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**GENERAL FEDERATION  
OF WOMEN'S CLUBS**

**GEORGIA  
NORTH WEST DISTRICT**

## Spring Newsletter - March 2025

Hello Everyone,

As we step into this vibrant season of growth and renewal, I hope you're feeling energized by the fresh start that spring offers. This is a wonderful time to reflect on our goals and embrace the opportunities that lie ahead.

I hope we all continue to be inspired by the amazing work carried out by each club and the passion of each member in getting the job done. Together, we're creating meaningful change, and I'm so proud to be a part of this journey with you. I encourage club Presidents to share in meetings a summary of the club reports that were completed in January. We should all be proud of our accomplishments. Thank you for your hard work and dedication.

I also am reminded of the value we have for each other. I received a thank you note from a member sharing how much the woman's club meant to her. She commented that in the midst of coping with a serious health issue, having club meetings/projects to look forward to was a big help. Think about this. Take a look around as you as you interact in your local club, at district or state meetings. Take heart that we are supporting each other as we work together with a common goal – service to our communities.

Let's make this season one of growth, connection, and success! Wishing you all a bright and productive spring.

If you are so inclined to help with Jack's Baskets donations, please remember to bring "baby items" to the March 29<sup>th</sup> District meeting. See **Health & Wellness** article below for details.

See you in Dunwoody as we come together to share ideas and work together to find ways to "Be the Good" in our communities.

Thank you!

Maria





*Spring into action to*  
*Be the Good!*



## See you at the District Meeting

We look forward to seeing you at the North West District Meeting on Saturday, March 29th in Dunwoody. Let's "Spring Into Action" to Be The Good in our communities. There will be inspiring and helpful information to share. The location is Saint Luke's Presbyterian Church, 1978 Mt. Vernon Rd., Dunwoody, GA 30338. The cost is \$25.00. If you are paying by check please mail a check made payable to North West District. Mail to Barbara Reynolds, NW District Treasurer at 407 Nottaway Lane, Alpharetta, GA 30009.

**Brunch instead of Lunch:** New for this Spring Meeting, we are having a Brunch buffet with bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, buttermilk biscuits, French Toast casserole, assorted pastries, fruit, coffee, juice, and water. So, we will eat soon after we arrive and that will give us more time for the full meeting agenda. After the meeting you can get on with the rest of your day. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance as we work to streamline the activities for this meeting and have fun along the way.

**Time:** Registration will open at 9:00 am. Come early and check out the art display. **Please plan to arrive no later than 9:15 am.** We ask that members wear their club's name badge. We will have a few blank name tags on hand. There will be bottled water, juice, coffee available and then find your seat.

**Important: We will start the early part of the meeting at 9:45 am.**

**Attention Club Presidents:** Be sure to elect delegates from your club to attend the meeting in accordance to the state bylaws. Article XIV, Section 8, B. Each club is entitled to one delegate for every twenty-five (25) members or less, and for each additional twenty-five (25) member by one additional delegate. In addition, Past District Presidents and Life Directors with membership within the District also have a vote.

## Valuable Insights and Practical Tips from our NW District Leaders

We are fortunate to have outstanding leaders in our district. Below are their articles, where they share their valuable knowledge and expertise. We encourage you to explore these pieces, as we are confident you will find them helpful and applicable to your club activities.

**Announcements from your 1st VP  
Judine Heard**

One of the duties of your club's first vice president is to recruit new members. Another responsibility is retaining members. Both go hand-in-hand and are critical in the growth of our clubs. You can learn what other clubs are doing in the district by attending district meetings. Further, you have the opportunity to meet ladies from around the district. I would like to encourage everyone to attend the Spring District meeting.



**GFWC GEORGIA**  
**SEND A SISTER SCHOLARSHIP**

Regarding our State meetings, as an incentive to attend State meetings, the State is offering a \$50 stipend to defray some of the expenses in attending the State convention and/or Institute. If this interests you, please complete and submit the application included in this newsletter by the deadline, which is noted on the application.

[Click here for more information.](#)

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**GFWC Recruitment Campaign** - The due date for this recruitment campaign period is April 1, 2025. Now is a good time to contact prospects who, because of the busy holiday season, you might not have contacted.

If you recall, we set a goal of a 10% increase in membership. It's not too late to reach the goal or exceed it.

Keep it up!

Form:

[2024-2026 Membership Recruitment Fillable Form | Digital Library | General Federation of Women's Clubs](#)

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**National Day of Service** - Start thinking about projects for the 2025 General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) International Day of Service will be on Saturday, September 27.

In previous years we worked to combat food insecurity, however, this year the theme for this day will be **awareness and prevention of domestic and sexual violence**.

What is the GFWC International Day of Service?

- The GFWC International Day of Service highlights the contributions of GFWC clubs in their local communities.
- The day was previously known as the National Day of Service (NDS).
- The day honors the contributions of both domestic and international affiliate clubs.

How can I participate?

- You can develop a plan for the day and use resources and project ideas from the GFWC website.
- You can raise awareness about domestic and sexual violence by reaching out to local media and social media.
- You can advocate for legislation that helps to end domestic and sexual violence by contacting your elected officials.

## News from your 2nd VP

Connie Morris

It's been great to open Facebook and to see so many of our NW District Clubs sharing their activities. Our clubs have a lot going on to help the communities. If you need help to get a Facebook page going please let me know. I'll be glad to help. Most clubs have a designated administrator or two so that photos can be added. You also can share special days such as Breast Cancer month.

In March the district will be passing out the awards from reporting. It's an exciting time. Each club has contributed volunteer hours, donations, and In kind donations for the projects they have done.

I hope to see many members at the NW District March meeting. I would love to meet you if I haven't.

