



CSP Announcements: At our recent Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting – our District CSP chairs and advancement areas presented some wonderful tips that I offered to share with everyone.



**District Arts CSP Chair: Sara Keys –sara.m.keys@gmail.com**

Sara reported that during reporting season, Arts CSPs are asked to collect items for student youth art contests. These items are collected during the reporting season, but sometimes not returned until 3 months after receiving the artwork after the judging has taken place. Teachers/Students don't care to have their item gone for a long period of time, it would be nice to extend the deadline in which to collect the items. Sara will call the State to discuss and will report back to us.



**District Conservation CSP Chair – Kathy Hanna - kak1941@aol.com**

Kathy Hanna discussed the importance of planting pollinator plants and handed out the below Plant List. Plant List for pollinators – Please remember you need to think host plants for caterpillars as well as flowers for nectar. Flat flowers are great for bees and red flowers are big attractions. Some ideas for each season are listed below and this is a good time to plan with all of the great plant catalogs that should be coming to your home soon. Sit down on a rainy day and “dream” of what your garden could be. These are a few ideas

- **Winter:** Daphne, Lenten Rose, Winter Witch Hazel, Camellias
- **Spring:** Daffodils, Azalea, Japanese Magnolia, Flowering Trees (Redbud, Dogwood, Cherry) Rhodendron, Bulbs
- **Summer:** Buddleia, Wisteria, Tea Olive, Native and ever blooming Azaleas, Gardenia, Day Lily, Flat Bloom Perennials (Black-Eye Susan, Cone Flowers, Daisy) Annuals, Parsley, Rosemary and herbs, Southern Magnolia, Passion Flower, Abilia, Hydrangea.
- **Fall:** Abilia, Pyracantha, all Hollies, Tea Olive (mime bloom 2x), Mahonia, some succulents. This is the season that a local bee keeper says we lack food for the bees.



**District Education CSP Chair– Julie Bates - jrbates1000@aol.com**

Julie provided a few reminders for us. Remember that PI Day is approaching fast. She would like to remind our members to try to plan a few activities to support this event. For those who don't remember the date, it is March 14 – you know 3.14!

Another reminder – Please don't forget to purchase dictionaries for the students in your local schools. Please get involved in a literacy program and support HOBY.

Last, but not least – she quoted Benjamin Franklin: “An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.” And one more by Albert Einstein: “Education is what remains after one has forgotten what one has learned in school.”



**District Home Life CSP Chair – Judine Heard – heardjudine@hotmail.com**

Judine reported that the State Home Life CSP has a new Facebook. You can find Home Life's facebook by visiting: <https://www.facebook.com/GFWCGeorgiaHomeLife> or visiting our new website: <https://gfwcgeorgia.org/> then go to Club Resources Tab – there you will find all CSP websites and facebook pages.



**District Public Issues CSP Chair – Patty Hosea – reported by Amy Atkinson.**  
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- Identify Theft: Place security freezes and fraud alerts.

You can shut out ID thieves before they cause damage by placing a security freeze on your credit reports at all three major credit bureaus: Equifax ([www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com)); Experian ([www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com)); and TransUnion ([www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com)). It will prevent anyone from looking at your credit report except for the companies that already have a financial relationship with you, certain government agencies such as the IRS. To sign up for one, go to each bureau's home page and look for the security freeze link.

- Review all your personal data files  
Check your credit periodically for items that you don't recognize – such as accounts, judgments, liens, collections, bankruptcies, and other possible footprints of identity theft – and dispute all erroneous and fraudulent information. Under the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act, you're entitled to one free copy of your credit report every year from each of the big three credit bureaus. Stagger your requests so that you'll get your file from one of them every four months.
- You should order your free reports at [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com). You're also entitled to an additional free report from each bureau whenever you plan an initial fraud alert on your credit report.
- Stop unsolicited credit-card offers  
Stop unsolicited credit offers. Stop credit bureaus from selling your name to lenders by going to [www.optoutprescreen.com](http://www.optoutprescreen.com) or calling 888-567-8688. Also stop financial institutions you may already have a relationship with from "selling" your information, it is your right under the law.
- Respond Rapidly. If you suspect you've been a victim of identity theft, act quickly. Immediately contact your creditors and financial institutions to report unauthorized charges or debits, and close any compromised accounts. Place fraud alerts and security freezes, and get your credit reports from all three credit bureaus so you can review them for irregularities. File a report with the FTC - Report ID Theft to the Federal Trade Commission at 877-ID-Theft or online at [www.ftc.gov/idtheft](http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft)

**Regarding Public Issues – Cecelia Westbrook** mentioned that she knows about a wonderful speaker, Tracy Reece, who is a Safety Office for Children – her contact info is: Traci Reece - 423-595-1142 or by email [tracinreece@gmail.com](mailto:tracinreece@gmail.com). She mentioned that Tracy also knows Liz Head in case we want Liz to speak on the Yellow Dot program. She also mentioned Liz Head info for State Yellow Dot. Georgia's Yellow Dot Program is a free program that may help save your life. When seconds count, make sure first responders have the information they need.

The Yellow Dot program is free to residents and comes with a yellow dot sticker to be placed in the bottom left corner of a vehicle's rear window. That sticker will notify emergency responders of a yellow folder in the glove compartment, which will contain vital information if the driver is unable to communicate with first-responders. For more information – please visit: <http://aging.dhs.georgia.gov/yellow-dot-program>  
The program is sponsored by local emergency agencies.

**Cheryl Miller provided us the template on the next page. (Teamwork makes the Dream Work!)**

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In Case of Emergency, Please Call:

- 1)
- 2)

Preferred hospitals:

- 1)
- 2)

ALLERGIES TO:

TAKING MEDS/FOR:



### **District International Outreach Chair – Stacie Janecki**

Stacie provided information about the Bead for Life Nonprofit – It’s Mission: Creating sustainable opportunities for women to lift their families out of poverty by connecting people worldwide in a circle of exchange that enriches everyone. If you’re looking for Valentine’s Gifts – this site has great gift ideas – remember Buy Once Give Twice! Or better yet, your club can assist this charity by requesting a marketplace kit. For more information please follow this link. <http://www.beadforlife.org/shop/collections.html>

**And last**, at the District meeting after hearing about some of the difficulties and gray areas within our reporting processes – it was decided that the North West District would have its own Reporting Committee which will be chaired by our 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Cimi Douglass along with Kathy Hanna, Linda Mote, Stacie Janecki and Karen Clydesdale. This committee will take in suggestions, review all reports and our processes in an effort to come up with solutions and/or work with our State to address these issues at State Institute 2017. If you or any one of your club members have any questions, suggestions, or constructive feedback – please send them on to [cimi.douglass@gmail.com](mailto:cimi.douglass@gmail.com). Thank you!