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Dear GFWC Georgia friends,

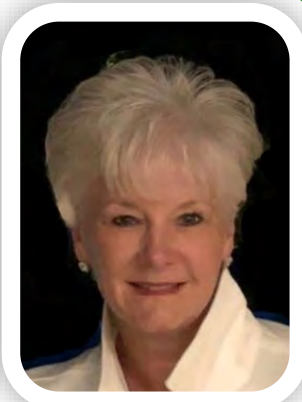
As you read this, we are deep into the fall season, my favorite time of year! I love the colors, the cool weather, the warm, comfy clothes, and I love this season of comfort food; *not gonna lie!* The cooler weather puts a pep in my step, and it must in yours as well because I know our clubs have been hard at work since Institute. I have received wonderful feedback from the District meetings. Thank you for supporting my President's Project with your donations. As always, thank you for your continued dedication and service to your communities and our organization.

So many good things have been happening in our Federation. Many of our clubs participated in the GFWC National Day of Service as well as Districts, and of course, at Institute, we participated as a state with our Empty Bowl luncheon and speaker. Food insecurity is prevalent in all communities, and your generosity has made a difference for sure. The power of our organization working together is awesome! We are making strides in membership as well. I love receiving good news when membership events produce results, and I am happy to say you are all working hard on that goal. Hats off to all of you for your efforts! Please let us know if you need assistance with your membership events. Your officers are happy to attend and lend a hand.

Many Georgia members attended the Southern Region Conference Meeting in Biloxi, Mississippi, October 26-29th. We enjoyed the meetings, networking, and had a little fun along the way. We are making strides in the fundraising goal for the GFWC International Convention in 2025. Not only did we have an opportunity to raise funds at SRC, but several members worked a booth at the Lilburn Daze fall festival in October, where we sold Bobo balloons shamelessly to those attending the festival. It was a unanimous decision that Deborah Landress won salesperson of the year!

Now is the time to gather the information you need to report in January. Pull out your calen-

dars, meeting minutes, newsletters, and scraps of paper with notes so you don't forget to include all you have accomplished. Our online reporting has simplified the process, but organization ahead of time is still the best approach. Even if you don't want to include narrative information, please submit your statistical data so GFWC Georgia can truly capture the impact of our "Living the Volunteer Spirit."



As we enter this Thanksgiving season, I pause to reflect on the many blessings surrounding me. My family, friends, home, and GFWC members are all blankets of comfort and security in my life. My prayer is always that I can be successful, not for myself but so that I can share my success with those who need help. Those needs seem more visible this time of the year, but our outreach is always needed. I am so proud to represent GFWC Georgia. I am thankful for each of you and the passion you share through your work. During the holidays, I hope you find time to reflect on your own blessings. I am certain you will be caring for those around you but don't forget to take care of yourself along the way. Put on your jammies, wrap up in a blanket, and enjoy some quiet time for yourself and remember, it's okay to enjoy those potatoes and gravy!

In Federation,
Kim Sekulow

2022-2024 GFWC Georgia President
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PS – be on the lookout for the updated General Federation of Women's Clubs logo, available to all after November 13th!



GFWC GA OFFICERS

2022 - 2024

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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).

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With apologies to Willie Nelson, let me rephrase one of his most famous songs....

On the road again

Goin places that I've never been

Seein' things that I *hope* to see again

Making memories with my *GF* friends

It's been so *grand* to be on the road again!

During 2022-24, Cathy's Crew of District Presidents have been searching for hidden treasures in our clubs, districts, and state from our past, present, and future. They have certainly found much to be proud of! This fall, I've been searching for treasure, too, as I've visited Morrow, Albany, Winder, Gainesville, Gordon, and Dunwoody. I've seen many old friends and found new ones. I was overwhelmed by your gracious Southern hospitality!



My quest for hidden treasures is very specific. I'm looking for women – **but not just any women.** I'm looking for women dedicated to improving their community, state, and nation. I'm looking for women willing to share their talents with others. I'm NOT looking for someone to just fill the seat in a chair. The women I want for the Leadership Team in 2024-26 must be willing to work hard because we have some hard work to complete in Georgia.

Many have already said, "I can," "I Will," or even "I'll Try." Are you one of those women? If you're willing to step up, please get in touch with me. I look forward to working with each of you as we continue GFWC Georgia's legacy of community service.

Cathy's Crew



Central East District -PRESIDENT Mary Beth Jacobson

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Central East District's Fall meeting was held in quaint Winder, GA in the Winder Woman's Club Clubhouse, hosted by GFWC Athens-Oconee Junior Woman's Club, Lawrenceville Woman's Club, Monroe Junior Woman's Club, and Winder Woman's Club. We met on September 30, 2023, on GFWC's Day of Service and Central East District leaned into the meaning of the day. The Central East clubs brought nonperishable food that the Winder Club delivered to The Food Pantry in Winder, GA.

Menia Chester, from the Augusta Women's Club, gave a talk on food insecurity. We learned about food deserts and food swamps (a food swamp is an area that has more access to less nutritious foods than nutrient-dense foods.)

Here is some more information about Food Deserts.

Food Deserts

Menia Chester, Augusta Woman's Club

Food deserts are more prevalent than you might know. Just what is a food desert? According to the United States Department of Agriculture, it is a low-income census tract with at least 500 people, or 33% of the population, living more than one mile (urban areas) or 10 miles (rural areas) from a large grocery store.

The food desert locator is a tool that was created to help people learn what areas in their communities are considered to be food deserts. Here is the link (key in your zip code to see the food deserts):

<https://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/food-access-research-atlas/go-to-the-atlas/>

What can you do to help raise awareness about food deserts?

- Learn about Food Deserts and Food Swamps in your area.
- Raise awareness about food deserts and food swamps.
- Inform your city and county leadership by discussing what you know.
- ◇ Find out if your county leadership is aware of the problem and if there are plans to combat food insecurity in your county.
- Talk with the members of your community about the importance of eating fresh fruit and vegetables.
- ◇ When people don't have access to fresh fruit and vegetables, they have higher instances of chronic diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, and stroke.
- ◇ We can help prevent hospital visits for these diseases by ensuring that everyone around us has easy access to fresh fruit and vegetables.



Project: Helping CE District Clubs



North West District – PRESIDENT Julie Bates

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The NW District met on October 21 at St. Luke’s Presbyterian Church in Dunwoody. Our theme was “A Sailing Adventure -- Anchored in Faith, Hope, and Love.”

Our Host Clubs were Roswell Cares Service League, Dunwoody Woman’s Club, and Sandy Springs Woman’s Club. The beautiful centerpieces were created for Wellspring Living -- a bucket of cleaning supplies wrapped in purple ribbon. In addition, we collected 39 boxes/tubs of supplies for them.

Our special guests were Cathy Jones, President-Elect, and Jennifer Stalvey, Director of Junior Clubs-Elect. Our guest speaker was Susan Norris, Founder of Rescuing Hope.

Our District Arts and Culture CSP shared an art project that each attendee made during a break—a piece of wood with a tree stenciled on it. Each member took a piece of broccoli as their paint brush and painted leaves on the tree. Each member took their Fall decorations home.

The NW District is proud to announce that we have 123 new members. The Membership Chairman helped these clubs set up dinner events, wine events, and other projects with pamphlets and flyers. Websites have been set up, as well as hashtags and Instagram accounts. Social media works.

The day was perfect from start to finish – yes, long, but much accomplished. We all enjoy the opportunity for pictures with each other.

As president, I am very proud of our NW District family!



Project: Rescuing Hope; Ignite Hope; Organ Donation



South East District – PRESIDENT Barbara Scott

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The South East District Fall Meeting was held on Saturday, October 14, 2023, in Gordon, GA, with Barbara Scott, the 2022-2024 South East District President, presiding. Hosted by the GFWC Civic Woman’s Club of Milledgeville and the GFWC Gordon Woman’s Club, District members met in the Gordon First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, beautifully decorated in fall décor. Twenty-six members of the South East District attended, along with the GFWC Georgia First Vice President/President-Elect Cathy Jones from the GFWC Vienna Woman’s Club and the GFWC Junior Conference First Vice President/Director of Junior Clubs-Elect Jennifer Stalvey from GFWC Valdosta Junior Woman’s Club. All attendees enjoyed a lunch of baked chicken, pork sliders, macaroni and cheese, green beans, broccoli salad, and peach and apple cobblers, catered by Hank Hattaway. Members brought food items for the Little Food Pantry for the Homeless, the host clubs’ requested project. Also, Cleaning Supply Boxes for Wellspring Living, the Special Project of 2022-2024 GFWC Georgia President Kim Sekulow, were collected.



Project: America’s Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia

South West District – PRESIDENT Lisa Ramsey

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The Southwest District held its Fall District Meeting on September 16, 2023, in Albany, GA. Hosted by the GFWC Albany Woman’s Club, their clubhouse was beautifully decorated in fall décor. Lisa Ramsey, the 2022-2024 Southwest District President, presided over the meeting. Joining the Southwest members for the day as special guests were Cathy Jones, GFWC Georgia President-Elect, and Jennifer Stalvey, GFWC Georgia Junior Director-Elect. At least one club member from every club in the district was in attendance, and there were three first-time attendees. It was a fantastic day!

