

HISTORY OF THE GFWC/GaFWC CARTERSVILLE WOMAN'S CLUB 1893-1992

First Chapter

1893-1895

Cherokee Woman's Club

During the Gay Nineties a group women in Cartersville were trying to improve the town, and one of their chief concerns was that the people did not have access to books and reading material. In 1892 this group met to discuss the development of a library. It began with a tea, held above the Young Brothers Drugstore. The price of initial admission was a book and many books were donated. **In 1893 this group organized the first woman's club in the City, which became the Cherokee Woman's Club.**

The objectives of the Cherokee Woman's Club, as stated in the Charter, were to establish a library, to promote the Cause of Fellowship, Education and Charity, and all things that went to the betterment of the community. Judge A. W. Fite granted this Charter in September 1895. The Club became part of the Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs.

In 1896 the Cherokee Woman's Club started a library organization. The City of Cartersville donated a site, at Church Street on the Square next to the City Hall, on which to build the library and their clubhouse. **The original club house was planned as a one-story building. But Mr. A.O. Granger donated the material for an upstairs room to be used for the library and reading room**

The City Fathers appointed a group of seven men to act as trustees. These men were very helpful during the time the clubhouse and library were being completed. Then they turned it over to the women. **The library moved in 1903 from the Young Brothers Drugstore upon completion of the new building. The library was named after the daughter of one of the great supporters of the library, Mary Munford. She died one month after the library was completed.**

1907-1927

An Art Exhibit was held in 1907, with an admission price of ten cents. That year \$137.50 was spent on the library. There was \$28.02 in the treasury for the opening of the 1908 Club Year. During 1908 a stove was purchased for the clubroom at the cost of \$6.50.

In July of 1908 the Cartersville News carried a report made by Miss Jessie Cobb of the meeting of the Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs. It said that our Club owned its beautiful Club Building, free of debt with a membership of 97. It was the Banner Club of the State. They mentioned the park in front of the clubhouse, which had been started by the Club seven years previously. The Club had built a bandstand, had a

flower garden and placed seats in the park. The Munford Library, it stated, was one of the best in Georgia. Many books had been added by Mrs. L.S. Munford.

Outstanding members of the Club that year were: Mrs. Rebecca L. Felton, later became the first Woman United States Senator; Mrs. A. O. Granger, who became a State President of the Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs; and Mrs. W. J. Neel, who for over 25 years served as President of the Baptist Women of Georgia. The librarian was paid \$12.00 per month and \$35.00 was spent for books.

The Seventh District was organized at Calhoun in 1909. The Cherokee Club was one of the five original clubs. The second meeting was held in the Clubroom in August of 1910 and had 14 clubs represented.

In 1912, the Seventh District met at Cass Station Model School. Other clubs in Bartow County were the Kingston History Club and Adairsville Woman's Club. Again, in May 1919 the District met here. Mrs. Sproull Fouche was Cherokee's President. Stilesboro was club by this time.

Mrs. C.B. McGarity organized the Dallas Club in 1920, and went to her first District meeting in 1921 in Marietta. In 1926 Mrs. Garity was elected Seventh District President and held meetings in Rome and Marietta. In 1927 the Seventh District met again in Cartersville. The last minutes available were those of 1927.

1928-1947

Cartersville Service League

Efforts were made during the time 1928 through 1943 to revive the Cherokee Woman's Club. By this time, however, the clubhouse had fallen into disrepair. Mrs. Francis Vaughan was chairman of a duly organized group to restore and repair. The ladies raised money by hostessing afternoon teas. Funds were used to refinish chairs and tables and make red velvet curtains. The efforts to refurbish the building were successful. However, efforts to reactivate the Cherokee Woman's Club were not. About 1942 the Cherokee Woman's Club became inactive.

In 1940 the Cartersville Service League was organized. This group took over many of the responsibilities of the Cherokee Woman's Club. They chose as one of their projects the raising funds for the library. A Junior Board was created and added to the Library Board.

In 1947 the Clubhouse property was offered to the City, but the original Library Charter had not expired. Since the Cherokee Woman's Club owned the library, the City could not accept.

