself and is brave enough to slay the dragons and rescue her prince if necessary. The GFWC Georgia princesses are busy making plans for their district meetings. Please look for information and updates from *Peggy's Princesses* about their upcoming district meetings. It is time to learn about all the wonderful work our clubs have done to make Georgia sparkle and shine.

Women everywhere know that all the famous fairy tales begin with "Once Upon a Time." Pause for a moment and think about how important it is that everything begins at a point in time: our lives, those special moments in our lives, and those times of sadness that we must all face.

Time allows us the opportunity to celebrate those accomplishments that we made once upon a time. Think about conversations that begin with, "Remember the time our club raised money for foster children by

hosting a fashion show?" How about the "time we hosted a Mother's Day Luncheon with special prizes provided by our members for our guests?" The money raised for this event helped support a local elementary school's art classes and projects.

These were special moments, and we want to take the time to celebrate. We also want to celebrate our successes and reflect on the lessons learned. Time allows us to plan successfully, organize, and execute our plans.

The year 2024 is over; we can't turn back the clock, but we can rewind it. The year 2025 gives us the opportunity to challenge ourselves and move forward renewed and with enthusiasm.

As someone else once wrote, "Cheers to new beginnings, fresh opportunities, and a year filled with growth, success, and laughter." Leave behind what didn't serve you as you step into 2025 with hope, confidence, and unstoppable energy.

Wishing you 12 months of happiness, 52 weeks of positivity, and 365 days of endless inspiration."

Peggy's Princesses

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Project: Women's Heart Health—Go Red for Women, The Heart Truth, The American Heart Association

Our district has had a crazy fall, but we are already looking forward to spring, and our Central East District Spring Meeting is on March 8th. This meeting will be held at Allen Memorial UMC, Lovern Hall Fellowship Hall, 801 Asbury St, Oxford, GA 30054. Registration will start at 9 am, and the meeting will begin at 10 am.

This meeting is being hosted by the GFWC Heartland Woman's Club and the GFWC Service Guild of Covington. Their theme is "First Ladies" to honor Women's History Month by highlighting ladies who have been the first to do things.

The Service Guild of Covington is sponsoring an ESO book swap, and we have asked the ladies in the district to bring in cat and dog food to help support the Newton County Animal Shelter.



Since our speaker from the American Heart Association cannot make it, they have instead sent us videos from the 2025 Class of Survivors so their stories can inspire us to keep raising awareness for women's heart health.

Our club presidents shared that most of our clubs wore red during February to their club meetings and on Go Red for Women's Day, February 7th.

We will celebrate the life of our district clubwomen who have left us too soon during our memorials and share our love with their club sisters.

Since reporting is over and done, we will celebrate all of our award winners. We can't wait to get together and give our hands to serve and our hearts to love!

Central West District — PRESIDENT Libby Bond

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Project: Leadership

Last newsletter, I mentioned that our district is nearing the end of a two-year project. It is actually an 18-month project. We committed to raise \$5,000 to purchase one-half of a well in South Sudan. Girls and women in this country sometimes walk up to 12 miles daily to get water. Each club has been asked to raise \$455 towards our district goal. Some clubs reached into their treasury. Others sold Christmas wreaths and bows. Several clubs encouraged clubwomen to "Be the Change" and collect spare change. Some clubs have put collection jars in the community, and others have partnered with other community organizations. Some have held 50/50 raffles, and one club got a grant from their foundation for 3 times the amount requested. We held a Penny War at the district meeting. This brought us \$507.44, and we also had a lot of fun.

At our Spring District Meeting on March 22 at Sewell Mill in Bremen, GA, we will present a check for over \$5,000 to the man who started

the foundation - Wells for Hope for South Sudan. Of course, there will be two regular cashable checks and another enormous poster-size check for photos. We will also receive a copy of the tile that will be put on the well with our name on it. We have invited the news media to come make a story about this as we are presenting it on World Water Day.

If you want to join us, our meeting will begin at 10:00 AM and will cost \$25 to register.

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North East District - PRESIDENT Debbie Borovitzky

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Our North East District Spring Meeting will be held on March 29th in Lilburn, hosted by the wonderful ladies of the GFWC Lilburn Woman's Club. The meeting will be held at Harmony Grove Methodist Church, 50 Harmony Grove Road, Lilburn, GA 30047.

Registration begins at 9:30 AM, and the Business Meeting begins at 10:00 AM. The cost is \$30 and includes a wonderful lunch of meat or veggie lasagna, salad, bread, and tiramisu.

We are fortunate to have Cathy Jones, GFWC GA President, and Jennifer Stalvey, Director of Junior Clubs, planning to attend. They missed our fall meeting because Hurricane Helene ar-

rived a few days before the meeting, making travel difficult.

In addition to talks from Cathy and Jennifer, we will present district awards, honor our members who have passed away, and judge Arts and Crafts entries.

It is sure to be a fun time!

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Project: Good Shepherd Clinic of Dawson County and other clinics in the GA Charitable Care Network

North West District – PRESIDENT Maria Barnhart

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The North West District is gearing up with a theme for our Spring district meeting – **“Spring into Action to Be the Good.”** We welcome Spring and continue to be **“Be the Good”** to help our communities. A floral backdrop with inspirational messages for photos and floral centerpieces will accentuate our theme.

Brunch instead of Lunch for this Spring meeting. We will eat first, which should give us more time for the packed agenda: student/member Arts competition, district awards, memorials, updates about the GFWC convention in June, and our guest speaker, Sheryl Arno, Executive Director of the Down Syndrome Association of Atlanta. We will also take care of some district business and have fun along the way.

For reference, most officer, chairmen, and club presidents' reports will be published in the NW District newsletter before the March 29th meeting.

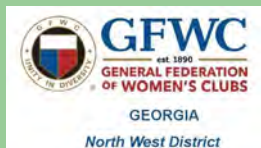
Date: Saturday, March 29, 2025, North West District Spring Meeting. Registration opens at 9:00 a.m.

Location: Saint Luke's Presbyterian Church, 1978 Mount Vernon Rd., Dunwoody, GA 30338

Cost: Brunch is \$25, payable through online registration included in the call sent on February 12th.

Host Clubs: Thank you to our host clubs: GFWC Dunwoody Woman's Club, GFWC Marietta Woman's Club, and GFWC Buchanan Woman's Club

Collection: for Down Syndrome Association of Atlanta: infant clothes up to 12 months (boys and girls), onesies up to 12 months, small infant toys, baby socks, wipes, and newborn diapers, and swaddling blankets **to add** to the items in **Jack's Baskets** – These baskets are delivered to new parents who have a baby with Down syndrome with a message of celebration, hope, and support. The basket includes baby gifts, books, resources, and an opportunity to connect with a parent raising a child with Down syndrome. Last year, the Down Syndrome Association of Atlanta delivered **70 Jack's Baskets**, and it made a real difference to these families.



Project: Down Syndrome Association of Atlanta and Wellroot Family Services

South East District – PRESIDENT Ginger Readdick-Lloyd

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The South East District has been bustling, helping its communities.

The GFWC Civic Woman's Club of Milledgeville collected quarters and treated whoever was at the laundry mat on December 7th to wash and dry their clothes. They chose this date because it was just before Christmas, which would give people extra money for the holidays.

GFWC Brunswick hosted the PAGE STAR (Student Teacher Achievement Recognition) Luncheon at the Heritage Oaks Golf Club on Feb. 11th. At their February meeting, the Brunswick club had guest speaker Heather Heath, the Golden Isles Penguin Project Director. This national program introduces young people with intellectual and physical disabilities to the theatre world.

GFWC Magnolia Civic made a basket of snacks and goodies for the staff and patients at Ogeechee Area Hospice.

GFWC Woodbine served a meal for Gateway's special needs adults for Thanksgiving. In December, they had a craft sale and parade and hosted Santa with hot chocolate. In February, they had Family Bingo night.

The GFWC Sylvania Juniors celebrated their first annual ESO book exchange.

The GFWC Sylvania G.E.M.S. sponsored Angels from the Pineview Nursing Home Angel Tree.

GFWC Gordon's Woman's Club hosted Thanksgiving for Veterans and the elderly. They also had a town parade and pictures with Santa.

The South East District is all about helping our communities and having a little fun along the way.



Project: Environment



South West District – PRESIDENT Sonya Aldridge

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Members from the South West District will "Celebrate Our Impact" at the Spring District Meeting on Saturday, March 15 at the Sylvester First Baptist Church. GFWC Sylvester Woman's Club and GFWC Moultrie Federated Guild are the host clubs. Coffee and fellowship begin at 10:00 AM, followed by the 10:30 AM business session, awards presentation, and lunch. Student art and member craft entries will be displayed for judging.

Attendees are asked to bring children's books supporting the GFWC Georgia President's Special Project, "Books for Little Hands." In keeping with our District Project, "Bee A Literacy Leader In Your Community," the donated books will be divided and shared with our host clubs for distribution in Moultrie and Sylvester.

Each club is asked to bring an opportunity basket valued at \$20-\$25 for our district fund-

raiser. Also, tickets will be sold for a 50/50 drawing.

Buzzing with excitement for our Spring Meeting!

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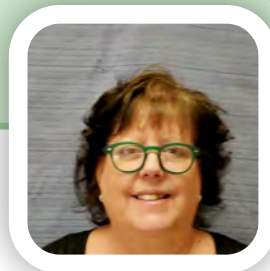


Project: Changing Lives Through Literacy — "Bee" A Literacy Leader in Your Community!



Second Vice President — Julie Walters

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Reporting Update

WOW....it is just absolutely amazing the incredible work and impact that each of you made in your community in 2024.

After reading the reports, I am happy to share that 53 of 64 clubs reported their impact. Thank you for taking the time to report—it is vital for our state and national federation to track and share your impact.

The Committee chairmen have been thoughtful and objective in reading and judging your reports. We look forward to our state convention in April, where we will recognize clubs reporting the most outstanding impact and share the impressive numbers with everyone.

Thank you to the Committee chairmen for suggesting projects and programs for the plan to work and for judging these reports.

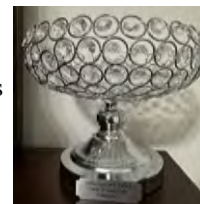
One of the best reasons to belong to GFWC is that each club can choose to do the work they want to do that is most beneficial to their community. And you all really perform a variety of work. From a Pink Rubber Duck event in the town foundation to benefit cancer support to planting flowers in city parks to reading to kids in schools to hosting student art competition to having a float in your local March of Dimes parade to serving meals to your local firefighters.....your volunteer work is impactful and matters. Thank you!

