

Lawrenceville Woman's Club

September Newsletter

Presidents Report: Shelia Jones

Welcome back — I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy during these times of uncertainty. I look forward to getting back to the things we love... volunteering. Kudos for the projects that was done over our break - jail dog program — no kill cat shelter — bulletin boards for special needs —bookmarks for centennial of women’s right to vote along with LWC celebrating 50 years — synopsis of women’s suffrage - arts contest — scenery cards and I'm sure I've missed a few but thank you. As of July we no longer have international as one of our Community Service Program areas; the activities are being rolled up in other CSP’s. Thank you Darlene for serving this year. Our next general meeting is zoom call — this Wednesday— 6:30 — the link will be sent out again that day. Look forward to moving ahead and doing great things for our community. A big thank you to Nicole for taking over the newsletter.

First Vice President Report Paula Carroll - Membership

Hello everyone hope we all had a great summer and can get back to working on projects soon.

Welcome back to Carolyn Wright as a sustainer.

Thanks to Bonnie for hosting a craft night for Ladies Time out in August. Is anyone interested in hosting for September? The roster has been updated and is ready to go out this week's news and notes!

Treasurer's Report Deborah Jefferies

TREASURER, the club has \$5,832.07 and the CSP's have \$10,553.17 for a total of \$16,385.24, if you want to know how much you have in your CSP, just ask

Arts and Culture Marylouise Awana

Community Service Program committee members: Debbie Brown, Paula Carroll. Bonnie Hagan, Janet Hecht, Debbie Jeffries, Rosane Sandberg, Mary Sanders, Cheryl Shaw, Janice Williams, Beverly Williams, Carolyn Wright. Thank you to all of our Arts and Culture members. Special appreciation to Rosane Sandberg for her valuable help with our “Create Beautiful Moments” Photo Card Fundraiser, Bonnie Hagan and Cheryl Shaw for their production of Book Marks for “Great Little Minds”, Janet Hecht and Carolyn Wright for leading the New Nancy Gullickson Fine Arts Contest. Photo Card Fundraiser. A truly fantastic collection of photographs. Many kudos to all who submitted photographs for our “Create Beautiful Moments” The following met for our August 20, 2020 meeting at Rhodes Jordan Park: Bonnie Hagan, Debbie Jeffries , Sheila Jones, Rosane Sandberg, Mary Sanders, Cheryl Shaw. We spent the first hour selecting photographs for our Photo Card Fundraiser. Quite a challenge with so many beautiful photographs. The Nancy Gullickson Fine Arts Contest - Janet Hecht to update at Sept. 2 Zoom Meeting. Arts and Culture will present a speaker for our September Meeting: Kate Driscoll, Hudgens Center for Art and Learning, Public Programs Manager will join us on September 2, via Zoom. Bonnie Hagan and Cheryl Shaw brought whimsical coloring bookmarks for “Great Little Minds” Arts and Culture will sponsor a student from The Special Needs School. Debbie Jeffries and Rosane Sandberg will coordinate. The “Art Book Club” first review will be presented by Rosane Sandberg at our September 17, 2020 meeting.

Rosane has selected artist Georgia O'Keeffe. Celebrate Beautiful Moments: we discussed costs and possible means to print. Later in the week, Carolyn Wright volunteered to take care of the printing. Rosane and Marylouise will work on marketing. Cards for Caring: We will conduct a Cards for Caring Workshop. Details to follow. Next Art and Culture Community Committee meeting is on Thursday, September 17. We will meet at the Rhodes Jordan Park in Lawrenceville at 11:00

2020 Nancy Gullickson Fine Arts Contest

Janet Hecht

Our second Nancy Gullickson Fine Arts Contest was originally being held in Spring 2020 but then COVID had other ideas. We are so excited that we are resuming/rebooting the contest for this Fall. Club members had a Zoom meeting with Megan-Rose Hutchins from Central Gwinnett High School (CGHS) and with Carolyn Wright from the LONA Foundation (our partner in this endeavor) in early August to discuss how to get the contest going in these virtual times. The submission deadline for students is September 30, 2020 and the Awards Reception will be held on Tuesday, November 17th via Zoom. There are three categories: Creative Writing, Photography, and Visual Arts. There will be a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner for each category. LWC will fund the 1st place prizes (\$200 for a total of \$600) and The LONA Foundation will fund the second and third place prizes. Professional artists will be judging all of the entries and the LONA Foundation has already lined up the judges. Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, November 17th in the evening (exact time TBD) to join in the reception. This year, the entire contest is virtual, and we are using a Google Hangout within Central Gwinnett High School to promote the contest and for student submissions. All entries will be submitted through Google Docs on this hangout and will go to Megan at CGHS.

Once all the entries have been submitted, Megan will send the information to myself (Janet) and Carolyn and Carolyn will then send the submissions to the appropriate judge(s). We are extremely excited that we are able to make this happen! We are currently working on how to promote and publicize the contest and what the Program for the Reception will look like. We will keep everyone updated. KUDOS to the following members for helping out with ideas and activities: Janet, Marylouise, Debbie J. Debbie B., Rosane, Bonnie, Mary, Shelia, and Beverly. (Please let me know if I missed anyone).

