



North West District news & updates

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Upcoming Events

Jan. 25th - Reports and Goal Sheet due

Feb. 5 - Board Meeting via Zoom. Call will be sent this week.

Feb. 15 - President's Statistical Form Due

March 19 - Spring District Meeting - call will be sent Feb. 3rd.

[Click here for WinterReminders](#)

Thoughts & Prayers -
Send names of those who are in need of support or

President's Message - Happy New Year!

Every New Year many of us feel the energy of a fresh start and the opportunity to think about the year ahead. For Club Leaders the beginning of a new year is a good opportunity to renew inspiration; and to think about the goals that you and your Club members set. Below are a few of my GFWC Georgia goals for our clubs and club members this year.



The number ONE goal that we should all have in 2022 is growing our membership. To gain members, we need to be actively asking people to join us. I truly believe most people want to be a part of important causes and movements, but there are some that are waiting for someone to ask them so let's help them out and ask them to join us.

Goal No. 2 - Connect. Life is certainly better when we are connected within a community. While Covid has put a halt to some of our physical connections, let make use of the time we have at home - many of us have ideas but keep them to ourselves. No one does anything truly by themselves, and the greatest change comes about when people come together and share ideas - we know this and it is one of the many reasons why we joined this organization. I encourage you to connect with our District committee chairs by phone or email and share your ideas. We will dedicate an entire newsletter to your ideas and the service projects you think others can successfully do in their clubs.

Goal No. 3. Use what you've got. As we go through our every day lives we often lose sight of the things that we have of value that can help others. Some of us have time to offer, others have financial resources, and some of us have special skills or contacts that we can share. We realize that not everyone can donate, attend committee meetings or volunteer every week, or donate goods or services from their business, but most of us can do one or more of those things. Evaluate what you've got and

encouragement to
Susie Parnes, Corres.
Secr. at
sunburstp@aol.com

Quick Links:

District
Yearbook

GFWC Georgia
Yearbook

CSP Challenges

give what you can.

Goal No. 4 – Seek the opportunity. Here comes the hard part. Opportunity doesn't always come knocking at your front door and sometimes you'll have to leave your comfort zone altogether to find it. The key is to put yourself out there and be open to new possibilities. If you do the same thing, you'll get the same results. If you're feeling burned out from the same old charity work that you've been doing, perhaps you need a new direction and a new spark. If you go through your day of work, home, family, gym, rinse, repeat and you're not finding meaning and purpose, it's time to get up, look around, and seek opportunity instead of waiting for that knock on the door. I encourage each of you to reach out to our District President Elect, Julie Bates or our State President-Elect, Kim Sekulow to offer your assistance or say Yes when you are asked to help us move our organization forward. You can reach Julie at jbates1000@aol.com and Kim at kbsekulow@gmail.com.

I look forward to seeing our executive committee on February 5th via zoom for our District Board meeting - the call to the Board meeting will be sent to our executive committee later this week. The rationale for online zoom board meetings is to ensure all leaders are present to handle District business. It is also less travel and time away from home and very convenient to attend.

Save the Date - In March, I hope to see all of our members at the Spring District Meeting on March 19th where we will install our new 2022-2024 Slate of Officers, present District Awards, vote on our new Financial budget and honor our club members who are no longer with us. This meeting is scheduled to take place at the Dunwoody Nature Center, a beautiful glassed in venue in the trees - it reminds me of a "glass treehouse."

In preparation for our District meeting - please send me at least 10 photos of your club's 2020 service projects and events. Short videos can work too - I'd like to create a photoshow to wrap up my term.

As always, if there is anything I can do to help you or your club, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. I'm happy to help. Thank you for your time, talent, expertise and ideas. Our North West District is Amazing!!

Cimi Douglass, President
2020-2022 North West District

HOLIDAY PHOTOS ACROSS THE STATE!

During this past season, I enjoyed spending time with some of our clubs. Thank you for inviting me to your events. Here's a few holiday photos from across our District.





Happy 50th Anniversary
Dunwoody Woman's Club



Cartersville Holiday Dinner



Marietta Woman's Club
Luncheon



Atlanta Woman's Club holiday
meeting. It's first in person
meeting in two years.



Lafayette Woman's Club -
Empty Stocking event



LaFayette Woman's Club's
Reindeer Run event.





Joyce Broughton, Cimi, Tina, Deborah Landress and Jean



AWC had a "Holiday Pajama Program" and presented pajamas to the Partnership Against Domestic Violence, GFWC Presidents Special Project, Domestic Violence.

Cartersville Woman's Club members make homemade cookies for Tranquility House.

