

President's Message – Brenda Perdue

I hope you and your family had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Remember to reflect on how blessed we are to live in a free country and enjoy the opportunities provided by those who have served our country.

We had a successful Fashion Show/Luncheon and I appreciate the hard work by club members (and a few good men)! Each Community Service Program Chair will have a budget to plan activities for 2019. Thank you, Nicole Hallmark for chairing this year. I have received compliments from several ladies attending our event. We really know how to have a fun party!

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas. The Aurora is decorated for the Holidays and I hope your home will soon be merry and bright! My wish for you is Health and Happiness for 2019.

Our Christmas Party will be December 5 @ 6:30 PM, good food, fun & games and a gift exchange.

Members will receive information on our January Banquet and Installation of Officers for 2019 by email soon. The date will be January 9 @ 6:30, Biba's Italian Restaurant.

Feeling a bit nostalgic, as this will be my final message as President. It has been my pleasure to serve and I thank the Officers and Executive Board for all their help. Good luck to our new officers and our members as we accept new responsibilities/positions for 2019.

Christmas/Holiday Party

The Christmas Party will again be at Nicole's Subdivision's clubhouse: 1236 Kennilworth Trace, Snellville 30078 at 6:30 p.m. Short business meeting and dinner.

- Club will provide plates, napkins, tablecloths, and utensils.
- Club will provide Chicken w/pasta and a pork or beef main entrée.
- Members are asked to bring a side dish to share & beverage (including adult) of your choice.
- We will have annual gift exchange – if you want to participate want to participate, bring a gift valued \$10 - \$15 range. Set up @ 5PM – Please allow time to help with clean up after. the party.



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Brenda Perdue

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Tracy Petit

2nd Vice-President – Dean of Programs
Bonnie Hagen

3rd Vice-President
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Cheryl Shaw

Fashion Show Chair –
Nicole Hallmark

Fundraising Chair –
Rosane Sandberg

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Federation Dates To Remember:

- January 25th, 2019 - Reporting Deadline
- March 20, 2018 - Central East Spring District Meeting, Hosted by Augusta clubs.
- April 5-7, 2019 – GFWC Georgia Convention 2019 hosted by South West District - Lake Blackshear Resort in Cordele
- June 29 – July 1, 2019 - GFWC Annual Convention at the JW Marriot in Austin, Texas
- August 16 – 18, 2019 - GFWC GA Institute; Athens, GA Classic Center
- October 5, 2019 – Central East District Fall Meeting. Hosted by Stone Mountain and Decatur
- October 17 – 20, 2019 - Southern Region Convention, South Carolina



**LWC 2017 CSP
Chairs**

- Arts
Carolyn Wright &
Janet Hecht
- Conservation
Cheryl Shaw
- Education
Roslyn Viterbo
- Home Life
Shelia Jones
- International
Outreach
Phyllis Prunty
- Public Issues
Mary Sanders
- Signature Project –
Domestic Violence
Awareness &
Prevention
Debbie Brown

**Other Committees &
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- Sunshine
Allan Fowler
- Newsletter Editor
Janet Hecht
- Webmaster
Cheryl Shaw
- Facebook
Rosane Sandberg
- Communications &
Public Relations
Rosane Sandberg &
Janet Hecht
- Book Club
Shelia Jones
- Federation – Tallulah
Falls School,
Lipscomb
Society/Ella F.
White/WHRC
Debbie Brown

First Vice President – Membership – Tracy Petit

Ladies Time Out

On December 12th at 6:30, Brenda will be hosting a Holiday Bingo. Please bring a \$10 gift in a brown paper bag & \$1 dollar for cover all and a snack to share.

Please reach out to me if you would like to host a Ladies Time Out in January.

