



Presidents Report Shelia Jones

Welcome November ----- with fall enjoy the beautiful leaves, pumpkins and the holidays are right around the corner! Our next general meeting will be November 4th - Female Seminary -6:30 – please wear a mask and bring your own drink. Zoom will be optional – I will send out invite Tuesday with notes and news. The meeting will be hosted by our former International CSP.

Kudos to Janet and Marylouise for doing the member survey – you guys did an awesome job and thank you to the 22 members that completed the member survey – we got a lot of great feedback that will help us move forward. Our nominating committee for the new slate of officers are Paula, Carolyn and Sandra – thank you for volunteering. If you are interested in a position next year – please reach out to them. See you at the meeting.

Virtual Meetings – Club Zoom Account

Janet Hecht



I want to remind everyone that we have a paid club Zoom Account to get us through these COVID times. If you want to use Zoom for any of club meetings or business, please let me know. I will set up the meeting for you (the account is in my name). I would just need to create the meeting and then start the meeting. Once the meeting is started, I will turn control of the meeting over to you and you would control it from there (I could drop off at that point). The paid account allows an indefinite length of time for the meeting. Please just let me know at hechtjanet@gmail.com.

First Vice President Report Paula Carroll - Membership

Happy November Everyone

As I write this article several of you are now admiring your paint project from last night at the Hudgens Art Center. Thank you to the Arts CSP for setting up a fun Ladies Time Out for October. A reminder to all members when you have questions about the club and our organization refer first to your by-laws . If you still have questions please reach out to me or any officer. If we don't know the answer, we will find out for you. This year we did not have any orientation get together. I can't blame that all on the Covid Virus so please reach out at any time if you have questions or concerns. There is also a weekly General Federation Newsletter that you can sign up for go to GFWC.org and sign up for the national news. Thank you

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



A huge thank you to everyone who completed our 2020 Membership Engagement Survey . We are so excited that we have a more comprehensive view of the current state of our club. Now that we know where we are, we as a club can help develop and implement plans and projects to get us to our future state!

We had 22 out of 23 of our current active members fill out the survey – which is wonderful and highly unusual. Marylouise and I (Janet) have conducted a thorough, in-depth analysis of the entire survey. We shared those results with Shelia our President and Paula our 1st VP – Membership on Tuesday, October 22 and shared a high-level summary with the Board at the October Board Meeting, which highlighted our Top Strengths and Top Challenges in the club. By the time this newsletter comes out, the entire club should have received the same summary.



SURVEY TASK FORCE TEAM

Next Steps: As a club, we have amazing strengths and also challenges and are forming a Survey Task Force Team of

members to do the following:

- Review the survey results in depth and discuss the findings
- Brainstorm potential ideas, activities and Next Step
- Identify Top Priorities for the club
- Develop Proposed Action Plans to present to the entire club

Once action plans are reviewed and approved by the club, we will solicit identify “owners” of each project/action item from the entire club members.

Please join us: Please consider joining the Survey Task Force Team. There will be a time commitment involved (a couple of hours here and there), as with anything in the club. Being on the task force does not mean you will be responsible for all of the implementation – that will be shared by the entire club. Please consider joining the task force, whether you are brand new to the club or have been a member for a while, as a combination of perspectives and ideas makes us Stronger Together. If you are interested, please contact Janet Hecht or Marylouise Awana by **Thursday, October 29!**

Second Vice President Report Beverly Williams

It's a Go! Our Annual Christmas party will be at Kensington Clubhouse again this year. Details and signup sheet will be at the November meeting.

Treasurer's Report Deborah Jefferies

As of 10/23/2020 we have \$4,921.74 in the club account and \$9,200.46 in the CSP accounts. All of the club obligations and state and district dues are paid. Please make sure you get your reimbursement forms submitted so you can get your refund.

Arts and Culture Marylouise Awana

The Arts and Culture CSP now 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 November 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 November meeting.

Marylouise Awana tututravels@yahoo.com 714-329-808



Nancy Gullickson Fine Arts Awards Competition

Janet Hecht, Carolyn Wright & Marylouise Awana

The response to the Arts Competition has been beyond overwhelming this year. We had an outstanding **93 submissions**. We had 29 last year, so we are beyond thrilled about this turnout.

We actually had -

- 21 photography entries
- 29 visual art entries, and
- 43 creative writing entries!



