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*As the purse is
emptied, the heart
is filled.*

GFWC Lilburn Woman's Club

Co-Presidents: Barbara Brooks & Judy Nash

As I write this article I am wondering where the month of April went. We have had lovely weather and I hope all of you have been able to enjoy the outdoors a little. April has been a very busy month and all programs are commended for all of their activities!

I spent the last weekend at Calloway Gardens at the GFWC Georgia State Convention. The area was beautiful! So much to see and do! GFWC Lilburn Woman's Club did very well with citations and awards. We received the following awards:

Art – 2nd Place ~ 51 and over Membership Program Citation
Conservation – Outstanding Community Service Program Citation ~ General ~51+ Members
Education – 2nd Place ~ 51 and Over Membership Program Citation
Home Life – 2nd Place ~ 51 and Over Membership Program Citation
International Outreach – 3rd Place ~ 51 and Over Membership Program Citation
International Outreach – GFWC Georgia/UNICEF Participant
Public Issues – 3rd Place ~51 and Over Membership Program Citation



Special Awards (only one given at State Level)

Leadership - Citation

GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence - Citation and Silver Tray

Awesome job ladies! Rosemary Thomas, GFWC CEO, was a guest at the convention. She introduced a wonderful GFWC Promotional Video. I encourage you to watch it. The link is: <http://bit.ly/1WjxyGW> GFWC Lilburn Woman's Club is in the video! It is a picture of Nadine Bily, Trish Biemiller, Jeanne Schweck and Patty Gabilondo selling/giving away books!

May is one of celebration as we honor graduating seniors, scholarship winners, HOBY attendees, teachers and school administrators at our annual Scholarship and Public Service Award Reception. This is a fun evening. It is so nice to see the proud faces of the winners and their parents.

Grab a cup of coffee or tea, sit in your garden, deck or patio and enjoy this newsletter and the beauty around you!

2nd Vice President: Diane DeGaetano

I wanted to thank you all for your confidence in sending me to the GFWC state convention in Calloway Gardens. We voted on several by-laws changes which will support much need clarity and change in the running of the state organization. I was proud to see Pat Swan accept First place in DV for the over 51 members division and to see Patty Gabilondo installed as 1st VP of our newly named NE district!

Check out the website under forms for your 1st Quarter LWC activity logs!

Historian: Nancy Chilcoat

Want to know more about women's club activities around the nation and around the world as well as our local programs? Take the time to sign up for GFWC News and Notes to access timely news items from around National headquarters, general federation's partners, and work on a national and local scale. Simply provide your name, mailing address, email and club name to GFWC Membership Services MGR, Kate Garlick at kgarlick@gfwc.org.



Art: Susan Boudreaux & Pat Shaver

The Art Department wants to make sure everyone knows who the grand prize winners were for our Spring Into Art Show....sorry we forgot to mention them last month...

Grand Prize: Zach Hearn 5th Grade Providence Christian Academy

Second overall: Cameron Freeman 3rd Grade Providence Christian Academy

Third overall: Stacy Le 4th Grade Arcado Elementary

We will have the Grand Prize winning artwork framed and hung in City Hall soon!!!

Our next project is decorating for the Hi Hope dance which is scheduled for Saturday June 11th. Home Life will coordinate the event and Art decorates. Art members will meet on May 10th to discuss our decorating plans. We will gather at noon at Babinelli's in Lilburn. We are thinking a Red White and Blue theme might be an exciting and fun look for the Hi Hope event.



Community Service
Program Chairs

Art

Susan Boudreaux
Pat Shaver

Conservation

Kathy Hartman
Kate Pittman
Patty Gabilondo

Domestic Violence

Pat Swan
Linda Newton

Education

Barbara Brown
Nancy Delaney

Home Life

Wanda Staebell
Alice Baker

International Out-
reach

Christine Peredney
Kathy Shepherd

Public Issues

Carmen Stewart
Lori Bottens



**Conservation: Kathy Hartman, Kate Pittman &
Patty Gabilondo**

Conservation's second program meeting was held April 20th at the city park. The Healing Garden was planted with pink begonias. Mulch should be arriving to finish the garden and dress the area around the bench and Little Free Library.

Arthy White was a guest. This was her first program meeting and she is going to make a wonderful addition to the club membership. She has already signed up to work in the booth at the Relay for Life Rally, has offered to help transplant plants in the Community Garden over to the Herb Garden and with the clean-up of the Pollinator Garden.

The meeting was very productive. Conservation's plans and projects for this year were discussed and a tentative plan for early next year (January – March) was laid out.

Several of the highlights are:
Patty has set the goal to have Lilburn certified as a Bee City USA.

Nadine is our animal lover and is looking into Conservation sponsoring one of the Jailhouse Dogs which is administered by the Humane Society and Gwinnett County Sheriff's Department.

Kate will complete Phase II, the creation of new planting beds, at the Post Office. Our "fun" project for this year will be a Plant Swap which Diana Preston suggested. So many of the members have beautiful gardens with perennials that could be divided and shared. It'll be in the fall after Lilburn Daze.

