

JULY 2024

The Gainesville Phoenix Woman's Club, Inc. Newsletter

A member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs International



Recent Successes:

Three members, one guest, and a contractor worked in the Sardis garden.

Four members attended a production by the Murder Mystery Company.

Members wrote thank you notes to the troops.

Three members attended the celebration for Toccoa WC's 90th Anniversary.

Thirteen members colored book marks and made sensory bottles.

Six members met by Zoom to discuss fundraising.

Many members worked on preparation for the FHG luncheon.

One member attended GFWC International Convention

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From the President's Desk...

Members,

Thank you for all your hard-working hands cleaning up the Sardis Garden, making bookmarks and sensory bottles, and working on For Her Glory this past month. We will be taking a break from our General meeting in July, but we are keeping our hands busy with projects and activities. Keep working on those For Her Glory ticket sales, sponsorships and donations for silent auction or opportunity items. On July 22, 2024, we will coordinate games and activities for the kids at Gateway for their Back-to-School event. Looking forward to August 6, 2024, is the Treats for Troops project and For Her Glory on Saturday, August 10, 2024. This will be an all-hands-on deck project. Please make sure you sign up to assist in some way with greeting guests to make them feel comfortable, selling opportunity tickets, assisting with the silent auction bidding process and helping the winners get their items.

July is the month to register for LEADS and Institute. I highly encourage you to attend these events. If you are in a leadership position, on the executive board or chair a committee LEADS is for you!! It's a one-day seminar with great speakers, lots of information and friendships you will have for a lifetime. Institute is a one and half day learning experience packed with workshops, a fair with games and information and all things GFWC. If you are a CSP Chairman, Officer, or member wanting to know more, this is for you! The Sunday morning workshops will showcase Track It Forward and Google Drive. These two events are in Albany, GA August 16-18, 2024. Make plans to attend now!!

All the best,

Debbie



No July General Meeting
The August General Meeting will be at the
GA Mtn Food Bank - Aug. 22
Bring \$10 if you want to paint a bowl.
Guests do not have to pay!

ART & CULTURE CSP



Art CSP: 2024-2026
Joan Sheffield



Three members attended the celebration of the 90th Anniversary of the GFWC Toccoa Woman's Club.

Four members attended a Murder Mystery production in Atlanta



Hall County Parks and Leisure, in partnership with Paul E. Bolding Post 7 American Legion, announce the annual 4th of July Celebration and Fireworks at Laurel Park! Gates open at 9:00 a.m. Join us for a day long celebration, with arts & crafts vendors, food & drink vendors, Splash Pad fun, music, and live broadcasting with WDUN! Fireworks show begins at dark. Parking is \$10.00.



EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES CSP



Education CSPs: 2024-2026

Peggy, Jean, and Caroline



Education's program at the June meeting was making sensory bottles and coloring book marks. The book marks will be given to Darci to give to the special reading students at Sardis. The sensory bottles will be distributed between Sardis Special Ed classrooms and Sisu classrooms.

Our little library is up and running. Right now, thanks to Cindy, we have plenty of books. The post on the library has been painted black and we will order a plaque with our name to be placed on the front.

Rahab's Rope is doing a retreat for their staff at Belmont University. One of their clients was able to attend college because of the generosity of those that have donated to their scholarship fund.





Environments CSP:
2024-2026
Renette



Are you working
on your entry for
September?



Civic Engagement CSP:
2024-2026
Cindy

ENVIRONMENTS CSP



Three members, one guest, and a contractor worked in the Sardis Memorial Reading Garden. Weeds were removed, dead plants were removed, directional arrows were painted and installed, gutter extensions were installed, and fire ant killer was put out. A watering schedule sign-up was sent around at the June meeting. If you weren't there, and would like to help, please let Renette know. Please work in pairs as the garden is secluded and the school is vacant during the summer. We will work for one week assignments. Please try to water twice during your week. It won't take 30 minutes of your time!

On Saturday, July 27th we will have another work day in the garden. If you can help, please let Renette know. We will install a trellis for the rose bushes, remove any weeds and dead plants, and assess what needs to be replaced and planted this fall.

Did you know that recycling includes more than just cans, glass, paper, and plastic? What about those shoes you don't wear anymore? What about those four sizes of clothes you have hanging in your closet? Now is a good time to declutter and take those things to a thrift store so that others may find a use for them. In our community, there is Goodwill, My Sister's Place Resale, Gateway Thrift, and Potter's House. Support one of those resale shops and clean out stuff you don't use anymore. It's a double win!

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH CSP

The August meeting is at the Georgia Mountain Food Bank. If you are able, please bring some canned food to donate. Also bring a friend. Civic Engagement will cover the \$10 donation for your guest to paint a bowl.

Books and literacy will be our new theme for the GFWC GA 2024-2026 administration. I believe this covers many areas. Just be kind.

Alas they've come for Dr. SEUSS, they wish to hang him with a noose. They claim his tales were racist bent, they judged him fast, missed what he meant.

But if we look inside his tales, you'll find the balance of the scales. Remember when Horton heard a Who, and we heard the wisdom of the Lorax, too. The lesson behind Green Eggs and Ham, that changed the mind of Sam I am. Remember too the rotten Grinch, who once would never give an inch. He taught us lessons, one and all, boys and girls, big and small.

So if you've judged his works as poor, you should re-read them, I implore. The man we know as Dr. SEUSS, turned our imaginations loose. His impact was beyond compare, he taught us it was good to care. To accept the red, the blue, the green, and on each other we can lean.