1960-1963

In 1960 the Executive Committee of the Library Board made efforts to secure a new Charter for the library. In 1961 the new Library Charter was granted by Judge J.L. Davis on January 23.

In July 1962 the City of Cartersville offered to purchase the Bill Peeples property on Cherokee Avenue, renovate the house and use it for a Cartersville City Library. This was in exchange for the Cherokee Club Building. This was agreed on July 28, 1962.

The new facility was opened on February 17, 1963. Due recognition was given the Cherokee Woman's Club, Cartersville Service League and others that helped in establishing the library.

****Much appreciation goes to Mrs. Francis Vaughan for invaluable assistance in gathering information for this first chapter on our "History". Credit for much of this information goes to Mrs. C. B. McGarity and Mrs. Vaughan for their recollections, and to Mrs. Vaughan's booklet, "It Took More Than Magic to Create Our Library".**

Second Chapter

1966

Cartersville Junior Woman's Club

The organizational meeting of the Cartersville Junior Woman's Club was held March 31, 1966 with Mrs. Wade Mitchell, Second Vice President of the Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs, conducting the meeting as presiding officer. A temporary chairman, Mrs. Richard Edwards, was elected and the meeting was turned over to her.

At that meeting Ms. Mitchell talked on the benefits of organizing and federating a club in Cartersville. There was also a discussion about Tallulah Falls School. Other state officers and members of other clubs spoke including Mrs. Frances Hobdy, Seventh District President, who spoke on district projects and activities.

There were twenty charter members of the club with Mrs. Art Munn the only charter member, who still an active member.

The Cartersville Junior Woman's Club was federated in June 1966. They immediately became active in all six departments and Tallulah Falls. The Club decided on a permanent location for their meetings. The Club selected the new Civic Center and on the second Thursday of each month to meet. The new Club had been well organized and had a group of enthusiastic members. They had successfully participated in federation and community activities.

1967-1969

Cartersville Woman's Club

In June 1967 the name of the Club changed to the Cartersville Woman's Club.

Flower: Cherokee Rose

Colors: Green and White

Georgia Federation of Women's Club Motto: Wisdom, Justice, Moderation

Nominee for "Young Man of the Year" was Bob Stewart and nominee for Outstanding Young Man of the Year" was Hubert Crane.

Two members attended the State Convention in Atlanta and Institute in Athens. The Club hosted the Seventh District Fall Meeting at the Elk's Club in Cartersville.

The Fine Arts Department was responsible for bringing ballet instructions to Cartersville. Members helped Welcome Wagon with the March of Dimes Campaign. Mrs. Harold Choate was the nominee for "Georgia Mother of the Year".

Learning of an available lot for sale at a reasonable price in 1968 the members pursued the dream of the First Vest Pocket Park in Cartersville. Twelve residents adjoining the property objected to the purchase and the city abandoned the idea. The members did not give up and pursued the original idea. In November of 1969 the Vest Pocket Park was given a six month trial period.

Tickets to Six Flags were sold and proceeds were sent to Tallulah Falls School. Members participated and sponsored Civil Defense training.

The Fine Arts started the creative writing contest for the 5th grades. This was continued each year and was extended to all grades. Cash prizes were given to winners.

Don King was nominee for "Young Man of the Year and the Al Munn Family was the nominee for GaFWC Family of the Year.

Third Chapter

1970-79

In 1970 the first Christmas Tree Lighting was held in the park. This was an annual event for several years. The name changed to Candy Cane Park and the play ground equipment was painted red and white striped.

Mrs. John Adams received the Cartersville Woman of the Year in 1971.

Paper Power started in 1972 with recycling of glass. The first was 4,000 pounds of glass but later extended to recycling of newsprint, colored and clear glass, aluminum cans and plastic. Some months in the early Paper Power Days, newsprint sold for

\$2.00 per pound. Now it is only collected to keep out of the land fills. The recycling of 154,038 pound of newsprint for a total of \$1,489.28 in 1977 to 19,000 pounds in one month with no revenue in 1992.

