



## GFWC GA North West District Newsletter

March 2020

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



**Welcome, Karen Clydesdale**

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**Inspiration, Maria Barnhart**

<https://youtu.be/G33YR9dsyvk>



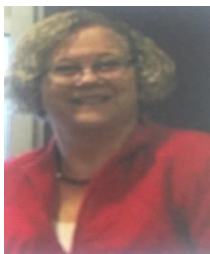
**Recording Secretary, Diane Norris**

Recording Secretary Report March 25, 2020

This officer completed the minutes of each District Board and District Membership Meeting in a timely manner and mailed the minutes with attachments to the state office. Reports for the February 2020 Board Meeting and March 2020 District Membership Meeting will be sent to the state office as our minutes.

The minutes of the March 23, 2019 meeting were read and approved by a committee of three: Gretchen Butler (GFWC Atlanta Woman's Club), Sharon Cannon (GFWC Cartersville Woman's Club, and Stephanie Wardlaw (GFWC LaFayette Woman's Club)

All records are organized and ready to turn over to the 2020-2022 Recording Secretary. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Recording Secretary.



**Treasurer, Faye Cashwell**

The Budget is attached to this newsletter and was approved by the membership on March 21, 2020.

Due to cancellation of the Spring membership meeting we are going to hold the registration money and apply it to registration for the Fall Meeting. We can refund the money (minus credit card fee) to anyone that paid and won't be attending the Fall Meeting. We have paid the deposit for venue we will be using for the Fall Membership Meeting. To Brenda Worley...." **Congratulations** on taking your old job back!"



**Corresponding Secretary, Gretchen Butler**

Since our last meeting, we have sent the following correspondence:

- A condolence note to Marietta Woman's Club on the loss of their member Mary Frances Gresham.
- A condolence note to Dunwoody Woman's Club on the loss of their former president Becky Schaaf.
- A condolence note to Joanne Dixon on the loss of her husband Jimmy.



### **Presidents Report, Karen Clydesdale**

<https://youtu.be/53ahpbbkHN8>



### **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Cimi Douglass**

[https://youtu.be/u7\\_8CrxC1GY](https://youtu.be/u7_8CrxC1GY)



### **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Julie Bates.**

Effective July 1 the number of community Service programs will change to five and will become the following: Arts and Culture, Civic Engagement and Outreach, Education and Libraries, Environment, and Health and Wellness.

## ***COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS***



### **Arts, Sara Keys**

After much discussion, we finally have an official plan for the District and State arts contests. For Member Crafts (10 categories) and Student Art: All entries which would have been judged at our Spring meeting last weekend will instead be pre-judged at Convention. Winning pieces will be given District awards and will then be included with the winning entries from the other districts for judging at the State level.

All entries need to be at Convention no later than [8:45 a.m.](#) on the day of convention- [June 6.](#)

The Photography entries should have all been sent to Ann Lundin by Jan. 25 and these have all been judged by professional photographers. These photos will be brought to convention for display, if enough room, and available for pickup at the end of the day.

The NW District will be represented with High School artwork from the Calhoun, LaFayette and Marietta Women's Clubs and with Member Crafts from the Atlanta and LaFayette Women's Clubs.

If you have any questions about getting your artwork to Convention, please contact Sara Keys at C: 423-413-3067 or email: [sara.m.keys@gmail.com](mailto:sara.m.keys@gmail.com). If you have any questions about the art competition at Convention please contact Ann Lundin at telephone: [770-251-8035](tel:770-251-8035) or at email: [alundin@numail.org](mailto:alundin@numail.org).



**Conservation, Kathy Hanna**

Many thanks to all the members of the NW District, you have been such great Environment supporters... You have planted more trees than we thought could possibly be done... You have supported the planting of native species and they have added to the beautiful gardens of our members and in our public places... You have helped our wildlife with plantings, water and food sources and places to raise the young.... Hopefully these are habits you will continue to have long into the future...



**Linda Mote, Education**

Education report for North West District

There are many, many Educational sites on the web to keep your children and grandchildren occupied. There are also work sheets that teachers have prepared for reading, math, social studies and history. Some of these sites are:

[www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com), [www.readingrockets.org](http://www.readingrockets.org), [www.k5learning.com](http://www.k5learning.com),  
[www.greatschools.org](http://www.greatschools.org), [www.education.com/worksheets](http://www.education.com/worksheets), this site has digital games for

kids as well; pskids.org has games for children. So, you can spend time on the computer, or you can go outside and have some fun. **Play I Spy**, collect rocks, tree leaves, bark, flowers, listen and look at birds. Then see how many you can name. If you don't know then do some research to identify your items. Remember not all learning happens from books; it comes from the world around you.