Reflecting on 2018 and Planning for 2019

In the role of membership, one of the end of year tasks is to write the sustainer letters. This is obviously my first time drafting this letter and it has been an enjoyable experience. The letter challenged me to reflect on what we accomplished as a team in 2018. And that lead me to reflect on why we join groups. There are many reasons people join groups, but I think after reflection what stood out as my reasons for joining are:

- I can make a larger impact as part of a group than an individual
- I can learn more in a group than alone

I want to thank each of you for helping me to do more for my community than I could do by myself and for sharing all your knowledge and experience with me this year. And now I am going to sit down and think about what I want to do next year. I encourage you each to take a moment and think about 2019. How can this club enrich your life? How you can share your talents with club members? There is no doubt in my mind that this club makes a difference in our community and our members are the reason for that success! So, thank you for a great 2018!

Federation – Debbie Brown

Tallulah Falls School:

The school's formal dance is December 15. Tallulah's Closet is an ongoing project. Please remember these students as you clean out closets or come across great deals on formal wear, shoes, accessories and men's wear. Thank you for your support of Tallulah Falls School.

GFWC GA:

Christmas Open House will be at the Lipscomb Cottage on Wednesday, December 12 from 6:30-8:30pm (time may change)

If you need additional tax deductions this year, please remember Ella F. White Memorial Fund, Lipscomb Society, 1734 Society and the Women's History and Resource Center.

Monthly General Meeting Schedule

Note: Unless otherwise noted, socializing is from 6:30pm - 7:00pm; meeting begins promptly at 7:00 pm.

- Wednesday, December 5 – Christmas Party – Nicole's Subdivision Clubhouse
- Wednesday, January 2, 2019 – Annual Banquet & Installation of Officers – Biba's Italian Restaurant

Monthly Board Meeting Schedule

Note: Board Meetings are held AT LEAST two weeks prior to the general meetings. **Board meetings will start at 6:30 pm**

- Wednesday, December 19th
- Wednesday, January 23rd – Joint Board Meeting for Outgoing and Incoming Board Members



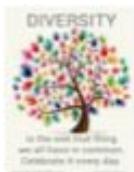
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Second Vice-President – Dean of Programs – Bonnie Hagen

Thank you to Education for hosting the Nov meeting. December meeting is our holiday party.

If you have not turned in your tracking sheets to me or the CSP chairs, please do so ASAP. We need those numbers for the yearly reports. We want our club to get full credit for everything we have done this year. If you have any questions, please contact me, Janet or any of the CSP chairs.

CSP chairs need to have their reports to me before January 14th.



Tips for Tracking Time, Talent, Treasure

What to Track: Any service activity that involves two or more members can be reported as a program.

- **Description** of the activity/program and a description of what you did
- **Amount of Time** spent on the activity. If you are not sure, estimate. If it is short put down 15 minutes.
- **In kind donations:** In kind donations are **anything you as a member donated**, whether it was something you already had or something you purchased. An example of something you already had might be accessories for the Tallulah Falls Closet that you no longer use. Your in kind donation amount is your estimated dollar value of the items. An example of something you purchased might be items to put into an Easter Basket for DFACS that you purchased out of your own money
- **Club donations** – these are monetary donations that came directly from the club. If the club reimbursed you for money spent, that would be a club donation.

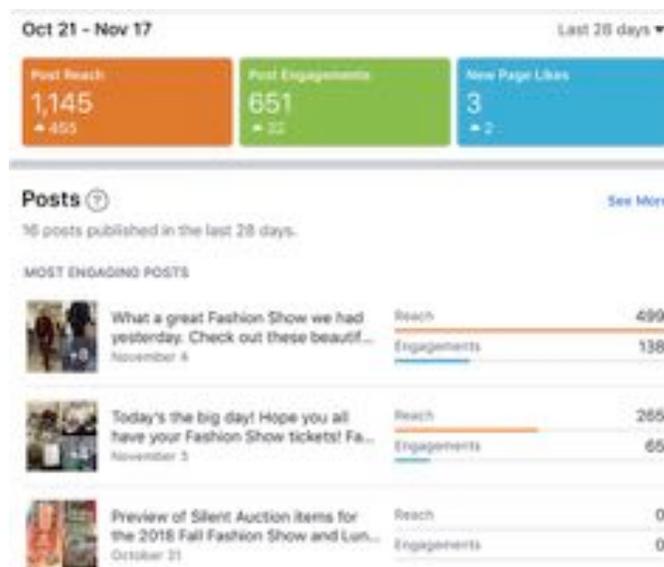
Fundraising – Rosane Sandberg



Our last fundraiser will be Sunday, December 2nd at Brenda's subdivision clubhouse in **McGinnis Reserve** from 2 pm – 5 pm. I hope members can come out and do some Christmas shopping. Thank you to the many members who have helped make so many items over the last year and volunteered to help with club sales. It's been a successful year.