If your club didn't report I hope you make it a goal to report next year. The Google Reporting process is fast and efficient. Keeping track of hours and donations is the hardest part. I use an excel spread sheet so I can report to the appropriate CSPs at reporting time. However, the State is offering access to Track-It Forward which will help clubs keep up with their members hours. We have 32 clubs using Track-It forward and they have been enjoying it. To learn a little more about this platform please visit: <https://www.trackitforward.com/>. If you are interested in learning more and would like to gain access and training on this, you can reach out to our 2nd VP Julie Walters at [jude128@aol.com](mailto:jude128@aol.com).

Thanks to Maria for hosting a Zoom meeting on reporting! She is awesome in wanting each of you to succeed!

In reporting we are sending our information to state which sends it on to the GFWC. Grants are available many times to GFWC from our statistics. Awards are given on the National level, also! There are so many great nonprofit organizations that can use our service. Reach out to some new ones and help give the boost and encouragement they need!

I'm ready for questions about CSP activities anytime. [morrisconnie53@gmail.com](mailto:morrisconnie53@gmail.com).

## Treasurer

Barbara Reynolds

Thank you to all clubs and members for submitting the 2024 dues and membership rosters on time. Great news! Our North West District membership grew to 560 members, which is up 105 members over the previous year. With this exciting growth comes a responsibility. We must have attendance at our District Meeting on March 29th that will equal 10% of that number. I am sure you all can do the math on this and realize that we need 56 members present at our meeting to conduct business. Please know that each one of you is important in being part of this group, register for the meeting, and most importantly attend on March 29th. We look forward to seeing you in Dunwoody!

Barbara Reynolds  
North West District Treasurer

## Arts & Culture

Karen Clydesdale, Chairman and Joyce Broughton, Co-Chair



The GFWC Arts and Culture Community Service Program encourages members to promote and support art and cultural programs in their clubs and communities, and to expand understanding on every level, from local and regional to national and international. Our goal is to create projects that include crafts, dance, drama, food, music, and other manifestations of art and culture that develop skills, awareness, and appreciation. It is designed to inspire clubwomen and ignite within them a desire to make the world a more beautiful, thoughtful, and caring place.

As the Arts and Culture Chair for the North West District, I would like to share information with you about upcoming contests and events. If you'd like to receive our monthly Arts & Culture bulletin, please send me an email at [karenclydesdale@bellsouth.net](mailto:karenclydesdale@bellsouth.net). Thank you, and I look forward to working with you!

[Click here](#) to view December's bulletin

[Click here](#) to view November's bulletin

[Click here](#) to view October's bulletin.

## Civic Engagement

Cindy Tisdale, Chairman



I want to thank each of you who have participated in the Presidential Campaign and local elections. Whether it was registering voters, working the polls, or voting! Many of our communities are holding local elections. These elections are just as important as the presidential election and should be taken just as seriously. The right to vote is a very important privilege and should be a priority.

Also, thanks go out to all members who were involved in Wreaths Across America honoring our veterans. Our military personnel and veterans are a big reason we have the lives we do today. We should never forget their sacrifices.

We need to remember that we are a part of a larger society and should try to take actions that will create a better quality of life and foster a sense of community.

This CSP opens the doors for us to assist in encourages crime prevention, safety, and disaster preparedness; the needy, hungry, and homeless; and our military personnel and veterans.

## Education & Libraries

Linda Mote, Chairman



### What is World Down Syndrome Day?

World Down Syndrome Day is on 21 March every year. It is a global awareness day which has been officially observed by the United Nations since 2012. The goal is to help people understand and support those with Down syndrome better. The date being the 21st day of the 3rd month was chosen to represent the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome which causes Down syndrome.

The National Down Syndrome Society's (NDSS) Education Program works to develop a continuum of systems-level supports for students with Down syndrome and their families. We believe access to an education is a civil right, and the opportunity to learn is the key to a fulfilling life and the foundation of an equitable society. In pursuit of our mission to advance inclusive education across the country, the NDSS education team provides resources, programming, and supports for families, educators, and advocates. We work to influence policy at the federal, state, and local levels to ensure that people with Down syndrome can access the education to which they are entitled and that the quality of that education is continually improved. Children with Down syndrome can succeed in mainstream schools with the right support.

Contact your local school to get a list of items to donate to a special needs classroom. Be sure to add some books to that list getting books into little hands.

### Join the 'Lots Of Socks' campaign March 21

Get people talking about Down syndrome by wearing your most eye-catching socks. Believe it or not, socks get people talking. Wear such socks to a club meeting might we see some at the NW District meeting.

**April is National Library Week**-Millions of people across the country visit their libraries every week. What's the draw? Everything.

**National Library Week** is an annual celebration highlighting the valuable role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening our communities.

Whatever draws you in, the library has something for everyone. Celebrate National Library Week, April 6 - 12, 2025.



**Monday, April 7: Right to Read Day**, a day for readers, advocates, and library lovers to take action to protect, defend, and celebrate the right to read. The American Library Association (ALA) kicks off National Library Week with the release of its **State of America's Libraries Report**, including the list of Top Ten Most Challenged Books of 2023.

**Tuesday, April 8: National Library Workers Day**, a day for library staff, users, administrators, and Friends groups to recognize the valuable contributions made by all library workers.

**Wednesday, April 9: National Library Outreach Day** (formerly National Bookmobile Day), a day to celebrate library outreach and the dedicated library professionals who are meeting their patrons where they are.

**Thursday, April 10: Take Action for Libraries Day**, a day to rally advocates to support libraries.

**April Celebrate Poetry Month** - Put poetry books in Little Libraries, donate to local and school libraries getting books into little hands. Hand out poems at a club meeting.

Again, getting books into little hands if you are creating Easter baskets for children in foster homes or in shelters add some books to the basket.