Awards

We will present awards to clubs at the GFWC Georgia convention at Lake Lanier. Make sure you are there to cheer for the winners as we celebrate your individual impact this past year.

We have three new awards this year. Each of these is a lovely crystal bead bowl.

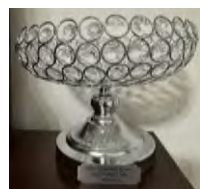
REBECCA LOWE BEST OVERALL CATEGORY 1 AWARD: (Woman's Clubs - 1 to 15 membership category) This award is named for Rebecca Lowe, who was the first GFWC Georgia President, serving from 1896 to 1897.



NELLIE PETERS BLACK BEST OVERALL CATEGORY 2 AWARD: (Woman's Clubs - 16 to 35 membership category) This award is named for Nellie Peters Black, the GFWC Georgia President from 1916-1919, who served during wartime and worked to support women's right to vote.



MARY LIPSCOMB BEST OVERALL CATEGORY 3 AWARD: (Woman's Clubs - 36 and over membership category) This award is named for Mary Lipscomb, who served as the GFWC Georgia President from 1906-1909 and was the driving force in the formation of Tallulah Falls School.



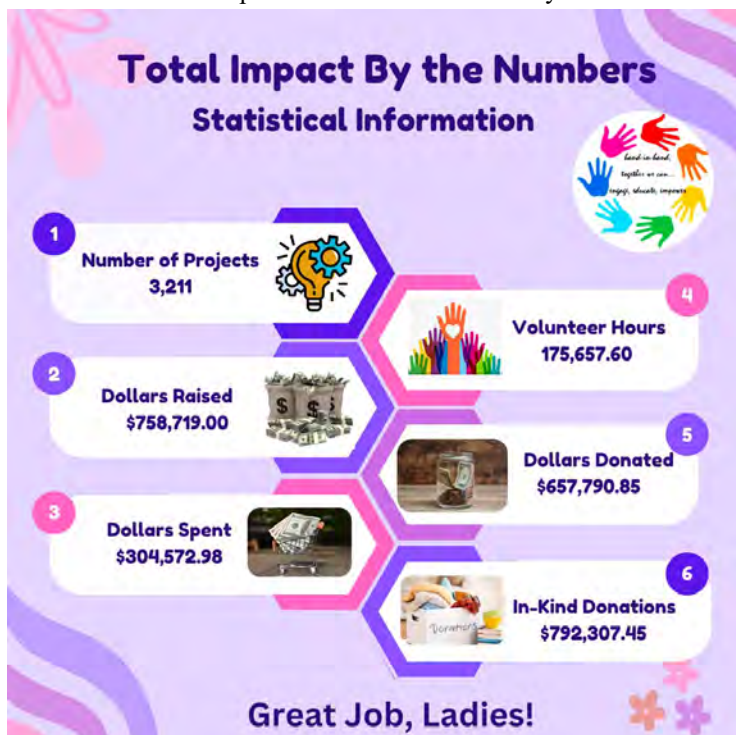
Track it Forward

I hope that everyone found *Track it Forward* a beneficial tool as you worked to submit your reports.

If you have any suggestions for how we can improve this tool, let me know. If you have not yet started using *Track it Forward*, just let me know the email address to which you would like the invitation sent, and we will set up your club.

Yearbook

The **2024-2026 GFWC Georgia Yearbook** is posted on the [GFWC Georgia website](https://www.gfwegeorgia.org/). To access it, navigate to Club Resources > Reporting and Forms and click on the link at the top of the page.





Third Vice President — Dale Reddick

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A huge thank you to all the clubs that submitted a Membership Report for 2024. I've really enjoyed reading about what each club did to recruit new members and maintain the ones it already had.

GREAT JOB, LADIES!!

This year, we increased our membership and gained a new club, the Lake Lanier Woman's Club.

The 2025 Convention is just around the corner. I encourage each club to submit at least one application for the Send-A-Sister Application — Two per district.

Remember to continue to solve the mysteries of membership.



REMINDER

GFWC 2024-2026 Membership “Educate, Engage, Empower” Recruitment Campaign

Winter: FOCUS ON: “Diverse & Inclusive Program”

Report Due for January, February, and March Recruitments

Deadline: April 1, 2025

Complete the fillable [Campaign Report Form](#) and send to:

- GFWC via mail (address is on form) or email - GFWC@GFWC.org.
- Send a copy of the report to membership@gfwcgeorgia.org for the GFWC Georgia Third Vice President.

It's That Time!

GFWC GEORGIA SEND A SISTER SCHOLARSHIP

We understand that you may have always wanted to attend a State Meeting, but perhaps didn't have the funds to do so. This is especially true in these challenging economic times.

However, in this year's GFWC Georgia budget, funds were earmarked for two \$50 stipends per District (yes, that's 12 scholarships) to defray some of the cost for each of the two State meetings (Institute and Convention).

Our second state meeting will be the 129th Annual GFWC Georgia State Convention at Lake Lanier Lodge in Buford, GA on April 25-27, 2025.

The scholarships are open to **ALL** members. Members may apply for one of these scholarships by completing the attached application form. The Membership chairman will notify the winners before the Convention

So, take advantage of this opportunity. Send your application via email today! Deadline to apply is March 25, 2025.

Click [here](#) for a fillable application.





Junior Conference Membership—Tina Neese

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Growing Our Junior Garden: Cultivating Membership in GFWC Georgia Juniors

The GFWC Georgia Juniors are a vibrant force for good, a garden of dedicated young women blooming with potential. But to truly flourish, our garden needs new seeds, fresh perspectives, and a thriving community. Let's explore practical ways to cultivate membership and ensure our organization continues to blossom.

Why Grow Our Garden?

Increased membership means:

- **Expanded Impact:** More hands make lighter work, allowing us to tackle larger projects and reach more individuals in need.
- **Diverse Perspectives:** New members bring unique skills, ideas, and experiences, enriching our organization and broadening our horizons.
- **Sustainable Future:** A strong membership ensures the longevity of our mission, empowering future generations to serve their communities.
- **Stronger Sisterhood:** More members means more connections, friendships, and support within our Junior family.

Practical Tips for Cultivating Membership:

1. *Showcase Our Blooms:* Highlight Our Impact

- **Social Media Savvy:** Share compelling photos and videos of our projects and events. Use relevant hashtags and engaging captions to reach a wider audience.
- **Community Spotlights:** Partner with local media outlets to showcase our work and highlight the positive impact we're making.
- **Personal Stories:** Encourage members to share their personal experiences and the reasons why they joined GFWC.

2. *Plant the Seeds:* Targeted Outreach

- **College Connections:** Reach out to local colleges and universities, targeting women's organizations and service-oriented clubs.
- **Workplace Networking:** Encourage members to invite colleagues and friends to meetings and events.
- **Community Events:** Set up informational booths at local festivals, fairs, and other community gatherings.

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- **Online Presence:** Make sure that your club has an easy to find website or social media page, and that contact information is easy to find.

3. *Nurture New Growth:* Engaging and Welcoming Atmosphere

- **"Bring a Friend" Events:** Host casual gatherings and workshops designed to introduce potential members to the organization.
- **Mentorship Programs:** Pair new members with experienced Juniors to provide guidance and support.
- **Diverse Activities:** Offer a variety of projects and events that appeal to different interests and schedules.
- **Streamline the Process:** Make it easy for potential members to learn about the organization and join. Make sure that all paperwork, or online sign up forms are easy to understand and complete.

4. *Fertilize the Soil:* Relevant and Meaningful Projects

- **Address Current Needs:** Identify pressing issues in our communities and develop projects that address those needs.
- **Offer Skill Development:** Provide opportunities for members to learn new skills and develop their leadership potential.
- **Emphasize Impact:** Clearly communicate the positive impact of our projects and how members are making a difference.
- **Flexibility:** Offer a variety of ways to participate, including short-term projects and virtual volunteer opportunities.

5. *Prune and Refine:* Review and Adapt

- **Feedback is Key:** Regularly solicit feedback from members and potential members to identify areas for improvement.
- **Our Efforts:** Track our membership growth and analyze the effectiveness of our outreach strategies.
- **Stay Relevant:** Adapt our programs and activities to meet the evolving needs and interests of young women.

By working together, we can cultivate a thriving Junior organization that empowers young women to make a lasting impact on their communities.

Let's grow our garden together!



Director of Junior Clubs—Jennifer Stalvey

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With Spring comes awards and celebrations;

March 1st begins the first of the District Meetings. District meetings will celebrate club accomplishments, and it is a time to learn about new projects and ways to serve the communities in which we live.

After the conclusion of District meetings, the GFWC Georgia Convention will be the next event on April 25-27, 2025. The convention will have a Jimmy Buffett theme and a more casual, relaxed atmosphere. Not only will it be a time for clubwomen to learn and receive accolades for 2024 accomplishments, but it will also be an opportunity for families and spouses to enjoy all the fun activities Lanier Islands offers. There is a beach, waterpark, golf and boating to enjoy.

At the convention last year, Juniors were charged with presenting a new set of bylaws to the GFWC Georgia Bylaws Committee. Immediately after the convention, a committee was selected to work on the bylaws led by Becky Bolden. The committee worked diligently over the last year to present bylaws reflecting the Junior Conference and the work we want to accomplish. The Junior Conference is proud of the work that has taken place, and the committee is confident in what was presented to the GFWC Georgia Bylaws Committee. The new bylaws will be presented at the Convention for adoption. It is important that each Junior Club and voting delegates attend the Convention.

The Junior meeting will be held on Saturday afternoon. We will meet and make cards for seniors and others to make someone smile.

Cathy and I will host a lip sync battle on Saturday night.

GFWC Georgia President Cathy Jones and GFWC Georgia Director of Junior Clubs Jennifer Stalvey invite you to an evening of fun!

2025 GFWC Georgia LIPSYNCH BATTLE

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025 AFTER DINNER & AWARDS

\$10 Admission

Proceeds from this event will benefit The Cottage, a Sexual Assault and Children's Advocacy Center in Athens, Georgia.

Grab your favorite Clubwomen or be the STAR on your own!

A Panel of Judges will select the Overall Winner.

Clubwomen will be able to purchase votes for the Clubwomen Choice Awards for \$1 each.