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Project: DCFS workers and foster children





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Happy Fall!

I hope everyone is enjoying the changing of our seasons. It is so nice to walk out in the morning when the weather is so pleas-

ant you feel like you will not melt before you can get back to the air-conditioning. Now we are in the transition time when we have some cool mornings but wonderful, pleasant days.



I know every club plans and implements projects during the year. It is important to report what you have done as a club during the 2023 club year. Think about what you have accomplished and start putting your information together so that come January 2024, you are ready to tell the Community Service Program Chairman what you achieved in 2023. I am urg-



ing every club in Georgia to report, report, and report some more. Reporting helps your club preserve its history and lets GFWC Georgia know what you have accomplished. We

need to brag about what we have achieved in our communities. I urge every club to report their activities and hours, which we

can pass on to GFWC.

Every club that reports in 2023 will have a chance of winning **\$250.00** to be used by their club to help fund a project of their choice. All clubs reporting will have an equal opportunity to win the jackpot. A drawing will be held at the Convention in 2024, and one club can add \$250.00 to their kitty to plan an activity in their community! The only way your club can win is to report, report, and report some more. Consider what your club could do if they win the \$250.00 and truly make another difference in their community activities.

Let's tell the world what we stand for and what we do!!!!

In Federation,

Peggy Wilson, Second Vice-President

GFWC Georgia Committee Chairmen at Institute with their GFWC Awards.



GFWC Georgia Awards

At the 2023 GFWC Annual Convention in Louisville, KY, GFWC Georgia brought home these awards:

Environment Community Service Program — Category 2

Health and Wellness Community Service Program — Category 2

Mille Crom Award for Excellence in Junior State Leadership—Nicole Braun, GFWC Georgia Junior Director – Silver Level

Women's History and Resource Center — Club Creativity Award — GFWC Morrow Civic Woman's Club

Membership — Juniorette Participation Award — LaFayette Juniorette Club

Newsletter Contest — Category 2

Website Contest — Category 2

CELEBRATE. COLLABORATE. COMMUNICATE.

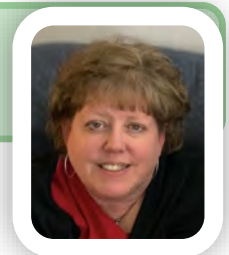
2022 GFWC Top Ten Projects

Congratulations to these GFWC Georgia Clubs whose programs and projects were selected in the Top Ten Projects by the GFWC Special Program, Community Service Program, and Advancement Plan Chairmen for 2022.

Program	Club	Project
GFWC Juniors’ Special Program: Advocates for Children	GFWC Vienna Woman’s Club	The Washcloth Teddy Bears project ties creative challenges to random door prizes at their monthly meetings. At a meeting, a set of twelve washcloths was the “prize,” and the challenge was to create a hands-on project for their next club meeting. As Foster Care Month is in May, the research resulted in ways to creatively use washcloths to help foster children. Each member brought twelve washcloths and learned to craft them into cloth teddy bears. The finished teddy bears were delivered to the Department of Family and Children’s Services office for distribution to foster children.
Environment Community Service Program	GFWC Georgia Augusta Woman’s Club	Boat/Native Plant Project - GFWC Georgia Augusta Woman’s Club assisted in turning an abandoned, dilapidated fiberglass boat into a centerpiece for a native plant garden by partnering with a Scout. Members met and assisted with paperwork, trained on gardening and native plants, growing plants from seeds, and anchoring the boat using natural products. The club provided seed starter sets and mulch for the boat, walking path, and bench.
Health and Wellness Community Service Program	GFWC Service Guild of Covington	Corn Hole Camaraderie - GFWC Service Guild of Covington project facilitated exercising with senior citizens. The club members visited an assisted living/memory care nine times yearly to play Corn Hole with the residents. The club offers refreshments. This was a rewarding project for the residents and the club members.
Communications and Public Relations Advancement Program	GFWC Lilburn Woman’s Club	Scavenger Hunt Anniversary Celebration - To celebrate the GFWC Lilburn Woman’s Club’s 50th anniversary, a virtual scavenger hunt was developed using the online app, Eventzee. The hunt’s challenges are related to projects the club has spearheaded over the years. Founding members and partner organizations created videos. Participants used the app to complete the hunt, which required them to watch videos and visit local sites. Donated prizes were given to those who completed the hunt.
Legislation/Public Policy Advancement Program	GFWC Sylvania Junior Woman’s Club	Information Booth – GFWC Sylvania Junior Woman’s Club held a political “party,” inviting all local and state politicians to participate by having a booth with information about themselves and issues of importance. The party was open to the public and was held on the courthouse lawn with food trucks selling refreshments.

Third Vice President - Julie Walters

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National Day of Service

Thank you to all clubs participating in the GFWC National Day of Service. They asked, and you all delivered! It was so exciting to hear about the Empty Bowl Lunches, Filling Back Packs with Food for Kids, Volunteering at Food Banks, Hosting Food Drives, and all the other fantastic ways you held projects to benefit food insecurity in your community.

If you have not already done so, please complete the form that GFWC supplied and return it to Melanie at GFWC — [2023 NDS Special Reporting Form Fillable](#).

Remember, when you submit your reports to the state in January, you will report what you did for the GFWC National Day of Service in **Membership**. We will add fields on that online form to remind you.

Welcome to the Community Postcards

Reaching out to new ladies in your community by way of a REALTOR with our Welcome to the Community postcards has been a success. We have had potential members reach out to us, and you have invited them to attend a meeting, and they are joining!

We printed 10,000 and only have a few hundred left---but if you need some, please let me know, and I will get them mailed to you.

Always be Thinking About Membership

Thank you to all clubs who have added new birds and increased your membership! Every club project you do or program you hold is an opportunity for membership. Invite a prospective member to help with a hands-on project---what a great way to connect! And when you have a guest speaker---invite her to join the club!

Does your club have a website? If you do, do you keep it current?

Is there an easy-to-access membership application that someone can submit?

Do you publish the announcement about a club meeting in your local paper?

Do you post on social media about upcoming club events and then photos of the fun you had afterward?

New Clubs

We have had a lot of interest from folks inquiring about how to form a new club. Here is the packet I created that I shared with them. You are welcome to share it with anyone who

asks you for details. [Chartering a New Georgia Club](#).

GFWC - Fall Sparkle and Shine Recruitment

Passion is defined as an interest in or wish to do something. One person's passion can affect the unfolding of another's passion. What are your passions, and how do you share them with others? Are there others who may share your common goals? Never be afraid to ask people, including your club members, to get involved.

Join GFWC clubs nationwide to promote the GFWC Membership "Sparkle and Shine" recruitment campaign for September, October, and November themed RECRUITMENT: Ruby – "Share your Passion." New members may be enthusiastic to assist with filling food cupboards and pantries, and these organizations are always looking for donations.



School has started, and many families cannot afford basic items for their children. A backpack and school supplies drive may be just the project to help them with their needs. Share on social media that your club is collecting supplies; perhaps you'll find a prospective member willing to help. Assisting domestic violence shelters, veteran organizations, and humane societies with wish lists of items they desperately need is something your community could accomplish.

By advertising your project and your passion for serving others, prospective members will be drawn to help. Club members can share their passion in many ways, which could help grow your membership.

Share your passion and watch the passion of *Living the Volunteer Spirit* grow.



GFWC 2022-2024 Membership "Sparkle and Shine" Recruitment Campaign



Recruitment: "Ruby—Share Your Passion"
Report Due for September, October, and November Recruitments

Deadline: December 1, 2023

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

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

Membership



Friendsgiving is the blend of the words *Friends* and *Thanksgiving*, and it refers to a large meal shared with friends either near or on Thanksgiving. But why should we make this concept of a meal with friends just for Thanksgiving time?

GFWC Friendsgiving will help to build the GFWC brand in your community; will gather and thank community leaders, individuals, and businesses who have participated in some way to club projects by their donations of items, time, gift cards, and or sponsorship; and enlighten potential members to the vast reach of club philanthropy and dedication.

The goal is to get together for fun and fellowship. Whether scheduled for November or for GFWC Federation Day, the *GFWC Friendsgiving* "Box of Gems" has all you need to host a wonderful event. This valuable resource is available in the "F" Resources folder of the [Member Portal Digital Library](#).

The "Box of Gems" provides just a few ideas that could be used, but GFWC clubs are creative—we encourage you to create your own *GFWC Friendsgiving* event.

Post your Friendsgiving plans on
the GFWC Advancements & Programs
Forum on Facebook!



Could it be the Directory of Club Officers?

Remember this listing of your club officers was due on **June 1, 2023**. This form is required even if there are no changes in club leadership.

If you have not sent it to the State Office, please do so ASAP.

Need the form? Then click the link here for the fillable version — [Directory of Club Officers](#). Directions are on the form.



GENERAL FEDERATION
of WOMEN'S CLUBS

National Day of Service

SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Clubs across the state participated in the GFWC National Day of Service to fight food insecurity and hunger. Activities ranged from holding food drives, donating to and stocking food pantries, cooking and serving lunch to the homeless, packing lunches for the needy, painting bowls and participating in Empty Bowls luncheons, providing food for kids' packs, and making monetary donations. Thanks to all clubs for making a difference in their communities.



