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OF WOMEN'S CLUBS**

**GEORGIA  
NORTH WEST DISTRICT**

## Fall Newsletter - October 2025

Hello Everyone,

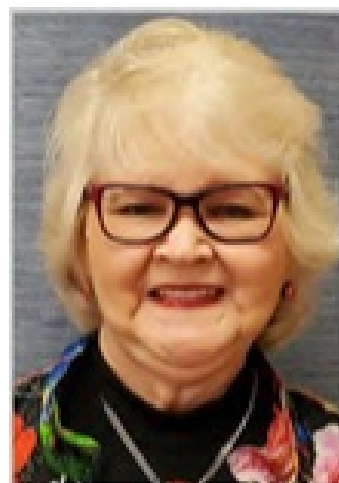
Happy Fall, Y'all – Are you ready? Let's Fall into service and rise to purpose! I look forward to seeing you at the North West District Fall meeting on Saturday, October 25 th in Dallas, GA. If you have not signed up, please take a few minutes and do so today. We need a quorum of 56 members and as of right now we still need more members to register. See below for the link to register. There will be inspiring information to share and a demo of line dancing you do not want to miss.

It is so inspiring to be part of an organization with service is its main mission. If you think of the service projects your club carries out and the projects you hear about from other clubs it makes you realize the impact each member has on others in our communities. If you are so inclined help with the district service project, see the details below under what to bring to the meeting. We are supporting the GFWC International Day of Service with donations for a shelter and for certain needs for DFACS.

Please take time to read this newsletter as it is packed with useful information for members and leaders in our clubs. Club Presidents if you know of a member that did not receive the newsletter, please pass it along and let us know so we can check the member's email address. Our district leaders spend time preparing this information for you. We want you to benefit from project ideas, helpful information and reminders for important due dates. Consider using it as a reference tool in club or program meetings. Check out the articles from our NW district clubs and cheer each other on for the amazing work that is done in our communities.

Thank you for your dedication each and every day. Let's continue to "Be the Good" in our communities.

I hope to see you on Saturday, October 25th in Dallas, GA.  
Maria



**The location: First Baptist Church, 401 Main  
St., Dallas, GA 30132**



**The cost is \$25.00. Brunch instead of Lunch.** Check in will open at 9:00 am. **Please plan to arrive no later than 9:30 am.** We ask that members wear their club's name badge. We will have blank name tags on hand if needed.

**Important: Maria will call the meeting to order at 9:45 am.**

**What to Bring to the meeting:**

- Your beautiful smile and energy
- Money for 50/50 fundraising for District and Club sellables
- NW District is supporting the 2025 GFWC International Day of Service. Please bring your club's contributions to support Shepherd's Rest and DFACS.
- Shepherd's Rest:
- Cleaning Supplies/Paper Products Toilet Paper
- Twin or Double Sheets
- Hygiene Products for Women
- Gift Cards to Walmart, Kroger or Ingles to purchase food
- DFACS: Towels/Washcloths; Lice products

**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.

**Register for the District Meeting**

## 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

Thank you to the clubs that participated in the Membership Recruitment Campaigns during the last 12 months. The year-to-date new member total is not available; however, as of December 2024, the North West District membership was 460, an increase of 105 members during that same period in 2023.

As we gear up for the Fall Membership Campaign, with its focus on "Member Value and Benefits of Belonging" and with State Dues and Membership Roster forms due December 1, now is a good time to review your roster to determine who has not been active and reach out to each person. Often people who have been members less than 24 months will not renew because they do not feel vested in the organization.

As stated in GFWC Georgia's membership booklet "Mysteries of Membership":

It is just as important to retain your veteran members as it is to recruit new ones. Most people do not leave a club because the volunteer work was unfulfilling—it was because a connection was

not made with the members. Spend some time being reflective about your club members and if everyone is doing everything, they can make connections with veterans as well as new members.

Retaining our current members is as critical as recruiting new members. Contact each person who has not regularly attended meetings or participated in any activity during the last twelve months. Ask why she has not been active, be empathic to the reason and be prepared to offer a possible solution and share some of the "the benefits of belonging."

Finally, while the duties of recruiting are the first vice president's or membership chairman's responsibilities, we all should occasionally check-in with club sisters who we have not noticed at meetings. A quick call (or card) might be beneficial to the person you are contacting.

## News from your 2nd VP

Connie Morris

Breast Cancer Awareness Month is October 1-October 31. Let's all remember to book our mammograms, join a walk, donate to a favorite charity dealing with Breast Cancer, and/or wear a pink awareness ribbon.

Start getting your records together and prepare for end of year reporting. Reports are due no later than January 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 pm. The link is <https://gfwcgeorgia.org/club-resources/reportingforms/>

We encourage all clubs to report their projects for 2025. It helps the club document their history and it helps the state in reporting to GFWC-HQ. If you report, your club is part of our overall GFWC service to our communities. Please have members reporting hours, in-kind donations, and projects to the CSP/AA area chairs. Our reporting results in rewards and the ability for GFWC to receive grants based on our work. It's a wonderful opportunity to share with our state the work that is being done.

At a minimum, please report the statistical information for your club projects. While narratives are not required, it is a great benefit to write a narrative on your club projects. The character count was increased last year so you should be able to include the who, what, when, where, how and why of your projects. In your reports share the impact of your specific project.

We plan to have a Zoom workshop on reporting sometime this fall. Stay tuned for the date and the details.