Carolyn & the LONA Foundation have sent all the submissions, along with judging criteria, to the appropriate judges. Due to the high number of creating writing entries, we need to ensure that these judges have enough time to complete their reviews/critiques. As such it is possible that we might need to move the Awards Reception to a later date in November, but we should know if we need to do so early this week. The Virtual Awards Reception is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17th (unless we need to move the date). We are so excited. Carolyn and Megan from Central Gwinnet High School are working on the program for the reception and Janet is working on certificates for all submissions and miscellaneous details. We will be scheduling a meeting soon with Arts CSPS and other interested club members to go through the all the details and help we need to execute the reception (i.e., public relations, formal invitation). Kudos to Debbie Jefferies for taking care of getting the first place prizes. We want to thank the entire club for their support in making all of this happen!!

Civic Engagement and Outreach Report

Mary Sanders

VOTING

Civic Engagement really enjoyed passing out small water bottles, with tags that said Lawrenceville Woman's Club, at the "Elections Office" on October 19th. Voters were happy to receive them and we were able to promote our club. However, after about an hour we were told by an election worker that we had to leave. We told her that we had called and had been told that if we were 25 feet away from the Polling place that it would be fine. She read something about not providing "food or water". We further explained that we were not promoting any particular party, but we still had to leave. Thanks to Debbie J and Bonnie who helped that day.

Just a reminder you still have until October 30th to vote early. Please refer to October's Newsletter for location and times.

VETERANS

We are still collecting canned goods, etc. for our Veteran's baskets. Our goal now is to fill 8 baskets, with gift cards. We will bring these baskets to the Gwinnett County Veteran's Resource Center on November 9th. Thanks to all who have already contributed food and gift cards ! I will have a complete list of them in the December Newsletter.



Environment (Conservation)

Cheryl Shaw

What a difference a pandemic makes! Because few of us are inclined to spend all day in the kitchen cooking three squares a day, many have ordered a lot of takeout—partially in support of our neighborhood restaurants that are struggling to remain in business. Takeout and delivery have come to our rescue on a colossal scale. The stream of paper, plastic, aluminum, and glass that comes through your door can be staggering. According to National Geographic, the United States uses more than 36 billion disposable utensils a year. Laid end to end, they could wrap around the globe 139 times. Cups and Styrofoam containers that used to be tossed out and forgotten about are now our responsibility, up close and personal. Because most plastic isn't biodegradable, it sticks around. Almost 80% of plastic ever produced is entombed in landfills, strewn across the world's landscapes, or drifting in the seas.

Measures to consider:

- To maximize your number of trips, order meals to cover several days.
- "Just Say No" when asked if you need napkins, utensils, and condiments. The goal is to use the fewest resources possible.
- Take your own reusable plastic container for leftovers when dining in at a restaurant.
- For home use, consider purchasing biodegradable paper goods and utensils (made from sugar cane).

- Check the numbers on the bottom of take out containers and compare them with the numbers that are accepted by your local waste/recycle hauler. Often, only #1 and #2 containers are allowed.
- Check the recycle bins located where you shop. Publix accepts foam egg cartons, clean takeout trays, clean Styrofoam cups, plastic grocery bags, and dry-cleaning bags. They do not accept packing peanuts, drinking bottles, clam shells, and jugs. The Snellville Recycle Center, 2531 Marigold Road, accepts glass—brown, green, and clear, and plastic jugs and bottles (among other things). You don't need to be a Snellville resident.
- Check the Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful website www.gwinnettcba.org to find out where to locally recycle most kinds of materials.

Two Environment CSP members recently volunteered at the Gwinnett Community Garden. We prepared the Community Share beds for Fall planting and several fall vegetables have been planted over two workdays—curly kale, Swiss Chard, Spinach, cauliflower, and radishes. Environment CSP, as a plot “owner” is responsible for providing 12 volunteer hours at the garden annually.

Mark your calendar:

- Great Gwinnett Wetlands Cleanup: November 7, 9 am—1 pm. For more information and location, visit Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful or Volunteer Gwinnett.
- America Recycles Day in Gwinnett: Saturday, November 14, 9 am—2 pm, Coolray Field. Paper shredding, latex paint, electronics (some charges apply). Registration is encouraged.

Continue to bring to the meetings: NO MORE BOTTLE CAPS are needed—workday soon! Please continue to bring: aluminum pull tabs, rinsed aluminum cans, gently used children’s (0-8) and adult books (paper backs or hardcover), used eyeglasses, and used printer cartridges. Thanks for helping!