**Spring Clean-Up of Lilburn Post Office
Was Saturday (April 23rd)**

The 5th Spring Spruce-Up at the Lilburn Post Office took place on Saturday, April 23rd.

Kate Pittman, Nadine Bily, Chris Giddens, Susan Hendrickson, Yoon-Mi Hampton and Arthy White (soon to be member) along with 13 ROTC cadets from Parkview High School spent 5 hours weeding, trimming bushes, and transplanting daylilies. Fresh pine straw was spread along the front of the Post Office and the cadets mulched all the areas with bushes and trees.

Home Depot supplied wheelbarrows at no charge.

The creation of the new plant beds on either side of the front entrance had to be postponed. The irrigation system had not been repaired and the tree stumps were not removed. Both of these were key components that needed to be completed before plants were installed. Kate and the cadets readied the beds for fall planting as grant is available

until October and plans are to re-address at the end of the summer.

Reminders --



Battery Recycling – Conservation will have a box at the General Meeting each month to collect used batteries. In addition to the standard size batteries, the batteries from cell phones, cameras, hearing aids and cordless drills are accepted.

Greeting Card Fronts for St. Jude Ranch –

We are continuing to collect greeting cards for St. Jude Ranch. All holiday cards such as Valentine's and Easter, birthday cards and all-occasion cards are accepted.





Domestic Violence: Pat Swan & Linda Newton



Prevent Child Abuse Georgia is our GFWC partner in ending the abuse of the most vulnerable among us – our children. PCA Georgia applies research and engages people to advocate for children, increase awareness, spread knowledge of evidence-based prevention programs and supports communities in their efforts. The pinwheel is reflective of the bright futures that all children deserve and serves as the brand symbol of Prevent Child Abuse America/Georgia.

The Domestic Violence Awareness team did a pinwheel "garden" in Lilburn both in March and In April and gave away pinwheels to happy children. One of the important aspects of the sign is the number 1-800-children which can be used to access resources and to report suspected child abuse. Mayor Crist gave us a proclamation recognizing April as Child Abuse Prevention month in Lilburn.



Mountain Park, Lilburn, and Five Forks branches of the Gwinnett Public Library System have our Safe Sleep for Infants bookmarks with the ABC's of Safe sleep. Nancy Chilcoat worked with the libraries. Lee Jurjevich gave them out at OB offices and pediatrician offices and Pat Swan gave the bookmarks to DFCS.



Education: Barbara Brown & Nancy Delaney

Nancy and I attended the Scholarship Celebration at Gwinnett Technical College. We were able to meet one of our recipients who was so appreciative of the scholarship money we provided.

We are looking forward to our May Scholarship/Awards Program where we will acknowledge teachers we have worked with, Teachers of The Year, principals, counselors and all of our scholarship recipients. It's exciting to acknowledge these wonderful people.

If you are looking for summer reading material, look for us at the Lilburn Farmers Market where we will again provide books at the Little Free Library. And we are always looking for current adult books and children's reading material. Stop by and see us.





Home Life: Wanda Staebell & Alice Baker

Home Life held their second meeting on April 14th at Always Fresh. Seven members attended. Cherlye Haynes volunteered to be the new HL Co-Chair.

The Survivors Reception was discussed, Home Life will be at City Hall on the 29th, at 3 pm to start setting up for this event. Home Life also is donating three items to Gail Z. to raffle off at the Relay Rally.

Also, Lori Harrison is collecting any gently used handbags. They will be filled with goodies and given to an area shelter, so please check your closets and bring them to the next meeting.



Home Life will be hosting a Hope Lodge dinner on May the 26th, a food sign up sheet will be available at the May general meeting. We will be serv-

ing "comfort style" food at the May dinner. Start thinking about a wonderful casseroles or vegetable dish to prepare. Also, need volunteers to go out to Hope Lodge and set up and serve.

The June general meeting is our annual "pot luck" meeting, so a second sign up sheet will be making the rounds in May for that as well.

The High Hope Dance will be on Saturday June the 11th. More information will follow, as plans for a theme are made. Mark your calendars for that fun event.



Donation Reminders

The LWC collects the following items to help those in need. Bring items to club meeting.

Art:
Wine corks

Conservation:
Fronts of greeting cards

Domestic Violence:
Children's Helmets
Laundry Materials
Cleaning Materials

Education:
Children's Books
Adult Books

Home Life:
Easter Baskets
Canned Food
Ziploc Bags
Plastic Wrap
Aluminum Foil
Paper Towels
Dish Cloths
Kitchen Towels
Book of Stamps
DVD Family Movies
Plastic Forks

International:
Household & hygiene supplies for refugees
8 pk of water

Public Issues:
Pajamas



International Outreach: Christine Peredney & Kathy Shepherd

International Outreach met on 19 April with their sewing machines and our guest, Mary Bentley, instructed the members on how to make Pillowcase Dresses. These dresses will be sent to Haiti with a group from Eastminister Presbyterian Church, who will be providing dental care to the children there. IO will continue to make dresses to send to Little Dresses for Africa later this year. Samples of these dresses will be brought to the May general meeting and LWC members are encouraged to put their sewing expertise to good use, even if they are not on the IO Committee.