If Interested in Performing, please send your Song Selection, Individual or Members Participating, and Group Name (if chosen) to Jennifer Stalvey at jennstalvey@yahoo.com or 229-402-4854.

This event will benefit The Cottage, a sexual abuse and children's advocacy center in Athens, Georgia. Please consider performing. We need individuals and groups. Juniors need to show up, think about their songs, costumes, and groups, and practice.

Please make every effort to attend your district meeting and convention in April. I am looking forward to the year ahead.

Secretary - Cimi Douglass

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In the December newsletter, I discussed the importance of organizing and preserving your club's minutes to maintain an accurate record of our history. That article on the state website sparked interest and raised several questions about what records to keep and for how long, particularly from our older clubs.

Why Preservation Matters—While today's meeting minutes may seem routine or ordinary, they will be treasured decades from now. Future clubwomen will want to know about our priorities, initiatives, and even the cost of hosting events. Preserving these records ensures that our legacy remains intact and accessible, serving as a bridge between our organization's past, present, and future.

For additional guidance, I reached out to Joanna Church, librarian at the Women's History Resource Center of our national organization, for her expert advice. Joanna was incredibly responsive and shared valuable insights. She also shared a comprehensive document outlining best practices for preserving historical minutes, which I've included as a resource for your reference. I encourage all clubs to review their current documentation processes and consider how they might improve preservation efforts. [A Guide to Preserving and Writing Club History](#).

Our history is priceless, and preserving it is a responsibility we all share. Together, let's ensure that future generations can look back on our accomplishments and be inspired by the dedication and vision of today's clubwomen.

Here are a few Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) based on the information Joanna shared:

1. How long should records be kept?

Answer: Key documents, like meeting minutes, charters, bylaws, and significant financial records, should be maintained indefinitely. These records capture the essence of your club's history and initiatives, offering invaluable context for future generations. All of these are great records for future researchers.

2. What types of records should be preserved?

Answer: Meeting minutes and agendas, Financial reports and budgets, Membership rolls and officer lists, Newsletters, programs, event flyers, Photographs, and press clippings related to club activities

3. Where should these records be stored?

Answer: Storing documents in a climate-controlled environment, away from light, heat, and moisture, is best for long-term preservation. Acid-free folders and boxes can help prevent deterioration.

***From Cimi:** Refer to the December article; your women's history chairman can possibly help in scanning your materials to a Google Drive.

4. Does GFWC want any of these historical minutes or items?

Answer: Our policy is to help clubs and federations find other repositories for these materials rather than collecting them ourselves (this is essentially a storage issue, but we also like to help things stay in their home state). The WHRC is kind of a "repository of last resort" if need be, the last step before the trash can, but we prefer to see things go to universities, libraries, or historical societies nearby. We sometimes accept artifacts and memorabilia, as many repositories are archives-only and can't accept a quilt or a trophy. (We also are happy to receive historical summaries of clubs, whether a one-page note or an entire book – we don't generally take a whole collection of minutes, scrapbooks, and the like.) We are happy to help you and your members identify potential repositories – including some places, like the Atlanta History Center, that might be willing to add to an existing collection – and discuss any artifacts that might need to come to the WHRC.

5. If we digitalize the minutes - does GFWC want us to share them for inclusion in your women's resource digital collection?

Answer: In this case, we would prefer to record the best way to access those digitized materials so that we can share them with interested researchers (and use them ourselves if needed), but we wouldn't want to host the digital files here or add them officially to our collections database. I have a spreadsheet of physical and digital resources organized by state that I can pull up if people are interested in particular states/counties/clubs, and I am always thrilled to add new details! Depending on the digital asset management challenges you might come up against, we can help find the right solution, and if need be, we can be a last resort for file hosting.

6. Do you have other resources or information I can share about keeping 50-100 years of information?

Answer: The attached "Guide" has some advice on file ar-

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rangement, discarding duplicates, choosing the best storage, and the like to get you started.

Below are a few sources of more robust guidance (with many links to specific collections and issues) if/when you need something more in-depth. I'm happy to try to address any specific questions you or your club members might have!

[Collections Care \(Preservation, Library of Congress\)](#)

[Personal Digital Archiving | Digital Preservation - Library of Congress](#)

[Free Resources — NEDCC](#)

[Caring for Family Treasures | Conservation Center for Art & Historic Artifacts](#)

[How to Preserve Family Archives | National Archives](#)

Please let me know if you need assistance with your record keeping.

Thank you,
Cimi

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Treasurer – You are Important!!

Many don't realize how vital The Treasurer's position is to every club's success.

The Treasurer has many responsibilities including:



1. Paying all the club's obligations on a timely basis. This includes knowing and tracking the due dates of obligations such as storage rental, insurance, GFWC Georgia dues, and other items.
2. Depositing all funds on a timely basis.
3. Keeping an accurate record of the club's financial transactions. Google Sheets, Microsoft Excel, QuickBooks, and other software are excellent tools for keeping accurate records. These software programs also produce financial reports, which make reporting easier. The records should be saved for future reference.
4. Providing critical information for the club's annual report on donations to organizations and funds spent on projects.
5. Reporting the cash balance at each meeting to members. This will make all finances transparent to the members.
6. Keeping track of collecting dues from members.
7. Balancing the bank account monthly which is critical. With all the bank fraud, this is the only way to confirm that all transactions are legitimate.
8. Comparing the budget to the actual expenses allows the club to track spending and make good decisions.
9. Use leadership skills, which are necessary to keep your executive board on track.
10. Reimbursing members for expenses with proper expense reports and receipts.
11. If applicable, providing all necessary information for the 501(c)(3) tax return.
12. Performing other miscellaneous duties and following all control procedures.

As you can see, the club Treasurer is very busy. Be sure to tell her, "Thank You," for keeping your club's money and financial records accurate.

Civic Engagement & Outreach CSP — Sheila Sanchez-Vesga

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Civic Engagement and Outreach Community Connection Initiative:

Preparation Saves Lives

GFWC clubs are encouraged to focus on efforts to educate their community members in the life-saving skills of CPR and First Aid. A citation is given to a Woman's or Junior Club doing the most outstanding and innovative work in CE and Outreach Community Connection Initiative.

Please review the [GFWC Civic Engagement Plan of Work](#) on how your club can become involved.

Example:

Stone Mountain Woman's Club- CPR Class – 57 Members, 112 Hours, \$0 Donated \$560 Raised \$0 Spent \$100 In-Kind

During American Heart Association Month, 28 club members participated in a CPR class lead by a Certified Professional. Members learned Basic Life Support for children, infants and adults performing the seven steps of CPR. Members were also taught how to use an AED machine. Members practiced Hands on Chest Compression and Rescue Breathing techniques. A donation of \$50 was made to the American Heart Association for the District President's Project.

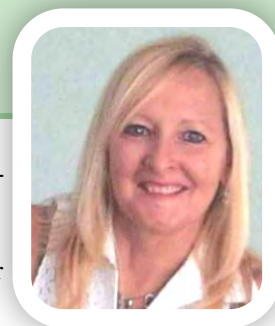
Another way GFWC members can prepare themselves and save others is to create a [Family Emergency Binder](#) in case you need to leave home quickly due to a disaster in your community. Include pertinent information that might be lost or needed if you can't return home immediately — contact infor-

mation, copies of vital documents, current medication lists for all family members, websites and passwords, a home video or photos in case you need to identify missing or damaged items.

[Click here](#) for how to structure and what to include in your family binder. Many thanks to Vicky Ann Trimmer, 2024-2026 GFWC Civic Engagement and Outreach CSP Chairman for this comprehensive guide.

MARCH OF DIMES

- Use the March of Dimes Advocacy materials to make your voice heard by contacting Members of Congress about how you feel about Maternal Health, Access to Care, and Newborn Screening. www.marchofdimes.org/our-work/policy-advocacy
- Host a "Dime Drive" to collect donations. Consider laying the dimes across a bridge to reach across a local river to encourage getting to the goal of covering the entire length of the span.
- Make Blanket for Babies. This is an activity for anyone who wants to use a little creative skill to make baby blankets for babies and children connected to March of Dimes Military Baby Showers. Blankets can be sewn, no sew, crocheted or quilted. They can also be purchased and donated. For more details, [click here](#).



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Project Idea — Get Caught Reading

It is an annual celebration that promotes the joy and benefits of reading.

It's a fun way to encourage children to develop a love for reading and emphasizes the excitement and pleasure of being absorbed into a good book. There is still time to plan to "Get Caught Reading."

There are many ways you can get involved. Share photos of yourself reading on social media, organize reading events at

schools or libraries, or simply make a conscious effort to read more throughout the month.

Have a well-known community member get involved. Perhaps your Mayor, an Elementary School Principal, or some other local "celebrity." Connect with your schools or public libraries to partner or hold the event at their location.





Environment CSP — Judine Heard

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Hey, are you willing to get your hands dirty?

Cathy Jones has challenged us to be better stewards of the earth. This year's President's Challenge suggests that we strive to support community garden spots and create more beautiful communities by picking up trash along highways, waterways, and walking trails. Community gardens contribute significantly to environmental sustainability. As plants absorb rainwater, there is reduced runoff on streets, minimizing the flow of pollutants into water bodies such as rivers, streams, and lakes. Composting in these gardens helps reduce overall waste production, thereby decreasing the amount of landfill contributions. Community gardens allow us to work with our neighbors to address the problems of rising food prices and the ever-present reality of food insecurity.

Let's take a quick mental quiz on community gardening and state and national parks...

Would it be possible for your club to hold a community workshop on sustainable gardening? Is there a suitable place to plant a garden at home, near a clubhouse, or within your community? Is there space that might be used for a compost pile? Do you reach out to fellow citizens by working together to create an opportunity to grow together as a community? Do you help support local growers by shopping at local farmers' markets for local produce? Does your club care enough to plan a clean-up day in the community by coordinating groups of volunteers to clean eyesore areas and properly discard the waste?

On page 148 of the GFWC GA Yearbook, you will read about a Community Connection Initiative that calls for people to get involved in activities that will enhance our state and national parks. There are a wide range of possible ways to help restore parks.

Look at the following questions and think about what your club might do to help...

Is your club located near a state or national park? If so, have you inquired about ways you might assist in improving the facilities and/or grounds within the park? Do you think your club could update park benches and water fountains? Are there members in your group that might volunteer to clean up a park day?

A "YES" to any of the questions above is a great place for

your club to start planning for this coming year. Each club is different and filled with strengths and challenges.

