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# The Georgia Clubwoman

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## Georgia well represented in Austin TX

Dear Federated Sisters,  
Happy Summer! I hope you are enjoying these lazy, hot days of our beautiful Georgia weather with your family and friends. Perhaps even going on exciting trips and vacations. I recently returned from GFWC International Convention in Austin, Texas where a delegation of 15 Georgia members were in attendance. It was a wonderful event hosted by the state of Texas Federation from tours, to entertainment, to meetings planned and executed by our GFWC officers. President Mary Ellen Brock led us with grace and smiles.

We were represented well by our GFWC Georgia LEADS candidate Patty Gablondo, NE District President and Lilburn Woman's Club member. Patty will bring words of her experience at Institute at the State Board Meeting.

As summer draws to close quickly for this officer (measured by how many days until school starts for me as a school counselor), I look forward to seeing federated friends at Institute in August. It will be held in Athens again. Many may ask why we go back to the same places and at times, it has made sense cost-wise to have a two year con-

tract to try to lessen the cost for our members. I will say that was one of my goals for my administration and soon learned how difficult it was to find the meeting space, meet our technology needs, and have meals served that would meet the needs of our group. We are not a large group but still larger than a small group. I feel this was one area where I can pass on my thoughts about meetings to those serving after the 2018-2020 administration and to think outside the box to help lessen costs for our members as this tends to be one of the reasons some women do not attend these wonderful functions. I know for me it was not until I attended district and state, then national, meetings before I understood why we are federated, why we are a part of a larger organization, **why it does make a difference** to stay federated, why the friendships are so important, and why there is a benefit to belonging to GFWC Georgia. Ultimately, I wanted to lower the costs so more would attend. Hopefully, some of you will decide to come to Institute for the day to learn more

It is hard to believe that it is already July 2019 – Where has the time gone? My journey as GFWC Georgia Director of Junior Clubs has been such a wonderful experience. We have just returned from the International convention in Austin, Texas and the women of Georgia were amazing. With the many accomplishments and hard work of our Junior Clubwomen, we achieved the Platinum Status for the Millie Crom Award. This is the highest achievement in the Junior Conference and I **am extremely proud of each of you**. We can't wait to share more information at Institute in just a few short weeks.

When I attend events such as the International convention, I am reminded that we are a part of something so much bigger than ourselves. It reminds me why I joined GFWC many years ago and

the many friendships I have made along the way. I can honestly say this organization has impacted my life for the better in so many ways. If you are not involved in leadership and you want to learn more, please come to Institute on Aug 16-18<sup>th</sup> in Athens, GA. This is a time of learning, making new friends, laughing and having fun, and making memories. You don't want to miss it.

This year, the Juniors are sponsoring the Sunday morning Health Fair. Women's Health is so important to me, so we will have interactive booths and information on different ways to be healthy. Food suggestions, exercise for your body and your mind, therapeutic oils, ways to advocate for our children and grandchildren and much much more.

about community service opportunities and celebrate GFWC Georgia this year. At Institute, we will have several inspiring and educational guest speakers. We will also have the Marketplace and will have hands-on activities in the afternoon from our CSP chairs. I hope you take one or two ideas back to your club to do in your community this club year. We will also be inspired by the Jennie Award nominees and celebrate the Jennie Award representative from Georgia on Saturday evening. We will also celebrate the recognitions GFWC Georgia received at the GFWC International Convention, which was many. I am very excited to share these awards with you!

See you soon at Institute! Room registration for our block closes soon and registration closes August 1.

In Federation Friendship,  
*Tina Daniel*



You don't want to miss Sunday morning!! Thank you again for allowing me this privilege of serving you!!

Love In Federation,  
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**It is What you Do for  
Others That Counts!**

# Top Ten GFWC Georgia Membership Ideas

## **Who Wants to be a Millionaire?, Morrow Civic Woman's Club**

The Morrow Civic Woman's Club was recognized at the GFWC Convention in Austin, Texas, as one of the Top Ten Projects in the Membership Advancement Area. Their project, entitled, "Who Wants to be a Millionaire," featured a salad supper and game night. Guests and club members enjoyed the meal and playing a game based on the popular TV show entitled "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?" The questions were based on trivia facts about the General Federation and the local club. It was very engaging, provided many laughs, and gave the visitors an overview of the club, its departments, projects and history. Door prizes were presented to the guests. All individuals who attended received follow-up contact.