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

## Treasurer

Barbara Reynolds

It is no surprise to any of our clubs that this is the time of year that we collect dues. Actually, per our State Bylaws, Article XIV Districts, Section 2 Dues: *C. District dues are due June 1. For a club or its members to be eligible for District, State, or National awards, its dues must be paid no later than December 1<sup>st</sup>.*

Our biggest problem with collecting dues is the US Mail. Every year we have some clubs who faithfully mail their dues and they get hung up in the postal system somewhere. This delay does not excuse the club from having their dues received at the state and district level by December 1<sup>st</sup>. A suggestion from other clubs is to cut off your membership on October 1 and pay your club's dues on that number of members. This allows you to submit your dues having enough time to send them through the mail...or, you could bring your check to the Fall District Meeting in person on October 25<sup>th</sup>. If you send your dues and your membership changes you may file an amended submission paying for the additional members. When sending your dues please make the check payable to GFWC NORTH WEST DISTRICT and send to Barbara Reynolds, Treasurer.

**I have a new address: Barbara Reynolds, 58 Canton St. #410, Alpharetta, GA. 30009**

Please use the District Dues Voucher found on page 320 of the State Yearbook or you can find it on the GFWC Georgia website, [gfwcgeorgia.org](http://gfwcgeorgia.org) under resources, password is smile. Also, send your club roster with your dues or send it via email. My email address is [barbarajoreynolds@gmail.com](mailto:barbarajoreynolds@gmail.com).

GFWC Georgia state dues this year have the option to pay electronically. If you choose this option, please contact Deborah at the state office and she will email the instructions to you. You may also choose to submit your state dues via Zelle and send to the account **Treasurer@gfwcgeorgia.org**. These options only apply to state dues and unfortunately are not available for district dues.

Thank you for your attention to paying your dues. We hope some of these suggestions make the process flow smoothly for everyone. If you have any questions or difficulty, please contact me and we will work it out!

Enjoy all your Fall activities!

Barbara Reynolds  
North West District Treasurer

## Arts & Culture

Karen Clydesdale, Chairman and Joyce Broughton, Co-Chair



*“Art is not a mirror held up to reality, but a hammer with which to shape it”*

Bertolt Brecht challenges the notion that art simply reflects reality. Instead, he asserts that art is a powerful tool that enables us to actively engage with and reshape reality. It suggests that art has the potential to inspire critical thinking, provokes change and challenge existing norms and structures. It emphasizes the transformative and activist nature of art.

### Awards Awards Awards!

It is never too early to start thinking about reporting. The GFWC Georgia yearbook (pages 295-317) has an entire section devoted to providing guidelines on how to report, an explanation of the forms, how the point system works, definitions, deadlines, where to report, an explanation of in-kind values and how to track things forward. Information on Arts and Culture Awards is on page 90-113.

### Awards for Arts and Culture include:

**Photography.** to encourage expression and storytelling

The World In Pictures, Living the Volunteer Spirit

**Writing** to foster community spirit, talent and growth

Member Writing Contest, Youth Writing Contest

**A Student Art Competition**, to recognize and reward students' artistic expression and achievements.

**Member Craft Competition**, to illustrate the talent of members from across the state. This category includes stitchery, sewing, knitting, quilting (hand and machine,) nature crafts, jewelry, painting and sketch art.

**Start planning your entry today**

## Civic Engagement

Cindy Tisdale, Chairman

This year, National Wreaths Across America Day will be held on Saturday, December 13, 2025. Join the more than two million volunteers and supporters who will gather to Remember, Honor and Teach at more than 5,200 participating locations in all 50 states, at sea and abroad. Wreaths Across America is a nonprofit organization that honors veterans by placing wreaths on their graves every December 13. Learn how you can





support their mission <https://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org>.

Sponsor wreaths for \$17.00 each or Volunteer on December 13, 2025. On that day, more than 2 million Veterans' Wreaths will be placed across Local, National and Military Cemeteries as well as Veterans' Memorials and historic sites.

All information can be gathered at the website above.

## Education & Libraries

Linda Mote, Chairman



The theme for Banned Books Week October 5 – 11 2025: "Censorship Is So 1984. Read for Your Rights." The American Library Association condemns censorship and works to defend each person's right to read under the First Amendment and to ensure free access to information.

**Current efforts to ban books and information held in schools, libraries, archives, and bookstores are a truth close to fiction – namely, the depiction of extreme censorship by an oppressive regime in George Orwell's cautionary tale 1984. The Banned Books Week 2025 theme reminds us that the right to read belongs to all of us, that censorship has no place in contemporary society, and that we must defend our rights.**

### WAYS TO HELP:

- Use your library the more use the more funds to that branch
- Join Friends of the Library
- Recognize Library workers
- Join EveryLibrary <https://www.everylibrary.org/>

**Learning Disabilities Awareness Month** is observed in October. It was established to raise awareness about learning disabilities, advocate for early intervention and support, and promote inclusivity for individuals with these challenges

A Specific Learning Disability (SLD) is a brain-based disorder that affects an individual's ability to read, write, and do math (e.g., dyslexia, dysgraphia, and dyscalculia).

- 2.4 million school-age students in the U.S. identifies as having an SLD
- More than 90% of fourth and eighth-grade students with SLDs are not proficient in reading or math.

### Take Action

Send a letter to your elected officials and encourage them to support bills that impact students with learning disabilities and attention issues.  
Provide supplies to an LD class.

October 2025 Elevating Principals, Transforming Schools- send an ecard or for more information-<https://www.principalsmonth.org/send-e-card/>

## Environment

Kathy Hanna, Chairman



**Celebrating 250 years as a Nation.** As you all know this is the two year emphasis from GFWC GA. You may all know the directive for these 2 years is for the Environment CSP to become involved with our National parks and the parks in our communities.. We in the NW part of GA don't have a National Park in our area but we are blessed with wonderful National Recreation Areas, County and City Parks. The programs and tours they can provide are exciting, informative and fun.