Let's all join in for a fresh start this spring and plant seeds of progress throughout our communities.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- March 22- World Water Day
- May- American Wetlands Month
- April 22 - Earth Day
- June 16-22- National Pollinator Week

State Legislative Update:

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

HB561 – Okefenokee Protection Act – a Bill to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia annotated, relating to surface mining, so as to prohibit the director of the Environmental Protection Division of the Natural Resources Department from issuing, modifying or renewing any permit or accepting any bond to conduct surface mining operations on Trail Ridge for future permit applications and amendments; to provide a definition; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Sponsors:

Darlene Taylor 173 District
 Ron Stephens 164 District
 Steven Sainz 180 District
 Gerald Greene 154 District
 Debbie Buckner 137 District
 Carolyn Hugley 141 District

[Click here to contact your representative.](#)



Health and Wellness CSP — Shelia Jones

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March is National Nutrition Month

For your monthly club meeting, have a healthy potluck or a recipe makeover contest, cutting calories and increasing the nutritional value of the recipe!

National Nutrition Month® is an annual campaign created 50 years ago in 1973 by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. During the month of March, everyone is invited to learn about making informed food choices and developing healthy eating and physical activity habits.

This year's theme is "Food Connects Us." Food is a connecting factor for many of us. It connects us to our cultures, our families, and our friends. Sharing a meal is an opportunity to learn about its preparation, who made it, and where the ingredients were sourced. Health, memories, traditions, seasons, and access can all impact our relationship with food. While these factors influence the foods we eat, the foods we eat also affect our health.

Eating Right for Older Adults

Food, Nutrition and Health Tips from the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics

- **Make half your plate fruits and vegetables**

Eat a variety of different-colored vegetables, including dark green, red, and orange ones. Beans, peas, and lentils are also good choices. Fresh, frozen, and canned vegetables can all be healthful options. Look for "reduced sodium" or "no-salt-added" on the labels. Add fruit to meals, snacks, or desserts. Choose dried, frozen, or canned fruits in water or 100% juice, as well as fresh fruits.



- **Make at least half your grains whole**

Choose breads, cereals, crackers, and noodles made with 100% whole grains. Whole-grain corn tortillas, brown rice, bulgur, millet, amaranth, and oats all count as whole grains, too. Also, look for fiber-rich cereals to help you stay regular and cereals that are fortified with vitamin B12, a nutrient that decreases in absorption as we age or due to some medications.

- **Switch to fat-free or low-fat milk, yogurt, and cheese**

Older adults need more calcium and vitamin D to help keep bones healthy. Daily, include three servings of fat-free or low-fat milk, yogurt, or cheese. If you are lactose intolerant, try lactose-free milk or a calcium-fortified soy beverage.

- **Vary your protein choices**

Eat a variety of foods from the protein food group each week.

In addition to lean meat, poultry, and eggs, choose seafood, nuts, beans, peas, and lentils when planning your meals. Spread your protein intake throughout the day by including a source with meals and snacks. Protein foods derived from animal sources also provide vitamin B12, and certain plant-based foods may be fortified. If you're at risk for low levels of vitamin B12, your doctor may also recommend a supplement.

- **Limit sodium, saturated fat, and added sugars**

Look out for salt or sodium in foods you eat. Compare sodium in the foods you buy and choose those with lower amounts. Add spices or herbs to season food without adding salt. Switch from solid fats to oils when preparing foods. Make primary sources of saturated fats an occasional choice, not an everyday food. Examples include desserts, fried foods, pizza, and processed meats like sausages and hot dogs. Select fruit for dessert more often instead of treats with added sugars.

- **Stay well-hydrated**

Drink plenty of water throughout the day to help prevent dehydration and promote good digestion. Other beverages that can help meet fluid needs include unsweetened beverages, like low-fat and fat-free milk, fortified soy beverages, and 100-percent fruit juices. Choose these more often in place of sugary drinks.

- **Enjoy your food, but be mindful of portion sizes**

Most older adults need fewer calories than in younger years. Avoid oversized portions. Try using smaller plates, bowls, and glasses.

- **Cook more often at home, where you control what's in your food**

When ordering out, look for dishes that include vegetables, fruits, whole grains, and lean protein. When portions are large, share a meal or save half for later.

April 2nd – World Autism Awareness Day

Let's 'Light it Up Blue' for World Autism Awareness Day. Hundreds of thousands of landmarks, buildings, homes, and communities worldwide will light up blue on April 2nd. The goal is to increase understanding and acceptance of people with autism and foster worldwide support.

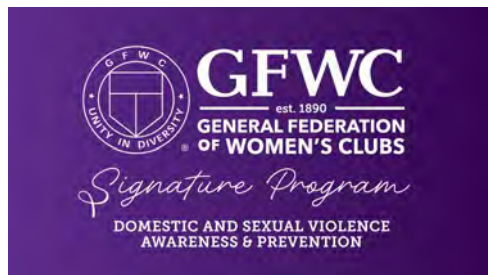
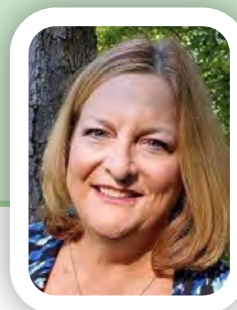
May 11-15 is National Women's Health Week

Take charge of your health journey.

[National Women's Health Week | Office on Women's Health](#)

GFWC Signature Program: Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention — Deborah Brown

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Reporting

Thank you so much for your 2024 reports for the GFWC Signature Project. More clubs reported this year; however, some

clubs are still not doing narratives. Club Presidents, please encourage your club to do projects in this important area and include a narrative.

State President's Challenge

The State President's Challenge "In Safe Hands" involves contacting your local DV shelter to learn about its needs and donate to the shelter. The GFWC Georgia Yearbook lists all the DV shelters in the state of Georgia. My challenge is to have **all clubs support this project!**

Project Suggestions

Looking ahead, some project suggestions include:

- Start planning to "plant" a Pinwheel Garden for Child Abuse Prevention Month in **April**. Order pinwheels, have a sign made that your club supports Child Abuse Prevention Month, and get approval from a prominent location in your community to plant the gardens. Create a Prevent Child Abuse fact sheet and a pinwheel coloring sheet and pass them out to childcare centers, dining establishments catering to children, pediatrician offices,

etc. to raise awareness. Wear a blue ribbon pin or blue clothing when doing projects to bring awareness.

- Plan, organize, and execute an Easter project for kids in your area, either for a Domestic Violence center through DFCS or CASA. Consider socks, sundry items, and school supplies.
- Start planning and organizing a **Mother's Day** event at a local domestic violence center. Projects may be breakfast for the moms, giving each mom a spa or tea basket with a journal and pen, or organizing a shopping experience where the kids pick out a gift for the mom.
- April is **National Sexual Assault Awareness Month**. The purpose is to raise public awareness about sexual assault and educate communities and individuals on how to prevent sexual violence. Visit the National Sexual Violence Resource Center website to gather information on planning a SAAM event. [Event ideas for Sexual Assault Awareness Month | National Sexual Violence Resource Center \(NSVRC\)](#)
- May is **Older Americans Month**. Contact a nursing home and find out what items they need. Gather the items and take them to the residents. Organize an activity like Bingo with the residents. They always enjoy snacks, singing, and games.

HB177- Thanks to your advocacy "Adding Pets in TPO's" passed out of the House and is on to the Senate!

HB582- The Survivors Justice Act passed out of Leverett Sub-Committee and is on to Full Judiciary Non-Civil Committee.

Say YES To HB582 - The Survivor Justice Act! — The GA Coalition

Against Domestic Violence reports that HB582 passed unanimously out of the Leverett sub-committee of the House Judiciary Non-Civil Committee and is headed to full committee! Once it passes out of full committee, it goes to Rules; if it passes out of Rules, it goes to the House floor for a vote. For this to happen, need your help is needed because survivors are sometimes criminalized for acting in response to abuse, either in self-defense against their abusive partners or for acting under the direction of their abusive partners. Many survivors report that they felt that they had no choice but to comply with their abusers or else they would endure significant harm. No matter the circumstances, survivors consistently report that they felt that they were choosing between two terrible options: risking their lives at the hands of their abusers or trying to save themselves (and their children) through an action or inaction that could lead to criminal consequences. Many survivors say they felt that they had no choice at all. HB582 allows the courts to meaningfully and adequately consider the history of abuse in determining a person's culpability and sentence when abuse was a significant contributing factor in their actions.



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What is CPR?

By Hilda Hagarty

Communications and Public Relations, or CPR for short, is the lifesaving aspect of GFWC. Membership gets the members, and leadership trains them, but CPR educates, engages, and empowers our members.

There are so many aspects of CPR: branding, public relations, club communications, website, social media, and digital meetings, to name a few.

The core components of CPR are — the “C”— Communications and, in particular, club communications, and “PR”—Public Relations. You ask, what is the difference? In general, we think of communications as how we relate to/interact with our members, while public relations is how we relate to/interact with our communities and broader audiences. Yes, these two can overlap and often do.

Communications and Public Relations can take many forms — visual, written, digital, and audible. Creating crucial, necessary, and viable communication tools for your club is essential to its health and survival. When devising a CPR strategy for your club, keep two things in mind:

- 1) Remember the goals — educate, engage, empower — and keep these in mind with all your CPR tools. The adage “knowledge is power” is true. The more we are informed about all aspects of GFWC, the more engaged we become

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as members. Engaged members are more satisfied, will see more value in their membership, and will participate in more activities. In other words, they become empowered to further GFWC's mission and goals by remaining organization members.

- 2) Recognize that most clubs are multigenerational. Each generation processes information differently and has its own language and priorities. You may have members of the Silent Generation (1927-1945) who prefer printed materials and phone calls rather than electronic messages and digital publications. And Generation Z (1997-2012) may want everything sent so they can read it from their smartphones. The key is to be cognizant of these differences and to plan accordingly.

For a look at the different components of CPR, click below.

[What's In Your CPR Toolkit?](#)

JENNIE AWARD

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Is there a member of your local club who participates fully in the club activities and assists other civic organizations, her church, and her family?

If so, she may be eligible for the Jennie Award.

The Jennie Award is a GFWC international award that honors club members who provide outstanding service at the local level.



Applications are due by **June 1, 2025**.

Please click below for information about the Jennie Award from the GFWC Georgia Yearbook and nominate an outstanding member from your local club.