Mrs. Eldon Ross was the 1973 Outstanding Member of the Year. The Family Picnic, a membership tea and orientation for new members was started in 1973. The Club was involved in the plans to save and restore the deteriorating historical home of the famous evangelist Sam P. Jones. Bartow County bought and now maintains the home, but it is available for rental for functions such as receptions, weddings and meetings.

Apples for the teachers to observe National Education Week became a tradition in 1973 and has continued and expanded to add the Teacher Appreciation Tea and taking sweets to the teachers lounge at the high school for the entire week.

The Fine Arts gave a scholarship which continued for many years. It is now offered to any student through the Etowah Foundation. The Foundation offered matching funds in the beginning, which gave twice as many scholarships. It does not match funds any more.

The Club participated in the Fair Booth 1974-1975, winning first place in 1975. This was the year members participated in the city wide Clean-Up Day. Later the Club joined the Community Clean Commission with one member serving on the Board of Directors. The Club spearheaded the drive for funds for landscaping the Middle School on Etowah Drive.

The Sweet Shoppe continued at the Crow Spring Craft yearly until the Fair ended. The next two years the Sweet Shoppe was opened at the Rose Lawn Craft Fair. However, it was discontinued because of conflict of goods sold. It was a fund raiser that was fun and easy to do. Each member baked cookies, cakes or candy and took a turn selling at the booth.

In celebration of the Nations 200th Birthday, the Club sponsored the Bicentennial Tour of Homes. Proceeds from the tour netted \$1,599.80 of which \$800 was donated to Stilesboro Improvement Club to help restore Stilesboro Academy, a Historical Site in Cartersville. Later in 1981 a framed composite of the sketches of the antebellum homes used in one of the Tour of Homes and historical Sites were presented to the Cartersville Civic Center.

Ron Tomlinson was selected as nominee for "Young Man of the Year" in 1977. Trees were planted and benches were purchased and installed in the courtyard at the High School. The signs of cedar and rock at the Cartersville Elementary and Middle School were designed and at the cost of \$900 installed by the Club. Twelve park benches were purchased by the Club at a cost of \$540. The entrance to Hickory Log School was landscaped and fruit trees were planted. This is a home for retarded men. Breakfast with Santa at McDonald's was started and continued for many years.

The bimonthly visits of the Red Cross Bloodmobile were manned by the Club for many years. One month's proceeds from Paper Power of \$362.80 were donated to the high school for beautification. A new pew was purchased for the Tallulah Falls School Chapel in 1977 with funds from a yard sale.

The biggest project monetarily experienced by the Club was the Peak Power Prevention Project. This was the CIP Project and won First in the State with a \$400 check. It later won first place in Southern Region Territory with a \$2,000 check. It was one of the five best in the United States. This was the most exciting time for Cartersville Woman's Club and the City of Cartersville.

PPP was begun to encourage local residents to reduce their usage (demand) of electricity during the summer months when electrical demand is highest. The City Electric Department installed three power alert lights in three main shopping areas of Cartersville that were turned on when the demand was at its peak. Residents were suppose to stagger their usage of electricity. The project saved the Electrical Department \$25,000 and passed the savings on to the residents. A 20 minute slide presentation with members as participants was made. Tennessee Valley authority purchased seven copies. American Public Power of Washington purchased one copy and the City of Rossville, California purchased one copy. Each sold for \$45 and one was donated to Georgia Cooperative Extension Service and on to the Georgia Federation at their Energy Seminar at Rock Eagle in 1978

Home Life donated \$200 to the Bartow Ambulance Service toward the purchase of a Defibrillator-Cardio scope Unit. They also decorated the Teachers Lounge at the High School, purchasing new furniture and fixtures and painting, for a total of \$336.54.

The film "Shoplifting is a Steal" was shown to two local high schools. The Creative Writing contest, Sweet Shoppe, Art Scholarship and Breakfast with Santa at McDonald's continued.

At Institute in 1978, we learned that Mrs. Shirley McCombs, who was instrumental in beginning the Cartersville Junior Woman's Club and served as on of its presidents, had passed away, a victim of cancer. In memory of Mrs. McCombs, the Club named the Arts Scholarship "The Shirley McCombs Memorial Scholarship" and contributed the first \$200 toward the Scholarship.