As an example we have had the director of our city's Parks and Recreation talk about current

and future developments in one of the local parks and share with us the needs and wants for the year and submitted requests to help the local parks grow. Touring a county park and how unusable land can be turned into a historic site and wonderful park with things like bogs and flood planes being utilized. Also, National Recreation Areas have knowledgeable National Rangers who are always ready to provide a program filled with useful information on how a club can provide assistance. Our club toured Island Ford with a fascinating ranger who has served for over 50 years. A few ways for us to celebrate the anniversary of the founding of your nation. National Parks were founded and 1916 and we celebrate the day on August 25<sup>th</sup>, parks are under the US Dept. of Interior and provides over 84 million acres in all fifty states.

**Please think about food for wildlife** and think native plants, they have been here a long time and thrive where imports struggle. Bees need flowers that carry pollen and a yard without insecticides. Think natural pest control. **Our most endangered species: BEES..** Tour gardens and wildflower meadows that give your members ideas of pollinator plants for them to add to their gardens.

Check with Scout leaders in your area to sponsor an Eagle Scout project, with an interview and some financial help offered to a project that is part of this CSP.

**PROJECT IDEA:** Promote all the native plant sales going on this fall, it's the best time to plant trees and shrubs. Recycling can be done all year long.. If you have items you don't know what to do with, CHARM in Atlanta does, take a look at [livethrive.org/charm](http://livethrive.org/charm).

Kathy Hanna, NW District Environment CSP

## Health & Wellness

Diane Norris, Chairman



Our members proudly participated in the “Rock the Socks” project in support of the Down Syndrome Association of Atlanta. Together, they paired an incredible 172 pairs of socks, which will be used to help raise awareness and funds for Down Syndrome. This meaningful project not only brought our members together in service but also helped support individuals and families in the Down Syndrome community through this fun and impactful initiative.



## Signature Project and International Day of Service



2025 GFWC International Day of Service: Help End Domestic and Sexual Violence

GFWC is committed to being a powerful force against domestic and sexual violence. Clubs, districts, states, and regions were asked to unite for action on Saturday, September 27, 2025!

October is also Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Our district continues to be a huge advocate for supporting this great cause and your efforts are greatly appreciated. October 19 thru 25th is Advocates for Children Week. Your club is encouraged to jump on board with the many projects out there that show our children they are important. Our GFWC Georgia website has a number of great project ideas and the many programs that are packed into the month of October.

## Leadership Report

Barbara Reynolds

It's time for every club to encourage members to apply for the GFWC LEADS next June in Arizona. Each club may submit one nominee. Deadline for applications is February 1, 2026. All applications must be submitted to the State Leadership Chairman using the Georgia Application form found on page 247 of the State Yearbook. Application also needs to include a letter of endorsement from the club and member's resume giving previous involvement in club/district/state. One member is then chosen to represent GFWC Georgia at GFWC LEADS.

This program is open to all members. The candidate does not need to have served as an officer or have served at all levels of leadership in our Federation. Remember that this is a learning opportunity for all those who want to improve their leadership skills for our organization.



## President's Special Project

Kathleen Tibbitts

Remember the diaper cakes NW District clubs made for International Convention? GFWC-GA donated the extraordinary Diaper Cakes to Wellroot Family Services. Wellroot hosted a wonderful Milestone event to celebrate Moms who enrolled in parenting classes. The luncheon event recognized Moms and Dads in the program. Diaper cakes were used as table centerpieces and once the event was over, families could choose 1 or more diaper cakes to take home. It included diapers, a stuffed animal and a children's book for their child. The diaper cakes times 2. They were a hit at convention and at the Wellroot event. Thank you for your time and dedication in making the diaper cakes. We are continuing to "Be the Good" in our communities.



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.](#)



We  
want  
to say...



Thank  
You!



Sheryl Arno, Executive Director of the Down Syndrome Association of Atlanta expressed sincere thanks for the donation of baby items and money totaling \$2200 for Jack's Baskets at our NW District Spring Meeting. She also expressed appreciation for our help in assembling **172 "Rock the Socks" packages** after the district board meeting. These will be used as a fundraiser for the charity to promote the awareness of World Down Syndrome Day on 3/21. We are making a difference in supporting the Down syndrome community.

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



# Tallulah Falls School

Amy Atkinson

Tallulah Falls School Twin Rivers Challenge will take place on October 25, 2025. The eleventh annual cycling and running event welcomes participants of all levels for a day of fitness, fun and community spirit. The scenic course winds through the beautiful North Georgia mountains, offering breathtaking views along the Tallulah and Soque rivers. Since this event takes place at the same time as the Northwest District Fall meeting, please consider going to the school website at <https://tallulahfallsschool.factsmgtadmin.com/give/> and becoming a sponsor!

## Lipscomb Society

Amy Atkinson

### Lipscomb Cottage Holiday Events



#### **Christmas Decoration Day, Saturday, November 1, 2025, 10:00 AM**

Join us at Lipscomb Cottage as we decorate for the holidays! Activities include hanging wreaths and garlands, trimming the tree, and adding outdoor décor. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP if you plan to join us so we can plan accordingly.

#### **Lipscomb Christmas Open House, Wednesday, December 17, 2025, 3–5 PM**

Hosted by the Lipscomb Society and GFWC Georgia Executive Committee, this drop-in celebration honors Tallulah

Falls School faculty and staff. Enjoy festive food, fellowship, and door prizes!