Communications & Public Relations – Rosane Sandberg

This is how Facebook works for our club. Please keep sharing



Fashion Show Chair – Nicole Hallmark

A huge "THANK YOU" to all of our wonderful members for helping to make our fashion show amazing. We received lots of good suggestions for next year that are in the works. We will be getting out donation letters within the next couple of weeks. Special Atta Girls for the following ladies who took on a responsibility and handled it with ease:

Bonnie being ticket chair and making the desserts

Rosane for being Opportunity Baskets Chair

Brenda for being our Emcee

Cheryl and Carolyn for manning both check in and check out

Mary and Phyllis for providing the pre-show refreshments

Debbie for chairing the hostess tables

Shelia for securing Chico's and the models

Allan for handling the door prizes

Janice for securing our venue and microphone

Most importantly I want to thank **Janet** and **Paula** for their countless hours. Paula and Janet worked very well together making sure the silent auction area was set up, organized and successful, and flyers, tickets, programs and bid sheets were all printed correctly. They both made my job easy.



Fashion Show Pictures – Janet (Alan) Hecht

The "Official" Fashion Show Pictures can be found on Google Photos:

Click on this link to get to the photos.

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/nh4y7147YFoicTbq9>

You can also download the Google Photos App to your phone/tablet for easy access



*International Outreach –
Phyllis Prunty*



I would like to thank everyone who contributed over \$15.00 for Dimes for Shots and Heifer International. Bonnie deserves a big Atta Girl for all the money she again donated this month. There were two bottles that had no name on the label.

I will be spending my money this month.

I will let you all know how the money was divided in the next new letter.



Home Life– Shelia Jones



The Holidays are among us -----it's hard to believe it's that time of the year.

Gwinnett Extended Care

As soon as I find out the date, I will see who's available to assist with Gwinnett Extended Care Christmas Party. With the remaining home life funds we will purchase gifts to the residences.

Wishing you and your family a safe and happy holiday season. See you on the 5th.

Conservation – Cheryl Shaw



Fall Foliage

Most plants appear in varying shades of green because they contain lots of the plant pigment called chlorophyll. Chlorophyll plays the vital role of capturing the energy contained in sunlight and transforming it into carbohydrates, such as sugars and starches. In the process, it releases oxygen. It isn't an overstatement to say that all life on earth depends on this beautiful green pigment.

Chlorophyll appears green because it reflects green wavelengths of light. Other pigments, such as the yellow and orange, are masked in most plants by the strong presence of chlorophyll. However, come autumn, as the growing season winds down, chlorophyll's dominance wanes. The shortening days trigger plants to begin entering dormancy. Chlorophyll begins to break down. The scarcity of chlorophyll allows the yellow and orange pigments to take center stage. Deep red pigments are produced within plant foliage from a reaction between sugars trapped in the leaf and certain molecules present in the leaf sap.

And weather matters. The formula for optimal color seems to involve a moist spring; a sunny but not-too-hot summer; and warm, sunny autumn days with cool—but not freezing—nights.

Those Leaves—To Rake or Not Rake

There are many reasons for both. A heavy layer of leaves on your lawn can possibly smother the grass and inhibit its growth in the spring if not removed early enough. On the other hand, leaves can serve as mulch that helps to suppress weeds and enrich the soil and they help insulate you plants during the winter months.

*If you don't want the leaves, make a scarecrow or Santa Claus out of the leaves by stuffing them into old clothes.