2022-2024 GFWC Georgia Jennie Award Recipient — Peggy Wilson

The GFWC Jennie Award honors one clubwoman from each GFWC Region for outstanding commitment to club, community, and family. They are chosen by their clubs to compete at state, regional, and national levels for their outstanding personal commitment to club, community, and family.

The GFWC Jennie Award is named in honor of GFWC's founder, Jane Cunningham Croly, who wrote for national newspapers under the pseudonym "Jennie June." The award highlights those extraordinary clubwomen who epitomize her spirit of independence, courage, and persistence in purpose through their roles as volunteers within their clubs, elsewhere in the community, and as members of a family or extended family. Although GFWC has many awards for states and clubs, the GFWC Jennie Award is the only national honor that recognizes individual members for personal excellence. In fact, it is the highest honor bestowed by GFWC.

The 2023 GFWC Georgia Jennie Award Recipient is **Peggy Wilson** of GFWC Morrow Civic Woman's Club.

For 32 years, Peggy Wilson has been involved in the GFWC Federation in Georgia. Peggy is a member of the GFWC GA Morrow Civic Woman's Club (MCWC), where she has served in nearly every leadership role, including Club President. She has worked in all Community Service Project (CSP) areas and has been instrumental in securing funds as the Budget and Finance Chair. For 19 years, Peggy chaired the primary MCWC fundraiser, an annual fashion show. At present, she continues leading fundraising efforts through Bunco Nights and various opportunities. Peggy has received club honors such as Club Woman of the Year and Club Family of the Year.

At the district level, Peggy chaired CSPs and held all offices, including the District President, for two terms. At the State level, Peggy has chaired several positions, including Convention Chair, LEADS presenter, and offices of Recording Secretary, Third Vice President, and currently Second Vice President.

Peggy is dedicated to her family. She and Thomas Wilson were married in 1963, and they welcomed their son, Neal, into the family in 1967. Peggy has two grandchildren, Nathan,



born in 2003, and Ashley, born in 2005. Over the years, Peggy's family has enjoyed the simple pleasures of life – traveling, special milestones, time at the lake, and her grandchildren's extracurricular activities.

Peggy's commitment extends to her community. She served as a teacher for 37 years and received accolades such as Adamson Middle School Teacher of the Year, Georgia Middle School Team of the Year, and Runner-Up for Georgia English Teacher of the Year. She was inducted into the TBS Teacher Hall of Fame. Peggy draws from her teaching and leadership skills as the First Baptist Church of Morrow Sunday School Superintendent, where she served as a Sunday School teacher for adults and children. She is President of the Senior Adult Merry Hearts and is a Senior Adult Choir member who performs at local geriatric facilities. Peggy served as Secretary of the Clayton General Hospital Board and has volunteered with the Morrow City Fire Department on their Halloween Trick or Treat Nights. John Lampl, Mayor of the City of Morrow, describes Peggy as a passionate, talented, and well-rounded leader he is proud to represent. Peggy has served on her neighborhood HOA Board and organized activities for her community's families.

The limitation of space restricts the sharing of all of Peggy's achievements. Yet, her bio exemplifies the true spirit of the GFWC Jennie Award. Her GFWC sisters extend congratulations to Peggy Wilson on her exemplary Federated journey.

Bio Courtesy of Lois Wolfe

Congratulations to the other Jennie Award nominees — Beth English of GFWC Vienna Woman's Club and Janice Blanchard of GFWC Azalea City Woman's Club.

Pictured (L-R): Beth, Janice, Peggy, and Jeanette Coody, GFWC Georgia Jennie Award Chairman.



Congratulations!

Peggy Wilson



2022-2024 GFWC Southern Region Jennie Finalist

We Are Very Proud of You!



Recording Secretary - Dale Reddick

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Reporting deadlines will be here before we know it.

So, how can you, as the Recording Secretary, help with your club's end-of-year reports?

- Make sure all your club's minutes are written and all chairmen and officers' reports are attached to the minutes.
- Make your minutes available to those writing reports.
- Provide each person responsible for writing reports, the number of members that attended each club meeting.
- If the chairman needs a list of projects completed, provide them with a list.
- Offer to proofread the reports before the final deadline.



Treasurer - Cimi Douglass

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Happy Fall everyone!

It's that time of the year again...Football and Festival season!

Woo hoo! But it's also time to start thinking about **dues and reporting**. I'd like to remind all General, Junior, and Jun-iorette clubs that our dues are due to our State office by **December 1, 2023**.

Please use the 2022-2024 vouchers when submitting your dues. The vouchers can be found in the Presidents' packets, our yearbook, or on our website at <https://gfwcgeorgia.org/club-resources/reporting-forms/>.

Club treasurers, please make sure to submit the correct voucher to the correct entity. The deadline is **December 1, 2023**.

District treasurers, please ensure that you submit your \$1.00 per member to the State for our State Convention fund by **December 15, 2023**.

All dues' checks should be accompanied by **your membership roster**.

If you have any questions whatsoever, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I'm here and would be happy to help you.

Treasurer Forms 2022-2024

- 2022-24 GFWC GA State Dues Voucher (Women's & Jrs.)
- 2022-24 Tallulah Falls School Voucher
- 2022-24 GFWC GA District Dues Voucher
- 2022-24 GFWC GA Juniorette Clubs Dues Voucher
- 2022-24 GFWC GA Junior "Conference" Dues Voucher
- Convention Fund Voucher to be paid by Districts and sent to State

Cimi Douglass

GFWC Treasurer 2022-2024

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Scan QR Code to access the vouchers.





Arts and Culture CSP- Joyce Broughton

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Hey, crafty girls, have you started to get ready to show us your best?



Our spring conventions always highlight the high school student art and member craft competitions. The deadlines for submitting entries are **just three months away**. Details are in the 2022–2024 GFWC Georgia Yearbook under Arts and Culture CSP, pages 83–106.

Photographers submit entry *photographs & forms* by delivery or mail to the State Arts and Culture Chairwoman by **January 25, 2024**. (Photography does not have a district-level contest.)

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 GFWC Georgia Arts and Culture Chairman
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High school student art and member craft competitors, submit *entry forms* to your District Arts and Culture CSP chairwoman for your district contest by **January 25, 2024**. Names and addresses of the District Arts and Culture CSP Chairmen are on *page 83* of the 2022–2024 GFWC Georgia Yearbook. (The District Arts and Culture CSP Chairman will submit the entry forms of the district winners to the State Arts and Culture CSP Chairwoman by April 1.)

Encourage your club members to enter the member craft competition. We see how creative you clubwomen are, and our contest includes all craft mediums, from sketch art and painting to sewing and needlework to jewelry making, pottery, and more.

When you participate in an art competition, it drives and encourages you to practice your art. You’ll be motivated to brush up on techniques, experiment with new things, and help you reach the best version of yourself. We can’t wait to see the talents our artistic clubwomen and your local high school students submit for the 2024 contest!

In Memoriam

Remembering Our Lost Members



Gail Cowan
 GFWC Brunswick Woman’s Club

Linda Hubbard
 GFWC Gordon Woman’s Club

Patsy Carlton—former State President and Director of Junior Clubs
 GFWC Marietta Woman’s Club

Clara Fiveash
 GFWC Brunswick Woman’s Club

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

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Ongoing Project - HELP THE GIRLS OUT. DONATE TODAY.

Since 2010, Soma has donated bras to support women in need through **I SUPPORT THE GIRLS** to help women experiencing homelessness, impoverishment, or distress with essential items like bras to take care of their self-esteem and personal health. They are collecting new or gently used bras (they do not have to be Soma bras) to help support their amazing mission bringing back dignity to so many women around the country. When you donate a bra, you are rewarded with up to \$10 in Soma Rewards per month.

Did you know?

In 2021, 212 GA residents lost their lives to intimate partner incidents, that is a 50% increase from 2020!

FACT: American women are killed by intimate partners more often than by any other type of perpetrator, and this type of homicide accounts for approximately 40% to 50% of U.S. femicides.

FACT: 19% of domestic violence incidents involve a weapon, and the presence of a gun in that situation increases the risk of homicide by 500 percent.

Upcoming Events

- **December** – don't forget the moms and the kids in shelters. Help sponsor a Christmas party with Santa, a game for each family, or a book for each kid. Celebrate the workers at the shelter with a continental breakfast or Starbucks gift cards. This is the season for giving.
- **January 11 – National Human Trafficking Day.** Wear Teal on that day with your name tag upside down. When someone tells you your tag is upside down, you can explain why and why you are wearing teal.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** The Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence (GCADV) is the leading voice to end domestic violence in Georgia, representing over 50 state domestic violence organizations and programs. They are sponsoring **Stand with Survivors Day** at the Capitol on **February 1, 2024**. There is usually an Advocacy 101 Webinar the day before that gives you all the details. Save the Date and make plans to attend. Check out the website to register for the [Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence](#) event.
- **February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month.** In Georgia, individuals in dating relationships are excluded from accessing temporary protective orders under the Family Violence Act unless the individuals share a child, currently live in the same household, or have formerly lived in the same household. If stalking is involved, teens may be able to seek relief under Georgia's stalking statute. Teen victims would need to be able to show evidence of a pattern of stalking or harassment.