#### **We Need Your Help!**

Clubs are asked to donate door prizes, valued between \$10 - \$15 for the Lipscomb Cottage Open House. Popular items include gift cards from Chick Filet, Racetrac, Dunkin, Quick Trip, McDonalds or sweet treats, holiday decor or kitchen gifts like cutting boards, tea, or coffee. Be creative! Clubs are asked to bring donations of door prize items to the Fall District Meeting or contact Amy Atkinson to arrange for pick up.

## 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)

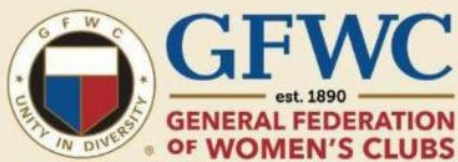
Cards were sent to:

Nancy Gerbe's family and to Cartersville WC in memory of Nancy Gerbe.

Lafayette Woman's Club for the passing of Joanne Garmany,

Thinking of you cards to Becky Bolden, Brenda Worley, Deborah Landress, Ruthann Sherman and Jeannette Coody. A birthday card was also sent to Jeannette Coody as she turned 103 years old last month.

## Communications & Public Relations



[Your Club Name Here]

# CUSTOMIZE WITH YOUR GFWC CLUB

**P**resent a united and stylish front with a customized GFWC club logo. As many of you are aware, our recent rebranding initiative started with the intention of bringing all GFWC entities under one recognizable umbrella to elevate its profile nationally. In so doing, the first phase of the GFWC Rebrand campaign involved the redesign of our primary logo, which includes the Emblem, acronym, full name spelled out, and year of founding. As one of the longest standing women's organizations in the world, we wanted to share the long legacy of service GFWC members have provided by highlighting our founding date in our new logo.

In the spring of 2024, the second phase of the campaign was rolled out for GFWC Regions and GFWC States. Those 58 organizations now have consistent branding available to unite them under one larger organizational look. But this was just a step along the way.

The third and final step of the GFWC Rebranding campaign is the same GFWC logo with the recognizable Emblem for use at the club level. Until now, clubs have created their own logos. While each club still has the individual freedom to use their historic logo we hope that many of you will join us in establishing a cohesive and consistent look to all GFWC materials.

By using coordinated branding at all levels of GFWC we build recognition locally and internationally. It makes it easier to connect clubs around the world to each other and to our work as a whole organization. We are proud to offer an easy and simple way for clubs to produce their own GFWC logo through Canva, an online, free, design platform.

For questions about the GFWC Rebrand, please email the Communications Department at [PR@GFWC.org](mailto:PR@GFWC.org).

**CUSTOMIZE WITH YOUR CLUB NOW**



Visit <https://bit.ly/CustomClubLogo> to open the GFWC Custom Club Logo Template on Canva. Insert your club's official name inside the brackets on each page. When you're finished select "Share" and click on the pages you would like to download. Make sure to save the logos in a place where club members have easy access to them!

#### Remember these tips:

- Keep the font size used on the template
- Capitalize Each Word. Do Not Use ALL CAPS Unless It Is On Your Official Club Charter.
- If Your Club Name Is Longer Than 30 Characters, Use Two Lines.
- Using GFWC In Front Of Your Name Is Not Necessary In This Format.
- Be aware that users cannot download transparent background files unless they are Canva Pro users. Free for nonprofits that have their own Tax ID, you must register using your individual club name, not GFWC National.

## Legislative & Public Policy

Darlene Kimes

The NW District Legislative Chair assisted the state co-



chairs (Lois Wolfe and Brenda Price) in facilitating the GFWC GA Institute Legislation and Public Policy Session on August 16, 2025, in Macon, GA. Efforts continued to focus on signing up members for the GFWC Legislative Action Center, a powerful tool to alert members to GFWC's public issues and advocacy efforts. Track bills, contact your local representative and take action on issues germane to GFWC. The LAC is open ended with three suggestive ways for Club presidents to sign up members to accomplish goals.

1) Appoint a club Legislative chair (LC) or member from the Civic Engagement Committee to implement legislative actions recommended by the District and State Chairs. 2) Instruct and sign up members at monthly meetings. and notify (LM) when signed ups are confirmed (receive points) 3. Include the legislative action center

LINK <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/xby93q9> in weekly or monthly newsletters, have club members notify or email (LM) when they have successfully signed up.

Legislative and Public Policy Spotlight Club Projects:

Kudos to the following clubs who were spotlighted at GFWC GA Institute on August 16, 2025, for their Legislative and Public Policy Projects: Dunwoody Woman's Club - Advocated for more Animal Shelters by working with local commissioners. Their efforts will help DeKalb County decide to expand their current facility that will accommodate an additional 26 animals. Morrow Civic Woman's Club -Increased their Advocating Power for an increase in funding for domestic violence victim services and support of SB 324, a victim-centered address confidentiality bill. They wrote letters and took them to their representatives on Stand with Survivors Day at the Capitol. Stone Mountain Woman's Club – Held Mini Legislative Action Center Classes in January and broaden their classes to include the introduction of the Legislative Ladder. They used various methods such as the use of whiteboards, registration tables after meetings, and lunches. They also discuss health and wellness projects such as the Alzheimer's Project Act. They also reached out to two state legislators to join GFWC Legislative Action Center.

Reminders: Advance (Early Voting) October 14-31, Absentee Ballot Request Deadline: October 24, Tuesday, November 4th Municipal Election (local city and county races and a Special Election for the Public Service Commission. Advance Early voting Runoff November 24-28.

## You Made the 2025 GFWC Convention Unforgettable!

To my North West District Peeps - I really can't thank you enough for all your hard work on the 2025 GFWC Convention — it was a huge success, and it simply could not have happened without you!