If you use a live Christmas tree, drop it off starting December 26 until January 20 at participating Gwinnett County fire stations. The actual recycling part of the process will be held from 8 am to 11 am, on Saturday, January 26, at Lawrenceville's Bethesda Park. Register to volunteer at www.gwinnettcbo.org.

Conserve Yourself—Take a Break in December and just bring yourself to the meeting. Enjoy our Christmas Party!

Public Issues – Mary Sanders



Veterans Day Ceremony

Public Issues attended the Veterans Day Ceremony at the Fallen Heroes Memorial in Lawrenceville on November 11th. As always, the ceremony was inspiring and heartwarming. Charlotte J. Nash, Chairman of the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners spoke about our Veterans and thanked them for their service. Colonel Richard White (ret.) was the Keynote Speaker. He is the Co-Director and Chairman of the Board of the Georgia Military Veterans Hall of Fame. He spoke of how important every position in the Military serves our country from the office personnel to the most decorated and encouraged the nomination of more Military personnel to be inducted. He recognized the only Gwinnett County recipient of this honor, Charles D. Windham, Jr. The police and firefighters were also honored for their dedication to our community.

Donations

Public Issues has donated \$75 to the Independence Fund whose mission is to empower severely wounded Veterans and their caregivers to take control of their lives. Our funds will go toward the Mobility Program which provides all-terrain wheelchairs and adaptive bicycles. Also, during the week of Thanksgiving we will take a basket of cookies, etc. to the Lawrenceville Police Department. We are seeking additional information about the "Quilts of Valor" charity which provides quilts and support to Veterans.

Education – Roslyn Viterbo



A check for \$150.00 was sent to the First Book Club 165 (FBC 165) to support their summer reading program for Title 1 schools.

The remainder of Education's funds will be provided to the Art CSP for the Central Gwinnett High School Arts Contest.

We will be soliciting assistance from our membership for the FBC 165 book sorting after the first of the year. I will provide the information at our December meeting/party. Don't forget, you may take books you have collected or have on hand to Books by the Pound, just make sure to tell them they are for the First Book Club 165.

Education would like to continue providing preparedness information to the membership, an interactive program on situational awareness may be presented at the next time Education hosts the general meeting.

I am considering placing the LWC on the docket for a School Board meeting after the first of the year in hopes of getting a test preparedness program into a public schools (an eight grade class) in the Central Gwinnett Cluster. If this is not feasible, Rosane will assist in getting me contacts for the Special Needs Schools of Gwinnett.

Book Club – Shelia Jones

Since December is a busy month -- we will not read a book in December.

Please send me your book club ideas for the New Year.



Arts – Carolyn Wright & Janet Hecht



Arts Contest

Carolyn & Janet met with Megan Rose-Houchins, the Fine Arts Coordinator for Central Gwinnett High School to discuss details and process for the Arts Contest we will be hosting next year in collaboration with the LONA foundation.

- Janet is working on the submission criteria and guidelines, rules, and entry form and Carolyn has put together the promotional material for the contest. Janet and Carolyn are also working on the additional plans for the contest.
- The kickoff will be held at the Fine Arts Assembly at Central Gwinnett High School on December 13th.
- The rules, how to enter and submission guidelines will be sent out before Christmas break.
- The deadline for submissions will be at the end of January and the awards reception will tentatively scheduled for February 21st. More details to come.
- Megan will provide multiple avenues to promote the contest throughout the school, including email blasts, broadcast news program at Central Gwinnett, school social media, eClass, flyers and an assembly for the fine arts students.
- There will be three contests: Visual Arts, Creative Writing and Photography.
- The 1st place winners in each category will receive \$250 Visa gift card
- There will be 2nd & 3rd place awards as well. The LONA Foundation will help provide these awards and will be supplemented by the Arts CSP's additional sales of notecards
- Education donated their remaining funds (\$66.99) to the Arts Contest. This will be used toward the purchase of 2nd place awards and is very appreciated.

Aurora Festival of Trees

We want to thank those who came out to set up the LWC tree, which looks beautiful. ATTA GIRLS to Brenda, Mary, Cheryl, Roslyn, Tracy, and Phyllis and an ATTA BOY to Mike Shaw.



