



North West District news & updates

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Upcoming Events

Festival of Trees - Nov. 30 thru Dec. 4th.

GFWC GA 125th Anniversary Project: Write 125 thank you cards to our military personnel.

December 1 Deadline for Clubs to send State, District and Tallulah Falls School Dues and/or Donations.

December 1 GFWC's Recruitment Campaign Recruitment Report Due for Sept., Oct., & Nov. Recruitments

December 1 Deadline for individuals to donate to the TFS "Student Activity Fund."

President's Message

Hello Friends!

Boy oh boy, time sure does fly - It's November already! As we head into the holiday season, I wanted to let you know how grateful I am for your loyalty and wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving! Thank you for your time, talent and special gifts you selflessly donate and give to our organization all year long. I appreciate each and everyone of you and hope you spend this season with special friends and family - **IN PERSON!!!**



I also wanted to send you a gentle reminder about our dues deadline of December 1. I know we discussed this at the October meeting, but it never hurts to send a reminder - our District and State dues are due December 1st.

December 1

Dues/Vouchers & Rosters Due Dec. 1

Presidents, Treasurers and 1st VP should work together to submit dues to State, District, Etc. and enclose an updated Membership Roster. Click here for Vouchers. Please remember that we voted as a district to add .50cents to our district dues making it \$3.50 per member. The additional .50cents will be sent to our headquarters to apply to the Run for the Roses Capital Campaign. Brenda Worley is our treasurer - please email her should you have questions at brendaworley69@gmail.com.

Treasurer Forms 2020-2022

- **2021 State Dues Vouchers**
- **District and TFS Vouchers**
- **Reinstatement Credit Voucher \$5.00**

Please be timely. Send dues and Roster by **Dec. 1st**. Mail earlier, sometimes mail delivery is delayed. Last year we all of

[Click here for WinterReminders](#)

Thoughts & Prayers -

Send names of those who are in need of support or encouragement to Susie Parnes, Corres. Secr. at sunburstp@aol.com

Quick Links:

[District Yearbook](#)

[GFWC Georgia Yearbook](#)

[CSP Challenges](#)

[125th Monthly Ideas](#)

our clubs paid on time - I'd love to have that done again. Thank you in advance for adhering to the Dec. 1 deadline.

Please also mail in your Club's membership roster to office@gfwcgeorgia.org with copies to membership@gfwcgeorgia.org & nwdistrict@gfwcgeorgia.org and Treasurer Worley at brendaworley69@gmail.com. **The form can be found here.** (note: the excel form has 2 tabs, click Roster tab located at bottom to enter onto the Roster)

January 25

Goal Sheet due January 25

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 to view a sample Goal sheet with my notes: Same deadline applies if this is not submitted on time, the District will not show 100% participation. I provided helpful notes to jog your memory and clarify items.

This is a live link, click if you want to complete this on your own beginning Dec. 1.

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, once again please join me in thanking our wonderful North West District 2nd VP, Maria Barnhart for hosting two successful reporting workshops on November 8 and November 10th.

Maria worked read through the yearbook dissecting all of the reporting resources and had several telephone conferences with GFWC Georgia's 2nd VP, Cathy Jones to discuss the new process. There were a few changes this year. Maria is a great asset to our District and we are so darn lucky to have her!

Please reach out to Maria should you have any questions about the reporting. You can contact her at mariavbarnhart@gmail.com or 404-310-0546.

February 15

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, inkind donations and donations collectively. Again if you are unable to do this on your own or uncomfortable with technology - please use the sample sheet and let's go through this together by phone. Contact me at

cimi.douglass@gmail.com or 678-467-1922.

Last but certainly not least, THANK YOU! GFWC would not exist without our members and all of you.

Thank you for volunteering throughout the year and thank you in advance for completing these reports. You are making a difference!



2nd VP

Maria Barnhart

Let's take the mystery out of reporting.