The North West District came through in a big way. A special thanks to The Atlanta Woman's Club for donating the use of their stunning clubhouse — and to Peggy Pruitt and her club members for their generous hospitality.

To Julie Bates, Barb, and Cindy Tisdale and members of Marietta Woman's Club— your creativity and dedication were unmatched. From spending countless hours on beautiful floral arrangements and hands-on floral classes to dressing up and transporting 65 large diaper cakes — your work was above and beyond.

To every onsite volunteer and attendee from Atlanta, Cartersville, Dallas, Dunwoody, Sandy Springs, Roswell Cares, and Marietta — thank you for showing up, giving your time, and spreading joy throughout the weekend.

To those who helped make, donate, and deliver diaper cakes and sashes —Acworth, Atlanta, Buchanan, Cartersville, Chickamauga, Dallas, Calhoun, Dunwoody, LaFayette Woman's Club, LaFayette Juniors, Marietta, Sandy Springs, Roswell Cares Service League — you made this project a true team effort. Whether you crafted, donated supplies, offered support, or simply encouraged others, your impact was felt.

Every single club had a hand in this initiative — and it showed. We made sure Georgia shined



bright! The GFWC International President said it was one of the best conventions she's ever seen. That's because of YOU.

Here are a few photos that Tina put together — I've added music to highlight just how thankful I am; the song says it all.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for EVERYTHING.

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## Atlanta Woman's Club



The Atlanta Woman's Club has had a busy late Spring and Summer. We do not meet for our regular meetings in July and August but we remain actively doing the work of our club. All of our CSPs have all been busy with their many projects and activities as well as many planning meetings as needed.

We were very honored to host the International GFWC Board Dinner in June at our historic home, the Wimbish House. It was a great event. I enjoyed meeting each of the attendees and

celebrating with our club sisters from near and far.

We recently held our Seeded Event fundraiser for another 501c3 organization Synchronicity. It was a great success with several mini plays happening at one time. Everyone was very impressed with the group and appreciative of the Atlanta Woman's Club for our guidance and implementation of this event. All funds raised will be given back to Synchronicity after expenses are deducted.

Peggy Pruitt, President of The Atlanta Woman's Club



On Saturday, May 24, Atlanta Woman's Club members participated in a Community Engagement & Outreach project - Feed the Hope Breakfast. They prepared and served breakfast to approximately sixty unhoused guests. After our service project, we had brunch at Snooze in Midtown.



Members of the Atlanta Woman's Club Snippets met in September to snip the blooms at the International World Peace Rose Garden (IWPRG). AWC has partnered with this organization for 10 years! The blooms are snipped every two weeks between May & December. This lovely garden commemorates Dr. Martin Luther King's & Coretta Scott King's legacy and commitment to world peace through nonviolence!



The members of the Civic Engagement and Outreach CSP volunteered at the site of the future Compassionate Atlanta park adjacent to Wallers Coffee Shop in Decatur. Club members created inspirational signs that will be hung throughout the park.

The park was created by Compassion Atlanta to give parents and caregivers with small children a place to be able to participate in community events and, along with Waller's Coffee Shop, to be a gathering place for local non-profit groups and events.



This year, the BWC has been working on strengthening our relationship with Our House, a thrift store in neighboring Cedartown that owns and operates a shelter that provides a temporary safe house for victims of domestic violence and their children. It gives them the support necessary to move toward healthy life choices, along with legal advice, counseling, and referral services. For our Day of Service project, we donated 14 sets of fresh new bedding for the shelter, for which they were most grateful.

We are also becoming more involved with the Countryside Health Center here in Buchanan, where once a month we conduct a series of BINGO games for the residents. We recently became aware that this facility does not provide personal care items like shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste etc., and not all of the residents have family or friends to supply these things, so we have begun to include these and other useful items in our BINGO gift bags.

On October 2nd, quite a few of our members will be involved in pulling and preparing several hundred pounds of pork for the October 3rd annual BBQ to benefit the beautiful Buchanan Library that our Club was instrumental in establishing in 2003. This task is always a lot of fun, and I can't wait to get started!

Great job Ladies!

Paula Levitt, Buchanan Woman's Club President

## Calhoun Woman's Club



The Calhoun Woman's Club had the pleasure of hosting a Spring Tea for the ladies at Morning Pointe Assisted living and Memory Care. The ladies were given party favor hats to wear while having assorted teas. Finger sandwiches and desserts were served. We were able to visit and spend time with these sweet ladies. The director, told us our event had the most attendance of all the events they had.

All residents took home door prizes after the event. It was so much fun! The ladies were so

special we are looking forward to another tea in the Spring. It was a wonderful way to spend the afternoon.

Barbara Burgess, President  
Calhoun Woman's Club



## Cartersville Woman's Club



Since the Spring, the Cartersville Woman's Club has been actively engaged in a variety of community service projects through our Community Service Programs (CSPs).

### **Arts and Culture CSP**

- Members gathered at a member's home for a rock painting party to support Climb, a nonprofit organization focused on prenatal and post-natal mental health. Over 50 rocks were painted for distribution at their Family Day Event to raise awareness.
- Several members attended a Bunco fundraiser benefiting Climb.
- Members and their families also supported Climb by dining at Texas Roadhouse during a fundraiser where 10% of proceeds were donated.
- Our club is currently selling Christmas Tree art pieces as a fundraiser. The trees include framed three-dimensional designs, painted and jeweled pieces, cone-shaped "Grinch" trees, and costume jewelry creations.