President's Special Project

Tina Neese

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Thank you to our Districts for supporting the cleaning supply boxes for residents of Wellspring Living. Each district president will undoubtedly be a **“Clean Queen”** at her spring meeting! Members and families also attended the annual Braves Game for a fun day! The monies raised also support Wellspring Living.

We are well on our way to meeting a \$50,000 goal with our monetary and in-kind donations.



All aboard GFWC Georgia's holiday express!

Sunday, November 12th 4:30 to 6:00pm EST

Take an interactive virtual journey with a few of our GFWC special guests.

Purchase your virtual passport to preparing for the holidays. Ticket cost \$20

Purchase your ticket today!

All proceeds will benefit our signature project, Wellspring Living

Want to join a fun, interactive holiday event and not leave your home? You can wear your Christmas jammies or a favorite holiday sweater!

Come aboard the GFWC Georgia Holiday Express on Sunday, November 12th, from 4:30-6:00 p.m. for a fun journey with Southern Sisters across the Southern Region as we mix, make, and display food, crafts, and décor for the holidays!

Register through the Constant Contact email or on the GFWC Georgia website.

Christmas is coming!

Help us provide a special holiday season for our participants by purchasing a gift off of our Christmas wishlist.

Wellspring Living

Christmas is Coming!

With less than 50 days until Christmas, Wellspring Living needs your help.

Will you consider purchasing an item from their Christmas 2023 Wish List on Amazon? By doing so, you will truly bless a survivor this holiday season.

[Click here](#) to shop the wish list.

Wellspring Living's vision is to live in a world where every victim of sexual exploitation has access to transformative care.

Since 2001, Wellspring Living has provided domestic sex trafficking victims and those at risk (ages 12+) with comprehensive, trauma-informed, victim-centered recovery services through residential programs, community-based programs, and graduate services. Each program utilizes a multi-disciplinary service model to provide transformative care through five service pillars: therapy, education, life skills, career readiness, and case management. Each participant focuses on developing the courage to move forward and the confidence to succeed.

They operate two upscale resale stores in the greater Atlanta area, featuring high-end clothing, quality furniture, and goods.

Wellspring Living Events



On Saturday, July 15, 2023, clubs gathered at the lake home of GFWC Georgia President, **Kim Sekulow** for a summer fundraiser benefiting Wellspring Living.

Hosted by the **Stone Mountain Woman's Club** and the **Gainesville Phoenix Woman's Club**, those in attendance enjoyed grilling and chilling around the pool and boat house with fellow clubwomen. A fun and relaxing time was had by all.



Twenty-five hygiene boxes were collected at Institute for Wellspring Living. Each box contained a tube of toothpaste, a toothbrush, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, lotion, a hairbrush or comb, a nail care set, and a towel set.

Above: Tina Neese, GFWC Georgia President's Special Project Chairman, with the collection.



GFWC Georgia Clubwomen and their families enjoying the Atlanta Braves final regular season game against the Washington Nationals at Truist Park, while also supporting Wellspring Living.

From the Committees



AWARDS

Kathryn Youles, Chairman
Julie Wilson, Co-Chairman
Annette Belk, Junior Awards Chairman
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If your club won a silver, pewter, acrylic, or other physical award at the 2023 Convention, please remember it is your responsibility to get it back to Kathryn Youles, Julie Wilson, or if a junior award to Annette Belk before next year's judging weekend which is **February 18-19, 2024**.

Thank you to everyone who returned their awards at the GFWC Georgia Institute or your 2023 Fall District Meeting.

If you still have an award, please arrange with your District President to bring it to the GFWC Georgia Executive Board Meeting on February 18, 2024. You can also mail both Woman's and Junior Awards to me:

Kathryn Youles
117 Hobby Avenue
Sylvania, GA 30467

(Annette has a P.O. Box). If you do mail it to me, please give us a heads up so I will be on the lookout for it. You should also add tracking information. Again, please be sure to have it to us by judging weekend, February 18-19, 2024. **If it is silver, then please be sure to return it polished.**



COMMUNITY IMPACT PROGRAM (CIP)

Marty Bryan, Chairman
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*If you want to make the putt,
you've got to get it to the hole.*

Don't miss the Community Impact Program CIP
Award Entry due dates
to win the \$2,600, (\$100 state/\$2,500 national)

Important Award Entry Dates
Club - March 1st postmarked/emailed to STATE CIP Chairman
State - March 20th 1st place state winner only postmarked/emailed to Beth Smith, CIP Chairman AND Second Vice President, Jolie Frankfurth

Award Entry and judging criteria can be found:
GFWC Club Manual > Awards and Contests >
2022-2024 FILLABLE CIP Award 8.23.22.pdf



LIPSCOMB SOCIETY

Linda Mote, Chairman
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Our annual Holiday Open House (*see Invitation*) for the staff and teachers of Tallulah Falls School will be held on Wednesday, December 13, from 3 p.m.-5 p.m. All GFWC GA members are invited. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit and thank the school staff.

This year, we will only be serving punch and cookies. So, bring your favorite holiday cookie to share. Of course, we will have door prizes, and the Lipscomb Committee would be grateful for any gift you could provide.

Looking forward to seeing you at the holiday reception at the Lipscomb Cottage, which will be decked out for the Christmas season.



*The Lipscomb Society Committee and The
GFWC GA Executive Committee
cordially invite you to a
Christmas Open House
to honor the Tallulah Falls School Faculty
and Staff
Wednesday, December 13, 2023
from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.
Lipscomb Cottage on the Tallulah Falls School
Campus*

LEADERSHIP/LEADS

Becky Bolden, Chairman
 Diane DeGaetano, Co-Chairman
 Shirene Daniell, Co-Chairman
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GFWC Georgia LEADS 2023 was a “Road Trip of Leadership.” We went to the desert first to tackle those dry and uncomfortable subjects. Then we went to the Beach for those fun and informative topics. Juliet Casper, GFWC Legislative and Public Policy Chairman, taught us how to make Waves in legislative issues. We ended the day in the Mountains with a visit to the Fishpond & Lookout Tower, where there was quite a bit of creativity and competition. Mostly we learned about being a GFWC Leader. We had 69 attendees and the graduates received a t-shirt, certificate, and pin. A huge “Thank You” to the guest speakers, Shirene Daniell, Diane DeGaetano, and everyone who attended this year.



It will be time for reporting before we know it. Be sure to submit a leadership report. Many ask what can I report. Here are a few ideas:

1. Does your executive board meet to plan for the quarter or year?
2. Do you have an agenda at each meeting?
3. Did you invite a special guest speaker who is a leader in your community?
4. Did you post leadership tips on your social media? The list goes on and on. Please refer to your yearbook and prepare a report on your 2023 leadership activities.

It is time to start considering who you want to nominate for the LEADS candidate to represent Georgia in 2024. The application is due by **February 1, 2024**. It is located in the Leadership section of the GFWC Georgia yearbook. The Leads candidate will travel to Chicago, IL, for the GFWC Leads training on June 28, 2024. It is a great experience!! If you have any questions, please let me know.

If you haven't joined the [GFWC Georgia Leadership Facebook](#) page, please join today. Always remember that **You are the Leaders of GFWC Georgia!!** Let's continue to develop our skills and Mentor new leaders!!

2023 GFWC Georgia LEADS candidate, Jamie Stewart

(L-R): Becky Bolden, Jamie Stewart, and Shirene Daniell.



2022-2024 Leadership Team —

(L-R): Shirene Daniell, Becky Bolden, and Diane DeGaetano



DIRECTOR OF JUNIOR CLUBS' TALLULAH FALLS SCHOOL PROJECT

“Take a Seat and Raise the Net for TFS Baseball”
 Dale Reddick, Junior Conference Chairman for TFS
 E: jrtallahfalls@gfwcgeorgia.org

It’s not too late to “Take a Seat and Raise the Net” for Director of Junior Club Nicole Braun’s TFS Project.

Any donations, whether large or small, will help make this project a reality at the TFS High School and TFS Middle School.

TAKE A SEAT AND RAISE THE NET
FOR TFS BASEBALL

DIRECTOR OF JUNIOR CLUBS TFS SPECIAL PROJECT

GFWC GEORGIA BOOSTER CLUB

**SHOW YOUR SUPPORT BY DONATING TO THIS PROJECT WHICH IS
 PURCHASING SEATING FOR THE MIDDLE SCHOOL BASEBALL FIELD
 AND NETTING FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL FIELD**

DONATION LEVELS

Level 4

ALL-STAR PLATINUM MEMBER

Donate: \$100.00 – AND UP

Level 3

HOME RUN GOLD MEMBER

Donate: \$50.00 - \$99.00

Level 2

RBI SILVER MEMBER

Donate: \$25.00 - \$49.00

Level 1

GFWC GEORGIA BRONZE MEMBER

Donate: \$1.00 - \$24.00



Make checks payable to GFWC Georgia

**A great way to honor an individual or your club, by donating and joining
 our booster club.**

Please Print

Amount Donated:	
Name of Individual/ Club/District Donating: Mailing Address Email Address	
If in Honor or In Memory: Name and address of person/club to notify of the donation.	

Honoring Our Veterans

Veterans Day is a day we recognize and honor *ALL* American veterans who served our nation in wartime and peacetime, both living and dead. Veterans Day is largely intended to thank living veterans for dedicated and loyal service to their country, but we should never forget those who did not return to their families, nor should we forget those who returned but have since left their families and friends.