[GFWC Jennie Award](#)

[GFWC Jennie Award Fillable Form](#)

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Justin and I cannot wait until the State Convention in April to announce our 2025 Georgia LEADS Candidate! Who will it be?

Our Leadership/LEADS committee is starting to plan for GA LEADS in August! Yes, I know it's months away, but we have District Meetings in March, a State Convention in April, and an International Convention in June. Several committee members have responsibilities at all these events and then throw in any personal events or vacations during these months, and there is not much time left!

For 2025 Institute, we are going to change things up a bit! We will be having **TWO** sessions for GA LEADS! Our first session will be in the morning and will be **LEADS 101**, which consists of our traditional LEADS topics. Our second session will be after lunch and will be **LEADS 201**, which will consist of "hot topics" and target those who have been to LEADS for years and years (you know who you are), hoping to get a little more information to help your clubs. Those who attend LEADS 101 can attend LEADS 201 that afternoon, and anyone who wants to attend LEADS 101 for the umpteenth time is welcome as well - We welcome your seasoned knowledge!

Our first "hot topic" for **LEADS 201** will be Parliamentary Procedure. Based on our overtime at GA LEADS 2024 and the workshop held during Institute 2024, we know our clubwomen have several questions on parliamentary procedure. Join us as Brenda Martin, Parliamentary Advisor, and Kathryn Youles, Junior Conference Parliamentary Advisor, show how to implement parliamentary procedures as we hold a mock meeting, putting tips and tricks we will learn during the session into place.

Our second "hot topic" for **LEADS 201** will be Reporting. Are you confused about what is or is not a project? What hours can you and cannot include in your reports? What is the difference between donations and in-kind donations? What is a narrative, and what makes a good one? Why did your club have the best project but not win an award? Then join us as Julie Walters, Second Vice President, leads us through the maze of reporting!

So, how can you, as a club woman, help us have another great GA LEADS in 2025? We need your input!

What questions do you have about parliamentary procedure? Do you have examples or issues in your club that you would like us to use for our mock meeting, allowing you to see how parliamentary procedure can streamline your meeting or manage an issue?

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What questions do you have about reporting? Do you have specific questions about reporting where you have always wondered about why we report, do not report, or report something a particular way?

Then, send your questions to LEADS@GWFCGeorgia.org by **May 31, 2025**.

If you follow us on our Facebook page, GWFC Georgia Leadership, respond to the upcoming posts asking for feedback.

Thumb Up Thursdays
for Dec—Jan — Feb.



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LEGISLATION/PUBLIC POLICY

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Have you been following the Georgia Legislative Session? You can keep up to date by visiting www.legis.ga.gov, which provides ALL the happenings Under the Dome with LIVE broadcasts! Just to mention a few areas, do you know what's being proposed in Creative Arts and Entertainment, Education, Public and Community Health? Sounds like our CSPs...right? Well, let's visit that website often and stay informed about our state's legislative work! A great project to do in conjunction with following the current legislative session would be for club CSP chairs to share with club sisters the latest Georgia General Assembly news that directly relates to their specific areas.

Did you join us at GFWC GA's Capitol Day? On February 6, GFWC GA clubwomen joined the GA Coalition Against Domestic Violence to advocate for the protection of domestic violence survivors. We met with members of the House and Senate, shared our "asks," and gave them our "leave-behinds." Time remains for all clubwomen to advocate during this session. The Steps for GFWC Advocacy include 1) Educate yourself on the issue, 2) Time your advocacy efforts, so they coincide when legislation is debated, or budget requests are in progress, 3) Share your personal story, 4) Build relationships with your representatives, and 5) Follow-up and say thank you. In regard to Step #4, a BIG SHOUT OUT to the LaFayette Woman's Club! Rep. Mike Cameron is most definitely aware of their club's presence in his district.



GFWC GA was recognized for our past Legislative Actions. Check out [GFWC 2024 Federal Legislative Priorities and Successes \(118th Congress, 2022-2024\)](#).

Not only will you read about GFWC legislative efforts in the CSP areas, you will read about state federations that used the Legislative Action Center like our state did. Here's what is written about Georgia: *GFWC-Georgia was successful in utilizing the GFWC Legislative Action Center to activate its members. Working closely with the Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence, GFWC Georgia supported legislation that creates a victim-centered address confidentiality programs for survivors of human trafficking, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. GFWC-Georgia was proud to attend the bill-signing ceremony with Governor Brian Kemp.*



LEGISLATIVE LADDER

EDUCATE
EMPOWER
ENGAGE

About this past year, did your club work on the GFWC Legislative Ladder? During 2024-2026, GFWC clubs are challenged to "step up" to EDUCATE, ENGAGE, and EMPOWER through specific Legislative advocacy steps that do not need to be completed sequentially. Have you completed and submitted the Legislative Ladder form to Mary Pat Marcello, GFWC Legislation/Public Policy Chairman? The due date for submission is no later than March 15! The document is available on pages 170-171 of the Legislation/Public Policy section of the 2024-2026 GFWC Club Manual and can also be accessed by clicking below.

[Click Here for the Fillable Legislative Ladder Report Form](#)

Clubs achieving 35 or more points will be recognized during the 2025 and 2026 GFWC Annual Conventions. AND YOU know where the 2025 Convention is being held- Atlanta, Georgia! **Wouldn't it be awesome for your club to be recognized at the upcoming international convention?** Now, achieving 35 points is not out of reach. If your club increases enrollment by 10% annually in the Legislative Action Center (LAC), you will earn 25 points!

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Oh, no! YOUR CLUB has members that haven't joined the LAC! No need to worry! Here's a great project for your club! During meetings, invite clubwomen to <https://www.votervoice.net/mobile/GFWC/home> to add their name and email address. Look for "SIGN UP FOR ALERTS" on the right side of the screen. To make it EASY, open this QR Code.

<https://www.votervoice.net/mobile/GFWC/home>



You say that some clubwomen are worried that it's partisan? Again, no worries! Whenever there is a current legislative issue important to GFWC members (like domestic violence, online safety for children, or support for Alzheimer's patients and caregivers), LAC members are alerted. They may take action immediately if they choose to do so. The Legislative Action Center also allows members to research current national and state-based legislation! So, please discuss this information in your clubs and encourage others to join! Our goal is that each state club will increase their LAC membership by 10% - and that's very doable! Additionally, EACH CLUB SISTER will complete GFWC GA's State President "Cathy Jones' President's Challenge" – to join the LAC!

So, let's aim to be recognized in 2025 and 2026 for our work on GFWC's Legislative Ladder!



Another way to add points to your club's Legislative Ladder is to connect a club project to a GFWC Resolution. Explaining the relationship between the club project and resolution will add 15 points to your score. Let's see, 25 points for LAC membership and 15 points for project and resolution equals 40 points, and with that total score, your club will be recognized at the annual GFWC Convention!

Okay, where do you find the GFWC Resolutions? Go to: <https://www.gfwc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/GFWC-Resolutions-Booklet-Approved-Aug-2024.pdf> or you can search for GFWC priorities at <https://www.gfwc.org/priorities/> and then open the GFWC Resolutions box.

Here's an example:

150-045 Educational Professional Support and Appreciation (Convention 2024)

WHEREAS, Educational professionals, including teachers, teacher assistants, and other educational staff, are often underpaid, overworked, and under-appreciated, resulting in burnout and shortages, and

WHEREAS, Wages directly affect the ability of school districts to recruit and retain educational professionals; and

WHEREAS, Educational professionals regularly purchase essential school supplies in excess of the deduction allowed by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS); therefore
RESOLVED, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs urges its member clubs to:

- Advocate for increased local, state, and federal funding to offer educational professionals a living wage, which will encourage quality teacher candidates as well as the retention of all educational professionals;
- Endorse increasing the allowable deduction for essential school supplies;
- Support educational professionals through donations of classroom supplies, adopt-a-classroom-type programs, and recognition events.

EXAMPLE of a CLUB PROJECT: Many GFWC GA clubs support local schools by providing school supplies, teacher treats, and student recognition in the arts. Such endeavors and outreach are directly related to GFWC Resolution 150-045. This example is one of several that clubs can provide on the Legislative Ladder.

So, will your club be recognized in Atlanta during the GFWC Annual Convention for your work on GFWC's Legislative Ladder? Let's make GFWC GA proud. Complete and submit your club's form now. Only individual clubs may submit this information!

IMPORTANT DATES:

March 6, 2025 – Crossover Day for Georgia Legislative Session (the day by which a bill must pass out of its originating legislative chamber to be considered by the other chamber before the end of GA's Legislative Session)

April 4, 2025 – Sine Die (the end of the Session)

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LIPSCOMB SOCIETY

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Members of the Lipscomb Society, together with the GFWC Georgia Executive Committee, hosted the 2024 Christmas Open House at the Lipscomb Cottage. This event allows the Tallulah Falls School faculty and staff to visit the home of the school's founder, Mary Ann Lipscomb. During the open house, guests are encouraged to look around the historic cottage that served as the first dorm and classroom on the campus of Tallulah Falls School. The cottage also houses artifacts and memorabilia reflecting more than a century of service by the club women of Georgia.

Many club women, including a few family members, gathered in early November to transform the Lipscomb Cottage with festive holiday decor. Volunteers also wrapped and packaged donated gift items, which were distributed as door prizes throughout the open house event. Club women also purchased or prepared food and served at the open house.

The Lipscomb Society extends our most heartfelt gratitude to the members of the GFWC GA who helped decorate and host the 2024 Lipscomb Cottage Christmas Open House. It was an outstanding event! All clubs, as well as individual club women, are encouraged to become members of the Lipscomb Society. It is a minimum of \$9 to join, although any amount is appreciated. The Lipscomb Society Fund supports the preservation, upkeep, and furnishing of the historic Lipscomb Cottage.



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TALLULAH FALLS SCHOOL

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The TFS sports teams are in full swing: the golf team is on the greens, the baseball team is on the diamonds, goals are being scored in soccer, points are being scored in basketball, spikes are being made in volleyball, tennis balls are hitting the court, and heats are being run in track and field.

TFS boys and girls are both GIAA State Champions! With five

school records and eight event championships, it was an unforgettable day for the Tallulah Falls swim teams!



We are sharing an Amazon Wishlist for snacks for the TFS baseball team! Please share it!! The items will go directly to the coach. Click on the Amazon icon above to access.

In September, you will have an opportunity to raise funds for Cathy's TFS project by attending an Atlanta Braves game. More information will be coming soon.