## Environment

Kathy Hanna, Chairman



As community leaders have you thought to introduce the people you know in public service to volunteers you know? Here is a short story on how to make a big difference: The director of Parks and Recreation in Dunwoody took a new job in Sandy Springs, a bigger city with more employees and more responsibilities. To make him more comfortable we set up a lunch with him and 3 garden clubs, Sandy Springs Woman's Club, SS Conservancy and two founders of preserves in the city. The objective was twofold, 1) for him to know people he could call on and 2) for these volunteers to know who they could work with. We treated only the new Director.

The conversations were lively and a lot of good ideas went both ways, and everyone was comfortable expressing their thoughts, a true 3 hour lunch. Last week I received a phone call from one of the garden clubs expressing her joy with the new Director. Two garden clubs had been trying to have a Blue Star Memorial placed in the Veteran's Memorial Park and the city council refused, the club's collected all the money to pay for the Memorial and again the gift was refused. One call to the Parks Director, his research into how great an honor it was to have a Blue Star Marker and the city council approved the project. The clubs both feel that had they not been a part of the meeting we set up this good project would never have been possible.

So, I would invite you to get involved with your city's leadership and move to introduce the people you know to your community. Networks we take for granted can be invaluable to the growth of your city.

Kathy Hanna, NW District Environment CSP

## Health & Wellness

Diane Norris, Chairman



HAPPY SPRING!!

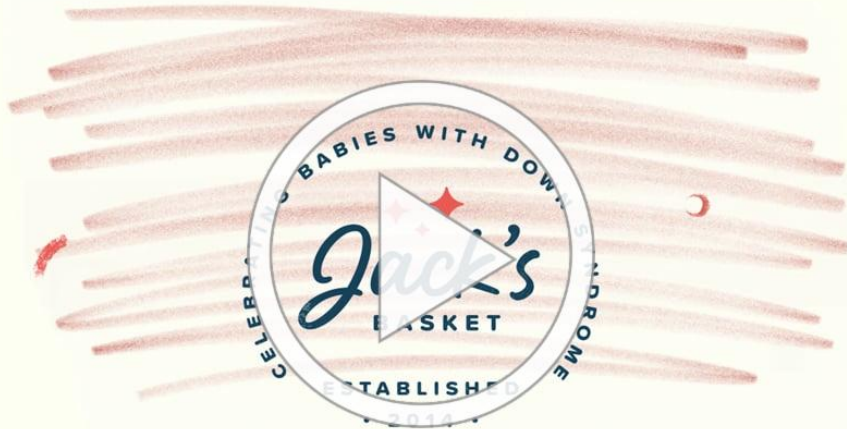
"I have chosen to be happy because it is good for my health.." ~ Voltaire

March is **National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month**. Colorectal cancer is the second deadliest cancer in the United States but highly preventable with screening and highly treatable when caught early. At home stool tests and a colonoscopy are preventable steps. For more information and symptoms, visit: [fightcolorectalcaner.org](http://fightcolorectalcaner.org)

We look forward to seeing everyone at the NW District Meeting on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Sheryl Arno, Executive Director of **Down Syndrome Association of Atlanta** will be the featured speaker. Down Syndrome is one of Maria's District projects. We will be presenting Sheryl with

items to be included in **Jacks Baskets**. Baskets are given to parents who have a Down Syndrome baby. Since 2014, Jack's Basket has celebrated over 7,500 babies in all 50 states and over 40 countries. Down Syndrome Association of Atlanta partners with Jack's Baskets. In 2024 they delivered 70 baskets to families. We are asking members who attend to bring baby items to add to Jack's baskets. <https://jacksbasket.org/>

- Infant clothes- boys and girls – newborn to 12 months
- Onesies- girls and boys – newborn to 12 months
- Swaddling blankets
- Infant appropriate stuff animal (no button eyes, or pieces baby could swallow) ~Baby socks ~ Small infant toys ~ Gift cards
- Hypoallergenic bath soap and shampoo ~ Baby wipes
- Newborn diapers



## Protocol and Parliamentary Procedure

Diane Norris, Chairman



Parliamentary procedure is a set of rules and practices that govern how meetings are conducted in organizations and assemblies. It's also known as rules of order. The purpose of parliamentary procedure is to: Maintain decorum, Determine the will of the majority, Preserve the rights of the minority, and Facilitate the orderly transaction of business.

[Click here](#) to view Parliamentary Handbook.

[Click here](#) to view Protocol Tips.

## Signature Project



When you get involved, you can make a difference in the lives of tens of thousands of survivors affected by domestic violence each day.

Stay in the Know with [nnedv.org](http://nnedv.org). (National network to end Domestic Violence)

Learn about Our **Work**

- Public Policy: Learn more about laws that have made a difference in survivors' lives, including the [Violence Against Women Act \(VAWA\)](#), the [Family Violence Prevention and Services Act \(FVPSA\)](#), and the [Victims of Crime Act \(VOCA\)](#).

- Technology Safety: Check out all the resources on [TechSafety.org](https://www.techsafety.org), including the [Tech Safety App!](#)
- Economic Justice: Download the [Moving Ahead Curriculum](#) (created in partnership with [The Allstate Foundation](#)).
- Domestic Violence Counts: Read our annual [#DVCOUNTS Report](#) and learn about [survivors' needs across the country](#).
- WomensLaw: Find plain-language legal information for victims of abuse through [WomensLaw.org](https://www.womenslaw.org) and the [WomensLaw Email Hotline](#).

## Leadership Report

Barbara Reynolds

### DISCOVER THE LEADER IN YOURSELF

The GFWC Georgia Leadership Team is planning the 2025 Georgia LEADS Seminar for August 15, 2025, in Macon. Last year we had a great experience coming together to enhance our leadership skills and this year will be equally enlightening.