### **Health and Wellness CSP**

- The club hosted a "Hydration Challenge" for members from August through September. Members who drank at least 64 ounces of water per day for 24 consecutive days were entered into a \$50 drawing, which was awarded at the September membership meeting.

### **Environment CSP**

- Members refreshed the garden and flowerbed area of a local nursing home by donating and planting flowers and greenery. Some plants were purchased while others were shared from members' personal gardens.

### **Civic Engagement and Outreach CSP**

- Members volunteered at the Cartersville Public Servants Appreciation Lunch, serving Police, Fire, EMTs, Veterans, and other public workers. Our club also supplied homemade desserts and cookies for the event.

### **Membership**

- At our September membership meeting, we welcomed two guests. Each received a gift bag containing items that represented all five CSPs. Our Membership Chairman shared the history of the Cartersville Woman's Club and explained how we connect to the Northwest District, GFWC Georgia, and GFWC International.

The Cartersville Woman's Club is proud of our continued work in the community and grateful for the opportunity to support our district and state federation.

Sheryl Vaught, President  
Cartersville Woman's Club

## **Dallas Woman's Club**



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

Happy fall ya'll! We are at the end of a very long summer and a hot one if I may say!  
Our club is very busy this fall with many events to attend and many new people to meet!

We began our summer with our May Tea. This was very well attended and very well put together. The tables were beautiful, our vendors were awesome, and our giveaways were the best ever! The Club managed to raise donations totaling over \$18,000 at this event. We ended our club's monthly meetings with our May meeting, and took two months off. Though we were still busy during the summer, our members enjoyed it and

got right back to work in August!

Below is how our early fall shaped up, but some of the activities we participated in before that included: collecting snacks and supplies for the Child Advocacy Center, collecting stuffed animals for children of soldiers at Fort Benning, selling spirit wear with the club logo, appointing an ESO chair, volunteering at the GFWC International Convention, and packing lunches to be delivered to children while they are out of school.

I am so incredibly happy for all our committees chairman for all the events they are able to pull together for our community. Please know you are more than welcome to join us, and thank you all for your support.

September 6-7, 2025--Paulding Meadows Arts & Crafts Festival. The event consisted of over 225 exhibitors with various crafts and 16 vendors with homemade food to sell. Our DWC group managed the Coke and popcorn booth and handled exhibitor applications and space assignments.

September 20, 2025-- DWC House Party 2:00-6:00 pm to collect donations supporting Shepherd's Rest Shelter and DFACS Sexual Assault Program. The range of donations are from gift cards from local businesses and monthly donations for operating expenses to non-perishable foods, paper products, etc.!

September 27, 2025-- National Day of Service for us was "STUFF THE CRUISERS" day. We had donation drop-offs located at our local sheriff's office and city police departments in Paulding County. We encouraged everyone to donate small stuffed animals to assist law enforcement officers with children who are caught in the middle of domestic or sexual abuse as a way of giving them comfort in a time of need.

September (all month) we collected slightly used or inexpensive new Halloween costumes to distribute through the areas in our community where many children's parents would not be able to purchase them. They will be distributed through the local DFACS office.

October 2, 2025--trip for club members to Tallulah Falls School to tour the campus and visit the State office.

We are publishing a cookbook! Through the summer we collected over 350 recipes from current, recent and long ago members, and added personal and historical tidbits of

information for each contributor. Ordering information is on our website ([dallasgawomansclub.org](http://dallasgawomansclub.org)).

Work on our 104-year-old clubhouse continues, and of course there's fundraising for the construction. Legacy bricks are available for order on our website. We would LOVE for other GFWC clubs to place bricks on our clubhouse grounds bearing the names of our sister clubs!

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the Fall NW District Membership meeting on October 25, 2025 at 9:45 AM at First Baptist Church in Dallas!

Deborah Landers  
Dallas Woman's Club President





**FILL THE CRUISER: TOYS OF COMFORT**

HELP THE DALLAS WOMAN'S CLUB HELP OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT BY FILLING THE CRUISERS WITH STUFFED ANIMALS AND FIDGET TOYS

DAYS OF SERVICE COLLECTION DATES:  
9/6/2025 THROUGH TO 10/11/2025

**COLLECTION SITES:**

- PAULDING COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
- DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT
- HIRAM POLICE DEPARTMENT
- BRASWELL MT. POLICE DEPARTMENT

**CONTACT:**  
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## Dunwoody Woman's Club

Members of the Dunwoody Woman 's Club have been busy over the summer and into the fall season!

Jo Ann Kostkan  
President of the Dunwoody Woman's Clubs



Our Education and Libraries CSP held a ribbon cutting ceremony at Hightower Elementary School to unveil the Book Vending Machine purchased by the club. Students earn tokens to place in the machine to "buy" their favorite



Environment hosted an event where members made tote bags for low-income families who pick up food at Malachi's Storehouse Food Bank. The bags were made from cotton tee shirts brought by



Members competed at Health and Wellness' Golden Olympics which benefits the Special Olympics. Events included the hula hoop, golf putting, bubblegum blowing, lawn darts, ball bouncing, and other fun



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members and will serve as replacements for plastic grocery bags harmful to the environment.

events. A \$5 entry fee was collected per participant plus any "sponsorship" money raised from family and friends. The grand prize winner received a trophy and Olympic ribbon.



Civic Engagement and Outreach decorated a car and truck for Dunwoody's Fourth of July parade. The theme was "Red, White, and Dunwoody." Members marched in their cowboy hats and bandanas passing out bracelets and candy to the crowd.



Our Evening Division hosted a "Rock Your Socks" service project to benefit Down Syndrome Association of Atlanta. Mismatched socks were packaged by members and given to the organization for their upcoming fundraiser.



