



GFWC GA North West District Newsletter May 2019



*United in friendship understanding and
devotion... Strengthened by gratitude, compassion and diversity*



Our Spring District meeting was outstanding and I want to thank the hostess clubs again for choosing such a great location, providing delicious food and a wonderful atmosphere. Thank you again Cartersville WC, Chickamauga WC, Dallas WC and Acworth Carrie Dyer. It was a very special day and a real pleasure to spend it all together. The District awards were exciting and congratulations to all of you. Your hard work certainly paid off and in my book you all deserve an award for making my job so easy!

It was such an honor to represent the North West District at our State Convention held at Lake Blackshear, April 5-7. It was a fun filled action packed weekend. Congratulations to all those clubs that won awards and a very special congratulations to the Dunwoody Woman's Club on winning the Federated Cup again this year. They are truly the best of the best. The North West District is so very proud of all of you ladies. There is a page of Convention Awards presentations later in this newsletter. Enjoy!

I am constantly evaluating and reevaluating the best way to serve you as your President and to get information out to you in a timely and attractive manner. I typically send info to club Presidents for them to share with their members. I am trying to do this in a more graphic and visual way that can easily be included in your newsletters or weekly updates. Any suggestions or thoughts you have to make this process easier for you I am happy to accommodate.

Lastly, this newsletter has many fun and creative projects that you have accomplished or are planning in the next several months. I always enjoy visiting your clubs and supporting your activities. I am amazed at all you do and continue to do. If you have a chance to support our upcoming district membership events, I would love to see you there. More information is in the 1st VP report.

Thank you again ladies for making the North West District shine!

From Your District Board Members

VP Membership News!



May 4th – Go North West Green Dragons!

Calling all GFWC GA NW members to please join me, Julie Bates, Stacie Janecki, Ruthann Sherman and our State President on May 4 at the Acworth Dragon Boat Races. Please sign up as a rower (\$59) and/or donate to the North West District's Dragon Boat team. We need rowers and donations to benefit Loving Arms, a nonprofit that supports cancer patients and cancer survivors. To sign up and/or donate click the below link. Get out of your comfort zone and let's do something different - Go NW Green Dragons! Contact Julie Bates if you have questions. This is a fun team building activity for our members and it will bring awareness to GFWC Georgia. Julie will bring a tent and goodies for the "after party", Susie will bring water and Cimi has created North West District brochures and a Banner for our tent which will advertise all of our clubs.

May 14th at noon – District Volunteer event at Pajama Program Reading Center. Ladies, I mentioned the District volunteer Event for the Pajama Program which is our President's Signature Charity and had a signup sheet at the District

Meeting. If you are interested in participating, please let me know and I will send you a link to complete the volunteer application as well as the background check application. The cost for the background check is \$6.95. Please contact and let me know if you are interested. We would love to see you! cimi.douglass@gmail.com.

June 1st – Just a reminder that June 1st is the deadline for a few items listed below:

GFWC Seasonal Recruitment form: Have you gained new members this season? (March through May) We would like to encourage our clubs to complete GFWC's Seasonal Recruitment form which is located below. Please copy membership@gfwcgeorgia.org. It's important to us and to your new members that they are placed on our State's database as soon as possible so they can begin receiving important messages from our State, along with our monthly bulletins and quarterly newsletters. GFWC's Seasonal Recruitment form can be found here: [GFWC Seasonal Recruitment form](#). Everyone that completes a seasonal recruitment form, remember that their members will be entered into a drawing to win a \$25 gift card in the Fall. That would be such a nice surprise for a new member.

GFWC Directory of Officers form: Please be reminded that this form needs to be sent to the State Office. Please know that GFWC Georgia and GFWC mailing lists will be prepared with this information. To receive credit on the achievement Goal Sheet, this form must be returned by June 1. Please advise State of any changes during the year. Club Presidents should copy and distribute materials to proper persons. The form can be found on here: [GFWC GA Directory of Officers](#). Please email or mail this form to the following: GFWC Georgia, P. O. Box 39, Tallulah Falls, GA 30573 – office@gfwcgeorgia.org



Julie Bates, 2nd VP

Ladies please continue to support the seven Grand Initiatives. We will continue to collect Dr Seuss books, rubber soled shoes and nearly new shoes, and formal and semi formal dresses for the Cinderella closet.

Don't forget to sign up for the North West Dragon Boat race. I am looking forward to seeing everyone there.

News from our Clubs

Chattahoochee WC



Chattahoochee WC will be hosting their annual fundraiser "WILD" (Women investing in Livestock Development) Night on Tuesday June 4, 7-10 pm at Buffalo Wild Wings on Mansell Road in Alpharetta. Come eat, bring family and friends. Purchase tickets for raffle baskets. Chattahoochee WC gets a % of all meals purchased.