In the year 1979-198, a luncheon with Judy Carter, relative to the governor at that time, was a big fund raiser. It was on May 23 at Morrell's Restaurant. **Children's Christmas Corner, a shopping spree for kindergarten through age 12, netted \$1,300.** The PPP Project was still in full swing and keeping the City clean through the Clean Community Commission was a priority.

*****For the first time since the organization of the Cartersville Woman's Club in 1966, Mrs. Frances Burnett undertook and completed the writing of the Club History. (1966-1979) Mrs. Gewene Womack and Mrs. Reva Brady decided the history**

needed to be updated and they began going through old minutes, notes and scrapbooks and completed the years 1980-1992. The history, old and new, was bound and copy donated to the library.

Chapter Four

1980-1989

Thus began the fourth chapter of the History of the Cartersville Woman's Club. National Bible Week was observed. Gifts were donated to the Mayor's Motorcade to Regional Mental Healthy Center. The Fair Booth theme was "We're not Scared to Crow about Bartow's Progress", which won fourth place and a cash prize.

Five benches were donated to the High School courtyard in 1980-1981. Peak Power Prevention, Summer Picnic, Membership Tea, Christmas Party, Creative Writing Contest for 5th grades, Sweet Shoppe were continued. Paper Power Day netted \$877. Christmas Corner with Mrs. Munn as Chairman netted \$1, 489. A donation was sent to Tallulah Falls School to help purchase the new Carillon Bells at the Chapel.

As members began to serve on District and State levels, more members became interested in attending the meetings. In 1981-1982 fifteen members attended the District meeting in March and two members served on the District level.

The third annual Run for Fun with Marie Williamson, chairman, netted \$999 for the Shirley McCombs Scholarship. The Christmas Corner proceeds were \$884 with Mrs. Ann Edmonson as Chairman.

A silver tray to honor Mrs. Art Munn, the only Charter Member in the Club, was presented to the District and was named "The Opal Munn Conservation Award". Mrs. Munn was also the Club nominee for "Georgia Mother of the Year". Honorable mention was received for the Fair Booth entry "The Mind is a Terrible Thing to Waste". Christmas Corner with Mrs. Reva Brady as chairman, had proceeds of \$629. The float in the Christmas parade carried the theme of "Children's Christmas Corner". Mrs. Barry Spradley was the entry in "B&P W Woman of the Year" contest.

Two members served on the Board of the Bartow Alliance for Children and participated in plans toward a children's emergency shelter.

In the year 1983-1984, Mrs. Marie Williamson and Mrs. John Martin shared the "Clubwoman of the Year" award. The fifth Run for Fun proceeds of \$623 went toward two scholarships. Suzie Sunshine was presented to all the kindergarten classes and Ms. Brady chaired the fifth annual Children's Christmas Corner with proceeds of \$2,427.

The Bike-A-Thon proceeds of \$751 were sent to Cystic Fibrosis. 1,261 5th, 7th and 9th graders were screened for scoliosis. Two "Anti-Shoplifting" films were show to 1,320 students.

A Seventh District Reporting Workshop was sponsored in 1984-1985 at the Presbyterian Church in Cartersville. **Christmas Corner proceeds were \$2,557. A donation was given to the fund of a child who needed a kidney transplant.**

International Affairs sponsored a 10th grade student, Tim Chadwick, in the People to People Agricultural Youth Exchange Program. The program had students visit families throughout Europe for six weeks. On his return, he spoke to the Club of his trip. \$1,590 was raised for the trip.

Johnny Shirts were made for the World Medical Relief Program. Members entertained two guests from Amsterdam.

An essay contest for the 4th and 5th Graders on "What Liberty Means to Me" with cash prizes of \$50. This was the Club's participation in the project to restore the Statue of Liberty. Pewter, red, white and blue bookmarks were purchased and given to members and a donation of \$250 was sent for the restoration project.