## **People's Parade Entry, Carrollton Civic Woman's Club**

The GFWC Carrollton Civic Woman's Club celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary by entering a float in their local People's Parade on the Fourth of July. The fourteen-foot trailer featured flag banners, a five-foot tall four-layer birthday cake, patriotic stars, and tri-boards advertising the GFWC community service programs. Members distributed small US flags and blowout noise makers to children along the parade route. The float was awarded first place in the general category and mentioned in the local newspaper. This project garnered much attention and interest in the club's dedication to their community. Twelve new members were added to the club roster.

## **Recruitment Contest, Dahlonega Woman's Club**

The Dahlonega Woman's Club hosted a "Recruitment Contest" to meet the State President's challenge of increasing membership by ten percent. Business cards were created and distributed among the club's forty members. Each member was encouraged to share the cards with friends and new acquaintances. At each club meeting, members were encouraged to bring guests. As new members joined the club, they were, in turn, asked to bring a friend. The actions of this club led to an increase of fifteen new members joining!

## **Reunion, Gainesville Phoenix Society**

The Gainesville Phoenix Society brainstormed ways of expanding its membership during an honest dialogue, discussing benefits of belonging. In order to share their club's story, a tri-fold informational brochure was updated and rack cards were placed around town. A reunion of former members was planned and implemented. These efforts resulted in five new members joining and a better awareness of the club's presence in the community.

## **What's My Line?, Dunwoody Woman's Club**

Members of the Dunwoody Woman's Club completed a survey form which asked for something unique about their lives. Using this information, the membership committee created a game entitled, "What's My Line?" At each meeting a card was read and members tried to guess who that member was. Examples of entries included a member who did drag racing in her younger years and another one who ran in the New York City Marathon. This easy and fun activity helped members in a large club get to know one another better.

## **Ticket to Win, Bremen Jr. Woman's Club**

Members of the GFWC Bremen Jr. Woman's Club played a year-long membership game entitled "Ticket to Win It." Members received one ticket for each club event attended, five tickets for inviting a prospective member, one ticket for wearing the club T-shirt or nametag, etc. Members wrote their name on the tickets that they earned, and the membership chairman kept them until the end of the year. At the club's Christmas party, the winning ticket was drawn from a basket. The member was awarded a \$25 gift certificate to a local restaurant. Every member had a chance to win, but the odds of winning increased with every additional ticket earned.

### **Getting to Know Us, Calhoun Woman's Club**

The GFWC Calhoun Woman's Club hosted a "Getting to Know Us" Open House to introduce prospects to club members and to inform them about involvement in various activities that support the community. Members submitted names to the organizing committee and invitations were extended to over fifty prospective members. All CSPs designed and set up displays showcasing their area of volunteerism. Each table displayed photos and hands-on items relating to their projects. Members of each CSP greeted guests at their booths, discussing the program of work planned for the upcoming year. Visitors were presented with handouts about the specific area. A large photographic display of historical information showed the beginnings of the club from 1902 to the present. A video played as people walked around the room. Guests completed cards containing contact information. Members followed up by calling all guests over the next few weeks, inviting them to the next club meeting and encouraging them to join the club. Six new members joined as a result of the project.

### **Club Anniversary Party, Four Corners Woman's Club**

The GFWC Four Corners WC continued its tradition of hosting a party at a local restaurant to celebrate its anniversary in GFWC. The celebration afforded members a chance to fellowship and socialize, and was one of the highlights of the club year. All members were invited, along with a prospective member (who has since joined!). The club treated the prospective member to dinner. Games were played with prizes awarded. Every member received a gift bag that included items from each CSP area and mini cans of 7-Up to recognize the seventh anniversary.

### **The Numbers Game, Brunswick Woman's Club**

The GFWC Brunswick WC played a game entitled the "Numbers Game" at monthly meetings to raise funds for the GFWC International Convention scheduled for April 2020. Each month the "number" changed – e.g., birthdate, anniversary date, phone number, etc. Members wishing to play would add up their number and donate a penny per point, i.e., 35 cents if the total of the numerals in your birthday equaled 35. The club raised \$200.00 to contribute to the Convention Fund.