Cartersville Woman's Club



The Cartersville WC will hold a Flapjack Fundraiser at the Applebee's in Cartersville from 8-10am on Saturday, May 18. Tickets are \$6.00 and donated tickets will go to female veterans. Everyone is invited. Bring your family and friends.



Dunwoody Woman's Club

April 18, 2019 DWC General Meeting was coordinated by the membership committee. A luncheon meeting at Vintage Pizza in Dunwoody was held as a way to attract women who could break away from commitments for lunch and attend a meeting. We had four visitors and two new members attended. Several visitors expressed interest in joining the club. The speaker for the meeting was the Executive Director for a very successful transitional housing program (Interfaith Outreach Home) supported by DWC for many years. The great news is the program will be expanding. A financial donation and after school snacks were presented after her presentation.



April meeting - DWC members donated costume jewelry for a Pop-up jewelry shop at Hightower Elementary School. DWC partnered with National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) for this project. Students get to select a gift for free for their Moms for Mother's Day. How fun for the children to be able to get something for their Moms.

April 27, 2019 – Dunwoody Woman's Club plans for Day of Service at Kroger are set for a toiletry drive for Domestic Violence Safe House and a transitional housing program called Family Promise. We chose to share the collection with 2 houses this year and Girl Scouts will partner with us to sort the toiletries as they are received. Members volunteered for two 2

hour shifts and will wear their Day of Service t-shirts.

LaFayette Woman's Club



Lafayette WC volunteered to serve food to the Walker County Employees' They also attended the Spring district meeting with 2 members.



The Lafayette WC also helped out at the Walker County Schools Art Fair which raised over \$160.00. A special thanks to Kaye Legard Thurman and Sara Marie Krusac Keys attending for the first time!



The Club also bought and dedicated an American Flag and stand to the City of Lafayette's Golf Course at the Walker County Chamber Luncheon

North Side Woman's Club



North Side WC celebrated PI Day with the Math Department at North Atlanta High School. Students were challenged to submit an entry for PI Day that could take any form: math, art, music, poetry essay, ceramics. The only requirement was that the number 3.14 had to be used. Cash Prizes were given by NSWC.

NSWC Will be hosting baby shower. The following information was sent to all Club Presidents. Thank you for participating.

Who doesn't love a



Last year the Northside Woman's Club donated Mommy Bags to the annual baby shower at the Atlanta VA Hospital

This year the shower will be held on May 18, 2019

At their may meeting the NSWC will be donating car seats/strollers

You are all cordially invited to participate in this event.

The VA needs at least 10 more seats/strollers plus assorted other items



You can send cash gifts or gift cards to the NSWC before May 1

naomialvis@yahoo.com

or you can visit the Target Gift registry, created for the Baby Shower to participate in this event

target.com

The first name is VA, last name is Women Veteran

Atlanta Veterans Hospital contact for this program:

[Kathleen O 'Loughlin2@va.gov](mailto:Kathleen.O'Loughlin2@va.gov)

From Amy Atkinson

How do you turn a teenager into a leader? H...O...B...Y!

HOBY's Mission is; To inspire and develop our global community of youth and volunteers to a life dedicated to leadership, service and innovation.



Georgia HOBY is turning to the GFWC GA NW District to support the Georgia HOBY NW Leadership Seminar. This event is for high school students who have completed their sophomore year. The 3 day event helps students develop their talents to become effective, ethical leaders in their home, school and communities. I am seeking both financial support as well as donations of snacks for this nonprofit organization. The 2019 Ga HOBY seminar will be held May 30 - June 2 at Oglethorpe University in Atlanta, GA.

The HOBY event will also include regular snack breaks for the participants as well as leaders. It is amazing how much food and drink 150 teenagers can consume! We need donations of pre-packaged, individually wrapped snacks such as peanut butter crackers, granola bars, chips, cookies, KIND bars etc. Please let me know if your club has a food donation. I will pick up food donations from any club in the Northwest District before May 29th.

It is important that we report any participation from our clubs as well as individual club members. GFWC is a partner organization with HOBY and our accounting of participation matters. Please let me know of any individual or club monetary donation so I can report it to HOBY as well as GFWC GA.

Donations may be made at www.hoby.org
The donation link is on the top, right side of the page.

Checks may be mailed to:
Georgia HOBY NW
PO Box 609
Norcross, GA 30091
Your Sister in Service,
Amy Atkinson
770-548-1005
Amyatkinson206@gmail.com

From Judine Heard



2019 GFWC GEORGIA
LEADS SEMINAR
Friday, August 16, 2019
Details to follow in the coming months

From Gewene Womack
Tallulah Falls School

The Green Card Project is a project that presents cards of encouragement and congratulations to the members of the graduating class. All members are asked to write a couple of notes to be delivered to the school before graduation. The graduates really look forward to reading your thoughts and prayers for them.