March is Women's History Month

Women's History Month is an annual observance held during the month of March to honor and recognize the contributions and achievements of women throughout history. It was established in the United States in 1987 after a weeklong celebration of women's history was first recognized in 1980.



MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER!

Women Educating & Inspiring Generations

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH 2025

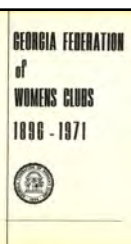


In 2025, the theme for Women's History Month is "Moving Forward Together! Women Educating & Inspiring Generations." This theme celebrates the collective strength, equality, and influence of women who have dedicated their lives to education, mentorship, and leadership, shaping the minds and futures of all generations.

Education has always been a powerful catalyst for change, and women have been at the forefront, driving this transformation. From classrooms to boardrooms, and from grassroots movements to global initiatives, women educators and leaders have played a pivotal role in nurturing minds and inspiring action. This theme underscores the importance of acknowledging and celebrating these contributions, especially at a time when inclusive and equitable education is more critical than ever.

Education has always been one of the leading causes uniting the women of the Georgia Federation of Women's Club. Through the years, they have advocated for compulsory school attendance laws, vocational education, public libraries, traveling libraries, and of course, a school for the mountain children, Tallulah Falls School, and many other educational reforms.

Several histories have been written about the Georgia Federation over the years. As we celebrate Women's History Month, click on the icons to learn about the remarkable women who have led the Georgia Federation.



DID YOU KNOW?**Georgia Women of Achievement**

The Georgia Women of Achievement (GWA) recognizes women natives or residents of Georgia for their significant achievements or statewide contributions. Former First Lady of Georgia and the United States, Rosalyn Carter, approached Wesleyan College in Macon with the idea of establishing a similar center in Georgia to recognize Georgia's distinguished women following an appearance at the Alabama Women's Hall of Fame in Judson, AL in 1988. After an enthusiastic response, a planning committee was formed and the idea was well on its way to fruition. In 1992, the first honorees — Martha McChesney Berry, Lucy Craft Laney, Juliette Gordon Low, Sara Barnham Matthews, and Flannery O'Connor — became the first inductees into the Georgia Women of Achievement.

Each year, to celebrate Women's History Month, a ceremony is held at Wesleyan College to honor outstanding Georgia women. Since its inception, GWA has maintained its core mission to honor the many inspirational and courageous female trailblazers of Georgia, to uphold their legacies, to encourage others to follow their examples by using their own unique talents, and to educate Georgia's youth about these outstanding role models.

This year's induction ceremony and luncheon will take place on March 5, 2025, at the Pierce Chapel at Wesleyan College and will honor Jessye Mae Norman, recitalist and arts advocate and Alma Woodsey Thomas, artist and educator.

The Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs is honored to have three of its former Presidents and three general members among this select group of honorees.

(Click on the picture for a bio and video.)



Nellie Peters Black
President (1916-1919)
Inducted 1996



Louise Frederick Hays
President (1919-1923)
Inducted 2004



Mary Ann Lipscomb
President (1906-1909)
Inducted 2010



Sarah "Sallie" Harper Heard
Atlanta Woman's Club
Inducted 2016



Lucy Barrow McIntire
Savannah Woman's Club
Inducted 1997



Bessie Willingham Tift
Tifton Twentieth Century Library Club
Inducted 2024



GFWC Georgia's

WOMEN OF COURAGE

March is Women's History Month.

Clubs were asked to celebrate this event by submitting the name of a member who has shown exceptional courage and dedication to the club -- someone who has gone above and beyond in serving her community or has demonstrated exceptional leadership skills within the federation.

*Congratulations to the 2025
Women of Courage!*



[Click Here for More
About These Women](#)



WOMEN OF COURAGE



JULIE BATES
GFWC Marietta



PEGGY TUTEN
GFWC Brunswick



MARY BOB FOX
GFWC Gainesville Phoenix



GEORGANN SCHMALZ
GFWC Dawson County



SALLY BAKER
GFWC Lilburn

129th GFWC Georgia State Convention

Changes in Latitude — Changes in Attitude



[Click Here for the Call to the 129th GFWC Georgia State Convention.](#)

For Questions, please call:

Kitty Wise (Meeting Planner Chairman)
770-533-2730

Brenda Martin (Constant Contact Chairman)
770-559-2075

When: Friday, April 25, 2025 to Sunday, April 27, 2025

Where: Legacy Lodge
Lake Lanier Lodge
Buford, GA

Costs: Hotel Room — **\$199/night** + taxes and fees — King or Double Queen
Last Day to Reserve a Room — March 27, 2025

The following features and amenities are included:

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| *Free Wi-Fi | *24-hour Fitness center access |
| *Scheduled yoga/aerobics classes | *Pickleball courts & equipment |
| *Heated saltwater pool with chairs and loungers | *Pool towels |
| *Use of outdoor firepits | *Parking |
| *On-property resort shuttle and/or trolley
(subject to availability) | *Miles of paved and natural
walking and biking trails |
| *Waived beach pass/cover charge
to Margaritaville special events | *Bottled water in room |
| *Keurig Coffee Maker with coffee
and tea in room | *Welcome beverage at Game
Changer |

Full Convention Package — **\$249.00** + Processing Fee —

Includes: Daily Registration for Fri., Sat. and Sun.;
Fri. Dinner - Lah De Dah Dreams; Sat. Lunch - Cheeseburger in Paradise;
Sat. Dinner - Sweet Starry Nights; Sunday Breakfast - Wake It Up Breakfast; AND
Admission to Lip Sync Battle (Saturday Evening)

Or Individual Day Registrations and Meals

Registration for Friday, Saturday, or Sunday — \$15 for each day
Guest of a Member Registration (if attending the meal function) — \$15
Lip Sync Battle — \$10
Friday Executive Committee Meeting (Invitation Only) — \$33
Friday Night Single Meal — \$72
Saturday Lunch Single Meal — \$52
Saturday Night Dinner Single Meal — \$72
Sunday Morning Breakfast Single Meal — \$43

Last Day to Register — April 5, 2025 at Midnight — Late Fee \$25 will be applied after this date.

Dress Code: For all events — Tropical Attire or Bohemian Outfit
No Blue Jeans or Short Shorts

2025 GFWC Convention

2025 GFWC CONVENTION

Tina Neese — tinadaniel1224@gmail.com

[Updated Sign-Up to Volunteer](#)

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Business Meetings and Door Pages

You will greet everyone with a warm smile and Hello to ensure that all entering the meeting have a name badge.

Georgia Welcome Table

You will Welcome ladies and offer them snacks and drinks and help keep this table replenished with items donated.

Meal Event Door Pages

You will greet everyone with a warm smile and Hello and take meal tickets at the door.

Tour Hostess and Bus Captains

You will help ensure ladies taking the tour is on the bus. You will help distribute the drink/snack totes.

Table Hostess

You will be the Georgia representative at the meal function. You will help keep conversation going during dinner and make everyone feel welcome.



There is a sign up link on our website www.gfwcgeorgia.org or access it from this QR code or email us at:

Convention Chairman- Tina Neese
tinadaniel1224@gmail.com

Convention Co-Chairman- Cimi Douglass
cimi.douglass@gmail.com



District Responsibilities:

Date	District	Function
June 6, Fri.	NE	Board of Directors Luncheon
June 6, Fri.	CE (all*)	State Night
June 7, Sat.	CE	LEADS Breakfast
June 7, Sat.	NW (all*)	Region Lunches
June 7, Sat.	VJWC	Past State JD Social
June 7, Sat.	Juniors	Junior Banquet
June 8, Sun.	NW	ESO Breakfast
June 8, Sun.	SW	Luncheon
June 9, Mon.	SE	Past State Presidents' Breakfast
June 9, Mon.	NE	Luncheon
June 9, Mon.	CW	Gala Dinner

District Décor Chairmen

CE: Julie Walters—State Night
Mary Beth Jacobson

CW: Mary Harmon
Peggy Wilson

NE: Brenda Martin

NW: Julie Bates

SE: Sandy Powell
Annette Belk

SW: Jamie Stewart

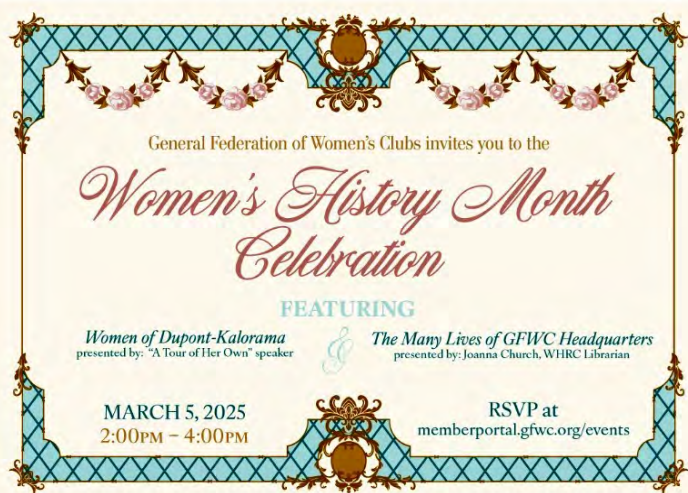
*Volunteers are needed for these two larger functions outside of the district responsible.

Volunteers are welcome AT ALL TIMES to help with any function.

Please contact your district décor chairman for specific assistance needed.

GFWC At a Glance

March 5, 2025



Join other clubwomen on March 5 at the GFWC Headquarters to celebrate Women's History Month. The event will feature a presentation from "At Tour of Her Own" of women's stories from the Dupont-Kalorama neighborhood. Learn more about the women who shaped this influential area of Washington, D.C., from local experts and network with local club members and professionals. Registration required.

March 19, 2025

THE GFWC LEARNING GATEWAY SERIES



Winter 2025 GFWC Learning Gateway Series

NEW ADDITION

MARCH 19, 2025 @ 7 p.m. ET - When Passion and Purpose Collide

Ann Lauer, Quilt Pattern and Fabric Designer and GFWC Arts & Culture Honorary Chairman.

During this webinar, you will hear how traveling in Bwindi, Uganda, to see mountain gorillas brought Ann Lauer's passion for fabric art full circle as she was introduced to Ride 4 Woman.

This non-profit organization supports local women struggling with domestic violence, poverty, and homelessness. Ride 4 Woman teaches these women to sew and quilt to earn a living. Register and listen to this intriguing story.