**Pajama Project**

If your club collected Pajamas for the Pajama Project and were planning on bringing them to the District meeting please let Linda Mote, [Immote@mindspring.com](mailto:Immote@mindspring.com), know how many you have. She will need them if the 2020 International Convention is still happening. Remember these are going to be the centerpieces for the Monday luncheon. We will let you know how we can get the pajamas from you.

## *ADVANCEMENT AREA REPORTS*



### **Ccommunications/ Public Relations, Judy Reece**

Since the previous North West meeting in October (that seems so long ago), our distribution list was updated with member contact information from GFWC Georgia. Edits were made to the newsletter produced by Karen Clydesdale and then, using the updated list, the district newsletter was distributed in November to North West members and to selected GFWC Georgia officers.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the newsletter.

A note from Karen Clydesdale was sent in December telling everyone about the article on the GFWC blog about the NW district meeting and the 7 Grand Initiatives theme for the meeting. A note from Karen Clydesdale was also sent in January asking the ladies from the North West district to help with the 2020 GFWC convention that is upcoming in June.

#### **Reminders:**

- Keep your state member lists updated so your members will receive North West district info.
- Please continue to share the newsletter and other communications from North West with your club members who do not do email or who miss seeing the email.
- Find useful links and contact information for the clubs in the North West district on the GFWC Georgia website. Go directly to the North West district page: [www.gfwcgeorgia.org/north-west-district](http://www.gfwcgeorgia.org/north-west-district) or go to the "Find a Club Near You" tab at the top of the GFWC Georgia home page and click on North West district.
- Continued thanks to Cecilia McDonald Westbrook for maintaining the Facebook page for the North West district. The group, called GFWC Georgia North West District, is a closed group. It has now grown to 140 members and we will be happy to add you to the member list! If you are not authorized to post on the page, send your info to Cecilia at [ceciliawestbrook@hotmail.com](mailto:ceciliawestbrook@hotmail.com) for posting.

#### ***Communications Thoughts to Consider:***

While we are all physically distancing from each other during the coronavirus pandemic, I encourage you to please reserve some extra time each day to reach out and to communicate with your family, friends, and neighbors and reach out to others. Check on them, stay in touch, say hello, send them something that will make them smile. And listen, it's the first best step in all communication. Make the most of social media. Write notes to people you have been thinking about; make a phone call to someone you know that is isolated. Above all, stay in touch; people need to be connected and included. Be kind to everyone you encounter. And, on the other side of this coin, if you need help, please reach out to each other and let someone know.

Hugs, looking forward to when I next see you in person.

Judy

[Judy.reece@att.net](mailto:Judy.reece@att.net)



### **Leadership/LEADS, Judine Heard**

GFWC GEORGIA - NORTH WEST DISTRICT  
GENERAL MEETING

LEADERSHIP/LEADS REPORT

March 21, 2020

Since last meeting Leadership/LEADS shared the latest newsletter from Henri Stack, GFWC Leadership/LEADS Chairman, with the North West clubs by way of its president or chairman.

I encourage all clubwomen who have an interest in leadership positions to "speak up" and express your interest, whether elected or appointed positions.

On a personal note, it's been a pleasure to serve for this administration.

Judine B. Heard

**Membership, Cimi Douglass, Reported in 1<sup>st</sup> VP report/ video**

### *STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS*

**Awards, Gretchen Butler,**

District Awards will be presented later in this newsletter



**District President's Scrapbook, Joyce Gravitt**

Scrapbook "Sneak Peek" This is the front Cover and Inside back cover. The middle of front is a card that a friend made for me. It is quilling.



**Resolutions and Bylaws, Donna Knowlton**

Please remember to change your bylaws to reflect the changes in Community Service Programs. They are; Arts and Culture, Civic Engagement and Outreach, Education and Libraries, Environment, and Health and Wellness.







### **Tallulah Falls School and HOBY, Amy Atkinson**

HOBY GA, NW will take place again this year at Oglethorpe University, May 28 - June 1.

The community service projects we will be working on are comfort blankets and letters/notes to pediatric oncology patients in Atlanta area. The second project is assembling bags (swag bags) for campers at Extra Special People, Inc. ESP is an organization that provides daily care and enrichment activities for special teens to young adults. As part of the enrichment, they have a "Java Joy Coffee Cart" that a few dedicated campers work to provide coffee and hugs at various sites around UGA campus. They visited with us at the 2019 HOBY seminar and everyone loved the coffee and hugs!