On November 11 of each year, we ensure veterans know that we deeply appreciate the sacrifices they have made in their lives to keep our country free.

We are especially proud to salute the courage, the honor, and the sacrifices made by our clubwomen who proudly served our country.



Clubwomen Who Are Veterans

Peggy Tuten	Brunswick Woman's Club	U.S. Navy
Sherri Kent	Civic Woman's Club of Milledgeville	U.S. Army
Lisa Stojanowski	Civic Woman's Club of Milledgeville	U.S. Army
Connie Nealy	Hartwell Service League	U.S. Air Force
Angela Marie Dias	Marietta Woman's Club	U.S. Air Force
Vickie Jennings	Morrow Civic Woman's Club	U.S. Army

Member Spotlight

As we continue to “shine the light” on outstanding clubwomen, we recognize and salute a military veteran who is also a valued member of the GFWC Morrow Civic Woman’s Club — **Vickie Jennings**.



Vickie, a native of Griffin, GA, is the youngest of three siblings and the first (only) of her family members to join the Armed Forces. She graduated from Griffin High School in 1981. Her military career allowed her to travel around the globe and earn two college degrees.

Vickie proudly served her country for 20 years and honorably retired from the United States Army in 2002 after achieving the rank of Master Sergeant. Her Military Operation Specialties were 64C (Motor Transport Operator) and 92Y (Unit Supply Technician). She served at duty stations in Ansbach and Kaiserslautern, Germany; Camp Casey and Camp Coiner, Korea; Kabul, Afghanistan; Fort Jackson, SC; Fort Lee, VA; Fort Sill, OK; Fort Leonard Wood, MO; and Fort Hood, TX.

Throughout her military career, she received numerous military honors and awards, including the Army Commendation Medal (5) oak leaf clusters, Army Achievement Medal (5) oak leaf clusters, Army Conduct Medal (7) Award, Drill Sergeant Badge, Meritorious Service Medal (2) oak leaf clusters, National Defense Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon (#3) and Army Service Medal, Overseas Ribbon (#4).

In 2014, she returned to Georgia and now lives in Morrow, where she lives a life dedicated to God and helping provide care for underserved communities and populations, always striving daily to make a positive difference in someone’s life. Her service and memberships include:

- Member of the Georgia Federation of Women’s Club - Morrow Civic Woman’s Club - Health and Wellness Chairman
- Member of The National Association of Black Military Women Metro Atlanta Chapter, Morrow, Georgia - Assisted Living Care Committee
- Member of Christian Life Center Worldwide (Rex, Georgia) Greeters Ministry - Auxiliary Board Member of Older Adults Sharing in Service and Member of Women of Ordained Purpose
- Lifetime Member of Delmar Barbour VFW Post 5080 (Morrow, Georgia) - Service Officer-in-training
- Volunteer with The City of Morrow, Georgia - Good Shepherd Clinic, Community Emergency Response Team Graduate,

Police Department Citizens Police Academy XIV Graduate

- Member of Neighbors Helping Neighbors (Pathway Partners) - Neighborhood Watch Block Captain - Brookwood Estates
- Morrow Middle School Partner in Education – Assistant Events Coordinator
- Morrow Tourist Center - Assistant Event Coordinator
- Member of Sonna Singleton Gregory Senior Center, Clayton Co., GA
- Member of American Cancer Society - Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Fundraiser Coordinator (Grand Club)
- American Red Cross - Lifetime Blood Donor
- Member of Clayton County Alzheimer’s Service Center - Advisory Board
- Graduate of Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregivers, Georgia Southwestern State University, Americus, GA



Additional accomplishments include earning a Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies from Excelsior College, New York, in 2004; a Bachelor of Arts in Christian Studies from Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, AZ, in 2013; and a Certificate of Completion from Sonship School of the Firstborn, Christian House of Prayer, Killeen, TX, in 2009.

Vickie also owns InDaBag Gift Store, LLC, a business specializing in creative design gift baskets, and is an Avon Company Independent Sales Representative.

Over the years, she has been recognized for participating in many events and activities. Still, these accolades are not what matters most to her – the outcomes of connecting people with resources they are unaware are available are at the heart of why she serves.

“I do what I do because I am just a community servant,” she says humbly.

(Biography Courtesy of Clayton County Government)

Thank you, Vickie!

You are a “Woman Who Makes a Difference!”

GFWC Georgia Institute and LEADS Highlights

Clubwomen from across the state met in Athens in late August for a kick-off weekend to the new federation year. On Friday, seventy ladies attended the LEADS workshop at the First Presbyterian Church, with Julie Casper, 2022-2024 GFWC Legislation/Public Policy Chairman, as the special guest. Saturday's business sessions were filled with informative reports, meetings, an empty bowl luncheon, guest speakers, and a surprise announcement — GFWC Georgia will be the official host of the 2025 GFWC International Convention.



GFWC At a Glance

’Tis the season to Sparkle & Shine

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, December 6, 2023
11:00 AM–1:00 PM & 1:30 PM–3:30 PM

GFWC Headquarters
1734 N ST NW, Washington, DC 20036

RSVP to Events@GFWC.org by November 20
Register at eventsquid.com/holiday-open-house



Updated GFWC Emblem




At the GFWC Fall Board of Directors’ Meeting in Westin, Colorado on September 7-10, 2023, the Board approved an updated version of the GFWC Emblem. The GFWC staff is working on updating the branding materials as well. These new items will be available to the general membership on **November 13, 2023**.


Watch for this launch!



Familiar with *Teach It Tuesdays* and *Thumbs Up Thursday*?



Beginning in September, the *GFWC Advancements and Programs Forum* on Facebook resumed its *Teach It Tuesdays* with monthly videos on topics from the GFWC Leadership, Membership, and CPR Committees and its *Thumbs Up Thursdays* with monthly video postings from other GFWC Chairmen or Board of Director Members.



Not a Member? All GFWC members are encouraged to join this private Facebook page, simply click on the Join Group button, and answer the questions verifying your membership in a GFWC Club.

Can’t make it on the broadcast nights? No problem — simply go to the Forum page, click on Media > Videos, and scroll to find All past sessions.

As part of the **GFWC Signature Program: Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention**, the *GFWC Success For Survivors Scholarship* was created in 2012 to lend a helping hand to those impacted by intimate partner violence who are pursuing higher education. The scholarship aims to provide survivors with a means to achieve both financial and personal independence. Since its inception, GFWC has awarded more than \$97,500 in scholarship funds.

Important Dates:


- October 13, 2023
- February 10, 2024
- May—June 2024
- July 2024

Application Process Opened — Click for an application.


Deadline for GFWC Success for Survivors Scholarship Application

Recipients Notified

Monetary Awards Sent to Recipients upon Receipt of Enrollment Verification



Starfish Project is an organization that supports women escaping human trafficking and exploitation. The organization is currently working with more than 150 survivors to provide a fresh start in life by arranging safe housing, healthcare, education and training, and employing them to make jewelry and garments to support its mission. Through this endorsed fundraiser, 25% of the proceeds from any [Starfish Project products](#) purchased through this dedicated link will go to [GFWC’s Success for Survivors Scholarship!](#)



Southern Region Conference Highlights

Federated sisters from Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, Belize, and Aruba met at the Imperial Palace (IP) Resort and Spa in Biloxi, MS from October 26-29, 2023 for the annual Southern Region Conference. Hosted by the GFWC Mississippi Federation of Women's Club, Inc., the ladies gathered for a weekend of fun, learning, fellowship as they made "Magic in Mississippi." Kim Sekulow and Nicole Braun presented their reports on Georgia, and several other women had presentations. The SRC Junior directors hosted the Dr. Seuss fun night with costumes and games. The workshop presentations were great, and the ladies came home with new project ideas. One of the highlights was Peggy Wilson was selected as one of the regional winners of the Jennie June Award, which is a wonderful honor and accomplishment. The Conference ended with a Par-tea complete with tea cups and big hats. Joining the ladies for the weekend were the GFWC International President Deb Strahanoski and the GFWC International Past President Marian St. Clair (2020-2022).





Save the Date

2024 Southern Region Conference
 Hyatt Regency Greenville
 Greenville, SC
 October 3-6, 2024

2025 GFWC International Convention



GFWC Georgia is Rolling out the Red Carpet!

Yes, to host the GFWC International Convention in June 2025!

We are excited to be a part of incoming International President Suellen Brazil's two years as she serves as the International President for 2024-2026.

The team is in place and kicked off the event at Institute 2023. Members serve in various capacities, but EVERYONE is part of this TEAM!

We do need you!

During the next two years, there will be various fundraising opportunities for everyone to participate and feel a part of this plan.

Districts will also have an opportunity to showcase their decorative talents with the table décor themes.

Then, in June 2025, we will call for everyone to help us host as volunteers while we showcase our hospitality.

Save the Date: June 6 - 9, 2025.

Ho ho ho!

Santa Letters

GFWC Georgia is selling customized letters from Santa to keep the magic of Christmas alive for your little ones.

Santa letters are \$6.00 which includes postage. Please click the link below to order your letter today.

Deadline to order is December 10, 2023

www.gfwcgeorgia.org

Children love to receive a letter from Santa. They make the perfect surprise gift to give kids as Christmas approaches.