On Saturday May 14 LWC members are invited to join IO to visit the Mandir in Lilburn. We will meet at the Publix parking lot at 10:45 AM to walk over for the 11AM tour. We will then go out to lunch afterwards. That evening LYRA, a choral group from St. Petersburg, Russia will have a concert at 8PM at St. Patrick's Catholic Church located at 2140 Beaver Ruin Rd., Norcross, GA. Look at the LWC internet site for more information.

May 3 is the World Press Freedom Day. We should never underestimate the power of the free press.

Kathy Shepherd is working at a summer school program in Tucker for Ethiopian children in July for two weeks. Please bring an 8 pack of water in to help with the project if you would like to help.



Public Issues: Carmen Stewart & Lori Bottens

VOTE!!

One of the requirements for membership in the LWC is that you be registered to VOTE! But do we all exercise that privilege? Because, truly, we live in a country that gives us the distinct privilege of having a say in who represents us at the local, state and federal levels. DO YOU KNOW WHO YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE?? Do you know what your Senate and House District are at the State and Local levels? Do you know who your candidates are?

The State of Georgia has a very user friendly website from the Secretary of State called MY Voter Page.

<https://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov/MVP/mvp.do>

On this page you can check your registration information, see your elected officials, look at a sample ballot and learn many other important things. There is an MVP log-in where you put your personal information. It will take you to a page that has your polling place, your state and US districts, a link to the district maps, and a link to your qualified candidates.

Public Issues encourages each one of you to visit **My Voter Page** and become an informed voter. In a Presidential election year there is always heightened awareness about voting. But this is a responsibility and privilege that we have as citizens, and we should be participating in every election.

Another very easy website to navigate for voter information is <http://vote-ga.org/>. At that site you only have to put in your 9 digit zip code for general information about candidates and ballots.

Know your candidates, vote, engage in discussion...“and oh, Lord God, Let us not forget to be kind!”



“Behind the Garden Gate” Tour

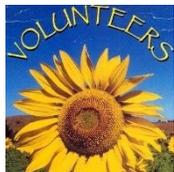
Have you been to the “Behind the Garden Gate” page on the LWC website recently? If not, you’re missing out. The entire web page has been completely re-vamped with new artwork and actual photos from one of our member’s garden. It is absolutely gorgeous! Remember to share this web page with all your friends, neighbors and co-workers.

Ticket sales are the key to the financial success of the garden tour and **will be available for sale at the May and June meetings.** Consider gathering a group of friends or co-workers for a “Girls Day Out” – tour the gardens, lunch at one of the local restaurants and, don’t forget to make a stop at the Sellable Tent where garden-themed items will be available for sale and opportunity tickets can be purchased.

There are 8 amazing destination gardens confirmed for the garden tour. The tour includes an entire spectrum of gardens ranging from the traditional Country Living to a Native Plant Lover’s Delight. A complete description of each is on the Sneak Peek page of the garden tour web page.

The latest addition is the Knight Elementary School Outdoor Learning Environment. This garden was designed to reconnect students with nature and includes a multitude of smaller vignettes within itself. A Rose of the Winds or compass rose will be a new addition to this year’s garden. These are often seen as a centerpiece in formal gardens. You do not want to miss this garden!

Committee members toured all of the gardens in mid-April for set-up and signage logistics and all were able to meet some of the homeowners. They seemed excited to be hosting our guests for the tour and we could see the spring preparations in full swing.



Lots and lots of volunteers will be needed on that day at the starting point and at each of the gardens to check in guests and assist in the garden area. The shifts are structured so that you’ll still have time to visit the gardens before or after a shift. Mindy Crean will be scheduling volunteers during May.

May, 2016

Check www.lilburnwomansclub.org/Calendar.html for updates.

**Dates
to
Remember**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 ED. Mtg. 11AM	5 LWC Mtg. 6:30—9:00 Scholarship Tea Calvary Bapt. Church	6	7
8	9 Garden tour Mtg. 7PM Nash Barn	10	11	12 Paint saleable for Garden Tour 5—7PM Nancy Chilcoat's	13	14 IO 11-12 Tour of Mandir and lunch
15	16 Book Club 7PM Nash Barn	17 Lilburn Daze Mtg. 7PM Dianna Carson's	18	19 Executive BD 7PM Nash Barn	20	21
22	23 PI 7PM— Mayor's Town Hall Mtg. Garden Tour Mtg. 7PM	24	25	26 4:30 Home Life—Hope Lodge Meal	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

May 1—Mindy Crean
 May 6—Gale DeGray
 May 20—Sally Baker
 May 24—Kim Stephenson
 May 30—Jerolyn Randles
 May 30—Gloria Sill