Who should attend our LEADS Seminar? Leaders, of course! Who are our leaders? They are all around us. Every GFWC member is a leader at some level. We are all comfortable at different levels and in different areas, but all levels of leadership build our efforts into the wonderful organization we are part of...GFWC.

Please assess your level of leadership commitment and join other leaders in August to learn, share ideas, and take a wealth of information back to your clubs to build your successful projects.

Barbara Reynolds  
North West District Leadership Chair

## Tallulah Falls School

By Amy Atkinson

GFWC Georgia remains dedicated to supporting students at Tallulah Falls School (TFS) through various initiatives aimed at enriching academic experiences and personal growth. With numerous opportunities available, members and clubs are encouraged to participate in meaningful ways to make a lasting impact on students' lives.

One of the key ways the Northwest District contributes is through the Gewene Womack Extra Mile Fund, which provides financial assistance to students in need—whether for uniforms, college application fees, or educational trips. A minimum donation of \$3.25 per member helps sustain this fund.

Members are also encouraged to visit Tallulah Falls School, plan club programs featuring guest speakers from TFS, and remember students on special occasions like birthdays and holidays.

Scholarship and Fundraising opportunities include support for students' academic futures, GFWC Georgia promotes donations to various scholarship programs, including the: Elaine Chandler Scholarship, Gail Cantrell Scholarship, Georgia Goal Scholarship Program and the TFS Annual Fund (Scholarship Program). Information regarding specific scholarships is listed in the GFWC GA yearbook.

GFWC Georgia members can also take part in the Walk of Honor, where brick pavers are purchased in honor or memory of club members, faculty, military service, first responders, or loved ones. Proceeds from this project go directly toward TFS student scholarships.

In planning club activities for 2025, consider including the following projects;

- **The Green Envelope Project** – Sending encouraging messages to graduating seniors.
- **The Student Activity Fund** – Ensuring students can enjoy a winter dance by donating funds before December 1 each year.



- **Dorm Snacks Program** – Providing treats for students living on campus.
- **International Student Sponsorship** – Sending cards, small gifts, or hosting an international student during holidays.
- **Christmas Door Decorating Contest** – Supporting monetary awards presented at the annual Christmas Assembly.

To further inspire students and community members, GFWC Georgia promotes reading and literacy by recommending members to read *The Light in the Mountains*, a book about the history of Tallulah Falls School. Copies are encouraged to be placed in local libraries. Additionally, members can purchase *Tallulah Falls School, The Campus History Series*, which offers a deeper look into the school's rich heritage.

Through our collective efforts, GFWC Georgia Northwest District continues its longstanding commitment to empowering and uplifting the students of Tallulah Falls School. Whether through financial contributions, scholarships, or acts of encouragement, every effort helps shape the future of these young learners.

To make a donation or schedule a visit, please contact Melody Henderson at [melody.henderson@tallulahfalls.org](mailto:melody.henderson@tallulahfalls.org) or send contributions to: Tallulah Falls School, PO Box 10, Tallulah Falls, GA 30573.

## SAVE THE DATE: GFWC GEORGIA FAMILY DAY AT THE BRAVES WILL BENEFIT TALLULAH FALLS SCHOOL PROJECT

### ATL vs PIT Sept-28th-GFWC Georgia Day

Calling all GFWC Georgia members and Tallulah Falls School Alumni, All are welcome! Please come out to support GFWC Georgia and the Atlanta Braves on Sunday, September 28th at 3:15 p.m. against the Pirates! Our 4th Annual GFWC Georgia Day will bring us together once again with our families and friends across the State to enjoy America's favorite pastime. A portion of each ticket purchase will support GFWC Georgia's mission and Tallulah Falls School project.

Please purchase your tickets by midnight on September 14th to secure your spot. Tickets are subject to availability, our goal is to sell 100 tickets.

Please show your GFWC pride by wear GFWC or GFWC GA shirts, hats or accessories.

Go Braves and Go GFWC Georgia! Please share this link with your friends and families and let's enjoy this game with each other.

We have reserved Home Run Porch Sections 144 and 145 (144 if fully under cover, 145 is partially shaded). Tickets can be purchased here: [ATL vs PIT Sept-28th-GFWC Georgia Day](#)



**Hoby**  
Amy Atkinson

## Support the 2025 GA HOBY Seminar!

It's time to prepare for the 2025 Georgia HOBY seminar! HOBY Georgia is a 100% volunteer-run organization with no paid employees. Each year, over 8,000 volunteer hours go into making this life-changing program possible. Volunteers, financial contributions, and in-kind donations are the heart of HOBY Georgia, and we appreciate any support you can provide.

### Event Details

This year, HOBY Georgia will host a statewide seminar from June 6-8, 2025, at Middle Georgia State University in Cochran, Georgia. We anticipate welcoming 200-250 student participants, along with dedicated staff and volunteers. To ensure a successful event, we need donations of

snack items, office supplies, and materials for community service projects. Every contribution makes a difference!

### Ways to Support HOBY Georgia

1. Donate Snacks & Drinks - We need individually wrapped snack items, such as:

- Granola bars
- Cheese/peanut butter crackers
- Individual-sized bags of chips, popcorn, or cookies
- Bottled water and sports drinks

If you'd like to donate, let me know, and I'll arrange a time to pick up your items!

### 2. Make a Financial Contribution - Donations can be made directly to HOBY Georgia:

Mailing Address:

HOBY Georgia

2897 North Druid Hills Road, #264

Atlanta, GA 30329

### Online Donations:

Visit <https://gahoby.org/donatesponsors/>, click the yellow "Donate/Sponsors" button, and follow the instructions.

### 3. Purchase Items from Our Amazon Wishlist

HOBY Georgia has an Amazon wishlist with a preset shipping address—just like ordering from a baby or wedding registry! The wishlist link will be shared with NW District leadership in April, so please forward it to your club members. All items purchased will be shipped directly to the HOBY GA supplies closet at Middle Georgia State University.

