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GFWC NORTH WEST DISTRICT



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Upcoming Events

August 27-30
GFWC
Convention at
Marriott Marquis

[Click here for Summer Reminders](#)

September 11
NW District Board Meeting (Zoom)

October 16
NW District Meeting
(Cartersville, Marietta, Calhoun & Acworth, hostesses)

Thoughts & Prayers - Send

President's Message

Hello Friends!

I just returned home from a three-day GFWC Georgia Institute weekend and had a blast. This past weekend was filled with educational workshops, inspiring and funny speakers, inspiration and most of all friendships. I will mention that upon checking in I was taken by surprised when Unicoi asked me to sign a Black Bear Waiver. Shocked, I immediately asked "Where am I?" The cute young lady around 21 years looked at me like I was crazy and said "Ma'am you are at Unicoi State Park." "Yes, I know that" I said, "but did I accidentally book a cabin or yurt in the middle of the woods?" Her response, "we are in the woods ma'am." I laughed, but she went on to say that Black Bears occasionally walk onto the property. Duh! I guess I didn't think about that. And guess what!! A black bear was spotted on the property early Friday morning! Judine Heard mentioned she saw an owl and was surprised by its wingspan. This is what happens when City folks go to the mountains! Nature Happens!



On Friday, Becky Bolden and Diane DeGaetano hosted a wonderful LEADS workshop - it was interactive, educational and a lot of fun.

Thank you to Brenda Worley and Caroline Largent as they welcomed everyone at the registration table spreading smiles and joy to everyone that visited their table while Diane Norris began setting up her table to sell her Sabika Jewelry.

On Saturday beginning at 8:00 a.m. our clubwomen worked together to fill, pack and seal approximately 8,600 meals in one hour! Many hands definitely make light work and our ladies worked harmoniously together to accomplish this task.

During the day members attended various workshops. Julie Bates and Judine Heard presented the Environment presentation that ended with a honey tasting - a sweet treat for sure! And Diane Norris and Sheila Sanchez Vesga presented a Health & Wellness program.

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

On Saturday night we congratulated Diane Norris, winner of the Georgia Jennie June Award. Diane needs no introduction because she is a friend to everyone. If you need a friend or help - Diane always steps up and gracefully takes the lead. She is very dedicated to GFWC Georgia, her club and community. She also loves her family and fur-baby Prissy without limits. She represents our State well and we sincerely wish her the best of luck. We ended Saturday night with an after hours social.

On Sunday morning we attended the junior conference breakfast. Thank you to Amy Milliken and Renee Griffin as they jumped in to help sell fundraising tickets for the juniors.

Quick Links:

[District Yearbook](#)

[GFWC Georgia Yearbook](#)

[CSP Challenges](#)

[125th Monthly Ideas](#)

[Festival of Trees Flyer](#)

[Georgia Craft Teams](#)

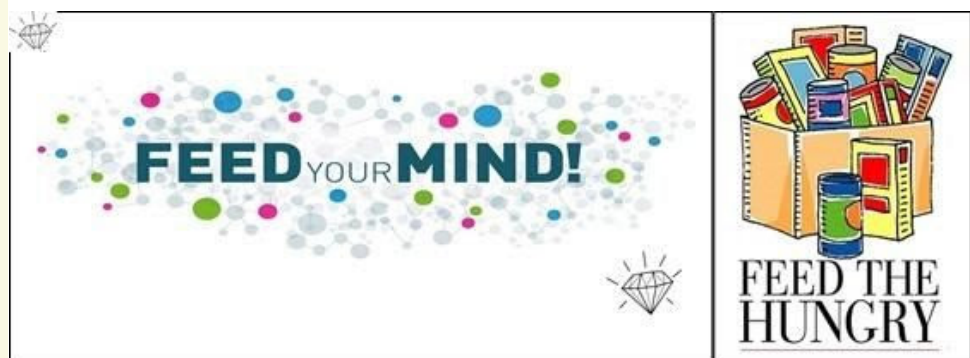
Institute proved to be a wonderful event thanks to President Shelby Holland and her administrative team. A special thank you to Deborah Landress as she gave 150% to help set up conference rooms, lobby areas, silent auction tables and handled IT needs. She does all of this with a big smile on her face. Thank you!

As promised I am sending you a few highlights and information received from Institute along with President's packet to ensure that all members are kept in the loop and connected with our State initiatives and programs. All links are listed below.

And last, please be reminded that our call to the District Meeting will be sent out on September 2nd and our District Newsletter is scheduled to go out September 7th right after Labor Day. If you want to contribute to the newsletter, please send your article to me by Aug. 30th.

As always, I thank you all for your service to your clubs, community and our District. "If our hopes of building a better and safer world are to become more than wishful thinking, we will need the engagement of volunteers more than ever."

Cimi Douglass
2020-2022 North West District President
"Love Grows Here"



Below please find links to the documents collected from the workshops and President's Packet. Some of our members took home their club's President's packet and I mailed out the remainder of the packets to each of our clubs yesterday. Our Presidents should receive their packets this week.

What is a President's packet some might ask? Answer: Each year at Institute, our Community Service Program and Advancement area chairs collect information, brochures and offer additional information or guidance that could possibly help your Club's CSP/AA chairs. You can present some of these fun facts, topics and new challenges to

your club if you choose or at the minimum you hope it will possibly spark new ideas, etc. For example, you will find the Ella document which was sent by the State Chair Barbara Reynolds. Barbara is presenting a new challenge to increase our Ella Fund. Also, the Secretary document is very informative and has sample minutes. There are tons of other educational information included in this packet.

My suggestion is to please review the information and send the appropriate information to your Dean of Programs or CSP chairs – they may want to present some of this information to their committees.

Please know that the State is in the process of editing the videos we collected from some of the CSPS and AA workshops. Once we obtain the videos we will post it on the website. I have also posted all of the below documents on the State's website under the SMILE page. Visit www.gfwcgeorgia.org and click Shelby's logo - it will take you directly to the Institute page.

2021 Institute held at Unicoi State Park

Videos:

- [Tammy Garland - the Psychic](#)
- [Tammy Garland - Her GFWC Journey](#)
- [Diane Norris wins the Jennie June Award](#)

Information and documents handed out at 2021 Institute

- [2021 Institute Program](#)
- [Georgia Online Report Instructions](#)
- [2020 Outstanding Projects Booklet](#) - The booklet is very informative and fun to read. You may see a project that was done last year that your club may want to do this year or it may spark other ideas for your club.
- [Recording Secretary Instructions-Sample Minutes & Helpful Hints](#)
- [Parliamentary Advisor](#)
- [Health & Wellness Packet](#)
- [Environment Packet](#)
- [Civic Engagement Packet](#)
- [2021 Ella F. White District Challenge](#)
- [FARE Letter](#)
- [Legislative Action Center Printout](#)
- [Lipscomb-society-brochure-1](#)
- [20th Anniversary 9-11 Pay It Forward with Good Deeds Campaign](#)
- [ESO and 10 Commandments of a Clubwoman Bookmarks](#)
- [I know quote](#) (a little humor)

Leads Information – a few handouts/activities

- [2021 Leads Budget activity](#)
- [Budget Finance items for to complete worksheet](#)
- [Communications exercise final 8.15](#)
- [HATS OF LEADERSHIP](#)
- [Leaders responsibilities tips](#)
- [Marshmallow Spaghetti Tower](#)
- [To Tell the Truth Game format for LEADERS](#)

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