Woodsy Owl was introduced to 1,519 fifth graders. The Christmas Corner proceeds were \$2,830. The Children's Emergency shelter held it open house with the Club members preparing and serving refreshments.

Another Seventh District Reporting Workshop was hosted by the Club at the First Baptist Church in 1986. Fun raisers, Run for the Fun proceeds of \$1,415 and the Christmas Corner proceeds of \$3,025 were successful events.

In addition to the apples for the teachers, a donation was sent to the Christa McCulliffe American Education Fund in observance of National Education Week.

Members assisted a local doctor in giving free HIB vaccine to 216 Bartow County children and a \$200 donation was given to Bartow County Moderated Care to provide a vacation to Disney World for a resident. The video "Touch" was purchased by the local Dairy-Queen and presented to the Club for showing in the schools.

The years 1986-1988, Mrs. Billy Womack served at the Seventh District President and Mrs. John Martin served as Corresponding Secretary.

Marie Williamson and Brenda Ottinger co-chaired the Run For Fun Road Race and proceeds were \$1,700. Reva Brady and Ann Popham co-chaired the Christmas Corner with proceeds of \$3,458.

A dinner party was given to honor the Consul General of South Easter U.S. for Germany through the International Affairs Department.

The Big Event of the year was the marriage of member, Kimberly Harrison to Walter Young. As a gift from the Club, members prepared and served food for the reception and attended the wedding. It was like getting a new member, Kimberly Young.

A profile of the Cartersville Woman's Club was published in 1988-1989 and given to new and prospective members. The members participated in the county wide effort to clean up Allatoona Lake. **The C I P project was decorating the Community Day Care Center. Christmas Corner served over 700 children with proceeds of \$3,433.**

The year of 1989-1990, Gewene Womack attended the Southern Region Conference in Orange Beach, Alabama and trained for "Living with Chemicals" (CEPUP) program sponsored by Shell Oil Co. Run for Fun was held in September with 205 runners participating from several states. Over 600 children were served at the First Baptist Church annex, the place for Children's Christmas Corner, with proceeds of \$4,434.50. Arts continued with creative writing contest, the poster contest to advertise Christmas Corner, and the Grandma Moses Art competition and two scholarships.

Added to Paper Power Day and the recycling of newsprint, glass, aluminum cans and plastics was the Bag-A-Thon. The city set a day aside to collect garbage with prizes given to the club who collected the largest numbers of garbage. Showers for the Humane Society for dog and cat food was started in that year also.

The Club sent three students to the HOBY Seminar. The Club gave apples for the teachers. Participated in Kids In Kindness Program by adopting a teacher and participated in the Friends of the Library. Dr. Charles Green as the new President of Tallulah Falls School visited the Club. **Kroger tapes were saved for computers for Tallulah Falls and a monthly collection of pocket change was given to the Cottage Fund at the School. The book "Southern Occasions" was donated to all three high school libraries.**

A walk for pleasure and exercise was started and booklet was printed for each member. **The Club sponsored a fashion show for the Pediatrics Ward of Humana Hospital and one for the Etowah Foundation. They collected Scott product UPC symbols for Ronald McDonald House; sold 23 tickets to the "Day at Macy's" for the Arthritis foundation; observed National Bible Week and National Family Week in November and got four churches involved. Members welcomed the new Director of the Boys & Girls Club with a reception and served refreshments. The Club started a cassette library at two nursing homes and provided cassette players.**

Public Affairs supported the Seat Belt Law with a chocolate kiss for those who used seat belts and SUCKER for those who did not use seat belts. They wrote congressmen in support of the Volunteer Act, and attended the unveiling of the original "Coca Cola" sign on Young Brothers Drug Store.

Another International Dinner was enjoyed by members, husband, and friends with recipes from 15 different countries. Foreign language material was donated to Tallulah Falls School.

One of the highlights of the year was the "Over the Hill" party given to honor Evelyn Martin. Members purchased gag presents and enjoyed reminiscing with things that had happened at the presentation of gift.