If you have any questions or need assistance, feel free to reach out to me at [AmyAtkinson206@gmail.com](mailto:AmyAtkinson206@gmail.com).

Thank you for your support in making the 2025 GA HOBY seminar a success!

## President's Special Project

Kathleen Tibbitts

The link below includes project ideas and the current needs of these charities.

[Click Here to view Information and possible projects from Wellroot Family Services.](#)



[Click here to view information from Down Syndrome Association of Atlanta.](#)

## Corresponding Secretary

Susie Parnes

### CARES AND CONCERNS:

Please know heartfelt get well and sympathy cards have been sent to our fellow members in need of support. During challenging times, it's essential to remind one another that we are not alone, and our community stands strong together. These cards are a small but meaningful way to express our thoughts, care, and encouragement.

Whether recovering from illness or coping with loss, we want our members to know they are in our thoughts, and we are here for them. Let's continue to uplift each other and stay connected. Please reach out to Susie Parnes if you would like a card sent to a member from our District and federated sisters. Her email is: [susan.parnes@icloud.com](mailto:susan.parnes@icloud.com)

# Georgia Hosts the 2025 International Convention!

Julie Bates, Cindy Tisdale and Cimi Douglass

Our District has been given the exciting responsibility of creating centerpieces and favors for the ESO Luncheon, which will feature 45 tables and welcome 400 attendees. Don't forget to bring your Diaper Cake Centerpieces to the District meeting. Julie will be collecting them. After its use, the centerpieces will be donated to our District President's charity, Wellroot, this is also in alignment with our State President's project, "Books for Little Hands" The favor will be a Reading List bookmark.

In addition to ESO we are responsible for the Region luncheon which consists of 100 tables in 8 different rooms with 800 guests in total. We need to setup 100 tables with 800 favors at each place setting. WE NEED HELP with setup.



**June 7th Saturday Lunch –  
Region Luncheons – setup  
10:a.m. to :1130 a.m. - 100  
tables - NEED HELP WITH SETUP**

**Theme Purses & Pearls  
(will raise money for  
monument)  
Purse on black satin material  
with pearl drapery  
800 - pearl pin**



**SUN, 6/8 6:00am- 7:15am setup  
NW - ESO Breakfast**

**55 tables  
500 favors - bookmarks**

## SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER AT THE 2025 CONVENTION

We will need of plenty volunteers to help out with the coordination and setup of all centerpieces and decorations, door pages, tour bus hosts ,table hosts, welcome tables, greeters, etc. See below and please consider signing up to volunteer.

[Click here to Volunteer](#)

DATE	EVENT	THEME	SCHEME	s
F, 6/6 8-10am	NE -GFWC BOD Lunch		Purple and Silver	28
<b>F, 6/6 3:00pm- 5:00pm setup 6:00pm- 9:00pm table hostess</b>	<b>CE - State Night Dinner</b>	<b>Hollywood of the South</b>	<b>Movies</b>	<b>85</b>
F, 6/7 6:30am- 7:15am setup	CE - LEADS Breakfast		Red, Blue and Yellow	20
<b>SAT, 6/7 10:00am- 11:30am Setup</b>	<b>NW - Region Lunches</b>	<b>Pearls of Wisdom, Purses of Power</b>	<b>Purses and Pearls</b>	<b>100</b>
SAT, 6/7 3:00pm- 4:00pm	Violets - Past State JD Cocktails		Superhero Heels	10
SAT, 6/7 3:00pm- 5:00pm	CW and Jrs. - Junior Banquet	Shape of Unity	Records	50
<b>SUN, 6/8 6:00am- 7:15am setup</b>	<b>NW - ESO Breakfast</b>		<b>Diaper Book Cakes</b>	<b>55</b>
SUN, 6/8 9:00am- 11:00am	SW - Lunch	Empowerment Through Unity	Circle of Flowers, Purple	65
M, 6/9 6:30am- 7:35am	SE - Past State Presidents Breakfast		Tea Pots	18
M, 6/9 10:00am- 12:00pm setup	NE- lunch	From Vision to Impact: Tribute to Excellence	Peach Theme	65
M, 6/9	Gala	A Red Affair: Pulse of a Woman	Red	85





<p><b>Business Meetings and Door Pages</b></p> <p>You will greet everyone with a warm smile and Hello to ensure that all entering the meeting have a name badge.</p>	<p><b>Georgia Welcome Table</b></p> <p>You will Welcome ladies and offer them snacks and drinks and help keep this table replenished with items donated.</p>	<p><b>Meal Event Door Pages</b></p> <p>You will greet everyone with a warm smile and Hello and take meal tickets at the door.</p>	<p><b>Tour Hostess and Bus Captains</b></p> <p>You will help ensure ladies taking the tour is on the bus. You will help distribute the drink/snack totes.</p>	<p><b>Table Hostess</b></p> <p>You will be the Georgia representative at the meal function. You will help keep conversation going during dinner and make everyone feel welcome.</p>
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Sign up to volunteer:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B44ADAE22ABFAC34-50051093-2025#/>.

GFWC Convention Registration:

<https://www.eventsquid.com/event.cfm?id=25737>

GFWC – The Omni Hotel reservations:

<https://bookings.omnihotels.com/event/atlanta-centennial-park/2025-gfwc-annual-convention>

**District Responsibilities:**

Date	District	Function
June 6, Fri.	NE	Board of Directors Luncheon
June 6, Fri.	CE (all*)	State Night
June 7, Sat.	CE	LEADS Breakfast
June 7, Sat.	NW (all*)	Region Lunches
June 7, Sat.	VJWC	Past State JD Social
June 7, Sat.	Juniors	Junior Banquet
June 8, Sun.	NW	ESO Breakfast
June 8, Sun.	SW	Luncheon
June 9, Mon.	SE	Past State President's Breakfast
June 9, Mon.	NE	Luncheon
June 9, Mon.	CW	Gala Dinner

\*Volunteers are needed for these two larger functions outside of the district responsible. Volunteers are welcome AT ALL TIMES to help with any function. Please contact your district décor chairman for specific assistance needed (CE: Julie Walters State Night, Mary Beth Jacobson; CW: Mary Harmon & Peggy Wilson; NE: Brenda Martin; NW: Julie Bates; SE: Sandi Powell/Annette Belk; SW: Jamie Stewart.

