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# GFWC LAWRENCEVILLE WOMAN'S CLUB

## MARCH 2020 NEWSLETTER

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### Officer Reports

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#### President

*By Shelia Jones*

March is around the corner – daylight saving time starts March 8, 2020- spring forward – yay!!! Looking forward to spring weather and extra daylight hours. I hope everyone plans to attend the GFWC - 2020 Central East District Spring Meeting – March 18<sup>th</sup> at 550 Trackside - registration begins at 9:15. It's a great way to meet other club members in the district. Thank you to all that stepped up to chair the CSP's this year - just a reminder that all members need to serve on at least one of the CSP's. If you are interested in doing the monthly newsletter- please let me know. Thank you to Tracy who will continue through April. See you at the March meeting.

#### First Vice President - Membership

*By Paula Carroll*

LWC LTO February was a great success. We have 5 members or sustainers attend a Self Defense Class presented by the Gwinnett County Police. Atta Girls to - Debbie J., Roslyn, Rosane, Pennie and Paula. If you want to hear about what we learned, we would be happy to share.

March LTO will be a play at Central High School.

#### Second Vice President - Dean of Programs

*By Beverly Williams*

February is a month full of celebrations. Among them are Black History Month and Valentine's Day.

Black History month recognizes the contributions and achievements of African-Americans to U. S. history. Its purpose is also to help eradicate stereotypes and promote an understanding of Black culture. Two of the little-known African-Americans who made significant contributions to our daily lives are:

**Sarah Boone**, born a slave, she expanded upon the original ironing board resulting in her being the first black women to receive a patent in 1892.

**Mary Van Brittan Brown**, an African American nurse, co-invented a security unit for her home in 1966. Her system used a camera, microphone to speak to anyone at the door, a button to unlock the door and a button to contact the police. She received a patent in 1969.

Now to LWC business for the month. Thank you to Darlene Dunn. She is a new member who stepped up to take International CSP Chair in light of Phyllis' illness. Also, thank you to Mary Sanders for volunteering to coordinate the March Meeting. Cheryl has agreed to coordinate the April meeting. Josie has May. Brenda has October. Darlene had

November. Remember we do not meet in June, July

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and August and December is the Christmas party.

If you have not signed up to work with one of the CSP's, please do so by letting me know your selection before the April meeting. The Home Life CSP is the only full committee. The committee assignments are as follow:

ARTS: Mary Louise Awana-Chair, Debbie Brown, Debbie Jeffries

CONSERVATION: Cheryl Shaw-Chair, Lee Ann Gregg, Janice Williams

EDUCATION: Josie Wind-Chair, Debbie Jeffries, Daryl Russo

HOME LIFE: Brenda Perdue-Chair, Lee Ann Gregg, Allan Fowler, Mary Sanders, Pennie Drada, Bonnie Hagen, Janice Williams

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH: Darlene Dunn-Chair, Paula Carroll

PUBLIC ISSUES: Mary Sanders-Chair, Beverly Williams

SIGNATURE PROJECT – Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention: Sandra Strickland-Chair, LWC Membership

Life is precious and, oh, so very short. If there is someone you love but have not told them, do so. I love you all.

## **Third Vice President - Fundraising**

*OPEN-From Brenda*

Reminder: There will be a Fashion Show meeting on March 2 @ 3 PM at Sandra Strickland's house. We hope to finalize the place, date and other details for our event.

Everyone is invited!

## **Treasurer**

*By Deborah Jeffries*

Update at the meeting.

## **Secretary**

*By Pennie Drada*

A reminder to all Officers, CSP and Special Project Chairs:

Please either email me before the meeting (if possible) or hand me a copy of your report at the Board Meetings and General Meetings, so I'll have it for the minutes. Often the information shared includes multiple activities, dates and times, and I wouldn't want to miss one or include incorrect information. When you give me the information on the activity, all pertinent data should be included. Thank you!

And thanks to all those who have consistently remembered to give me your report information!

## **Parliamentarian**

*By Janet Hecht*

Update at meeting

## **Sunshine News**

*By Allan Fowler*

March Birthdays: Happy Birthday Debbie Brown on the 20th

Please continue to pray for Phyllis. It will be a long road of recovery for her. In the next week, decisions will need to be made for her future healthcare. She is making

progress, but she will need full time care in a facility. When information is known I will pass it along.

Please send any prayers, praises or concerns to Allan.  
[allanfowler@bellsouth.net](mailto:allanfowler@bellsouth.net)

## Chair Reports

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### Arts

*By Marylouise Awana*

Update by Janet --- Art competition entries are coming in. The reception will be Monday April 21<sup>st</sup> in the auditorium at Central Gwinnett.