I am sorry to run on, I just thought you would like some background for the request letters that I have attached.

Attached to this newsletter is a donation letter that includes information about the two agencies HOBY will be working with during the upcoming HOBY GA, NW seminar at Oglethorpe University.

The second attachment is a wish list for operations at the upcoming event. I usually just ask for donations of snacks and financial support. I will take anything on the list though. Just let me know so I can inform organizers.

They always need financial support...If anyone or club would like to donate by mail the address is;

HOBY GA, NW (or SE)

2897 North Druid Hills Road, NE

P.O. Box 264

Atlanta, GA 30329

Or online;

[https://paypal.me/HOBYGeorgia?locale.x=en\\_US](https://paypal.me/HOBYGeorgia?locale.x=en_US)



either way, please let me know so I can keep an accounting of our support. GFWC GA, NW District collectively donated \$1500.00 last year!

And, finally teenagers always need snacks!!! They are eating machines! The NW District clubs donated so many snacks last year, they were able to redirect some to the bags that we were assembling for ESP. I will meet anyone anywhere in the North GA area to collect donations!

Rose Santini, Director HOBY USA, Judine Heard, Diane Norris, Myra

Carmon and Amy

Helping with HOBY GA NW registration at 7:00 am! Friday, May 31, 2019, Oglethorpe University



Junior Staff unloading snack donations my car! All from NW District... This is my 2019 group of Ambassadors. We were Team Mars.

At Judging week end we had three lovely High School Seniors come and share their HOBY experience with us. All three attended HOBY a year ago. They all completed their 100 hours of service to become part of the HOBY leadership team. They each told us about the various programs they have set up in their schools.... programs such as Meals on Wheels and decorating lunch bags with cute art, quotes etc. These young ladies were awesome. They had everyone up and doing a HOBY cheer! If you are looking for a speaker for one of your meetings, I would strongly encourage you to contact Renee Ratcliff. Ms. Ratcliff also explained that for clubs to sponsor a HOBY ambassador the cost is \$250 per student or \$400 for two students.

### *SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS*



#### **District President's Special Project, Jo Dee Gonzalez**

For the past two years the fourteen clubs that comprise the NW District have worked diligently and enthusiastically with the Pajama Program in Atlanta and have given their time and their hearts to be sure that as many children as possible receive a "loving bedtime and quality good night's sleep." Clubs that were unable to travel to the area donated books and pajamas that were collected at District meetings. Every single book and/or pair of pajamas makes a difference to a child who cannot control their circumstances.

In doing this work we were all reminded that love, happiness and the child's well-being comes before all else.

The Pajama Program is a nation-wide program and Atlanta is extremely lucky to house one of the four existing Reading Centers. Volunteers are called on to read to the children during one of the 60 minute "Ready Parties" and then to help them select a brand new book to take home. As a surprise to the kids, they are presented with a brand-new pair of pajamas before they leave the center. Some of these children have never had pajamas before or even a book that they can call their own.

Besides the Reading Parties, NW District GFWC members assisted in cleaning and separating the books and sorting, folding and wrapping the pajamas, or any other task that is necessary to the center.

Our president Karen Clydesdale sent each club president the criteria for the "Good Nights Make Good Days Award", which was to be presented at the 2020 NW District Awards meeting on March 21, 2020. However, because that had to be cancelled, the award will be announced in this newsletter. Three NW clubs submitted entries for this award. Each individual club president was asked to submit a report regarding the work that their club has accomplished in



helping homeless children and three clubs responded. The report was to include any volunteer work done in a community homeless shelter, like the Pajama Program Reading Center, along with donations, whether monetary or supplies of any kind, and participation in activities that “address homeless children”, such as fundraising events, walk/runs, etc. The reports were read and judged on these qualifications. See the “Awards” video for results.

Several of the activities that the NW district has participated in this year, besides working with the Pajama Program, include the following:

- ~~ preparing dinner at a children’s homeless shelter monthly and at holidays
- ~~providing holiday parties for the children
- ~~ volunteering at a non-profit organization that empowers homeless children through art
- ~~sponsoring homeless children
- ~~donations to a domestic violence safe house
- ~~ donations to prevent sex trafficking groups
- ~~coordinating physicals for homeless children going back to school

As we finish out the 2020 term, please continue to collect books and pajamas and continue volunteering for these precious children. Know that what you do is not only rewarding for you and your club members, but helps these children experience kindness, security, safety and love.