The letter from Santa Claus will be customized with your child's name, gender, achievements, age, town, friends, and a few wish list presents they want from Santa. Ever efforts will be made to personalize the letter as much as possible so that it really feels like it is from Santa.

100% of the net proceeds will benefit the GFWC Georgia 2025 Fund.

If you have any questions, contact Tina Neese, the 2025 Chairman.

*tinaneese@gmail.com
678-458-0337*

REGISTER NOW

Club Life Around the State



Members of **GFWC Hartwell Service League's** Civic Engagement and Outreach Committee surprised the Hartwell Postal Workers with treats and balloons to celebrate National Postal Workers Day, observed on July 1st.



The **GFWC Cartersville Woman's Club** participated in the Cartersville Independence Day Parade 2023 by passing out red, white, and blue bracelets, candy, and flags to the parade attendees.



Members of the **GFWC Azalea City Woman's Club** are doing their part in keeping Valdosta a beautiful place to live. The club held a Clean Up day along their newly adopted street in July. Eight bags of trash were collected by these dedicated ladies.

Just a Simple Fundraiser



Members of the **GFWC Woodbine Woman's Club** had a hotdog sale on July 4th.



The Arts and Culture CSP of the **GFWC Carrollton Civic Woman's Club** enjoyed "Thanksgiving in July." Members made favorite family recipes and shared the story behind each dish.

The **GFWC Tifton Woman's Club** enjoyed reading to the kids at the Mother Goose MeeMaws Storytime Saturday Program at the Tifton-Tift County Public Library in July. Thomas and Grace always had great materials ready. As a thank you, the club left a little snack.





The **GFWC Sylvania Junior Woman's Club** presented the "Bee A Buckler" safety program at the Screven County Library in July.

Members participating were Dale Reddick,

Kathryn Youles, and Therese Kicklighter.



The **GFWC Morrow Civic Woman's Club** participated in the City of Morrow Georgia's Night Market in July. They shared information about the club and sold BoBo Balloons as a fundraiser. The fundraiser will benefit organizations and schools within the community, including McGarrah Elementary and the Andrea Lane Scholarship at Clayton State.



The Club also participated in the Back to School Celebration held by the city of Morrow on July 28. They provided some free school supplies to those in attendance at the family event.



The Civic Engagement and Outreach CSP of the **GFWC Atlanta Woman's Club** led the participation in the Georgia Justice Project's Back-to-School event. During June and July, members contributed 50 backpacks filled with school supplies. On July 22, seven AWC volunteers worked at the event, running the bingo game, serving lunch, and distributing backpacks.

THE GEORGIA CLUBWOMAN



The **GFWC Dunwoody Woman's Club** had a great time participating in the 4th of July Parade. Weather was not the greatest as it rained through most of the event, but at least it was not blazing hot.



Six **GFWC Lilburn Woman's Club** members had a "Sweeping" good time serving Jambos at their office warehouse in Buford in July. This warehouse houses the pajamas requested for children in Foster Care in the USA and 13 countries outside the USA.

GFWC Lilburn Woman's Club's Education & Library CSP partnered with Representative Clark and donated school supplies for Lilburn Elementary students.





In partnership with South Cobb Arts Alliance, the **GFWC Marietta Woman's Club** sponsored the Children's Reading Circle at Art at the Avenue 2023. Club women were volunteer hosts in the gift shop and gallery every day. This free community event blended performing and craft arts, a national juried exhibition, middle and high school exhibit, and artisan market and was open every weekend, July 15 through August 5, 2023.

A Children's Reading Circle was furnished by the Women's Club, highlighting featured books. Family fun included readings and book signings by local author/illustrators, Club women dressed as characters from the books, did craft activities, provided prizes and refreshments.

A Victorian ball gown made from recycled plastics, created by the Club for a GFWC Georgia convention, was displayed in the Artisan Market store front window along with information promoting GFWC membership.



The **GFWC Dallas Woman's Club** had their July meeting at the Farm at Little Fox Hollow. They discussed business, made some new friends, fed the adorable animals, and even completed a service project—100 blessing bags for Shepherd's Rest, a family violence crisis center. Members brought in boxes and bags of hygiene products and Distinctive Dentistry provided



toothpaste and toothbrushes. The extra supplies were also donated to Shepherd's Rest.



The **GFWC LaFayette Woman's Club** and the **GFWC LaFayette Juniette Club** made a difference in their schools by donating and delivering school supplies to North LaFayette, Naomi, and Gilbert Elementary Schools.

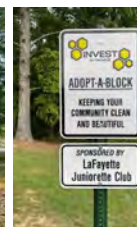


The Club also collected and donated Mac and Cheese to the Little Pantries, laundry detergent to Bridge Health, and pet supplies to the animal shelter.



The **GFWC Tifton Junior Woman's Club** helped out their local fire departments by donating Powerade and 320 bottles of water to help them stay hydrated and safe in the summer heat!

The **GFWC Tifton Woman's Club** participated in the Coastal Plain CASA, Inc. eighth annual Volunteer Recruitment Fair, held on August 31.



Both clubs are also helping keep their community clean and beautiful.



Members of the **GFWC Roswell Cares Service League** spent time with the patients at CHOA at Scottish Rite. They made lollipop sundaes, bracelets, lollipop flowers, played Disney Music Bingo and Barbara got her Wii Tennis game on.



Nothing stops the **GFWC Calhoun Woman's Club** from keeping their designated mile beautiful, not even the heat and humidity of August.



The **GFWC Millen Woman's Club** collected Dove Body Wash, Lotion, and Deodorant as a Hygiene Project for the residents of PruittHealth Bethany, a local skilled nursing and rehabilitation center in Millen.



The **GFWC Reynolds Woman's Club** welcomed their newest member, Mandy Robinson in September.

Congratulations to Julie Bates, current NW District President and member of the **GFWC Marietta Woman's Club!** She was honored by the Cobb County Commissioners in August as the recipient of the 2023 National Senior Citizen Day Award for her tireless efforts in supporting the community.



The Civic Engagement CSP of the **GFWC Dawson County Woman's Club** presented 175 copies of the Constitution to Jim Guy, American Government teacher at Dawson County Junior High. Mr. Guy requires his students to have a copy of the Constitution on their desks each day.



The **GFWC Gainesville Phoenix Woman's Club** held their 15th annual luncheon benefiting For Her Glory Foundation in August. This foundation was established to preserve the dignity, self-esteem, and sense of well-being of cancer survivors who need wigs, prostheses, mastectomy bras, or other items because of chemically induced baldness or a mastectomy. The Foundation seeks to help restore the quality of life for those cancer survivors who cannot financially secure these products through other resources. The club raised \$14,700!

Members of the **GFWC Cartersville Woman's Club** volunteered with other community volunteers at a Rise Against Hunger meal packing event. Over 8,000 bags of rice and soy were packaged to help fight hunger around the world.





The GFWC Lilburn Woman's Club donated, delivered, and stocked the Lilburn Elementary's Family Center with 94 canned goods and packaged

food items. They also delivered 168 snacks and 144 breakfast boxed items donated by the Lilburn Activity Center for Gwinnett County Parks and Recreation. These can be used for after school program and weekend bags.

The GFWC Lafayette Woman's Club awarded JoAnne Garmany the GFWC Lafayette Woman's Club Life Member Award for her dedicated service to the club, the district, and the state since 1977. During her years, she has held many positions, most notably as the Corresponding Secretary for the club and for the district. In 2018, she received the Club Appreciation Award, the club's highest award for her service.



Congratulations!

The GFWC Brunswick Woman's Club supported the House of Hope, a local affiliate of Well-spring Living, that provides a unique program for girls who are survivors of child sex trafficking. The facility provides 11 beds for girls 14-18 and while there, the girls attend school and church locally and receive counseling and job and life skills training.



Throughout the year, the club has pampered the girls with Valentine Bags, spa bags, and quilts. With their funds from GFWC Georgia Day of Service, they purchased 12 wooden dining room chairs. And to make the facility's entrance more inviting, they washed the front porch furniture, weeded the flower beds, and planted flowers flanking the entrance.



The GFWC Tifton Junior Woman's Club collected anything denim — jackets, jeans, etc. and in any condition or shape — torn or dirty to send to Zappos for their collaboration with Cotton's Blue Jeans Go Green denim recycling program. These denim items are transformed into pet bed inserts, insulation, industrial mattresses, etc. The best part — it keeps them out of landfills and turns them into useful products.



The program is free — simply collect denim, print out a free shipping label from Zappos and drop off the package at a UPS site.

The GFWC Stone Mountain Woman's Club participated in the "Tour of Southern Ghosts," held in October at Stone Mountain Park. The club manned the gift shop, loaded with many books, CDs of ghost stories, tee shirts, fall and Halloween decorations, and their signature "Boo Box." All proceeds from the gift shop went to the Art Station.



The GFWC Dunwoody Woman's Club held their 50th Annual Home Tour on October 4. Three private homes — 2 in Dunwoody and 1 in Sandy Springs—were showcased. The tour also included a decorating event—"Fall Decorating" — with Marc Jones, the in-house decorator at Southern Comforts. New this year was a raffle for three prizes — an original painting, a shopping spree at a local store, and dining gifts cards. Each prize was worth at least \$500. All profits of the Home Tour are used for the charitable endeavors of the club.