Read All About It! Put your writing and photography skills to the test by entering the GFWC Creative Writing and Photography competitions. Here's your chance to shine individually and represent our club as well. If your skills are behind the camera, you can submit photos in one of three categories (1) The World in Pictures, (*Living things, Scenes or Still Life*) (2) GFWC Volunteers in Actions and (3) A Year in Pictures. The photos must be taken in this year and submitted by February 1, 2019. For more details visit: <https://www.gfwc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/2018-2020-Photography-Contests.pdf>

If you're a storyteller, submit a short story or poem showcasing your talents. Your story or poem must be created this year and submitted by February 1, 2019. You can find more details at:

<https://www.gfwc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/2018-2020-Writing-Contests.pdf>

Each submission will require a waiver, which you can download at:

<https://www.gfwc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Creative-Arts-Waiver.pdf>



Signature Project – Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention – Debbie Brown

A major THANK YOU to all members for your support of Domestic Violence this year. We are going to end the year with one final project, The Crazy Christmas Sock project for PADV. We will plan some time at our Christmas party to stuff the socks. Then later put the finishing touches on the socks and deliver to PADV.

love
joy
peace

Arts CSP

- Carolyn Wright – Co-Chair
- Janet Hecht – Co-Chair
- Rosane Sandberg
- Roslyn Viterbo
- Bonnie Hagen
- Dedra Walker-Howard
- Phyllis Prunty
- Debbie Brown
- Mary Sanders
- Brenda Perdue

Conservation CSP

- Cheryl Shaw – Chair
- Janice Williams
- Rosane Sandberg
- LeeAnn Gregg
- Paula Carroll
- Shelia Jones
- Nicole Hallmark
- Mary Sanders
- Lee Ann Gregg
- Brenda Perdue

Education CSP

- Roslyn Viterbo – Chair
- Janet Hecht
- Paula Carroll
- Allan Fowler
- Sandra Strickland
- Lee Ann Gregg
- Brenda Perdue

Home Life CSP

- Shelia Jones – Chair
- Pennie Drada
- Allan Fowler
- Janice Williams
- Lee Ann Gregg
- Brenda Perdue

International Outreach CSP

- Phyllis Prunty – Chair
- Pennie Drada
- Daryl Russo
- Paula Carroll
- Brenda Perdue

Public Issues CSP

- Mary Sanders - Chair
- Dedra Walker-Howard
- Phyllis Prunty
- Tracy Petit
- Sandra Strickland
- Janet Hecht
- Brenda Perdue

Signature Project – Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention

- Debbie Brown – Chair
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Sunshine – Allan Fowler

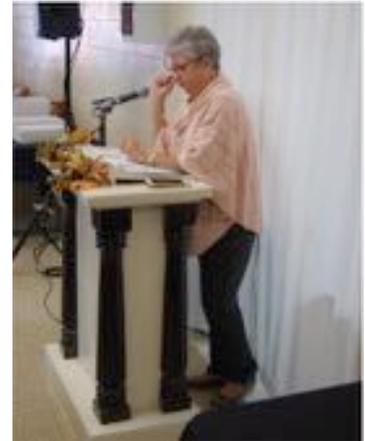


December Birthdays

17th - Cheryl Shaw

Some days you just have to create your own SUNSHINE.

Please send all sunshine news to Allan Fowler - allanfowler@bellsouth.net



Federation Information and Resources

General Federation of Women's Clubs:

- Website: <http://www.gfwc.org>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GFWCMembers/>
- Newsletter Signup: <http://www.gfwc.org/contact-us/> (go to the bottom & sign up for News & Notes)

GFWC Georgia:

- Website: www.gfwcgeorgia.org
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/GaFWC
- Newsletter Signup: <https://gfwcgeorgia.org/club-resources/newsletters/>

Georgia Central East District

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GFWCGACentralEast/>

Lawrenceville Woman's Club:

- Website: www.lawrencevillewomensclub.org;
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/lawrencevillewomensclub/