## Communications & Public Relations

# Cimi Douglass

# THE GFWC LEARNING GATEWAY SERIES


REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE NEXT *GFWC LEARNING GATEWAY* WEBINARS  
PRESENTED BY THE 2024-2026 GFWC HONORARY CHAIRMEN.

***"NEW"** MARCH 19, 2025 AT 7 P.M. ET - When Passion and Purpose Collide*

**Ann Lauer**, Quilt Pattern and Fabric Designer and GFWC Arts & Culture Honorary Chairman.

During this webinar, you will hear how traveling in Bwindi, Uganda, to see mountain gorillas brought Ann Lauer's passion for fabric art full circle as she was introduced to Ride 4 A Woman. This non-profit organization supports local women struggling with domestic violence, poverty, and homelessness. Ride 4 A Woman teaches these women to sew and quilt to earn a living. Register and listen to this intriguing story.

<https://bit.ly/4hJecQO>



On February 11, 2025 GFWC hosted a virtual GFWC Learning Gateway Series: Using your GFWC Volunteer Stories to Secure the Organization's Brand and Build Membership with Leslie Capps, an International best-selling author, speaker, consultant, and owner of Wild Woman Marketing.

The recording can be viewed here; there is no passcode restriction:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/lgSbpYxeh7-FC-kEirUxWVwp3p62VlxiO8NKtoAgRwTS3ls4Pu4dnXVSigqtpgEP.mHZd16gqkM4aOkwC>

Ms. Capps also provides you with the slide deck ([click here to review her powerpoint](#)) from the webinar to use at a club meeting. She plans to include information in the GFWC Communications and Public Relations newsletter that goes out to all State CPR chairmen. Thank you, Becky Bolden, GFWC Communications Chairman, for working with her to allow this information to continue reaching grassroots club members.

The newest of her books, *Turn Your Story into Business Gold, The Ultimate Guide to Stories that Sell*, can be found at:

Amazon: <https://www.amazon.com/Turn-Your-Story-Into-Business/dp/1965652034>

Ingram Spark - <https://shop.ingramspark.com/b/084?>

<https://www.ingramspark.com/engraving/park/c00m127001?params=jSiHj2UNI5N01NN9NAHKdr52WytzkjC0B8yZyj7vPCm>

Registration is open for the next Learning Gateway Session on March 19, 2025, Learning



Gateway Series: When Passion and Purpose Collide with Ann Lauer, Fabric/Textile Designer and GFWC Arts & Culture Honorary Chairman. [Click here to view the flyer.](#)

## POSSIBLE FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

Ladies, we received an opportunity from Kendra Scott Jewelry through our North West District website. Madison is an Event Coordinator at Kendra Scott Perimeter Mall. She reached out to us to see if we would be interested in having a Kendra Gives Back event.

At Kendra Scott, they give back to communities through Kendra Give Back events. They are able to donate 20% of a sale during the event and can discuss in-store vs. offsite opportunities. They also offer virtual options! She mentioned that they have some exciting new launches coming up soon.

If this is something any of our clubs would be interested in, please reach out directly to Madison Stephens - [madison.stephens@kendrascott.com](mailto:madison.stephens@kendrascott.com). Again this is not a sales pitch or promotion, but simply passing on information that was received from our North West District website.

Thank you again for all that you do for GFWC Georgia and your communities.  
[cimi.douglass@gmail.com](mailto:cimi.douglass@gmail.com)

## Updated Standing Rules

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Proposed standing rules amendments – NW District Standing rule 20 states – The quorum for the Fall District meeting shall be at least 10% of the district members representing at least 25% of the District clubs.

Issue – it does not mention Spring meeting. It should state district meetings.

To bring standing rules in line with state by-laws it should state: The quorum for District meetings shall be at least 10% of the district's members representing at least 25% of the District clubs. Strike the Fall and add s to make meetings plural. Replace district members with district's members.

Amended – The quorum for District meetings shall be at least 10% of the district's members and at least 25% of the District clubs.

## Atlanta Woman's Club



In addition to our service, The Atlanta Woman's Club made a donation to Children Read in honor of its State President Cathy Jones. Handing the check to **Children Read Atlanta** Board Member Marla Johnson is Maria Krane, Atlanta Woman's Club Chair of the Education and Libraries CSP. Children Read strives to put books in the hands of children in lower income families. Research has shown that 61% of those families do not have any children's books in the home. This lack of reading material puts children at a disadvantage: 75% of students who are poor readers in third grade remain poor readers in high school. The average number of books for this population is one book per 300 children!

Atlanta Woman's Club members try to narrow this gap by reading to children, cleaning donated books and preparing them for pre-kindergarten children attending Title 1 schools, Sheltering Arms, Head Start and other programs for low-income families.

We also hosted the President and Head of School, Dr. Larry Peevy, along with Tallulah Falls Students to hear about the progress of the school and two students spoke about their

experiences at the school.



## Buchanan Woman's Club

Over the past year, we have concentrated on strengthening our partnership with Our House, a safehouse shelter for victims of domestic violence and their children. This facility also operates a thrift store to generate cash flow for shelter client services, providing temporary protective orders, legal advocacy for victims, support groups, children's services and referrals to community resources.