GFWC-GA will continue using the Google forms for 2021 reporting. A Practice link is available to for a refresher on inputting a report. Not to worrying this is for practice only so the data is used only for instructional purposes.



https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeOH09x11rI9ow6AxLpdHEOJlYHixmWh6_DgV9ztfAU1KQQ/viewform

Regardless of the method that is used for reporting you need the information below to prepare the report. Start now gathering your information and it will be a much easier process.

Question: What information do you need to complete GFWC-GA end of year reports for your club?

Answer: Use the Reports Worksheet as a guide: Total number of projects, hours, dollars donated, in-kind donations. Additionally if applicable, you will need to break out affiliate project information. For narratives you will need the name of project and number of volunteers.

Remember the following and you will be ready to hit the ground running for a GREAT report!

REPORTING REMINDERS

1. Follow the GFWC GA Plan of Work.
2. Stick to the reporting period: Jan 1 – Dec 31.
3. Pay dues by December 1.
4. Pay dues on the same number to District, State or Jr. Conference.
5. Complete the online reporting questions.
6. Place projects in the appropriate category (CSP or other program area), according to intent.
7. File by the deadline: January 25 at 11:59 PM.
8. Remember these definitions:
 - Number of Members in Club = # for which dues are paid by Dec 1st
 - Volunteer Hours = # Members X # Hours worked on Club project
 - Dollars Donated = Money given by Club through Club treasury
 - In-Kind Donations = Value of items donated for project
 - Annual Club Report = Statistical data (required)
 - Narrative of Top Ten Projects (optional)
 - Creative/Outstanding Project (optional)



We plan to have a reporting workshop refresher later in the Fall. Do not hesitate to call if you have questions.

Maria Barnhart, NW District 2nd VP 404-310-0546

Ella F. White Endowment Fund - 2021 District Challenges

THE CHALLENGES: Challenge #1

Each GFWC Georgia District is challenged to increase the total dollar amount their respective clubs and individual members contribute to the Ella F. White Endowment Fund during the 2021 calendar year.

Challenge #2: Each GFWC Georgia District is challenged to increase the total number of individuals who contribute to the Ella F. White Endowment Fund during the 2021 calendar year.

WINNING CRITERIA:

Challenge #1: The District that increases their total club contributions by the greatest dollar amount will be the winner of a \$50 cash prize.

Challenge #2: The District that increases the total number of individual members contributing to the EFW Fund will be the winner of a \$50 cash prize.

NOTES: Qualifying club contributions (\$25 and greater) can be submitted with state dues for a club and must be received by the GFWC Georgia State Office postmarked no later than December 1, 2021. Contributions made to the EFW fund individually must be made payable to GFWC Georgia, with "Ella F. White" in the memo line, and sent to the State Office no later than December 1, 2021. Contributions in the amount of \$25 and greater will qualify.

The prizes will be awarded to the winning Districts at the 2022 GFWC Georgia State Convention in Peachtree City.

It's Not Just a Meeting - It's an Experience

If you missed the North West District Meeting in October, you definitely missed out - we had a lot of fun!

We had an incredible Fall District Meeting thanks to the Cartersville, Marietta, Calhoun and Acworth Carrie Dyer Woman's Club. The hybrid Meeting was flawless thanks to Laedenia Jewel and Sara Keys. We took care of business, we learned new things, we laughed, we loved seeing Betsy and Beau Milliken recite the pledge and inspiration, we danced and really enjoyed being with each other!

We enjoyed hearing from GFWC Georgia President-Elect, Kim Sekulow; Jr. Director Elect Nicole Braun and to recognize October's Domestic Violence Awareness Month we were honored to have Tranquility House guest speaker, Teresa Millsaps and Zannette Ellington.

During the meeting we made flowers out of facecloths and danced & stretched while making pumpkins out of rolls of toilet paper. (IT WAS SO FUN JOYCE)

Our 1st VP, Julie Bates crowned the Queen Bee of Membership, Connie Morris of Atlanta WC. Maria Barnhart discussed reporting and is offering workshops.

