

# GFWC GA North West District Newsletter

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*United in friendship understanding and devotion...Strengthened by gratitude, compassion and diversity*



*From your President, Karen Clydesdale*



I am a big believer in communication. Effective communication is the building block of an organization. A newsletter is a great way of communicating within an organization. The purpose of this newsletter is to build a sense of community and to strengthen the relationships of the North West District Clubs. I know that some newsletters are more effective than others. To be successful a newsletter needs content that is useful, informative and easy to digest. This is not my newsletter. It is your newsletter. I am hoping that the content will come from you. By sharing what we are doing, our successes and our problems we will all learn from each other and become stronger together. I look forward to hearing from all of you and working together to make the North West District the very best it can be!

*From your 1st VP, Cimi Douglass*

I must admit the Membership position is my all-time favorite position so far in this organization. I love meeting new people; I love to introduce them to what I call "the best kept secret" and, most of all, I love the warm feeling of being connected to a group of women who give of themselves for the greater good.

I truly enjoy making new friends, meeting ladies from around the State, learning about new charities, and that warm fuzzy feeling I get when a project is accomplished and I see the impact it makes on the charity, the person and the community. "Once you've tasted purpose, it hard to go back to normal."



Many clubs struggle to improve their membership growth and retention. At our board and State meetings we search endlessly for ideas to reverse our membership fortune. Unfortunately, there's no silver bullet. To successfully attract and keep members, we must continually remind ourselves membership is one step forward and two steps back. No single "super" idea turns everything around. Our State President's goal is to increase by 10% this year and I want to help you do that. I want to reconnect the disconnected and introduce everyone to "the best kept secret" which is GFWC Georgia clubs. I have lots of ideas and enthusiasm and I'm ready to dive in! I will be reaching out to our club membership chairs and presidents personally in the upcoming weeks. In the meantime, I'm just a phone call or email away – please contact me at [cimi.douglass@gmail.com](mailto:cimi.douglass@gmail.com) or 678-467-1922 if you'd like to get started early.

I look forward to seeing all of you soon and remember "It doesn't matter how slow you grow, if you don't stop." See you at Institute!

## *From your 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Julie Bates*

Thank you to each of you for your time and service to GFWC GA NW District. I hope your summer is going well with fun, family and friends. As the storms come and go, our work is never done. Please keep working hard on all your projects. Your communities need you!

To help you with reporting at the end of the year, here are some helpful tips for tracking your time, talents, and monetary expenditures.



1) **WHAT TO TRACK:** Any service activity that involves two or more club members can be reported as a program.

2) **THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM:** Tell about the activity and describe what you did.

3) **THE AMOUNT OF TIME:** The time spent working on the activity. If not sure, estimate.

4) **TRACK IN-KIND DONATIONS:** In-kind means anything you as a member donated. In-kind donations are an estimated value of the items donated.

5) **TRACK YOUR CLUB DONATIONS:** This amount is taken from your treasurer's report each month. Any monetary donations made to the project or activity that came from the club treasury are club donations. If the club reimburses you, it is a club donation.

I hope to see all of you soon at Institute and at our Fall North West District meeting.

## *Dates to remember*

**July 29 2:00-4:00 pm** The Atlanta WC will sponsor "Songs of Celebration" Tea at the Wimbish House to benefit the Atlanta Music Project. Their mission is to empower underserved youth to realize their possibilities through music. Everyone is invited to attend; tickets are \$75.00. For more online information or to register, the link to the event site is: <https://conta.cc/2Hk5C6Y>

**August 5 7:00 - 9:00 pm** the Lafayette WC members are getting ready for a summer event for new and potential members. They are also helping the Friends of the LaFayette Walker County Library prepare for its annual fundraiser, "Mock Tales".

**August 17 10:00-4:00** GFWC Georgia LEADS at First Presbyterian Church Athens, Ga. Cost is \$30.00 per person and the deadline to sign up is July 11, 2018 (or when registration is full). For more information contact Julie Walters, GFWC Georgia Convention and Meetings Chairman, 706-255-8088 or [jude128@aol.com](mailto:jude128@aol.com)

**August 17-19 Institute** at the Classic Center in Athens. Rooms available at The Classic Center Hyatt. The Call has been sent to all Club Presidents.

*What have we been doing.....share your projects, idea and upcoming events.*

### From Dunwoody Woman's Club



For the last 5 years in celebration of National Garden Week the Conservation CSP organized 29 members to deliver flowers, cookies (donuts, candy, cake) to all the service groups in the 4 towns our members live in. The members have picked groups that they care about and it's not only the CSP chairmen, everyone who wants to can sign up. We deliver in May or June and donations are recorded; we publish in the local paper and, as evidenced by notes we've received, the recipients are pleased and remember. Clubs could do it any time to say thanks. The reports are sent to all the CSPs at the end of June and all

CSPs are represented. It's an easy project that could be done by a club of 3 members and the usual cost is about \$20 per organization (the cost of a nice lunch).



### From LaFayette Woman's Club

The LaFayette Woman's Club members have been "buzzing" around LaFayette and Walker County during the summer months. Club women had a big presence at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual City of LaFayette Honeybee Festival which welcomed over 20,000 people to our town of 7,000!!! On Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, LWC members began the day by serving bikers in the Honeybee Metric Bicycle Ride and then continued serving visitors at the Hospitality Room at the Honeybee Festival. In addition, many LWC members volunteered throughout the festival at booths and even sold their own crafts to the public.

The LaFayette Woman's Club has a proud history of being a part of the LaFayette High School Honors Day each year. This year on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, President Rachel Oesch Willeford, Treasurer Ales Campbell, and Arts Member Sara Keys presented awards at the ceremony. Rachel Oesch Willeford had the privilege of awarding the HOBY scholarship to her daughter, Sarah Beth Willeford. Perfect Attendance Awards and Arts Awards were



also handed out. On Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, club women also continued a tradition of serving Walker County Senior Citizens at the Annual Don Stultz Senior Citizens Day at the Walker County Chamber.

Many thanks to all the clubs in the North West District for their generous support of **HOBY**. A big "Thank You" to Amy Atkinson from the Calhoun WC



and to Myra Carmon and Judine Heard from the Atlanta WC for helping to organize the event and being there to check the students in and provide refreshments. And "Congratulations" to Sarah Beth Willeford, daughter of Rachel Willeford, President of LaFayette WC, on receiving a HOBY scholarship.



### From Cartersville WC

The Cartersville Woman's Club has been an active part of the Bartow Literacy Council since the council's inception. They identified Bartow Family Resources as a good community site for a book house and coordinated with leadership at the organization to work it out. Bartow Family Resources was excited about the idea and supportive of our mission to increase access to books. Kay Boulter of the Cartersville Woman's Club handled all the details, and her husband Gary



designed and built the book house.