### Conservation

*By Cheryl Shaw*

#### Grant Applications

Keep your fingers crossed! Conservation has applied for two Foodwell Alliance grants for the Housing Authority Community Garden. One is for a 3-container composting system (delivered and installed), and the other is for a cubic yard of compost, delivered to the garden site. Time for spring planting is right around the corner.

We are partnering with the Lawrenceville Garden Club on a Mother's Day project for the Special Needs School's 60 younger students. They will decorate clay pots with their thumb print flowers using acrylic paints. We will purchase the pots and plants from Creative Enterprises. A garden club grant application is "in the works" for this project as well. We will likely need some additional LWC hands-on assistance when we establish a date.

#### \*Recycling

—The realities of recycling have shifted substantially during just the last two years. Markets for the bulk of recyclables have all but collapsed (glass and mixed paper are examples, though not for the same reasons). China, a big buyer of discarded materials, was a fast-developing country in need of multiple types of raw materials that it was unable to manufacture in sufficient quantities on its own. In 2017, China announced that beginning in 2018 it would no longer accept many kinds of waste.

While many municipalities consider banning single use plastics altogether, consider your community without pet poop bags, your newspaper delivered, but soaked without a bag. A good bit of single use plastics came about for safety reasons for food and drug products. Industry should/could do more to repurpose plastics, old tires, and energy by-products. Only about 9% of all plastics are currently being recycled. Nearly eight million metric tons of plastic waste are seeping and creeping into the world's oceans every year. We are choking on our own waste. Let's figure out more ways to turn that trash back into treasure! Share your ideas for repurposing/replacing plastic materials—A prize might be in your future at the April meeting (hosted by Conservation).

\*Excerpted from a recent article in “Our Town Gwinnett”.

Thanks to all our “green goddesses” who recycle! Continue to bring to meetings: aluminum pull tabs, rinsed drink cans, used printer cartridges, used books, and scrap yarn. **Remember to sign the Conservation sheet when you donate.**

## Education

*By Josie Wind*

March 2<sup>nd</sup> is read across American Day. Spread the word- read a book.

Below are some activities I would like to introduce to the group:

1. The Well-Armed Woman (TAW) is a national group founded by Carrie Lightfoot with the goal to EDUCATE, EQUIP, and EMPOWER the woman gun owner, or the woman that wishes to become one. There is a local chapter in Buford that meets at Dead Center Indoor Range once a month. I will provide dates and cost at the next meeting.
2. Special Needs School of Gwinnett: The library has started, and the new building is under construction. I met with Bev Bailey and a group of mothers on February 19<sup>th</sup> and discussed a reading schedule to be implemented the first week of March. This is the week when Dr. Seuss birthday is celebrated. I would like to request a donation of books for the school. They do not have to be Dr. Seuss books, but they are in need of children’s books for the library. If you can donate, please bring to the next meeting. This is also the time of year when “Exceptional Children’s Week” is celebrated. In the past I was involved in making posters that show individuals in our society that have disabilities they have overcome, treated, or managed and we are not aware of their challenges unless we are told. I will be putting together some posters for them to have on hand at the school.
3. Other events that I am looking into include the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) course, which is offered free by Gwinnett County to educate the community in the event of an emergency. The Snellville Police Department also has a 12 week course, offered free of charge that educates and keeps citizen members up to date and informed. After graduation you are able to join the Snellville Police Academy Alumni Association (SPAAA) for a nominal yearly fee. There are monthly meetings with updates.

I wish to support any ongoing events, gather additional information from all our LWC members and provide educational options for members as well and the community.

## Home Life

*By Brenda Perdue*

Atta Girls to Shelia and Lynn for assisting at Gwinnett Extended Care with a Valentine Party. I will make plans to help at the St. Patty's party and advise details to the club.

Mary, Shelia and Brenda attended the Proclamation for Women's Heart Month at the Lawrenceville Justice Center on February 18.

We are planning to face paint at St. Paddy's on Perry, which will be Sunday, March 14 @ 3 PM. This will be a fun FUND-raising

event for our Club. Everyone can help.

Home Life and Conservation will have a workshop to make "Easter Eggs" for GEC These eggs will be filled with soft sugar free candy.

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Bring to the meeting any luggage so that Home life can donate to the DEFACs or Women's Shelter. (see image attached in newsletter email)

## Public Issues

*By Mary Sanders*

### **Gwinnett County Transportation Recommendations**

The final recommendations for the Gwinnett County Transit System were presented at a meeting on February 18<sup>th</sup>. In attendance were members of the Board of Commissioners, Dept of Transportation and members of the Transit Review Committee. The recommendations include a 5-year, 10-year and 30-year proposal.

