

Presidents Report Shelia Jones

Happy December --- I know this has been a very challenging year, but we still have done some amazing projects this year – thank you to the CSP chairs and helpers. Look forward to seeing everyone at the holiday party on December 2nd – 6:30- with setup at 5:30 – Kensington Subdivision Clubhouse 1236 Kenilworth Trace, Snellville. I wish each and every one of you a very blessed Holiday season and a Healthy 2021 and thank you for your volunteer sprit to help others.

2020 Members Engagement Survey Janet Hecht & Marylouise Awana (Survey Team) Survey Task Force Report

The members of the survey task force are Marylouise Awana, Janet Hecht, Debbie Brown, Rosane Sandberg, Carolyn Wright and Dedra Walker-Howard.

All members of the task force received the full survey report prior to our first meeting on November 16th. At that meeting, we discussed findings and developed recommendations to move us forward. As there was a lot to discuss, we didn't get through everything.

During our second meeting on Monday, November 23rd we will start

- The overall report along with findings and recommendations will be sent to the board to review and provide feedback.
- After a review time period to provide feedback and input, the entire report will be sent to the club.
- Club members then have a time to solicit ideas and suggestions
- Once recommendations are approved, a member or members will be assigned to the lead the implementation for each recommendation.
- It would be great to have each club member help to work on at least one of the recommendations.

Second Vice President Report Beverly Williams

To those who are completing online reports, not just CSP Chairs, please double check the number on you paper copy before completing the on-line report which will be live on December 1. After submission, the report cannot be corrected.

After the online report is completed, you will automatically receive 2 emails of what you submitted. I will let you know which email should be sent to me at a later date. I need that email for a report to our club. This is a learning process for all of us. So please be patient. If you need help with the paper report let me know. We need to ensure it is correct before entering it online.

Many thanks to Janet Hecht who filled in for our planned presenter who was having technical difficulties. Also, thanks to Marylouise, Paula, and Shelia who attended and asked in-depth questions. I will get answers and forward them to all.

Important dates to remember:

CSP online reporting will be live December 1, 2020.

Lawrenceville Woman Club reports due January 5, 2021

CSP reports due to GFWC GA due January 24, 2021

LWC Christmas Party, Wednesday, December 2

Bountiful Blessings and Happy Thanksgiving

Treasurer's Report Deborah Jefferies

I will be in Lawrenceville up until December 23 then don't know when I will return so if you need reimbursement PLEASE get a hold of me, the amount in the bank as of November 22 is \$13,402.25 the club has \$4,920.23 and CSP has \$8,482.02.

Arts and Culture

Marylouise Awana

No CSP Arts and Culture Meetings have been conducted since our October 22, 2020 meeting. The sub-CSP for the Nancy Gulickson 2nd Annual Art Contest conducted two ZOOM meetings and Janet Hecht will report.

Current updates:

1. Nancy Gulickson Art Contest - Janet Hecht
2. As stated last month, regarding an Aurora Theater Sponsorship, that is not being considered at the moment.
3. Create Beautiful Moments: There are 28 photo card sets available at \$15.00 each. These will be for sale on Facebook shortly. The proceeds from this Arts and Culture fundraiser was going to be used for a Christmas Celebration with the YALLS group. Celebrating Christmas, reflecting the Hispanic Culture. It was to be a two-day event, the first day of decorating and the second day, Christmas dinner featuring Mexican food. However, due to personal reasons, this entire event is on hold until 2021.
4. 2021 plans were to be discussed on Thursday, November 19. Due to the colder weather and personal reasons, this meeting will be rescheduled to December 3 and will probably be zoomed. The "Arts and Culture 2021 Planning" meeting will be longer, as there is much to consider thanks to Cheryl Shaw, who has submitted several projects and Rosane Sandberg for her projects. Thank you Cheryl Shaw and Rosane Sandberg. Meeting details to follow.
5. A Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving to all.

New Business: 3rd Annual Nancy Gulickson Art Contest proposal.



The Arts and Culture CSP has sets of 10 blank note cards featuring photos taken by our club members.

Perfect if you need a gift or for yourself and the sets are only a \$15 donation. They will be at the December meeting for purchase so bring your cash, credit card or checkbook. You can also contact Marylouise to reserve your set or arrange for a pickup if you cannot make the December meeting. Marylouise Awana tututravels@yahoo.com 714-329-808

Civic Engagement and Outreach Report Baskets (Crates) of Food for Veterans

Mary Sanders

On Monday, November 9th, Civic Engagement delivered 8 crates of food, with gift certificates in the amount of \$20 and a handmade card for each crate, to the Gwinnett County Veterans Resource Center. We presented these to Danny Pagan, Center Director (standing next to Mary Louise in picture below) who was so pleased with this donation. Again, thanks so much to all who contributed food and/or gift cards and helped to make special handmade cards. Special thanks to Bonnie, Debbie and Mary Louise who helped to pack the crates and make them so pretty. Also, thanks to Brenda and Mary Louise who helped to present these gifts.