### **Charity Craft Night, Valdosta Jr. Woman's Club**

The GFWC Valdosta Jr. WC hosted a Charity Craft Evening, inviting prospective members through Face Book and personal contacts. A power point was created to highlight past accomplishments and it was shown throughout the night. Also two tri-boards containing information about current projects were made and displayed. Brochures were created and then distributed to those in attendance. Refreshments were served and guests received thank-you gifts for attending. Participants learned how to make "Blessing Bags" from Ziploc bags covered in duct tape. Bags earmarked for a local women's shelter were stuffed with toiletries. Others were filled with school supplies for Operation Christmas Child boxes. The activity resulted in two new members for the club.

Brunswick Woman's Club: First Vice President Linda Nelson installed the three new members who joined during the year: Sheila Ledford, Olivia Holland, and Patty Hosea. Participating in the ceremony were the new members' sponsors: Pat Porto, Peggy Tuten, and Hilda Hagarty.



(Left to Right: Patty, Pat, Sheila, Peggy, Olivia, Linda)



## Central East District -PRESIDENT Deborah Vanderbunt

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer! I want to congratulate the Central East District clubs!

They have brought in 47 new members to their clubs since December 1, 2018. A big round of applause to the following clubs: GFWC Covington Woman's Club – 14 new members, GFWC Stone Mountain Woman's Club – 10 new members, GFWC Augusta Woman's Club – 9 new members, GFWC Lawrenceville Woman's club – 4 new members, GFWC Augusta Junior Woman's Club – 3 new members, GFWC Heartland Woman's Club – 2 new members, GFWC Service Guild of Covington – 2 new members, GFWC Athens Woman's Club – 1 new member, Augusta Magnolia Woman's Club – 1 new member and GFWC Maxeys Woman's Club – 1 new member. I am so proud of them!



I hope everyone can attend Institute on August 16, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> in Athens, Georgia. I would like to encourage your clubs to have their new members attend LEADS on Friday, August 16, 2019. Our Fall District meeting will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2019, at Smoke Rise County Club in Smoke Rise/Stone Mountain, GA.

Debby Vanderbunt,  
CED President



## North West District – PRESIDENT Karen Clydesdale

Thanks to such a supportive board and so many wonderful club members this first year of my administration has been so rewarding. The ladies have gone above and beyond supporting the Seven Grand Initiatives, as well as district and club projects. I have been honored to install new members and induct new officers. Each visit to the many clubs has been so warm and welcoming. I am very much looking forward to doing it again for another year.

*Embrace the Race. Embrace the Cause.*

3rd Annual  
Acworth Dragon Boat Race & Festival  
at Dallas Landing Park  
May 4, 2019



As a district, we Participated in a Pajama Program Party and the Green Dragon Boat race to support breast cancer. The ladies from the Marietta Woman's Club did an outstanding job on my Conservation Challenge outfit

and I cannot wait to walk the runway at Institute. **It is amazing!**

The District Board meeting will be held on Saturday morning, September 14 at the Gordon County Agricultural Center. Refreshments at 9:30 and the meeting will start at 10:00.

I invite all of you to attend our General Membership Meeting which will be held on Saturday October 26 at Magiano's, 1601 Cumberland Mall SE Atlanta 30339. We will be giving out



awards from the State Convention and electing a Nominating Committee.

I look forward to seeing everyone there

**Karen**



Pictured: Tina Daniel, GFWC Georgia President; Stacie Janecki and Cimi Douglass



## South East District -PRESIDENT Hilda Hagarty



Whew! Another membership year has come and gone. It seems like yesterday that I was assuming this position. Quite a lot of things have happened in the South East District during the Spring and early Summer.

Many of us made our way over to our sister South West District in April for the 123<sup>rd</sup> GFWC Georgia State Convention. I very own GFWC Sylvania Junior Woman's Club walked away with many awards, including the Gertrude Harris Club Award. Way to go, Sylvania Juniors!!! We are very proud of you and all you do in your community. And a BIG THANK YOU to all the members of the South East District who attended the Annual Meeting in Millen in early March. Because of your commitment, our district was one the winners of "Shelby's Sassy Six Challenge District Award." Along with a certificate, the district received \$100. Yay, us!!!