Education and Libraries Report Deborah Jeffries

Friday the 23, we did the State STEM project for Education and Libraries. The Special school YALL's group had a wonderful time catapulting the marshmallows at each other. After that we made Smores with the left overs.

December 2, is Special Education day and we will be getting mugs and candy for all the teachers, as a way of saying thanks for working with special needs.

Still needing some kitchen items for cooking which will start in January. Have a safe Halloween!

Woman's Health and Wellness Brenda Perdue

We are adopting a 3 year old girl for Christmas who is in foster care. We have set a budget of \$200. I will be meeting the foster mom to deliver the gifts. I have called several times to talk to the lady at Gwinnett Extended Care but no one has returned my calls - I will continue to call. We were going to plan a "sock it to me" by purchasing socks for the residents and fill them with sugar free candies, tissues lotion, etc. If I don't hear back from them soon, we will use the remainder of our budget to help Beyond the Ribbon with Christmas for cancer patients or their families.

District President Report Debbie Brown

The dumbest thing I did this year was buy a 2020 Planner. Hopefully 2021 will be better. Maybe in pencil!!

Save the Dates.

Nov 1-14, 2020 **Civic Engagement & Outreach Statewide Challenge.** Support, assist or celebrate Women Veterans. Contact the Women Veterans Program Manager, collect and donate items needed or donate phone cards.

Nov 15, 2020 America Recycles Day

Jan – Dec 2021 **Environment Challenge Project:** Reduce, Reuse, Repurpose and Recycle. Best Reduce Plastics Project. Create, build and produce something reusable from anything plastic (bags, bottles, etc.). The more

plastic used, the more points will be awarded. Tally the amount collected and utilized. The final product should be documented through photographs from beginning to end. Clubs will submit their best Reduce Plastic Project and attach five pictures by the January 25th electronic reporting deadline

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| January 25, 2021 | 2020 Reports are due electronically. |
| March 2021 | Celebrate Youth Art Month Challenge: Host an art show by showcasing artwork from various grade levels possibly even make the event a silent auction with proceeds going to purchase art supplies to donate to the school. |
| March 2021 | Women's History Month. |
| March 1, 2021 | Club Memorial List due to District Memorials Chair. |
| March 13, 2021 | Central East District Spring Meeting, Athens area. |
| April 9-11, 2021 | GFWC Georgia Convention, Savannah, GA |
| April 18-24, 2021 | Volunteers in Action Week. |
| April 24, 2021 | Day of Service for clubs in Georgia – “Help a Ronald McDonald House”. |
| May | Health and Wellness Month Challenge. Members are to actively participate to improve their own health while helping others by planning a fundraising walk, run, bike, swim event or dance-a-thon with benefits to fund the Mental Health Program of your club's choice. |
| June 24-28 | GFWC Convention. Sheraton; Toronto, Canada |

Parliamentarian

Janet Hecht



General Meeting Management: In an effort to make our general meetings more efficient and effective (and shorter), we want to reiterate and reinforce a couple of things

- We had instituted time limits for reports for the general meetings, however, we have been lax. We are reinstating time limits for each person who is giving a report (Officers, CSP Chairs, Other Chairs and Committees). Each person has 3 minutes to speak unless more time is needed and is approved by the President
- Please do not interrupt a speaker until they have finished presenting their report. Questions can be asked after they finish speaking.
- Reports need to be given in writing (preferably email) at or prior to the meeting.
- Please do not repeat what was in the newsletter unless there is something new to add
- Side conversations tend to be a problem, please keep that in mind during the meeting.

Standing Rules: Revised Standing Rules were presented to the Board for approval. The approved standing rules will be (or have been) sent to all members.

- Information from the previous standing rules that were adapted and put in our new By-laws were removed from the standing rules.
- Two items related to club expenditures were added to the standing rules.
Two items were added to the meeting protocol section



Please add Rosane Sandberg and Debbie Jeffries to your prayer list. Rosane will have surgery on November 9th that requires a night stay in the hospital. Debbie is having cataract surgery on her left eye on November 11 and the right eye will follow in December. Allan Fowler and her husband have recently put their Lawrenceville home on the market with plans to hopefully move to Loganville. Prayers for a fast sale and strength to get through this already exhausting move.



November Birthdays

8th Janice Williams

10th Paula Carroll

14th Lee Ann Gregg

25th Janet Hecht

Happy Birthday Ladies!!