[**Register Here.**](#)



Spinning Vision into Reality

GFWC Georgia is hosting the 2025 GFWC Annual Convention at the Omni Atlanta Hotel in downtown Atlanta, GA.

When: June 6-9, 2025

Where: Omni Atlanta Hotel at Centennial Park
190 Marietta St. NW
Atlanta, GA 30303

Cost: Registration Fee (Full Convention)
Early Bird — \$160 until 3/15/2025
Regular — \$175 from 3/16 to 4/30/2025

Hotel — King or Double/Double — \$234 + taxes
+ fees (**Last day — May 12, 2025**)

Parking — Valet Parking Only (\$55/day –no tax)

Meals — Package (\$400) or individual meals

Highlights: Speakers, Workshops, Business Sessions, Awards, Experience Atlanta Tour, Group/Committee Meetings, Exhibitors, Marketplace, Breakfasts/Luncheons/Banquets/Galas, LEADS, Marketplace, Fun Night, State Photos, Raffles.

[**Call to Convention**](#)

GFWC At a Glance

2025 GFWC International Day of Service — September 27, 2025



The 2025 General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) International Day of Service (IDS), formerly GFWC National Day of Service (NDS), will focus on *domestic and sexual violence*.

According to the World Health Organization, it is estimated that between 736 million to 852 million women, aged 15 years or older, have experienced domestic and sexual violence. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 16 million people in the United States are affected annually.

Community service projects for the 2025 GFWC IDS can focus on any area of domestic and sexual violence. Here are eight areas your club might consider:

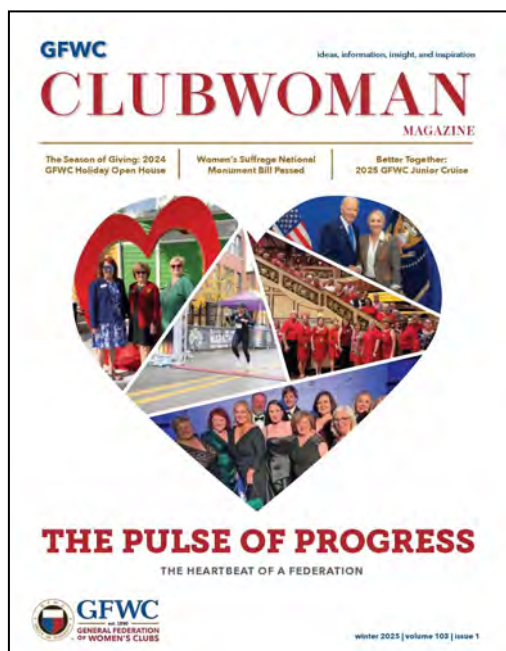
- Campus Sexual Assault
- Child Abuse
- Elder Abuse
- Human Trafficking for Sexual Purposes
- Intimate Partner Violence
- Military Sexual Assault
- Teen Dating Violence
- Violence Against Native American Women

More information and project ideas for 2025 GFWC IDS will be available online at www.GFWC.org and posted in the Digital Library



Have you received the latest GFWC Clubwoman Magazine?

Click the icon below to access the magazine.



2025 Inauguration Events

GFWC International President Suellen B. Brazil and two GFWC Georgia members serving in her administration, Kim Sekulow, GFWC Conventions and Meetings Chairman and Julie Walters, Assistant to the GFWC Conventions and Meetings Chairman, had the pleasure of attending the South Carolina Ball.



GFWC Holiday Open House



Club Life Around the State

December — the final month of the year—saw clubs close out their membership year decorating for the holidays and sharing the peace and love of the season with fellow clubwomen, their communities, and their families.

January — the month of new beginnings — saw clubs installing new officers, welcoming new members, and making plans for the new year. And most clubs were busy completing their reports for 2024.

February — the month of love and friendship—saw clubs “Go Red” as they brought attention to February as American Heart Month and the importance of women taking care of their hearts. Clubs were out and about in their communities spreading Valentine love.

Here are some examples.

GFWC Marietta Woman's Club

By Joyce Broughton

In December 2024, Marietta Woman's Club installed a children's play space at the Powder Springs Christmas House for the city's week-long artisan marketplace and tea room. We provided the craft kits that more than 100 children crafted with Santa during the Cookies with Santa at the Library event. A Club donation was made to Ignite Hope, champions for foster children, in support of their holiday party. A little time was found to weed our community garden. Several Club members participated in the Wreaths Across America ceremonies memorializing veterans. Finally, we held a Christmas Party for 51 of our Special Needs, Special Friends - providing refreshments, crafts, and gifts, plus a Christmas story time.

After the holiday resting, six Club ladies began 2025 with another Special Friends meetup where we read “Something's Wrong,” about a little bear who leaves the house wearing his underwear and starts a trend for all the animals to wear underwear. Club women and our friends enjoyed a game matching felt animals with their underwear. We cut out and painted 60 felt animals and their underwear in preparation for the activity. Kids were given an assortment of animals, and underwear was pulled from a washing machine, which was a white paper bag with a drawing of a washing machine on the front. Some of our bold club women wore underwear on the outside of their clothes, to everyone's delight. The day was fun and funny. We eagerly await the 4 more Special Friends parties planned for 2025.



GFWC Marietta Woman's Club, Special Friends matching animals with animal underwear.

Cindy Tisdale reading "Something's Wrong! A Bear, a Hare and some Underwear."



GFWC Old Campbell County Woman's Club

By Ann Lundin



Ann Lundin, First VP of GFWC Old Campbell County Woman's Club, was presented with a plaque honoring her 50 years of membership and service in GFWC.



Club members made pillows and donated them to churches and homeless shelters within the community



Click on the Scrapbook Icons below for more club activities.



December 2024



January 2025



February 2025

Club Life Around the State

GFWC Gainesville Phoenix Woman's Club

By Debbie Brown

Our club wrapped up the last quarter of 2024 with a booth at Mule Camp Market in October. We had information and pictures about our club, harassed local businesses for raffle items, and secured a raffle license from the Sheriff's office. We raffled off UGA tailgate items and chairs, a \$150 Spa Gift Certificate, and a wreath. We made \$1600 selling \$5 raffle tickets and water and had 9 ladies interested in our club.

We invited those 9 potential members to a Membership Meetup where we explained our club, the CSP areas, and our community outreach. Several of these ladies have attended some of our events and meetings.

We set up a Witch on the Square in downtown Gainesville to raise awareness for the club and our CSP areas. On Halloween, several members helped our DV center hand out candy to the kids trick-or-treating on the square in an effort to support the DV shelter.

We participated in Treats for Troops, which packs care boxes for our troops.

For Veterans Day, we put up a Veterans wreath with our name on it at Veterans Park in Gainesville. This park is also part of the Greenway Trail, which thousands of people travel each week.

We partnered with the local DV center to help them with their Christmas party for the residents. We provided board games for the families, activities for the children, and a mom-shopping experience for the kids. The kids love this part—they get to pick out something for their mom!

We also adopted a family for Christmas through the Hall County Christmas Collaborative. A single mom who was just finishing her education. She had a 6-month-old girl and a 6-year-old boy. Our members were so generous; the kids received two pairs of shoes each, 7 outfits each, books, games, toys, and stuffed animals. We also included some cash and gift cards for the mom to use. Several ladies donated items for the mom, too. When the items were dropped off, they were living in a trailer with the grandmother and Aunt. The female sundry items were very well received, and all the stuff was for the kids.

We held a reporting workshop with the CSPs and Advancement areas and held our December meeting as a Christmas party at a local restaurant.

We are also adding Ladies Time Out (LTO) events to have some social time. Before our meetings, we attended a theatre performance and visited many restaurants in the area. We may need to rename our outings to Ladies' Time Eating.

For 2024, we had 81 projects, spent 10,025 hours, donated \$60,171.54, raised \$28,742, spent \$9,477, and donated \$21,070 in kind.

In 2025, we had a planning retreat scheduled, but the snow had us all hunkered down in our homes. We are planning a fundraiser and have spent time evaluating different entertainment options. We supported our local women's homeless shelter by sponsoring Jeff Foxworthy for the entertainment at their annual fundraiser, Gala.

Our local hospital expanded, and we toured the opening of the new tower with its state-of-the-art emergency center and 3 Trauma rooms that will support NE GA. We saw a demonstration of a heart robot and all the different heart-related operating rooms. In addition, we met several staff members who are good contacts for future projects with the hospital. We also had someone interested in hearing more about our club.

We held a Vision Board workshop at a local library.

We invited the President and CEO of the Hall Chamber of Commerce to our February meeting, and he enlightened us on the progress in the area. He shared information on the Inland Port in Gainesville, which is being called the Blue Ridge Connector, and how it will assist in reducing the number of trucks on the roads from Savannah to Gainesville. He also mentioned the companies in the area that do a lot of philanthropic work. So, we have some additional contacts for sponsorships.

We are looking forward to our Awards Banquet in March.

We donated a silent auction item and are a table sponsor for Gateway DV Center's *Gateway to Hope Gala* fundraising event.

Living the Volunteer Spirit



Club Life Around the State

GFWC Lilburn Woman's Club

By Kathy Mattox

In late 2024, we approved funding for a Bookmobile project to support the literacy issues in our area. The project kicked off in January 2025. This is being coordinated with the Gwinnett County Public School (GCPS) Bookmobile program. We requested that the representative from GCPS coordinate dates with each local elementary school

in Lilburn to send the GCPS Bookmobile. Each student in Grades K-5 is allowed to board a Bookmobile bus and select a book of their choice to keep. The books are organized on the bus by reading level. LWC pays the fees for the bus to visit the school and pays for all the books the students choose. We are offering our assistance at the schools with book selection and helping keep the lines for students boarding the bus and re-entering the school. We really enjoyed working with the students on this project, which has truly been rewarding. Over 8,000 books will be delivered. The total cost



is expected to be around \$14,500, which covers the cost of the visit and the books. The project is scheduled to be completed in May 2025.

We held our third annual Taste of Lilburn event on March 1, 2025. It was a huge success!

We had over a dozen sponsors for the event. Over 20 restaurants agreed to participate, offering samples from Around the World! We provided entertainment from several local bands, Parkview High School's Mariachi Band, and their Orchestra Band. In addition, we held a student Art Contest from three local Middle Schools and displayed the top three entries from each school at the event, giving our students well-deserved recognition for their talent! The proceeds from this event will be used to help fund our Scholarship, Bookmobile, Constitution, and Dictionary Projects, as well as local food pantries.