THANK YOU FOR BEING A PART OF THE FESTIVAL OF TREES!



I'd like to extend my deepest appreciation for your donations, volunteer hours and your support of the Festival of Trees. Many of you have reached out to me to ask how much was raised - that question should be answered on January 22nd at the leadership team meeting by zoom.

Our District donated \$2,425 towards items for the Elf Emporium. With your money, we purchased light up unicorn headbands, light up UFO's, light up tops and 800 Boba Balloons which sold out on Sunday by 1:00 p.m. A special thank you to Marietta Woman's Club for their tree donation which yielded \$1,500 plus for their beautiful Georgia Woodlands tree. We had 9 clubs engaged in this project. Thank you and I can't wait to do this again next year.

[If you missed Tina's Thank you email - please click here.](#)

[Click to read a thank you email from the Festival of Trees, Founder - Angie Ulibarri](#)

Below please find a few photos - [to view ALL PHOTOS CLICK HERE.](#)



Peggy Pruitt



Terry Neese a/k/a the Bobo man and Tina's husband helped us tremendously.



Marietta's Cake Sold for \$100



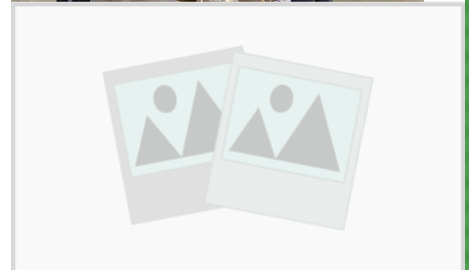
Marietta's Beautiful Tree - Joyce combing the squirrel tails to make sure everything was just right



Snowlady



Recyclable Snowman made out of plastic cups.



UPCOMING DEADLINES

December 1

Thank you to all that sent in their Dues/Vouchers & Rosters by Dec. 1

Goal Sheet due January 25

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Presidents, aside from paying dues, if your club does nothing else - there are 2 forms that I need you to complete for our District and State. One is the Goal Sheet due Jan. 25 and the other is the President's Statistical Form due Feb. 15. If you don't want to complete this on your own or unable to do so, please call me and let's walk through this together - I will complete this for you while we are on the phone. Contact me at cimi.douglass@gmail.com or 678-467-1922.

Click HERE (GOAL SHEET) if you want to complete this on your own.

January 25

CSP, Advancement Areas & Committee Reports, Contests due January 25.

Should you choose to be eligible for awards, your dues must be paid by Dec. 1. The number of members submitted on reports should equal the number of members for which dues are paid.

Ladies, our North West District 2nd VP, Maria Barnhart hosted two successful reporting workshops on November 8 and November 10th. In case you missed her workshops, she is hosting another workshop on January 12th.

Please see Maria's invitation to the workshop below.

February 15

Presidents Statistical Form (Click here to fill in), Presidents-this is the other form I'd like you to complete. This is not for awards, this is an attempt to collect all of your service hours, in-kind donations and donations collectively. Again if you are unable to do this on your own or uncomfortable with technology - Contact me at cimi.douglass@gmail.com or 678-467-

1922 and I will complete this for you. You will need your club checkbook, newsletters and minutes handy. I'm happy to help.

2nd VP - Maria Barnhart

Happy New Year. January 2022 is here and that means end of year reporting for GFWC-GA. The deadline is January 25, 2022.

I understand some chairmen were unable to attend the reporting workshop held in November. For that reason I want to offer another reporting workshop on Wednesday, January 12th at 1:00 pm via Zoom. This is an excellent time for a review and to ask questions about your report. The Zoom link is below.



Club Presidents – Please forward this email to CSP or Advancement Area chairmen or other members in your club that prepare reports but may not have received this email.

Why should we send in reports? Reporting is the means by which GFWC Georgia is able to recognize and acknowledge outstanding services our clubs provide to our communities. GFWC uses the statistical information in lobbying efforts and in helping to acquire Partnerships and other funding. Reporting is the history of each club and is also a tool in preserving the history of women in our society.

As a reminder here is the website for reporting forms. If you are prompted for a password, type the word: smile

<https://gfwcgeorgia.org/club-resources/reporting-forms/>

I have attached the 2021 reporting worksheet for your reference-click here. This is a valuable tool for gathering the information in advance of inputting the report to google forms.

Please let me know if you plan to attend the workshop.

Thank you for your cooperation and support as we complete reports for 2021.

Maria Barnhart
2nd VP North West District
404-310-0546

Maria Barnhart is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
Topic: Workshop for GFWC-GA end of reports
Time: Jan 12, 2022 01:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89832419919>

Meeting ID: 898 3241 9919

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