Arts and Culture, together with Membership, sponsored a workshop on how to make Japanese Ikebana floral arrangements. In addition to her own arrangement, each member made additional ones to take to those not able to attend monthly meetings and in need of some cheer. This joyful event means so much to all involved!

## Lafayette Woman's Club

The LaFayette Woman's Club is busy Making a Difference in our Community. The Club has 48 Members, 2 Junior Members, and 43 Juniorette Members.

The Junioresettes are participating in the LaFayette Homecoming Parade next week and planning their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sadie Hawkins Dance in February.

The LaFayette Woman's Club is preparing for our Annual Veterans Day program on November 11, 2025. The Junioresettes will be participating.

The Club is working daily on this year's LaFayette Reindeer Run. The race is Saturday, December 6, 2025. The proceeds from the race fund LaFayette High School Female Scholarships, an annual Public Service high school scholarship, HOBY, Perfect Attendance awards, the Juniorette Club, and the Shop with a Cop and Firefighter Christmas Program. You can donate on our website, [www.lafayettewomansclub.org](http://www.lafayettewomansclub.org).

Rachel Willeford, President

## Marietta Woman's Club

Summer 2025 activities for Marietta Woman's Club were:

**1. Arts and Culture.** We participated in the month long, Arts at the West Cobb Avenues shopping center event that was held July 8 – August 2. This art event, provides a pop-up gallery of national juried art exhibits, artisan market, live music and dance performances, art demonstrations, book readings and more, free to the public. Club members set up a window display advertising our Club, that remained at the shopping center for the month. We furnished the children's reading and



crafting room with a "BUG" theme. Our Club President attended the opening reception. Club members hosted two children's book readings and provided crafts for the kids.

**2. GFWC Georgia Institute and LEADS**, Aug 15-18 – Cindy Tisdale represented our club as an administrator at LEADS.

**3. Special Friends at North Cobb Regional Library**. August 21 – We had a special request from the library management to help out on with an unscheduled Special Friends meet-up at the library. Club members stepped up at the last minute to help with the book reading, crafts and snacks.

**GFWC September Day of Service**. A planning meeting was held in August with LiveSafe Resources. Founded in 1917, LiveSafe Resources (formerly the YWCA of Northwest Georgia) is committed to providing safety and healing to those impacted by domestic violence and sexual assault within our

community. They provide emergency shelter, transitional housing, counseling, legal advocacy, a 24- hour crisis line and many other services to empower those they serve to rebuild their lives. A partnership was formed, resulting in the day of service becoming a month of service.

- MWC will provide decorations for a September fund raising fashion show for the facilities.
- A dozen business suits were collected and donated to the woman's shelter for their clients to wear to court appearances and interviews.
- Toys were collected and donated for the children's play room.



MWC initiated a clothing drive to take place during the month of September to fill a need for children's school clothes. Club members called on our on-going partnership with Cobb County Libraries to place signage, collection bins and flyers in library lobbies. The library system is advertising the clothing drive on their county-wide website. Two deliveries of new and gently used clothing and shoes were delivered in the first two weeks of the month.

#### **North Cobb Regional Library Programs:**

- Our Club continues to support the Special Friends Meet up Group with a monthly story time, crafts and snacks and a Christmas Party in December. "Special Friends" is a regularly scheduled social hour at the library for teens and adults with low cognitive abilities who have aged out of the school system programs.

- We will participate in the October Library Trunk or Treat afternoon decorating a car trunk in a Crayon Theme. Club Members will dress as Crayons as they pass out packs of crayons, library book marks and coloring books.

- Marietta Woman's Club will provide a Santa and Mrs. Clause for the Cocoa and Cookies with Santa library day. Additionally, club members will host a crafting table.

Joyce Broughton, President

## **Roswell Cares Service League**

Roswell Cares: Summer & Fall Service  
Highlights

September: This month, we'll be delivering another round of First Night Kits to Wellspring



Living as part of our International Day of Service project. At a recent meeting, members gathered to assemble the kits, each one packed with essential hygiene items to support someone on their first night in a shelter.

We're also collecting clothing for The Drake House and have partnered with a local tavern to host a donation drive. This collaboration is not only a great way to gather needed items but also a wonderful opportunity to promote our club and engage the broader community.

Last month, we wrote 40 heartfelt birthday cards and crafted 75 pocket hugs to tuck inside—each sealed with a cheerful sticker—for local nursing home residents. Many of these seniors rarely receive visitors or cards, so we wanted to ensure they felt remembered, celebrated, and loved on their special day.

We also adopted a road! Our sign will be up soon, and during our first clean-up, we uncovered everything from shoes to a baseball bat—plenty of material for Tessa to spin a spontaneous and imaginative story! This project aligns beautifully with our mission of giving back, while also fostering camaraderie among members, increasing our visibility, and encouraging community volunteerism. Plus, it's helping to keep Roswell clean and beautiful!

In July we had a blast spreading joy at Scottish Rite with music bingo and crafts for the kids and their families. Music truly lifts spirits—everyone was singing along, laughing, and enjoying the activity. It's such an easy and rewarding project!

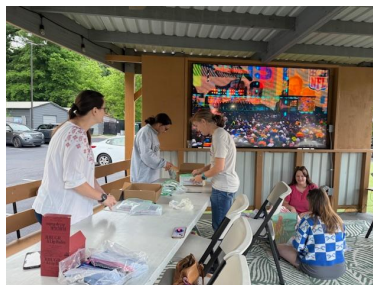
Here's how:

- ☐ Create a playlist on Spotify (or your favorite music app)
- ☐ Use [myfreebingocards.com](https://myfreebingocards.com) to make your own music bingo cards—up to 30 different PDFs per game!