We have kicked off our Scholarship Applications, and during March, we will be judging the entries and preparing for our May reception, where we honor the scholarship winners, the Teachers of the Year, and our Citizen of the Year! This event typically brings over 75 people to our meeting, including families of all the honorees. We will also present any awards the club has won from the District and State at this event to show the community our commitment.

Of course, we are also working on plans for the March 29th NE District Spring meeting, which LWC is hosting, the Georgia State Convention, and the International Convention, which are around the corner. There is never a dull moment in this club!

GFWC Manchester Woman's Club

By Kay Williamson



Over 30 individuals united in a powerful show of support against heart disease by proudly wearing red on National Wear Red Day. They gathered to hear from Staci Bagley, the inspiring Chronic Disease Prevention Program Manager at the District 4 Georgia Department of Public Health, who delivered a motivational message at the Rotary Club of Meriwether County and Manchester Woman's Club Wear Red Luncheon on Friday, February 7th.

February is American Heart Month, a reminder to prioritize heart health as a vital part of self-care. When we nurture ourselves, we inspire those around us. Committing time for self-care is essential for a healthy heart.

This year marks the 16th anniversary of the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women movement, which empowers women to recognize that cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death worldwide. Remarkable progress has been made in raising awareness; since the launch of Go Red for Women in 2004, there has been nearly a 90 percent increase in women's awareness of heart disease as their primary health threat.

Pictured: Manchester Woman's Club members Yvonne Atkins, Brenda Enterkin Hancock, Pat Turner, Diane Posey from the Reynolds Woman's Club, Libby Bond District President of Central West and member of the Reynolds Woman's Club, Melissa Trujillo, and Pam Waller of the Manchester Woman's Club.



Club Life Around the State

GFWC Brunswick Woman's Club

By Kathleen Orians Dawson

GFWC Brunswick Woman's Club Nursing Scholarship



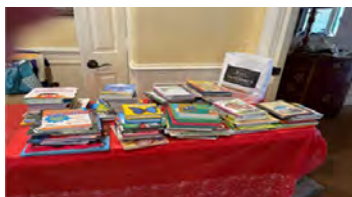
We presented Dr. Lydia Watkins, Dean of the College of Nursing at CCGA, with a check for \$1000 for our

GFWC Brunswick Woman's Club Nursing Scholarship, an ongoing scholarship since 1967. The funds were raised by selling Belk Charity Day tickets. Five members attended the presentation. After the presentation, the members toured the facility, seeing the simulation labs with an incredible array of training mannequins that the students use to learn many skills. Some of them cry, move, and talk. The students learn to take vital signs and assess those life-like mannequins to prepare them for real patients.

Money for this scholarship is raised by selling Belk Charity Day tickets — sell them to friends and family, buy personal tickets, and work 3-hour shifts selling tickets at the store.

State President's project, "Books for Little Hands."

Instead of exchanging Christmas gifts, we decided to bring books to our Christmas meeting to support our State President's project, "Books for Little Hands." We also had an Art project to decorate bookmarks to be distributed with the donated books. Amity House and Safe Harbor were selected as the recipients of our donations. Amity House is a shelter for victims of domestic violence and their children. Safe Harbor is a shelter for children who are removed from their homes for their safety. Having age-appropriate books available to children in both these settings is crucial to aiding their learning. The 218 books collected were sorted and divided between Amity House and Safe Harbor.



PAGE Student Teacher Achievement Recognition (STAR)

We celebrated our County's STAR Students and Teachers at a lovely luncheon at Heritage Oaks Golf Club on February 11, 2025. We had 32 attendees, including the STAR Students and their parents, our STAR Teachers, the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent of Glynn County Schools, the Glynn County Media Specialist, and a PAGE STAR Foundation rep-

resentative. Eleven club members attended and helped with the event, from delivering the Invocation to cutting the cake.

Each student thanked their families, told about their college plans, and introduced their STAR Teacher and spoke about the influence he or she had on their educational journey. Mallory Mitchell from Glynn Academy was named the System Winner for 2025. She will attend the Region 11 banquet at the Okefenokee Golf and Country Club and vie for the title of Region 11 winner. The club will provide the County STAR Student and Teacher tickets for the Region 11 banquet.



ARTrageous Bra Fundraiser



We participated in the ARTrageous Bra Fundraiser at the Southeast Georgia Health System hospital to raise awareness about breast cancer. We created a bra titled "Treasure Your Chest—Schedule your Mammogram Today."

Our bra entry received 428 votes in the fundraiser, and we finished in 12th place. The bra garnered \$100 in the silent auction, and we raised a total of \$528 for the hospital's Cancer Care Programs.

Men's clothing for the ER

The staff at the SGHS Emergency Room recently requested our assistance in providing clean men's clothing to those patients who might not have any upon discharge. The clothing could also be used for homeless people who needed clean clothing.

At a recent club meeting, 174 men's gently used clothing items and a large bag of men's sock were collected and delivered to the hospital.



Christmas-at-Sea Project

Our Christmas-at-Sea Project that provides a small Christmas present to the seafarers visiting the Brunswick ports from Thanksgiving to January. This year we generously filled 50 ditty bags with clothing, games, and treats.

Adele Johnson, Vicky Jefferis, and Peggy Tuten delivered the bags to the International Seafarer's Center. The staff was delighted and said how much they appreciated our generous donations.

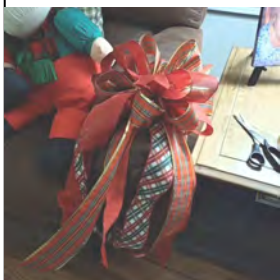


Club Life Around the State

GFWC Macon Service League

By Pat Busby

Libby Bond, GFWC Georgia Central West District President, installed the officers of the Macon Service League on Wednesday, January 8. Newly installed officers are President—Judy Hill, Vice President—Diane Towles, Recording Secretary—Pat Busby, Corresponding Secretary—Pauline O'Mahony, Treasurer—Carol Taylor, and Parliamentarian—Joy Creamer. The Celtic Knot was used to inspire the installation, and each officer was gifted with an item specific to her new position. The club supports a number of projects, including the Ronald McDonald House, the VA, Autistic Children, Macon Little Theater, Friends of the Library, the Middle Georgia Honor Flight, and Crescent House.



When so many were affected by Hurricane Helena's devastation, the Macon Service League knew that they needed to assist those facing the destruction. A dedicated, talented, and giving member offered her time, money, materials, and creativity to make one-of-a-kind Christmas bows. These were sold, and all proceeds were given to the Red Cross.

*Those we love are never really lost to us - we feel them in so many special ways—
through friends and family they always cared about and dreams they left behind, in beauty
that they added to our days... in words of wisdom we still carry with us and memories that
never will be gone... Those we love are never really lost to us -
For everywhere their special love lives on.*

In Memoriam Remembering Our Lost Members

Helen Fay Head Lewis

GFWC Carrollton Civic Woman's Club

Mary Lee Costley Aldridge

GFWC Service Guild of Covington

Betty Jo Kersey

GFWC Morrow Civic Woman's Club

Carol Mamay

GFWC Hartwell Service League

Marilyn K. Ransom

GFWC LaFayette Woman's Club

Eleanor V. Hoomes

GFWC Carrollton Civic Woman's Club



A Look Ahead



GFWC Georgia SE District Annual Meeting

Saturday, March 1, 2025

Deadline for Club Memorial List to District Memorials Chairman

Saturday, March 1, 2025

Deadline for State CSP/Advancement/Special Committee Reports to State President and 2nd VP

Saturday, March 1, 2025

GFWC Women's History Month Celebration

GFWC Headquarters

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

GFWC Georgia CE District Annual Meeting

Saturday, March 8, 2025

Early Bird Registration for the 2025 GFWC Convention Ends

Saturday, March 15, 2025

GFWC Georgia SW District Annual Meeting

Saturday, March 15, 2025

Postmark or Email Deadline for GFWC Newsletter and Website Contests

Clubs and State Federations

Saturday, March 15, 2025

Deadline for State CSP/Advancement/Special Committee Reports to GFWC Chairs

Saturday, March 15, 2025

Deadline for State Officers' Report to State Office

Saturday, March 15, 2025

GFWC Winter 2025 GFWC Learning Gateway Series

When Passion and Purpose Collide

Wednesday, March 19, 2025—7:00 P.M. — via Zoom — Registration Required

GFWC Georgia CW District Annual Meeting

Saturday, March 22, 2025

Deadline to apply for Send-A-Sister Scholarship for State Convention

Send to 3rd VP/State Membership Chairman, Dale Reddick

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

Deadline to Reserve a Room for the 129th GFWC Georgia Convention

March 27, 2025

GFWC Georgia NE District Annual Meeting

Saturday, March 29, 2025

GFWC Georgia NW District Annual Meeting

Saturday, March 29, 2025

Postmark Deadline for State Winning Entries for writing contests to GFWC

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

Deadline for GFWC's "Educate, Engage, and Empower" Recruitment Campaign

Recruitments for January, February, and March

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

Deadline to Registration for the 129th GFWC Georgia Convention

Saturday, April 5, 2025

Deadline for GFWC Annual State President Report

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

GFWC Federation Day

Thursday, April 24, 2025

GFWC Volunteers in Action Week

Sunday, April 20 to Saturday, 26, 2025

GFWC Georgia 129th Annual Convention

Lake Lanier Lodge — Buford, GA

Friday, April 25 to Sunday, April 27, 2025

Last Day to Register for the 2025 GFWC Convention

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

Deadline to Reserve a Hotel Room for the 2025 GFWC Convention

Omni Hotel Atlanta at Centennial Park

Monday, May 12, 2025

Postmark Deadline for State Entries for the GFWC National Photography Contests

Thursday, May 15, 2025



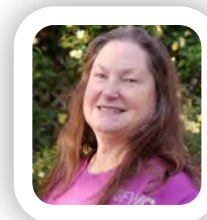
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Phone: 706-754-3127

Hours: M-W-F (9:00 am to 4:00 pm)



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- ♦ *Have you joined the GFWC Legislative Action Committee?*
- ♦ *Have you sent your Club newsletters to news@gfwcgeorgia.org?*

If not, then please do so!

All these platforms will help you STAY CONNECTED!

We would also love to hear from you about your club activities. Please send articles, photos, and comments to:

news@gfwcgeorgia.org.

Deadline to submit articles for the June issue is: Friday, May 30, 2025.

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