Chapter Five

1990-1992

The year 1990-1991, Mrs. John Martin served as Seventh District President; Mrs. David Brady served as Corresponding Secretary and Mrs. Billy Womack served as Parliamentarian. Other members serving district level were Frances Hobdy, Awards; Mi'Chele Glass, Arts; Elaine Roberts, Club woman Magazine and Martha Stone, Arts.

Members who served on State level were Gewene Womack, Today's living Division Chairman and Home life Department Chairman; Frances Hobdy, Continuing Education Division and Opal Munn, International Understanding Division. Serving on Tallulah Falls School Board of Trustees were Evelyn Martin and Gewene Womack

Attendance to the District and State Meeting and the Southern Region Conference had become a priority to the members as 14 members attended the District meeting and 9 attended the State meeting. Our own Kimberly Young sang at the District meeting as well as the State meeting. There were not many dry eyes in the audience when she sang "It is Well With My Soul". Kim moved to another state when her husband was transferred, but there are wonderful memories of her attendance in the Club. Five members attended the Southern Region conference in Savannah and eight members attended the Institute in Tifton.

The Summer Social was again at the home of David and Reva Brady with swimming for the children and cooking by the husbands.

The Membership Tea was at the home of Gewene Womack with 15 members and 5 prospective member in attendance of which four joined the club. The video "GFWC, A Past to Remember, A Future to Hold" was shown.

Christmas Corner proceeds netted \$3,000. All members participated in the event which began with buying items that could be sold for \$5 or less, a two day wrapping session, one day to set up and five days to sell.

The Arts Department designed and printed the cover for the programs used at the Fall District Meeting; took photos of the Grandma Moses Art Competition Contestants; sponsored the Student Art Competition Exhibit at the Etowah Art Gallery in January and served refreshments at the reception before the show.

Earth Day was observed by participation in the City Bag-A-Thon. Another student was sent to 4-H Camp and plants were delivered to residents of a Personal Care home on Father's Day. With the Garden Club, a mile of highway was adopted and cleaned every other month.

The Special Class of Ms. Sally was given a Christmas Party by the Education Department. A Teacher's Appreciation Tea was hosted at the Presbyterian Church annex with 75 educators from the City and County in attendance. Two Students were sponsored to the HOBY Seminar; a choir robe was purchased for the Tallulah Falls School Choir; donated to the NASA project; collected Kroger tapes for computers and purchased prints of the Chapel and the book "A Light in the Mountain".

Healthy recipes were sent to the State Cook Book; saved coke tabs and Scott product UPC symbols for Ronald McDonald House; served refreshments for the Boys and Girls Club; made and delivered 210 Mother's Day cards to residents in nursing home and sponsored a Fashion Show with Ben Stein, which was on Cablevision 4. Observed Red Ribbon Week by giving "Just NO" pins with Red Ribbon to students; rang the bell for the Salvation Army; donated \$100 to a child for communication board and special wheel chair and observed National Bible Week and National Family Week.

Items were collected and sent to men and women serving in the Persian Gulf; a Foreign Language Game Lingo was presented to the Elementary School; observed World Food day with a shower for the Salvation Army and sent UNICEF cards to men and women in Saudi Arabia. Collected \$85 for CARE at the International Dinner where 17 members, husbands and friends enjoyed dishes from 15 different countries.

A donation was sent to the president's Project "Safety Fire House" and a program "One Nation Under God" was presented at the meeting by the GaFWC President, Martha McElhannon.

Four members attended the celebration of 100 years of GFWC in Marietta by viewing via satellite the showing of "Women of the 21st Century" with Judy Woodruff at the Southern Tech Campus.

The year 1991-1992 was a good year and not so good year. At State Convention the Cartersville Club came within one point of winning the Federation Cup for the second year in a row. Maybe next year!

To celebrate the Twenty-Fifth anniversary of the Cartersville Woman's Club, all former members and friends were invited to a Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Tea at the Cartersville Bartow County Library. In attendance were special guests GaFWC President Mrs. Martha McElhannon and husband, John; GaFWC President Elect, Mrs. Carol Henderson and Seventh District President, Mrs. John Martin. Scrapbooks, citations and silver awards were on display and were enjoyed by former members who were in attendance. Mrs. Opal Munn was recognized as being the only

charter member still active. In her honor, the Club presented a silver tray to the Seventh District, to be called the Opal Munn Youth Award, to be given to the club that does the most for the youth in their community. It requires a special report.