June: In June, four Roswell Cares members proudly volunteered at the GFWC Convention, representing our club and lending helping hands wherever needed. We met the girl scout troop leading and invited her to join our club and she did!

April-May: In early April, we served as Recycling Ambassadors at the Alive at Five Festival, helping guide attendees on where to properly recycle cups, cans, and bottles. We even sorted items into the correct bins ourselves! It was a gorgeous day, and between shifts, we enjoyed the fun and festive atmosphere.

Tessa Turner, President



## Journey with the Juniors

Tina Neese, Junior 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President/Director of Junior Clubs Elect



Friends, Fellow GFWC Georgia members, and esteemed guests,

“The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step”. These words resonate deeply with me as I stand here today, reflecting on the incredible journey we embark on together with the GFWC Georgia Junior Conference. It’s a journey of service, of growth, and of forging connections that span miles and lifetimes.

Think about it. Each project we undertake, each volunteer hour we dedicate, each fundraising event we organize, is a single step. That first step might be a small one – a phone call to a local shelter, a brainstorming session for a new initiative, or simply attending our first meeting. But that single step, that initial commitment, sets us on a path of profound impact.

Just like any long journey, ours is not always smooth. We encounter challenges. We face setbacks. There are moments when we might feel overwhelmed by the magnitude of the needs we aim to address. But it’s in these moments we draw strength from each other. We remember the purpose that unites us. We recall that every step, no matter how small, contributes to the larger goal.

Our journey with the GFWC Georgia Junior Conference is a journey of discovery. We discover our potential to make a difference. We discover the power of collective action. We discover the joy of giving back to our communities. We discover the beauty of our sisterhood and the unwavering support of fellow members.

We are not just a group of individuals; we are a network of passionate women, each bringing unique skills and perspectives to the table. We are a force for positive change, tackling issues ranging from education and literacy to environmental stewardship and domestic violence prevention awareness.

Look around you. You see women who are dedicated to making a tangible difference. You see women who are committed to empowering others. You see women who are ready to take that next step, together.

And, what are those steps? They might be:

- Stepping up to lead a new project, sharing your talents and vision.
- Stepping out of your comfort zone to advocate for a cause you believe in.
- Stepping in to support a fellow member, offering a helping hand or a listening ear.
- Stepping forward to embrace new ideas and explore innovative solutions.

And, the GFWC Georgia Junior Conference provides us with the platform, the resources and the support to take these steps. It empowers women of all ages, races, and statuses to turn our passion into action, our ideas into reality.

This journey is not about reaching a destination; it’s about the transformation that occurs along the way. It’s about the lives we touch, the communities we strengthen, and the friendships we build.

So, let us continue to take those steps, one by one, together. Let us embrace the challenges and celebrate the successes. Let us remember that every step counts, and that together the Junior Conference can make a difference that truly lasts.

Let our journey with the GFWC Georgia Juniors be a testament to the power of one step, multiplied by the dedication and passion of many. We grew in numbers last year and will continue to grow with this dedication and passion.

For the 2026-2028 administration, I have chosen the theme: Journey with the Juniors.

My guiding quote is “The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step.”

I invite you to join this powerful journey in 2026-2028. If you would like to be a part of this journey, please reach out to me. I would love to have you join the junior conference board! I love traveling, animals, exploring, seeing new places, and being on a GFWC Georgia Junior Journey that will take us in many directions.

The Junior Special Project will be “Happy Tails Ahead” with an emphasis on pet rescue and animal welfare. We will journey with our furry friends these two years along with some fun tales!

The Junior Tallulah Falls School Special Project will continue to emphasis animals. It is “Happy Trails Ahead” and will be supporting fellow member Dinah Peevy’s school equestrian program by funding two horse carts needed for exhibitions. I am excited for us to make a difference with Happy Tails and Trails!

As part of the Journey with the Juniors, I also invite you to participate in a mission style trip with Incoming President Peggy Wilson and myself. All members, juniors and women’s clubs, are invited to attend with us February 2027 and February 2028! A flyer is available for you today (or each club president).

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to serve GFWC Georgia and the GFWC Georgia Junior Conference. I am truly honored and look forward to it! Please also reach out to me if you have any questions.



# Journey with the Juniors!

You're Invited to an Unforgettable Trip!

Join 2026-2028 GFWC Georgia Director of Junior Clubs Tina Neese and GFWC Georgia President Peggy Wilson for the trip of a lifetime!

This isn't just a trip; it's a journey with meaning. Make memories and strengthen your bonds with fellow GFWC members while supporting important charities. This is a special opportunity to have fun together, build great friend-ships, and make a real difference.

#### Trip Highlights:

**St. Jude Walk:** Participate in a walk to support St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

**Wear Red:** Show your support and raise awareness for a great cause.

**Bingo Blast:** A night of fun and games with fantastic prizes.

**Serve with Sisters on Shore:** Volunteer together and give back to the global community.

And that's just a few highlights! Come chart a trip with meaning and experience the joy of service alongside your GFWC sisters!

We can't wait to SEA you there!

## Feb 1-5, 2027

4 Nights from Port Canaveral  
from \$719.49 per person

## 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!

- [September 2025 Newsletter](#)
- [Summer 2025 Newsletter](#)
- [May Connections](#)
- [April Connections](#)



# North West District Meeting Schedules

## **Fall 2025**

### **Membership Meeting - Venue First Baptist Church Dallas, GA – 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. Calhoun

## **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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