Join us for the Ride of your life!

Embrace the Race. Embrace the Cause.

**3rd Annual
Acworth Dragon Boat Race & Festival
at Dallas Landing Park
May 4, 2019**



On May 4, 2019 all NW District members, family and friends are encouraged to support this fun filled family event featuring Dragon Boat races with local cities, companies, and individuals. This exciting celebration will support cancer patients and survivors in our community. In its 14th year in the Atlanta area, [Dragon Boat Atlanta](#) is a team dedicated to promoting breast cancer awareness, while providing survivors with the rehabilitation, camaraderie, and recreational exercise of dragon boat paddling. Both **Loving Arms** and **Dragon Boat Atlanta** are 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations.

What is a Dragon Boat?

Imagine colorful 40-foot-long boats with the head and tail of a dragon on each end, filled with paddlers, a drummer, and steersperson competing in a high energy race on the water. This athletic and cultural phenomenon originated over 2,000 years ago in Ancient China, and is presently the fastest growing sport in the world

How can you help?

Join you NW District Team, along with our State and NW District President, NW District officers and members to be a rower or a team cheerleader at the Festival. Become an Event Sponsor to show your support for two excellent cancer outreach programs.

Donate items that can be used as prizes for the teams that raise the most money, have the most spirit, etc or make a cash donation.

To Register, Read more or Donate

Acworth Dragon Boat Festival
415 Willowbrook Drive
Smyrna, GA 30082
678.956.0062
dallaslandingdragonboat@gmail.co
For more questions contact our team
captain Julie Bates jbates1000@aol.com



To join the team or donate to the team use Ctrl+Click with this link:

<https://ssl.charityweb.net/acworthdragonboatfestival/race/gfwcganorthwestdistrictgreendragons.htm>

What is the Jennie Award?

The Jennie award is named in honor of GFWC's founder, Jane Cunningham Croly who wrote for national newspapers under the pseudonym, "Jenny June." The award highlights extraordinary clubwomen who epitomize the spirit of independence, courage and persistence through their roles as volunteers within their clubs, elsewhere in the community and as members of a family or extended family. The GFWC Jennie Award is the only national honor that recognizes individual members for personal excellence. Nominations will be evaluated in three areas: Commitment to Club, Commitment to Community and Commitment to Family.

More Information

Please refer to the Jennie Award information in 2018-2020 GFWC Club Manual (page 232) for all of the details to include: one nominee may be nominated from each club, nominee must be a member in good standing of GFWC clubs for a minimum of 5 years, nominations should emphasize a member's entire lifetime of service, current and past members of the GFWC Executive Committee are ineligible, clubs must complete and submit the official GFWC Jennie Award Nomination Form, (which is fillable on line) along with a maximum 500 word written narrative. (Include club activities, community groups and commitment to family). No more than 25 pages of supportive materials which includes the title-page nomination form and narrative.

Questions

Can a member of the Junior Membership be nominated for the Jennie Award? **YES**

Can a deceased member be nominated for the Jennie Award? **No, nominees for the Jennie Award must be living when nominated.**

The complete list of Award Rules can be found on 233-34 of the GFWC GA manual.

Procedure

The Jennie Award Nomination Form (attached) must be completed and sent by June 1, 2019 to Pat Swan. Pat's email is sbp6388@aol.com. Once the club nominees have been submitted to the State President/State Jennie Award Chairman, the next step is to form an outside panel of judges to assist in selecting the single state nominee. All nominees will be recognized at Institute. Once the State Winner has been selected, the nomination materials (one per state) will be sent to our GFWC Region President postmarked by August 1st for region level judging and the name of our State Finalist will be sent to the GFWC Jennie Award Chairman. One clubwoman from each of the eight GFWC Regions will be selected for national recognition.



District Dates to Remember

May 4	Dragon Boat Race, NW District
May 14	Volunteer at Pajama Program, NW District
May 18	Baby Shower, North Side WC Flapjack Fundraiser, Cartersville WC
May 30-June 2	HOBYS
June 1	Trek to Tallulah Directory of Officer Forms due Seasonal Recruitment Form due Jennie Nominations due
June 4	Buffalo Wild Wings Fundraiser, Chattahoochee WC
June 13	Women Veteran's Interactive Fundraiser, Atlanta WC
August 16	LEADS, Athens GA
August 17	GFWC Georgia Institute, Classic Center, Athens GA
September 14	NW District Executive Board Meeting, Calhoun
October 26	NW District General Membership Meeting, Location TBD Hosting Clubs Atlanta, North Side and Sandy Springs