Several clubs participated in GFWC Georgia Day of Service, most notably the GFWC Brunswick Woman's Club that refurbished a Quiet Room for girls at the Morningstar Children and Fam-

ily Services. Many hours of painting, sewing, shopping, and assembling went into this project. A big thank you to all the ladies who helped make this endeavor a resounding success with accolades from the girls, staff, and director at Morningstar.

This District President had the pleasure of visiting and helping several clubs end their membership year. During May, I spent a delightful Family Night with the Gordon Woman's Club at their clubhouse, enjoyed the Broxton Woman's Club annual Salad Summer at their clubhouse, helped the Savannah Woman's Club celebrate 63 years as a federated club at The Olde Pink House, and was guest speaker, enjoyed a wonderful luncheon, and installed a new Treasurer for the Civic Woman's Club of Milledgeville. The absolute best part of this position is visiting the individual clubs and meeting and getting

to know the wonderful ladies who make up these clubs.

Thank you to the five members of the Brunswick Woman's Club and the four members of Sylvania Junior Woman's Club for making the long journey to Tallulah Falls for the rededication of the GFWC Georgia Presidents' Garden at TFS in June.

Several of us from Brunswick and Milledgeville will be attending the Girl Scout Alumnae Luncheon in July in Savannah. We are looking forward to hearing more about today's Girl Scout Movement. And then our District will be well represented at Institute in August. Our Fall District Meeting will be Saturday, October 12, 2019 in Woodbine, GA. Registration begins at 10:00 a.m. Hostesses for the meeting will be GFWC Woodbine Woman's Club and GFWC Broxton Woman's Club. Have a great summer and see all District members soon!

Hilda



## South West District — PRESIDENT Dianne Barlow

South West District would like to thank everyone for attending the State Convention at beautiful Lake Blackshear.

Hope you had a great time. Had a few crazy things happen but we got through it and all was well.

We had a great time at Day of Service. Clubs were able to make many donations to shelters all around our communities. We had fun and were able to help those that needed it the most.

Albany Woman's Club, Moultrie Federated Guild and Moultrie Jr. Woman's Club all had beautiful Awards Meetings and might I add, the food was great. South West District is proud of all the Awards that were won at State Convention. Congratulations to all who won. A lot of hard work went into getting these awards.

We are looking forward to Institute in August. Don't forget to register.

South West District Board Meeting is also in August.

It is great to have a short Summer break and looking forward to getting back into Club work.

See you at Institute.

Remember FROG

Dianne

**F.R.O.G.**



Fully Rely On God

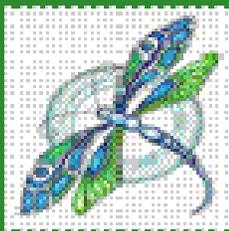


## North East District -PRESIDENT Patty Gabilondo 2019 LEADS Candidate



*North East District Meeting  
Saturday, September 28, 2018  
Gainesville Civic Center, 830 Green St NE, Gainesville  
Registration table opens at 9:15am  
Meeting starts at 10am*

Pictured: Marge Jones, Dahlongea Woman's Club President and North East District President Patty Gabilondo



## Kim's Corner - Community Service Programs

Happy Summer! Please make plans to attend our summer Institute. Your CSP Chairmen are busy planning to share ideas and to demonstrate hands on ideas/projects in their areas of work.

There will be a Reporting Workshop session Saturday morning. I invite you to send questions to me ahead of time so I can address them in the presentation. Email questions to [sec-ondvp@gfwcga.org](mailto:sec-ondvp@gfwcga.org) by August 10 th .

The workshop will address editorial changes to the report forms, examples of well written report entries, project ideas, judging criteria and of course, question and answer time. Please join us.

GFWC Convention in Austin, TX was exciting! You won't want to miss hearing about the Convention and celebrating the success GFWC Ga! Stay cool and safe until I see you in Athens in August!

**Kim Sekulow, 2nd VP**



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Convention  
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\$50  
And your name  
will be published  
in the GFWC  
Georgia State  
Night program at  
the convention.