Civic Engagement and Outreach Report

Mary Sanders

Centennial of Women's Right To Vote

The Lawrenceville Woman's Club has been celebrating the Centennial of Women's Right To Vote. On July 27th, Mayor David Stills of Lawrenceville, declared the month of August as **19th Amendment Centennial Commemorative Month**. We did a synopsis of brave women who fought for the right to vote; we distributed bookmarks to the City Hall of Lawrenceville, City Hall of Grayson, the Lawrenceville Library and several business who gave them to visitors, customers, etc.

However, the fight did not stop in 1920 for many women. State laws, such as in Georgia, prohibited women from voting that year because they had not been registered for 6 months. Most black women were banned from voting, especially in southern states, due to Jim Crow laws and others which kept black men and women from voting. In 1965, the Voting Rights Act abolished literacy tests and established Federal oversight.

We hope to continue highlighting information about the 19th Amendment and those who fought so hard for this right. As women, we must know each other's story. We must stand together, not against others, but for each other.

Conservation Cheryl Shaw



Debbie Brown's District Project is WAVES. It's about WATER—water conservation, water scarcity, clean water, and removing harmful products from our water. Our storm drains are only meant to carry rain directly to the streams. Anything else that is dumped down the drain can pollute our streams, lakes, ponds, and wetlands. Don't dump any litter, leaves, grass clippings, or motor oil down the storm drains.

Stencil your storm drains to keep them clean! Clogged drains can cause flooding and pollution to flow into your backyard waterway, our streams, and rivers. Non-Point source pollution involves the introduction of harmful pollutants such as fertilizers, insecticides, oil, toxic chemicals, and pet waste into our streams and rivers. Through the Storm Drain Stenciling Program, concerned citizens and volunteers stencil "NO DUMPING...LEADS TO STREAM" on catch basins and distribute door hangers shaped like fish to all homes in their subdivisions.

Visit www.gwinnettcb.org for more information and to get started on your storm drain stenciling project! The Storm Drain Stenciling Program is managed jointly by Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful and Gwinnett County's Department of Water Resources, and all supplies are furnished. Households that provide at least 4 hours of volunteer time to the program are eligible to receive a credit of up to 5% on their storm water service fees.

Lawrenceville Community Garden, located in Rhodes Jordan Park, is Gwinnett's first community garden, and all plots at this garden are full for the 2020 season. Harvests from the community share rows have helped to increase fresh food access to older adults in the community. Since June, over 252 lbs of fresh produce has been harvested and given to partners including the Lawrenceville Co-op, Lawrenceville Housing Authority, and senior clients with Gwinnett Health and Human Services. The Gwinnett County Public Library hosts special Storytimes at the Community Garden.

On Facebook, check out Live Healthy Gwinnett. Their mission is to promote positive change in the Gwinnett community, encouraging people to: Be Active, Eat Healthy, Get Checked, and Be Positive!

Education Report Deborah Jeffries

I just want to let you everyone know that I am the Education and Libraries Central East District Chairman. There is a new project that GFWC has put into each CSP, each CSP has a month to do a special project. October is Education and Libraries CSP month. The project is Support STEM program activities for special needs students. Since I am very involved in the Gwinnett Special needs school I have a project ready to go. The first week of October we are going to help the YALLS group which is a group students over the age of 18

with special needs. My project is a marshmallow catapult. It math and science and engineering which are the components of STEM. I hope some of you can come help.

GFWC GA Institute Video (Please spend some time viewing these videos).

- August 22 GFWC Georgia Institute Video: Peggy Wilson, “Keys to Membership”
- August 26 GFWC Georgia Institute Video: 19th Amendment Celebration with Guest Speaker, Libba Beaucham and the Marietta Woman’s Club skit
- August 29 GFWC Georgia Institute Video: Five CSP Chairs and Co-Chairs
- August 29 GFWC Georgia Institute Video: Invitation to 2021 GFWC Georgia Convention in Savannah by Sandi Quattlebaum and Dale Reddick
- August 29 GFWC Georgia Institute Video: Invitation to the 125th GFWC Georgia Celebration by Tina Daniel
- September 1 GFWC Seasonal Recruitment Form – “Hats Off to Membership” Due to GFWC (GFWC@gfwc.org), District President (CEDistrict@gfwcgeorgia.org) and GFWC Georgia 3rd VP Peggy Wilson (membership@gfwcgeorgia.org). Junior Clubs also send a copy to Nicole Braun (jrfirst@gfwcgeorgia.org)
- September 5 GFWC Georgia Institute: LEADS – Hats Off to Leadership – We Will Learn to Smile by Becky Bolden and Diane DeGaetano
- September 12 GFWC Georgia Institute Video: Achievement GOAL Sheet by Kim Sekulow
- September 12 GFWC Georgia Institute Video: Review of Treasurer’s Voucher by Dale Reddick
- September 12 GFWC Georgia Institute Video: Notes from a Recording Secretary by Julie Walters

GFWC has scheduled the Summer Webinars to run again in September. Go to the Member Portal to register for these informative sessions.