### *FROM OUR CLUBS*



#### **Dunwoody WC, Maria Barnhart, President**

The GFWC Dunwoody Woman’s Club is working to adapt to the changing circumstances with the COVID-19 pandemic. The health and safety of members and others are our top priority.

- Because of the social distancing requirements and the current state of emergency guidelines from the various health agencies all “in person” club activities have been cancelled through April 2020. The Board will monitor the situation to determine if May activities will be cancelled.

- We are using conference calls to conduct board meetings to take care of club business. We have set up a Zoom account for this purpose.

DWC has participated in the following projects to help the community:

- Drive up food pantry collection effort coordinated by City of Dunwoody for the Dunwoody area schools. Food collected will go to help Title 1 students. (Free or reduced lunch). Food collection dates at a local church - March 17, March 24, and March 31. It is safe because all you do is drive up and the volunteers get the bags of groceries out of your trunk. (Health and Wellness and Education)
- Members who are have the ability to sew are using patterns to make health care masks. Masks are donated to local hospitals. (Health and Wellness)
- DWC board developed “buddy system” for members who do not have email. Board members volunteered to contact that member for updates on club business and check on the member to see if they need assistance. This helps the member feel more connected with members and club business.

#### Arts and Culture CSP

To adapt to social distancing Arts and Culture chair identified the following virtual Arts activities for club members. How creative is that!

1. The Alliance Theatre’s play Naked Mole Rat Gets Dressed
2. The website [artsandculture.google.com](https://artsandculture.google.com) offering online art museum tours



### 3. The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra's 3 online performances

#### Chair Yoga – Health and Wellness

DWC worked with a new Yoga studio for chair yoga classes. Several weeks after the in-person classes started the studio had to close because of the social distancing requirements. Now the studio has set up virtual chair yoga classes for those members who signed up. Each week they send a video of an instructor doing the full class as it would be in person. Excellent for your mental and physical health!



**La Fayette, Rachel Willeford, President**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a-01PHz0yMc>





*“Celebrations happen when the mind unites with the spirit”*

Ladies.

Please join me in extending congratulations to the ladies of the Marietta Woman’s Club as they celebrate their 100 Year Anniversary. This is an incredible group of ladies who give so much to their community and beyond. The knowledge of their history and their dedication to its impressive legacy in Marietta is to be admired. Like many of us who have planned celebrations of milestone events, we are adjusting to our new circumstances. Yes, we would all love to be together and celebrate with each other. It is disappointing that we cannot do that but remember disappointment makes us stronger. The disappointments we are experiencing today are not forever. So while we all may not be together to help Marietta WC celebrate, we are there in spirit and love wishing you 100 more years!



**Marietta WC, Ruthann Sherman, President**



## *AWARDS VIDEO*

Gretchen Butler, Awards Chair

(Note from Judy: this is a large video; it may take extra time to load and it is not on YouTube like the others – but it is worth the wait. Karen Clydesdale will also be sending a list of the awards to the Club Presidents.)

<https://1drv.ms/v/s!Av7Mzy-WbbF4ctSVJAQGVPMMa90>



To all the winners!

## *NEW BUSINESS*

Electronic votes, which all passed by a majority include:  
Vote to cancel North West District Meeting  
Vote to approve the 2020 Budget.  
Vote to approve the 2020-2022 Slate of Officers  
Election of State Officers  
Vote to amend Standing Rule #11 to be in compliance with the bylaws.



Diane Norris, Nominating Committee

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, I would like to thank each of you for saying “yes” to our call. We hope that you will enjoy the next two years serving the GFWC Georgia North West District. As we have all seen the last few weeks, we need to remain calm and flexible.

## *ANNOUNCEMENTS*

April 17-19, 2020	State Convention, Unicoi State Park <b>Cancelled Rescheduled June 6</b>
April 19-25	Volunteer in Action Week
April 25, 2020	MLK Day of Service
April 24, 2020 GFWC	Federation Day
June 26-20, 2020	International Convention, Atlanta TBD <b>May 15, 2020</b>
September 12, 2020	North West District Board Meeting
October 24, 2020	North West District Membership Meeting

## *IN CLOSING FROM KAREN*

<https://youtu.be/ARetubSltkA>

## *A SNEAK PEEK AT 2020-2022 FROM CIMI*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q-4zXdTb79Y>