**Our Deepest Sympathy**

We want to send our thoughts, prayers and love to the family of Angie Redshaw, who was serving as the President of the Valdosta Junior Woman's Club. Angie was a caring teacher, wife, and Mother whose smile could brighten your day. She loved helping others and volunteering in her community. She was loved by so many and we will deeply miss her. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers.

I also want to extend our deepest sympathy to Annette Belk, who lost her son last month. David Cook was a state trooper who also worked as a firefighter and emergency medical technician in South Carolina. Annette serves as our South East District Director of Junior Clubs. Please keep Annette and her family in your prayers during this very difficult time.

Becky

Remember to Post your events and include

#GAJUNIORSROCK



Augusta Junior Woman's Club at Augusta Country Club.

# Junior's Corner

**GFWC Georgia Juniors on the move**

GFWC Augusta Junior Woman' Club member, Betty Bicknell, recently attended the National Alzheimer's Forum in Washington, DC as an advocate for another clubmember. Advocates from all the states networked, trained, and learned about legislation so they can better advocate with our Congressional leaders for those with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias and their caregivers. They also met one-on-one with their Senators' and Representatives' offices to discuss and request their support for the specific focus areas. The goal is to end Alzheimer's #ENDALZ

Betty is also a Red Cross Volunteer and spent several months in North Carolina after Hurricane Florence last year and several weeks in Southwest Georgia after the tornadoes in March.



Bremen Junior Woman's Club - 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Moultrie Junior Woman's Club - Day of Service. Members had a blast pressure washing, landscaping, and gardening Garden Manor for their Day of Service! The residents especially loved their new patio furniture!



The Monroe Junior Woman's Club prepared 154 Easter Baskets for the children in foster care in Walton County

# Rolling out the Red Carpet Hollywood of the South



## Up Coming Events

2019 Institute - Athens Georgia August 17-19, 2019  
Leads Conference Friday August 17 9:30-4pm \$30.00  
Athens First Presbyterian Church , Fellowship Hall, 185 E. Hancock Avenue, Athens, Georgia 30601  
Hyatt Place, 412 North Thomas Street, Athens, GA 30601

### Fall District Meetings

Central West	September 14, 2019
South West	September 21, 2019
North East	September 28, 2019
Central East	October 5, 2019
South East	October 12, 2019
North West	October 26, 2019

2019 Southern Region Conference October 17-20, 2019  
North Charleston Marriott, 4770 Goer Drive, North Charleston, SC 29406, 843-747-1900

If you were unable to visit our office during the **Trek to Tallulah**, we missed you! We did have over 100 members come and visit the middle school, upper school, museum, cafeteria for ice cream and our beautiful Presidents' Garden. The Lipscomb Society made a wonderful lunch and many were able to admire the antiques and stories of the Lipscomb Cottage. If you want to schedule a visit call Melody at the TFS School, make sure to tell her you wish to visit the Cottage.

Deborah



We of GFWC Stone Mountain Woman's Club are very proud of the ladies of GFWC Covington Woman's Club. They not only saved their club, they turned it into a very healthy, vibrant and thriving club that serves their community and others. Their determination to keep their club alive is inspiring.

Some of us from SMWC attended their meeting on Tuesday, June 11th. and presented CWC with a check. The money raised was from our club's discretionary fund, personal donations and fundraising. Afterward of course with all woman's club meetings, lunch follows.

Gods Blessings

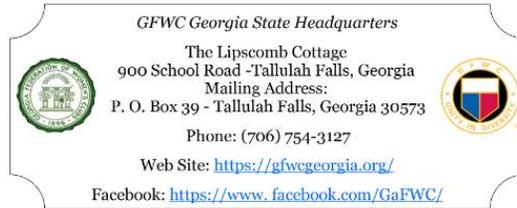
Brenda Price  
Stone Mountain Woman's Club



# Communications and Public Relations

- We have several tools available to you, check out our Website, APP and follow us on Facebook.
- Keep your new members informed, enter them under Communications to "Get Connected"
- Did you know we have a GFWC Georgia UTube page?

## Contact us



## Have you Registered for Institute in Athens?

**Deadline August 1, 2019**

### Handing out gifts to TFS Graduates



Linda Mote, TFS Chairman, Tina Daniels, GFWC Georgia President, Becky Bolden, Junior Director



Gail Cantrell, Trustee of TFS School