The GFWC Carrollton Civic Woman's Club held their Annual Yard Sale in August to benefit Open Hands United Christian Ministry. This organization is a collaborative effort by the member churches and the community to provide food and some financial assistance, as well as emergency assistance to those in need in Carroll County. Many of the University of West Georgia international students from France, Germany,

India, Japan, Malawi, Mexico, Nigeria, and South Korea visited and selected items to decorate their dorm rooms. Over \$4,000 was made for the Open Hands United Christian Ministry.



The GFWC Service Guild of Covington assembled craft kits for children attending the Fall Fun Fest in Oxford, GA on October 28.



On October 2, the GFWC Bremen Junior Woman's Club sponsored a Meet the Candidates Forum for the Bremen City Board of Education, Post 2 seat and they streamed the event live on Facebook.



The GFWC Vienna Woman's Club continued its Meet & Greet the Author series at the Dooly County Library. In August, thirty people gathered to hear Dr. William (Bill) Noble, formerly of Vienna and author of *Love Lifted Me*, share excerpts from his book and memories of living in Vienna during WWII. Following the book talk and signing, the club hosted a reception at the former Hargrove House.



In September, Kathryn Hardy, author of *Johnny & Jazzbo*, discussed her book chronicling the true story of two men, one black and one white, during the turbulent and social upheaval of the

1960's in the South. The club hosted a reception after the book talk and signing.



In October, Liz Carson Keith, a retired educator and native of Tifton, shared excerpts from her book, *From Scones to Corn Pone*, at the club's final Meet and Greet for 2023.

The audience was delighted with tales of her Scottish family who came to America to escape war, poverty, and religious persecution.



Congratulations to the GFWC Lilburn Woman's Club on your selection as Lilburn's Citizens of the Month for October!

October was Breast Cancer Awareness Month and several clubs entered Bra-ha-ha contests or displayed uniquely decorated bras in their communities to bring awareness of the importance of getting annual breast check-ups.



Left: GFWC Vienna Woman's Club displayed several decorated bras in the community to bring awareness to the importance of getting a mammogram.

Right: GFWC Roswell Cares Service League placed uniquely decorated bras at various businesses to highlight the importance of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.



Left: GFWC Brunswick Woman's Club entered, "Don't Gamble with Your Boobies—Schedule Your Mammogram Today" in the ARTrageous Bras Fundraiser, sponsored by the Southeast Georgia Health System Foundation.



Scarecrows were on the agenda for several clubs as they created entries for their respective town's displays.

Left: GFWC Hartwell Service League's scarecrow in the downtown Hartwell

Contest reminded everyone that there is a great deal of food insecurity in the Hart County community and everyone can help by donating to the local food pantry.

Right: GFWC Tifton Junior Woman's Club's scarecrow, *Glow Girl*, in the 3rd Annual Scarecrows on Main in Tifton, was a reminder about their 9th Annual Glow Run on November 17, 2023.



Left: The Environment CSP of the GFWC Atlanta Woman's Club completed their 2023 entry for the Atlanta Botanical Garden's annual scarecrow contest! Named TRASHION-

ISTA, she was made of recycled trash and was on display in the garden from October 6-31, 2023. She placed 2nd in the amateur category.



The **GFWC Marietta Woman's Club** created and installed a book walk for the North Cobb Library's *The Garden Walk in the Community Garden*, held from September 21 to October 6. They transferred the book, "Buttercup in The Great Garden" to poster boards and strategically placed them in the garden. They also read to and provided snacks for the Special Needs, Special Friends Meetup Group, conducted tour of the garden walk, and helped two local authors with book readings, crafts, and provided snacks during the time period.

Right: In October, the GFWC Gainesville Phoenix Woman's Club entered their witch scarecrow in the Scarecrows on the Square competition in Gainesville.





The **GFWC Lilburn Woman's Club** organized and hosted the 51st Annual Lilburn Daze. Held in City Park, this arts and crafts festival featured something for everyone — shopping opportunities with vendors offering a variety of goods, live entertainment throughout the day, business booths, games and rides for the kids, food galore, a pet parade, and a health tent with pet therapy. Even GFWC Georgia had a booth at the festival selling Bobo balloons.

Proceeds from the festival allows the club to support and enrich the Lilburn community through scholarships, support of the arts, beautification projects, public health and safety projects, and many more projects to make the Lilburn community a better place for all.

A special thanks to Dianna Carson and Diane DeGaetano who served as co-chairs of the event. They spent countless hours throughout the year making sure the event was a resounding success.



GFWC Georgia was well represented at the Lilburn Daze festival on October 14, 2023 — Tina Neese, Laura Youngblood, Kim Sekulow, Cimi Douglass, and Deborah Landress. Many thanks to Lilburn for letting the ladies attend this event to spread the word of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and sell a few Bobo balloons as a little fundraiser for the 2025 Convention.



Congratulations to the **GFWC LaFayette Woman's Club** and the **GFWC LaFayette Juniorette Club** on their recognition by the Bremen City Council for their support of the 2023 Honeybee Festival.



The **GFWC Bremen Junior Woman's Club** sponsored their 4th Annual Scarecrow Takeover in Bremen in October. The public voted for their favorite. All proceeds from the event went to the club's Arts and Culture CSP. The winning entry was Keep Haralson Beautiful's *Litter Pick-Up in Progress*.



The **GFWC Millen Woman's Club** had a successful fundraiser in September and October selling gift wrap, kitchen and home goods, holiday décor, candles, gourmet foods, etc. from Charleston Wrap. All items were ordered online and shipped directly to the buyer, free of charge.

The **GFWC Moultrie Federated Guild** hosted a Trash and Treasure fundraiser for the club at their clubhouse in October.



To celebrate Advocates for Children Week, members of the **GFWC Vienna Woman's Club** donated welcome bags for infants to the Day Break Pregnancy Care Center, which serves women from Dooly, Crisp, and Wilcox Counties by offering classes in parenting and healthy mom and baby care. Each bag included a "Mommy & Me" board book, diapers, bib, wash cloths, spoons, socks, and baby bath wash.



The **GFWC Sylvania Junior Woman's Club** donated deodorant and hygiene goody bags to the Screven County Middle School's 186 Sixth grade boys and girls, as a project of the Advocates for Children Committee. They were presented by Therese Kicklighter to Principal Caleb White and Counselor Janet McGhee.



The **GFWC College Park Woman's Club** held their annual tea in September at their clubhouse, Camellia Hall. Over 45 members and guest attended the event. Traditional tea sandwiches and delights were served, including scones and clotted cream. Best fascinator went to Irma Levenson and best hat went to Kathryn of Family Life Ministries.



The **GFWC Azalea City Woman's Club** delivered art supplies in October to Pinevale Elementary and Sallas Mahone School and a mat for a homeless person to LAMP.

Never Forget



On September 11, the **GFWC Woodbine Woman's Club** provided a free BBQ lunch to fire responders and others as a "thank-you" for all they do for Woodbine and Camden County.



The **GFWC Bremen Junior Woman's Club** sponsored 30th Annual Bremen Towne Festival on October 21. Christa Smith, the GFWC Bremen Junior Woman's Club 2023 Citizen of the Year, served as Grand Marshal of the Festival Parade that preceded the start of the festival. The Festival, the largest fundraiser for the club, had a variety of activities for all ages — arts and crafts, educational and children's activities, informational booths, food, and entertainment.

The **GFWC Lilburn Woman's Club** hosted a Candidate Forum for the candidates vying for seats on the city council and the mayor's office. Questions for the 5 City Council Candidates and 3 Mayoral Candidates were submitted by the those attending the Lilburn Daze on October 14.



The **GFWC Dallas Woman's Club** entered their bookish pumpkin in the town's 2023 Pumpkin Fest Contest. Their pumpkin paid homage to their clubhouse, which sits on Courthouse Square for about 103 years and was the first library in Paulding County.





The **GFWC Sylvania Junior Woman's Club** painted pumpkins representing their committees, officers, and special projects and they were displayed at the local library for the community to see and enjoy.

(Left to Right:) Holding their winning pumpkins are Sharon Blank - Second place, Billie Jo Lea - First place, Kathryn Youles - Third Place.



The **GFWC Sylvester Woman's Club** passed out candy, stickers, and dog treats at the Georgia Peanut

Festival Pets and Pals Parade in downtown Sylvester in October.



The **GFWC Reynolds Woman's Club** turned their clubhouse into a ghoulish wonder for their Boo-Unco Night on October 27.

The dice-loving souls enjoyed a spooktacular evening of creepy fun and prizes, topped off with delicious chili and desserts.



Left: The **GFWC Heartland Woman's Club** donated 80 Halloween trick or treat bags to Miracle League for their last game of the season on October 28. The Miracle League provides opportunities for children with disabilities to play baseball, regardless of their abilities. The National Miracle League will host the All-Star games in Covington next fall.

Right: The Club also participated in the Halloween Fest in Oxford by setting up a bean bag toss in cauldrons for the kids attending.



The **GFWC Hartwell Service League** sponsored *It's Pink Partini Time* at the Catechee Country Club in October. Proceeds benefit The Nancy Hart Foundation that supports women fighting cancer in Hart County. Dinner, dancing, and lots of fun were had by all.