Our club donates bedding, diapers, toiletries and cleaning supplies to the shelter and their thrift store donates large print books, games and other assorted items that we use as prizes for our monthly BINGO games at the Country Side Health Center.

Each year, we hold a Barbeque to benefit the Buchanan Library that we had a major role in establishing in 2003. This time around, we raised more than \$13,000. We also sponsor an annual 5K race for the library which brought in an additional \$9,000.

In 2019, we established a memorial park to the United States Armed Forces on the grounds of the Haralson County Courthouse in Buchanan. This year, in addition to maintaining the grounds, we arranged to have new flags for each branch of the service, POW's and those missing in action.

Last but not least, every month, each of our members make a very generous contribution to our local food bank.

## Cartersville Woman's Club

The Cartersville Woman's Club completed all reports before Jan 25th. We continue to provide a dinner once a month for Flowering Branch Children's shelter. The Flowering Branch Children's Shelter is a local residential program for at-risk youth who have been abused, neglected and/or sexually exploited or who have run away



and are homeless.



Members gathered at the workplace of a member to make flower arrangements for "Footprints on the Heart" This organization provides support to families facing life-limiting prenatal diagnoses, pregnancy loss, or the unimaginable loss of a baby within the first two years of life. Our speaker this month is a representative of this organization.

Members gathered at 1 members house to decorate valentines to be distributed to 7 area Living Facilities. Several members made some at home for this project. We made over 600 valentines and collected Hersey Kisses for residents. The bags of goodies were delivered Feb 13th.

Members built diaper cakes for the International Convention to be held in Atlanta.

A representative from the Health Department spoke at our January meeting and gave a training session on how to screen for scoliosis. Scoliosis Screening in the County Middle Schools has begun. Members collaborate with the Kawanis Club to assist the Health Department with screening students for scoliosis.

Currently we are collecting individually wrapped snacks for the Police and Fire Department. Working on an environmental project called "Keep America Beautiful: where we as a club pick up a certain amount of litter every month.

We continue to stock "Little Libraries" around the community.

Sheryl Vaught, President  
Cartersville Woman's Club



## Dallas Woman's Club

**The Dallas Woman's participated in the following service projects:**

**January**-The club meeting began the year with Sandi Miller, our 2<sup>nd</sup> VP detailing some events we could bring in this year for our community. The program covered volunteer hours and skills for leadership. Our club was invited to the City of Dallas' yearly community awards. Our club won: "Volunteers of the Year". This was quite an



honor for us. We have also installed Kathleen Tibbitts as our Communication Public Relations chairperson. As we grow, we need to share our mission and projects with the Public.

**February** - Our first event for the year was "Cookies for a Cause" Fourteen of our members met at Heather Talbott's "Yellow House" (an VRBO) to prepare, decorate and package cookies for several law enforcement officers in our area as well as preparing Valentine Cards for the groups as well. We prepared 257 packets of cookies and signed Valentine cards to go with each bag. Our February meeting will cover all things related to Community Programs. We will hear from each of our chairperson about their plans for speakers and projects for 2025!

**Our Spring Tea** will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2025, at the Burnt Hickory Park Community Center. This is the club's second event, and we invite you to attend! [Please](#)

[click here to purchase tickets.](#)

**Brick Project:** We are still selling bricks that will be placed in a walk of honor garden. Upon completion of the Clubhouse restoration, the Dallas Woman's Club has a vision to establish a small park-like setting on our side lawn. There will be a walkway with our statue of Judge Bartlett remaining the focus of the little corner park. This brick project is a great way to leave a lasting legacy for future generations. Consider the variety of ways you can help make this project a reality: Honor a Veteran, Remember a loved one, Recognize a graduating year, Celebrate an anniversary, birth, marriage or milestone, Purchase a family brick. Engrave your business or organization name. Establish your name in stone for decades to come. Click here to order: <https://donate.brickmarkers.com/dwc2>



Heather Talbott delivering the cookies and valentines to the sheriff's department.



The ladies meeting to prepare items.

## Dunwoody Woman's Club

Dunwoody members gathered for the Arts and Culture and Civic Engagement and Outreach joint Valentine Workshop on February 5. Over 200 Valentine cards were created, addressed and delivered to the following recipients: Dunwoody Police Department, Sandy Springs Fire Stations No. 1 and No. 5, and three Assisted Living facilities.

We also participated in Read





Across America month in March by collecting and donating books to St. Luke's Coralwood School. Coralwood School is the only public school in DeKalb County dedicated to serving children with and without special needs between the ages of 3 and 6 in an inclusive classroom environment. We also made bookmarks for each student.

Our Environment CSP awarded three nature camp scholarships to underserved students in Dunwoody and Sandy Springs, and three grants for local Eagle Scout candidates.

Our Health & Wellness met at Fitness Together to tour the facility along with an easy workout with Zealea. We hosted a drawing for a "New Year Lifestyle Transformation Jumpstart" that includes 3 private training sessions, 3D scan, fitness assessment, nutritional consultation and stretch session.

We continue to support Backpack Buddies by volunteering at their Distribution Center on Fridays.



The Dunwoody Woman's Club's Evening Division had an informative meeting about Corner's Outreach in January and toured their facilities at Crossroads Church.

In January they went to Face Haven to learn about the importance of antioxidants to the skin and how they create a healthy skin barrier.

## Marietta Woman's Club



Marietta Woman's Club ladies supplied and hosted a crafting table, visited by approximately 100 children, during the North Cobb Library Cookies with Santa event. We supplied sweater shaped ornaments cut from Christmas colored card stock and attached a ribbon hanger and a table full of holiday stickers, rhinestones, pom poms,

bows and assorted self stick "bling" for kids to decorate their own Christmas Sweater

Club ladies hosted a holiday party where they gave presents, served snacks read a holiday story and conducted crafts for the Special Friends Group of developmentally challenged teens and adults at the community library.