For further information please go to: [www.gwinnettcounty.org](http://www.gwinnettcounty.org) From there please go to *Transportation to Transit Review Committee to Final Report*. The first 16 pages are definitions, Transit Review Committee findings, etc. The "Final Recommendations" start on page 17.

### **Public Issues Speaker on March 4<sup>th</sup>**

Public Issues will be hosting the March General Meeting. Our speaker will be Sandy Yarborough from Quilts of Valor. Last year our club had sewn several "quilt blocks" and sent them to Sandy. She will be bringing the final quilt made from these blocks and would like to present this quilt to a Veteran at our meeting.

### **Gwinnett Coalition for Health and Human Services**

On April 18<sup>th</sup> the Coalition will be hosting a "Stand Down" event for Veterans at Gwinnett Tech. There are several possible opportunities for the Lawrenceville Woman's Club to volunteer for this event, including donating personal care items for the Veterans. I will provide more information as soon as I receive it.

## International Outreach

*By Darlene Dunn*

## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY: "I am Generation Equality: Realizing Women's Rights"

International Women's Day is annually held on **March 8** to celebrate women achievements throughout history and across nations. It is also known as the United Nations Day for Women's Rights and International Peace.

On this day Sunday March 8, 2020 help celebrate by:

1. Wear purple
2. Write on social media women that have inspired you
3. Make a playlist ex: Beyonce- "Run The World", Alicia Keys- "Girl On Fire", Katy Perry- "Roar"
4. Shop - support women owned business
5. Make donation to Girl Scouts and Girl Guides

### *(International Outreach Cont'd)*

While Phyllis is away recovering, I wanted to work on an International project. I have asked Darlene who has graciously stepped up to oversee International Affairs while Phyllis is recovering. I have a friend who has gone on this mission trip to Peru for several years. It's through his church and they work on this project throughout the year and go to the orphanage in May each year. The group takes along several suitcases filled with supplies for the New Life Children's Home in Peru. I would like for us to help in a couple of ways, first I would like to collect the drawstring bags and beanie babies. So if you have either of those items please bring it to the meeting. They collect these items all year long, so you will have a chance each month to bring in those items. They use the drawstring bags to leave with the children, so they can have something to put their bible and school supplies in. It doesn't matter if their used or have a particular company on it. I collected several last year for him to take that had AG supply. Beanie babies are small and easy to pack but they will take stuffed animals as well since they can suck the air out of them so they are easy to pack. Second, I would like to collect at the March meeting is any of the following: Cake mixes/frostings/brownie mix/cookie mix, sprinkles. They use these items for birthdays and special occasions.

Thank you, Nicole Hallmark

## **Special Project - Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention**

*By Sandra Strickland*

Atta girls to Shelia, Daryl, Nicole, Sandra, Mary for attending the Women in Action Breakfast at The River Club. And thank you to the one's that donated items for the garden basket that was presented on behalf of Lawrenceville Woman's Club.

## **Around the State and Beyond**

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### **GFWC Georgia**

- Past Presidents' Garden at Tallulah Falls School: Upcoming workdays: Feb 21, 2020; May 2, 2020
- April 17 – 19 GFWC GA Convention at Unicoi State Park and Lodge.
- August 14-15, 2020 Institute Marriott in Marietta.

### **GFWC Southern Region**

Mark your calendars for the 2020 GFWC Southern Region Conference in Huntsville, AL on October 29- Nov 1. This conference is a great way to meet members from other states in our region and learn about their successful projects.

### **GFWC**

#### **2020 GFWC Convention; Sheraton Hotel; Atlanta, Georgia; June 26-30, 2020**

- Our District is responsible for collecting Cracker packs, Paper Pads and Pens. They will accept pens and paper pads from business in the metro Atlanta area. If you know of a company that would be willing to donate these items, please let Debbie know.
- Please consider being a host for State Night, Friday June 26th. You do not have to pay for registration but if you want to eat you will have to pay for the dinner.
- Assistance is also needed at the Welcome Table, Door Pages for business meetings and meals, Tour Hostess and Bus Captains.
- Go to website: [WWW.GFWCGEORGIA.ORG](http://WWW.GFWCGEORGIA.ORG) to sign up to assist.

***2021 GFWC Convention will be in Toronto, Canada***

## **Upcoming Dates**

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### **March**

3/18 Central District Spring Meeting Hosted by Lawrenceville/Winder Woman's Clubs

### **April**

4/17-19 GFWC GA Convention at Unicoi State Park Lodge

### **June**

6/26-30 GFWC Convention @ Sheraton Hotel Atlanta GA