Mi'Chele Glass received "The Rookie of the Year" award with **Jenifer Foster** and **Ann Popham** sharing the "Club Member of the Year" award. The **Ken Foster** family was the Seventh District "Family of the Year" and **Gewene Womack** was the Seventh District "Club Woman of the Year".

The summer picnic was scheduled for June 15 at the home of **Reva** and **David Brady**. The saddest thing that happened was the tragic event that took the life of **David**. The Club gave a donation to the "Brady Scholarship Fund" in memory of **David**. **Reva** rescheduled the picnic for August and 28 members and family attended.

Five members attended the Southern Region Conference in **Biloxi, Mississippi**. The Membership Tea was at the **Waterford Clubhouse** with 17 members and 7 prospective members attending. Out of the seven prospects, five became members.

The members enjoyed the artistic ability of a local artist, **Margaret Mines** as she presented a program at the **Etowah Art Gallery**. **Shawn Arnold**, sponsored by the Club, received a citation for the **Youth Writing Contest**. **Michael Mize** was the Seventh District winner in **Arts**. The Club sponsored a "How to Cook a Turkey" contest in the local newspaper with prizes.

A white oak was donated to the **Etowah Indian Mounds** in observation of **Earth Day**. Plants were delivered to elderly women on **Mother's Day**. Water heater blankets were donated to the **Battered Women's Shelter**. Chairman, **Jenifer Foster**, interviewed on **Cablevision 4** for the "Recycling Christmas Trees Project".

A tour of the **High School Library** with **Mrs. Pullen** was an experience. The new concept of computerized library services was explained. A Christmas party with **Santa Clause** was given for the **Special Class of Ms. Sally**. Gifts were purchased by members from a list and **Santa** did the presenting. Refreshments were taken to the teachers lounge at the **High School** each day for the week of **National Education Week**.

Several members sent off for **International Pen Pals** and began writing to them. A program by a local girl **Betsey Cameron** and fiancé **Mark Gray**, teachers at the **Robert Law Secondary School** in **Malawi Africa**, with slides were viewed by the Club. Books were donated to the School by the **International Department**.

The newest project in **Home Life** was the adoption of **ANDREW (with Spina Bifida)** under the "Lend a Hand, Be My Friend" program. A donation was given and monthly reports of his progress were sent to the Club. Business cards were sent to a terminally ill child who wanted to be in the **Guinness World Book**. Three videos were reproduced and sent to clubs in other parts of the State in the **Suicide Prevention Program**, "It Doesn't Have to End This Way".

Heart shaped patriotic pins were made and sold. A donation of \$50 was given to purchase flags and plaques for men and women who served in Desert Storm. The Club participated in the National Armed Forces Day Parade. The Club promoted the Moon Rock Exhibit at the Mineral Museum and decorated for the dinner in honor of Astronaut John Young. Distributed 7000 Red Ribbons for MADD and presented a program with DUI Task Force Sgt. Leslie Cheek.

Christmas Corner was chaired by a new member, Linda Hearne and netted \$2,150. Cash and donations of merchandise worth \$97 was donated to the Battered Women's Shelter; \$117.50 to the Children's Emergency Shelter; \$141 to Tallulah Falls School and \$51 to Ms. Sally's Special Class. Approximately 57 underprivileged children were allowed to shop free.

The year has not ended but will be updated when awards are announced. Many of the projects that were begun in the early history have continued through the years. Many new projects have been added that fit present day times. A clubhouse with a membership of 97 would be nice. But that is not feasible for the present membership of 26. The aim has remained the same.

As the women who began the Club in 1893 stated "THE WOMAN'S TOUCH WAS BEING FELT". The present women know that TOUCH continues. There is a saying in our city "If you want anything done just call on the Cartersville Woman's Club and it will be done,"

Our aim is to be the best volunteer club in our community and we feel we are !