We collected a ton of towel sets, created 40 hygiene kits for Tranquility; collected over 100 stuff toys tagged with inspirational tags and placed in ziplock bags for 1st responders to hand out and collected board books for free little libraries.

We made cupcake socks, learned how to make boo-boo bears. We had 7 tables with wonderful creative stem ideas from our CSPs. Education created stem projects; Civic Eng. provided info about the human trafficking awareness; Arts created recycled napkin holders out of TP rolls; birdseed wreaths and recipe cards were displayed from Environment; Health & Wellness provided information regarding the importance of stretching; FARE teal pumpkin project information and Macy's Believe Project for Make a Wish Foundation and most of all WE HAD A GREAT TIME!

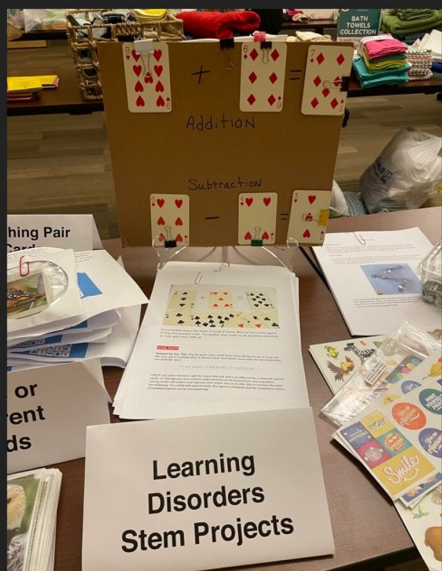
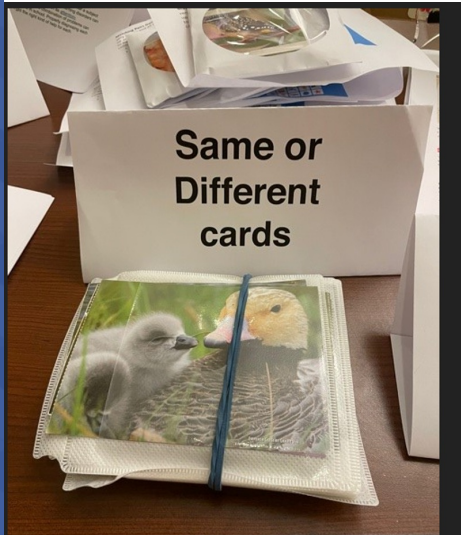
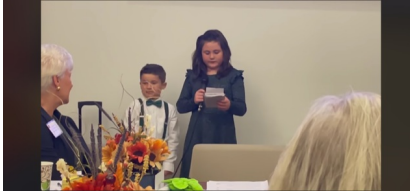
This is how we do it! It's not just a meeting it's an experience! I'm so thankful for all of you!

The minutes for both our Executive Committee Meeting and North West District meeting are listed below.

- [Fall 2021 - Executive Board Meeting Minutes](#)
- [Fall Executive Attachments](#)
- [Fall 2021 - District Meeting Minutes in Cartersville](#)
- [Fall District Attachments](#)

Check out All of the Photos & how to videos on our Google Drive:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1xocwm3b7hmvr0GY6PPvSOGTtX5RNPdHD?usp=sharing>



Volunteering Made Simple

Volunteer shifts are still open and available for sign-up!

Our new volunteer portal makes volunteer sign-up easier than ever! Please be sure to visit the link below and sign up for your preferred shifts before they are gone!

If you aren't sure if you are signed up in the new system, just send us a message to info@gafestivaloftrees.org. We will be happy to help. **[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER NOW!](#)**

For clubs who may have members who would like to attend opening night of the Festival of Trees (Tuesday 11/30), if members use the code JOLLY, they will receive tickets at no cost! This is the auction night and should be a lot of fun.

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