- September 1 Link to July and August GFWC Summer Webinars to view them again
- September 1 @ 7pm GFWC Webinar: Building Your Leadership Toolkit
- September 2 @ 7pm GFWC Webinar: Gathering Facts and Working for Change-Legislation/Public Policy Activity in an Election Year.
- September 3 @ 7pm GFWC Webinar: Communications 101 – From Club to Crisis and Everything in Between
- September 7 @7pm GFWC Webinar: Juniors’ Special Program – Advocates for Children
- September 8 @7pm GFWC Webinar: Hats Off to Membership
- September 9 @ 7pm GFWC Webinar: GFWC Signature Program – DVAP

Save the Date

Deadline to send vintage club photographs, preferably black and white, to State Office for Christmas ornaments for the Holiday Tree for Lipscomb Cottage	10/1/2020	Statewide
Education and Libraries Statewide Challenge Disability History Month. Support STEM Program Activities for Special Needs Students	10/1-31/2020	Statewide
Central East District Fall 2020 Meeting	10/3/2020	Zoom Meeting 12:30pm
Southern Region Convention	10/31/20	Statewide
Civic Engagement & Outreach Statewide Challenge	11/1-14/2020	Statewide
America Recycles Day	11/15/2020	Statewide
Club Membership Dues to State Deadline	12/1/2020	Lipscomb Cottage
GFWC GA Holiday Open House	12/8/2020	Washington DC
GFWC Open House	12/9/2020	Statewide
End of Reporting Period	12/31/2020	Statewide
Club Electronic Reports Due	1/25/2021	

Club President's Reports Due to
District President

2/15/2021

ELLA F. WHITE ENDOWMENT FUND

What do you know about Ella?

The Ella F. White endowment fund was established in 1913. The preliminary groundwork for the fund was laid during the administration of Mrs. Ella F. White, President of the Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs 1911-1913. The fund ensures that the GFWC Georgia State Office is well equipped and funded. After Mrs. White's unexpected death while visiting a club in Augusta, the fund was named in her memory. We remember with gratitude the members of that time and the foresight they had to protect the welfare of our state federation.

Currently we draw \$32,000 per year from the interest earned on that fund over time, which we use to support the operations of our state office. Please keep in mind that if we did not have this fund, our current dues would need to be at a minimum of \$20 more per member each year (in addition to our current dues and fundraising efforts). So, you can see how those lovely women so long ago are still helping us today.

It is now our duty to ensure that this fund continues to exist for future members of GFWC Georgia by the actions we take now. Here is how we can help:

- Help increase membership – 2% of our net annual dues is added to the principle of this fund each year.
- Club contributions of \$25 are requested on state dues vouchers each year. At one time all clubs participated in these contributions, however many clubs have dismissed this action in past years and the total amount of our club contributions has fallen sharply.
- Individual contributions of any amount have been given by some of our very generous members. If you have been one of these members, we sincerely thank you and we truly appreciate your support. It is a very satisfying feeling to support our federation in such a lasting way and we hope other members will be inspired to participate in this way as well.

All clubs are encouraged to support the Ella F. White Endowment Fund by educating your members on the importance of this fund for the operation of our State Office. We also encourage clubs to submit a report on your Ella activities to compete for the Carolyn W. Friedlander Award which is a silver tray presented to the club which best promotes the Endowment Fund. Be creative, have fun, and send your reports!

Further information about this committee can be found in the GFWC Georgia Yearbook, pages 182-183.

Parliamentarian Report Janet Hecht

Remember that we will be voting on the revised bylaws at the September meeting. The revisions along with a list of what was changed was sent out in News & Notes. Please read thoroughly prior to the meeting and be prepared to vote.

If you have questions, please contact me prior to the meeting so that I can answer the question or address your concerns (hechtjanet@gmail.com; 678-592-0565). This will help this part of the meeting run efficiently and effectively.

As you know, the September General Meeting is via Zoom. We will still use Roberts Rules of Orders for the Meeting. Also, to help with communication, please do the following:

- Put phone ringers on silent
- Please put yourself on mute when you are not speaking. With so many on the call, static can be a problem
- Please identify yourself prior to speaking especially as some may join via audio and not video

KUDOS to the Bylaws Committee for their hard work (Janet, Nicole & Shelia).

Newsletter Report Nicole Hallmark

I will resume the newsletter schedule next month which is newsletter articles are due the Saturday after the board meeting. I will do the newsletter so you can receive it 2 weeks prior to the meeting unless the board wants it otherwise. This month was an exception since I really didn't know I was going to do it. When I was asked to do the newsletter I said I'll do it but it's not going to be all artsy as that is not my talent. I will insert files and pictures but that's about it and that's if you include it in your report. Thank you in advance for being patient with me.