We purchased wreaths and club members volunteered at the ceremonies for the 2024 Wreaths



Across American, honoring the military.

An additional Special Friends party was conducted by the club in January, where we read the book "Polar Bear's Underwear," and had great fun distributing puzzle bags with photo of a washing machine glued on. The bags were full of cutouts of felt "underwear" shaped to fit an assortment of felt animals. The kids took the underwear out of the washer and matched the right underwear with the animal it fit.

We supplied centerpieces and decorated and supplied a Children's crafting corner at the Powder Springs Georgia, Christmas House and Tea Room. The centerpieces highlighted the varied cultural backgrounds of our Cobb County citizens and featured items depicting winter festivals around the world.

When a truckload of fabric sample books, from a discontinued interior design business was delivered to the door of the Marietta Woman's Club, Club women began a mission to upcycle and limit the negative impact of sending all that fabric to the landfill. Textile waste can release toxic chemicals that pollute the environment, many synthetic fabrics do not easily decompose and the sheer volume of textile waste in the landfills is of increasing concern.

The crafty group includes a few accomplished seamstresses who quickly made a plan to repurpose the fabric into quilts to be given to MUST Ministries for their shelter programs which serve more than 900 persons annually. MUST Ministry officials were contacted to obtain the bedding requirements. Women who could not sew, got busy separating the fabric pieces from the heavy binders, sorting it into colors, and preparing it for quilting. The quilters got busy sewing and 36 quilts were presented this week to the shelter.

Eight club ladies made centerpieces and head table decorations for the NW District Spring Meeting.



Crafting with Special Friends



Our Craft Project

## Roswell Cares Service League

Roswell Cares Service League is thrilled to announce an exciting new chapter for our club., we welcomed Tessa Turner, our new President, and Lisa Cecen, our 1st Vice President. Tessa Turner is a graduate of Tallulah Falls School and Georgia Tech, where she earned a degree in Science, Technology, and Culture. She resides in Roswell with her husband, Justin, their son, Jackson, two lovable dogs, and a charming bunny rabbit. Passionate about giving back to her community, Tessa is thrilled to bring her expertise and enthusiasm to her role as President.

Lisa Cecen spent her early years in South Georgia and earned both her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Accounting from Georgia Southern University. For over a decade, she has called the Atlanta area home and currently resides in Roswell with her nearly 16-year-old son, Aydin, and their two beloved cats. She is passionate about growing the club this year and is eager to discover new ways to give back to the community!

With their leadership, we're stepping into the new year with renewed energy and a fresh approach to help our club thrive.

In January, our club made no sew blankets for Simple Needs Georgia. In February a few ladies toured the Simple Needs warehouse and helped organize items for their clients. In February six

of our Roswell Care members enjoyed a fun team-building event with line dancing! Just like in volunteering, we took directions step by step, pivoted when needed, and had a great time doing it. Taking care of your health isn't just about eating right and exercising—it's also about finding joy in movement! Dancing is a powerful way to boost your physical, mental, and emotional well-being. It strengthens your heart, relieves stress, improves flexibility, and fills you with energy. Plus, it's a great way to express yourself and connect with others. So whether you're grooving in your living room, taking a dance class, or hitting the floor line dancing with friends, let the rhythm move you. Your body and mind will thank you!

In addition to dancing, we collected 20 books for Wellroot and discussed our upcoming donations to Jack's Baskets at our district meeting. A fantastic time was had by all!



Our new President, Tessa Turner and Lisa Cecen, 1st VP (shown in the front)



## The benefit of belonging

Being a member of GFWC Georgia comes with many advantages. Our state organization works hard to develop resources, templates, and platforms that enable us to effectively engage with our communities. The State Newsletters offer valuable resources and tips to support our local clubs, while the Club Life bulletins feature a variety of project ideas from clubs across the state. Be sure to take a look through these newsletters—I'm confident you'll find something valuable!

- [March Newsletter](#)
- [February Club Life](#)
- [January Club Life](#)
- [January Connections](#)

## North West District Meeting Schedules

### Spring 2025

**Membership meeting – Saint Luke's Presbyterian Church - Saturday, March 29, 2025**

Refreshments: 9:00 am, seated at 9:30, meeting begins 9:45 am

Hostess clubs - \*Denotes primary hostess club

1. \*Dunwoody, 2. Marietta, 3. Buchanan

Click here to learn more: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/crjbp3/lp/d3757a92->

**April 25-27, 2025 GFWC-GA convention** – Lake Lanier Lodge - Buford - [Click here to register](#)

**June 4-9, 2025 GFWC International Convention**- Omni Atlanta-

We need all hands-on deck – Need volunteers. [Click here to register to International Convention.](#)

**Fall 2025**

**Board Meeting @ St. Lukes - Saturday, September 13, 2025**

*Light refreshments - hostess clubs 9:30 am refreshments, meeting 10:00 am*

1. Calhoun. 2. Dunwoody, LaFayette and LaFayette Juniores

**Fall 2025**

**Membership Meeting - Venue TBA – Saturday, October 25, 2025**

Check-in at 9:00 am – location determined by hostess club

Hostess clubs - \*Denotes primary hostess club

1. \*Dallas, 2. Cartersville, 3. Sandy Springs

**Spring 2026**

**Board Meeting @ St. Lukes - Saturday- February 14, 2026**

*Light refreshments - hostess clubs 9:30 am refreshments, meeting 10:00 am*

1. Marietta, 2. Chickamauga, 3. Sandy Springs

**Spring 2026**

**Membership Meeting - Venue TBA – Saturday, March 21, 2026**

Check-in at 9:00 am – location determined by hostess club

Hostess clubs - \*Denotes primary hostess club

1. \*Atlanta, 2. Roswell Cares, 3. Acworth Carrie Dyer

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