Dignity Bags

TABLE Ministries has donated an abundance of items to be put into “Dignity Bags” for Women Veterans. We will supplement these items with some sort of snack and small microwave food. We will present 20 completed bags to the Veterans Resource Center the first week of December.

Thanks to all who worked so hard this year for Civic Engagement and Outreach!!! It was such a pleasure to work with all of you. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!



Environment Cheryl Shaw

A “BIG THANKS” to Nicole, Lee Ann, Janice, and Shelia for their help with volunteer maintenance at the Lawrenceville Community Gardens. We planted and watered the Community Share beds and thinned and transplanted some radish seedlings.

Last Call to turn in any Comfort Critters and no-sew fleece blankets!

Help! With the GFWC Georgia State CSP Environment Challenge Project

Calling LWC artists. This project could use some assistance at the LWC Christmas Party. The name of our project is “A Whale of a Problem”—it’s about water pollution and features a mural on Styrofoam using all the bottle caps we’ve collected (to make a whale and other sea creatures), along with assorted plastic debris and a few pull tabs thrown in for good measure. This should be a quick & fun group project.

Holiday Decorations

This year why not experiment with natural materials from your yard or garden to make a simple holiday wreath or swag? Materials you will need include a grapevine wreath form, hot glue gun, florist wire, spray sealant, and a handmade bow to finish it off. Some natural materials to choose from include dried hydrangea blooms, pinecones, fresh evergreen sprigs, magnolia leaves, and holly leaves and berries.

In the Garden

- Don’t forget our feathered and furry friends. Leave seed heads in your garden to provide more for songbirds to eat. Put out suet cakes or make peanut butter and bird seed pinecone feeders. String popcorn and cranberries to decorate an outdoor Christmas tree.
- Once our first frost has hit and withered the marigolds and zinnias, add them to your compost pile. Make sure you have thoroughly weeded the garden and add a layer of chopped leaves.

- Make notes about where you planted your vegetables this year. Remember not to grow plants of the same family in the same place every year. This depletes the soil nutrients and encourages pests and diseases to become ingrained in the soil.
- Remove fallen fruit and any diseased plants. Keep grass short underneath your fruit trees. This will help eliminate rodents and their hiding places.
- Keep leaves off your grass to prevent disease and suffocation.
- Drain hoses and irrigation lines before freezing temperatures occur.
- Empty out and clean and store your containers for the winter to protect them from cracking.
- Decorate your fairy garden for Thanksgiving and Christmas!

Education and Libraries Report

Deborah Jeffries

A special thanks to Beverly for reaching out to me and asking if I needed help with my state forms that are due. Wednesday December 2 is Special Education day and I will be delivering mugs with candy in them to the teachers.

Woman's Health and Wellness

Brenda Perdue

We will be delivering our Secret Santa gifts for our DFACS foster child soon. We have items for our "Sock it to me!" gifts for Gwinnett Extended Care. We will hold a workshop during our Christmas Party to put these items together. We will be sending a check to Beyond the Ribbon for assistance with cancer patients' Christmas wishes.

Merry Christmas, to each of you and your family. We look forward to a Covid free 2021!

District President Report

Debbie Brown

Just want to remind everyone about the special district awards:

CENTRAL EAST DISTRICT AWARDS NEEDING A SPECIAL REPORT

The Deborah Brown "Waves" Award

An award and cash prize of \$25 will be presented to the Central East District club that best works in their community to address water conservation, water scarcity and reducing harmful products from our water. This report requires a special report, not to exceed two pages single spaced, and submitted no later than January 25 by mail or email to each of the judges. The reports will be judged by the Central East District President, one member of the Awards Committee and the District President's Special Project Chairman. The criteria for the award will be as follows:

- Promote water conservation indoors and outdoors by sharing ways to be mindful of personal water use practices, such as installing low-flow showerheads, using water-efficient dishwashers and washing machines, adopting xeriscape principles, adding mulch on planting beds, and planting drought-resistant grasses, flowers, shrubs, and trees.
- Support wetland conservation and learn how wetlands are a deterrent to both flooding and drought, and how they filter and purify water that enters streams, rivers, and larger bodies of water. • Hold a beach sweep on September 20 for International Coastal Cleanup Day or participate in one of the many Ocean Conservancy programs, such as Trash Free Seas or Clean Swell.
- Challenge members to learn about ocean acidification from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the effects it is having on marine life, people, and local, regional, and national economies. Promote ways to fight climate change in your community.
- Look for ways to minimize the harmful effects of stormwater runoff in your community and advocate for change, such as the establishment of bioswales, vegetated canals, or rain gardens.
- Organize a household hazardous waste collection with your local services, to ensure these dangerous materials are disposed of properly.
- Learn about ocean wildlife in peril, such as sea turtles and manatees, and organize volunteer or fundraising opportunities to help protect these species.
- Ensure clean drinking water while hiking or during emergencies by visiting the American Hiking Society's website to research water filters and other purifying products, and/or donate safe water to communities around the world through Water.org or other charitable organizations

- Present information and videos from UNICEF USA initiative about the need for accessible clean water and the significant difference it makes in the lives of women and children (www.unicefusa.org/mission/survival/ water).
- REDUCE PLASTIC USE--REFUSE, REUSE, REPURPOSE, RECYCLE Reduce the use of plastics among club and community members with a campaign to refuse, reuse, repurpose, and recycle. Get started by supporting legislation that reduces plastics in the environment, especially where they can get into the waterways or the ocean.
- BoatUS Foundation www.boatus.org For information on Reel In & Recycle go to www.boatus.org/monofilament
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration www.noaa.gov For information on ocean acidification go to www.oceanacidification.noaa.gov
- Ocean Conservancy www.oceanconservancy.org For information on Trash Free Seas go to www.oceanconservancy.org/trash-free-seas
- Water.org www.water.org

This award will be given by Debbie Brown for 2021 and 2022. It will be retired to Debbie Brown in Spring 2023.

The Deborah Vanderbunt “Fill the Basket” Award – Woman’s Club or Junior Club

An award will be presented to the Central East District Club that best works in their community to address hunger relief. This award requires a special report, not to exceed two pages single-spaced and submitted no later than January 25 by mail or email to each of the judges. The reports will be judged by the Central East District President, one member of the Awards Committee and the District President’s Special Project Chairman. The criteria for the award will be as follows:

1. Volunteer in a community food bank, community kitchen, meals on wheels, programs for school-age children such as “SuperPack” and “Smart Lunch, Smart Kids”, or similar programs to address food insecurity.
2. Donations (monetary or supplies) to community organizations to address food insecurity.
3. Participate in other activities to support address hunger relief acts such as fund raising events, public awareness, etc.

Action Ministries may be a helpful resource for information and ideas (www.actionministries.net)

This award is given by Debby Vanderbunt for 2020 and 2021. It will be retired to Debby Vanderbunt in Spring 2022.

Doris P. Blalock Tallulah Falls School Overall Excellence Award – Woman’s Club or Junior Club

The award will be presented to the Woman’s Club or Junior Club doing the most outstanding overall work in the following areas:

1. Visit to Tallulah Falls School other than state meetings.
2. Club programs on Tallulah Falls School.
3. Contributions to the perpetual or regular scholarship funds.
4. Special project: Fund Raiser, Publicity or Promotional material to local area schools.

This award requires a special report, following state guidelines, and submitted no later than January 25 by mail or email to each of the judges. The reports will be judged by the Central East District President, Central East District Awards Chairman and Co-chairman, and Central East District Tallulah Falls School Chairman. This award is given by the GFWC Suburban Woman’s Club of Augusta and will be given for the first time Spring 2019 and for the last time Spring 2026. It will be retired to the Doris P. Blalock family Spring 2027.

The MARY ARNWINE OUTSTANDING CLUBWOMAN AWARD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE will be presented to the **GENERAL OR JUNIOR CLUBWOMAN** for doing the most outstanding work in her community for the current year. A special report detailing this clubwoman’s community service is necessary. The special report should be sent to the Central East District Awards Chairman, Central East District President and GFWC Covington Woman’s Club President for judging. This award will be \$50.00 and given for the first time in Spring 2011 and given for the last time in Spring 2026 and will be retired to the Mary Arnwine, Covington Woman’s Club, Family in Spring 2027. Send reports to:

Debbie Brown – CED President

Lyndsey Moore – Covington Woman’s Club President

Marty Bryan & Brenda Price - CED Awards chairmen



Sunshine News Allan Fowler



December Birthdays
13th-Theresa Grimsley
17th- Cheryl Shaw

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!

Please keep Debbie Jeffries family in your prayers as their daughter Jennifer will have a double mastectomy December 28.