As part of their Dictionary Project, the **GFWC Lilburn Woman's Club** delivered free dictionaries to 3rd graders in the area's elementary schools in October. In conjunction with Lilburn Business Association, these books were much more than ordinary dictionaries as they contain information about science, history, math, and sign language.



The **GFWC Dunwoody Woman's Club** held their "Fall into Art Fashion Show" at Bar Peri at the AC Hotel in Dunwoody! With almost 70 women in attendance, the Membership and Arts event was a chance for all to hear about public art in Dunwoody, hear more about DWC, see an extraordinary fashion show by Village Threads, and enjoy yummy and superb appetizers and a specially designed drink, Dunwoody Woman's Club Cosmo. Door prizes were also given.



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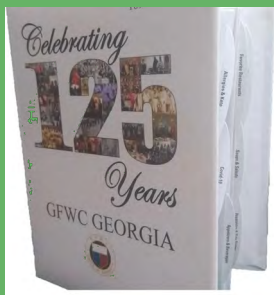
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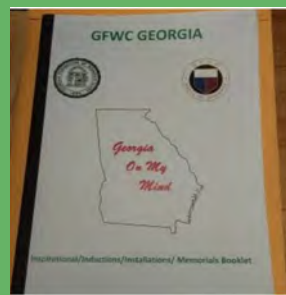
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\$15 125 Years Celebration Cookbook. Commemorative cookbook for the 125th Anniversary of GFWC Georgia. Recipes submitted by Georgia clubwomen.



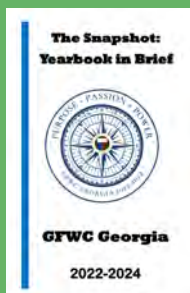
\$30 2023 Bling T-Shirt. Short-sleeved, V-neck T-shirt that runs true to size.



\$5 "Georgia on My Mind" Ceremonies Book. Includes inspirations, ceremonies, and memorials. Compiled by Peggy Wilson.



\$10 Shawl
A white/silver fringed shawl to have for special occasions. Size 19" x 70"



\$10 Snapshot
A spiral bound brief of the yearbook



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



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



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



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



A Look Ahead



Lipscomb Cottage Decorating

Saturday, November 11, 2023
Lipscomb Cottage — TFS Campus

GFWC Georgia's Holiday Express

Sunday, November 12, 2023
4:30 to 6:00 PM — Via Zoom

Federation Fellowship

Monday, November 13, 2023
7:00 to 8:00 PM — Via Zoom

Georgia Festival of Trees

Saturday, November 18 through Sunday, November 26, 2023
Georgia World Congress Center, Building A, Exhibit Hall A3
Atlanta, GA

Deadline for State, District, Junior Conference Dues and Tallulah Falls School Donations

Friday, December 1, 2023
See individual voucher for details and addresses

GFWC Membership Recruitment Campaign "Sparkle and Shine" Report Due

Recruitment: Members added in September, October, and November
Friday, December 1, 2023

GFWC Holiday Reception

Wednesday, December 6, 2023
1734 N Street, Washington, DC
11:00 AM—1:00 PM and 1:30 PM — 3:00 PM

Deadline to order Santa Letters

Sunday, December 10, 2023
Fundraiser for the 2025 International Convention

Federation Fellowship

Monday, December 11, 2023
7:00 to 8:00 PM — Via Zoom

Holiday Open House at State Office

Wednesday, December 13, 2023
Lipscomb Cottage — TFS Campus
3:00 to 5:00 PM

Deadline for District Treasurer to send Annual Convention Dues to State Office

Friday, December 15, 2023

Wreaths Across America Ceremony and Wreath Laying

Cemeteries across U.S., at sea, and abroad
Saturday, December 16, 2023

End of Reporting Year

Sunday, December 31, 2023

GFWC Georgia Finance, Bylaws, and Strategic Planning Committee Meetings

January 2024

Deadline for News Articles for January issue of *The Georgia Clubwoman*

Tuesday, January 2, 2024

GFWC 2024-2026 Administration Orientation Meeting

January 4-7, 2024

Federation Fellowship

Monday, January 8, 2024
7:00 to 8:00 PM — Via Zoom

Mark Your CALENDAR



GEORGIA Festival of TREES

Nov. 18-26, 2023
Georgia World Congress Center
Closed November 22-23 for Thanksgiving



Georgia World Congress Center
285 Andrew Young International Blvd.
Atlanta, GA 30313

This year there is no fee to enter a tree, wreath, or table decor.



Clubwomen can get a 20% savings on tickets, use code **GFWC20**.

Tickets can be purchased online at <https://gafestivaloftrees.org/tickets>

Join the Lollipop Guild as we follow the **Yellow Brick Road** to the **2024 GFWC** *128th* Georgia State Convention

April 26-28, 2024
Marriott Atlanta Northeast
2000 Century Blvd, NE
Atlanta, GA 30345

Bring your **RED** shoes, great friends, and enjoy the journey down the Yellow Brick Road!


Federation Fellowship

Join Us Monthly GFWC Georgia Gatherings


Second Monday of the Month via Zoom — 7:00 to 8:00 pm

Click on the button (Federation Fellowship) in the Constant Contact email.

Each session will begin with a “Meet and Greet” from 7:00 to 7:15 pm, a “CPR” Highlight from 7:15 to 7:30 pm, and Questions following the presentation.



The Mary Ann Lipscomb Cottage, today the State Headquarters of GFWC Georgia, was one of the first structures built on the campus of Tallulah Falls School. Built around 1909-1910, it served throughout the history of the school as a dormitory, classroom building, administrative building, and school museum. In 2006, it was saved from demolition, fully renovated, and now serves as the state office for our federation. Filled with period furniture, photos of past presidents, scrapbooks, and memorabilia from past to present, it stands as a testament to the legacy of Mary Ann Lipscomb and her vision of a school for the mountain children of North Georgia. Call the State Office for a convenient time to visit “Our House.”



Find Your Passion Contest

Let's make reading this newsletter interesting!



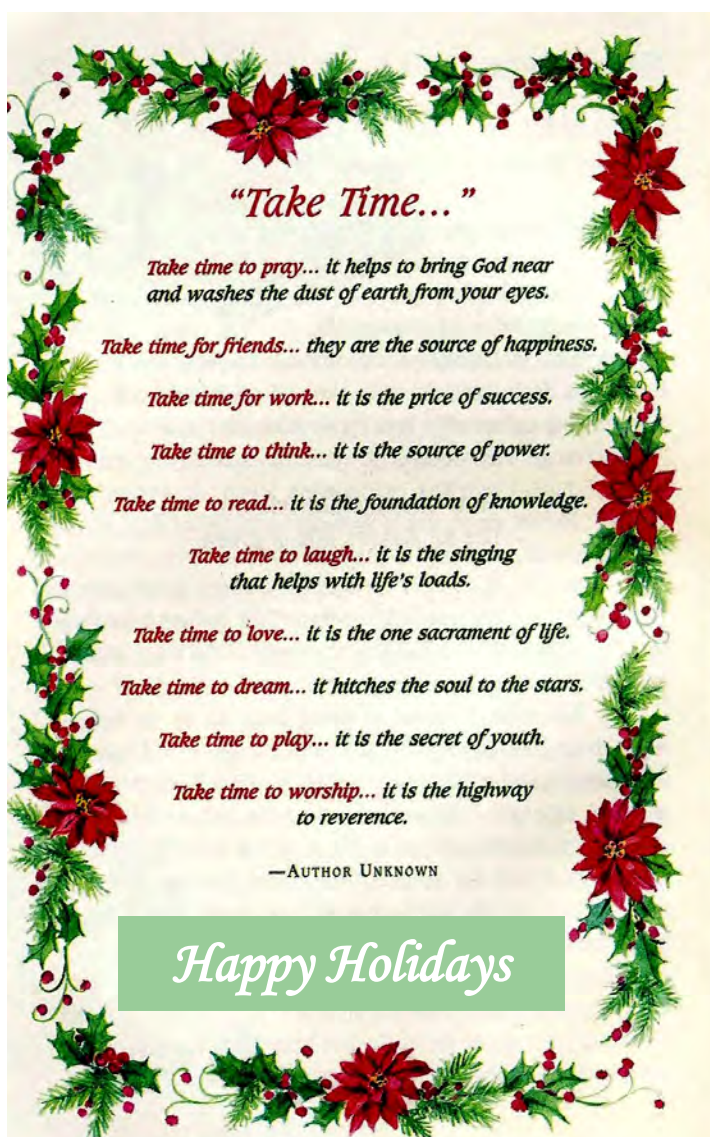
ONE MORE TIME! No one submitted an entry from the July newsletter so we'll try one more time to give away some free money!

Where are the compasses? We have hidden several compasses (Kim's symbol and other examples) throughout the newsletter. They may be hiding in plain sight or in articles and photos. Count the number you find. Then, send your name, club name, home address, and the number of compasses you find to news@gfwcgeorgia.org.

Deadline to enter — **November 17, 2023 by 11:59 p.m.** Only one entry per person.

The winner (of those submitting the correct number) will be announced on GFWC Georgia Members Facebook page and in the next issue of *The Georgia Clubwoman*.

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