So if you still won't give an inch, your heart has hardened like the Grinch. Release the grudge, the hate, the rue, and embrace the hope of Cindy Lou.

We support the Seuss!!!



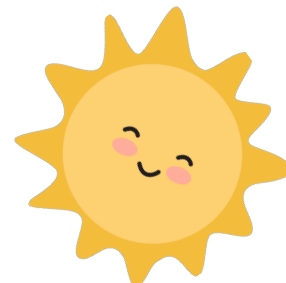
HEALTH & WELLNESS CSP

Think summer! Think camp!

Summer camps for children with various diagnoses and disabilities have given many children a normal summer experience. One such camp is Camp Sunshine. This camp enriches the lives of Georgia's children with cancer and their families through year-round recreational, educational, and support programs. There are opportunities for normal development for all children with cancer throughout their journeys, and they bring together those with similar experiences to share and draw strength from one another amid common understanding. Camp Sunshine was Jill Bagley's special project as NE District President.

Camp Twin Lakes is in Winder and has 70+ non-profit partners. The Camp has provided 30 years of camp experiences to 10,000+ Georgia children and young adults. Seventy percent of the camp cost is subsidized, and there are over 3,500 volunteers each year!

Reminder: Keep up with your exercise times. Stay hydrated to avoid heat exhaustion and heat stroke! Enjoy the summer!



Officer Reports:

Vice President, Jill Bagley: We will be supporting Treats for Troops. This 15 year established organization works out of the VFW building in Cumming. We are helping with this project by writing personal thank you notes. A note will be enclosed in each goody box. Please write several over the next month and bring them to any meeting. I will deliver them for the August 6 packing date.

Sample thank you note:

Dear soldier,

We thank all of you men and women that have sacrificed so much so that we could have a better life and a safe country to call home. Thank you for your dedication and service.

Sincerely,

Secretary, Susan Miscally: The minutes from the June meeting are attached.

Treasurer, Renette Todd: All members, past and present, should have received a letter regarding their membership status. What will be your active roll in 2024? Active dues: \$60, patron dues: \$45.



Phoenix will host a table at the Empty Bowl Luncheon in September. Mark your calendar for Friday, September 27th, 11:00-1:00 (the day before the NE District Fall Meeting).

Where Our Money Goes

Each month we will highlight a group or organization that we support either financially or with our time and energy. This month we will learn about For Her Glory.

Glory, Hope & Life, 725 Jesse Jewell Parkway, Suite 270, Gainesville, GA 30501

Glory, Hope & Life fulfills its mission through the combined efforts of For Her Glory, Harvest of Hope, and Embracing Life. The establishment of Glory, Hope & Life is the result of three charitable organization coming together through a shared philosophy of collaboration and a desire to minimize barriers to services and resources. Through our combined efforts, Glory, Hope & Life provides a single entity with a Board of Directors dedicated to maximizing our volunteer activities and resources. Together, Glory, Hope & Life continues to work locally to provide opportunities and support for cancer patients, families and caregivers. By joining forces, Glory, Hope & Life will continue to compassionately care for the needs of cancer patients and their families in northeast Georgia.

Since its founding in 2008, Glory, Hope & Life has provided over \$500,000 in direct assistance to cancer survivors and their families.

Whether it's providing a wig when cancer treatment changes your appearance, guidance for family members in what lies ahead, or a vacation for those needing a respite from their cancer journey, Glory, Hope & Life is there to offer support at every turn in the road.

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Social Media update:

The website is up and live! **Please send pictures and CSP project news to Shannon at: shannon.richard@me.com.**

Here are our new social media accounts:

Facebook:

GFWC Gainesville Phoenix Woman's Club is our business account and public to all. Please like, join, and share!

Gainesville Phoenix Woman's Club is our group page and will soon only be for members only.

Instagram:

gfwcgpwc

Please follow if you are on Instagram. Posting pictures is great exposure.

Website:

GFWCgainesvillephoenixwomansclub.org. Please send articles, pictures, and news to post on the website to Shannon.

Email:

gfwcainesvillephoenixwc@gmail.com

Did you know?

The General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) is a nonprofit organization that brings together local women's clubs in a collective effort to strengthen communities and enhance the lives of others through volunteer service. With over 70,000 members in affiliated clubs in every state, the District of Columbia, and more than a dozen countries, GFWC members are community leaders who work locally to create global change by working within our five community service programs of Arts & Culture, Civic Engagement & Outreach, Education & Libraries, Environment and Health & Wellness. GFWC is headquartered in Washington, D.C.

In remembrance of the shining successes of 2022-2024 GFWC International President Deb Strahanoski, GFWC Illinois has purchased a crystal chandelier that hangs over the desk of the GFWC President. This gift, purchased with the donations of GFWC Illinois clubwomen, will serve as a reminder to future GFWC International Presidents to shine their light through leadership.



*Sparkle,
Shine,
Succeed*

National Day of Service

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2024
Online registration for the
2024 GFWC National Day of Service

Gainesville Phoenix WC has registered!



GFWC International
President
Suellen Brazil
2024-2026



GFWC GA President
Cathy Jones
2024-2026



Institute and LEADS

August 16-18, 2024 - Albany, GA

The call to Institute has gone out. If you haven't received it, please notify Brenda Martin. Please let Jill Bagley know if you are going or have any trouble getting registered.



2024-2026 NE District President
Debbie Borovitchy

**GFWC Gainesville Phoenix WC is in charge of the
NE District Fall Meeting
Saturday, September 28, 2024**
*If you would like to help plan this event, please let
Debbie Brown know!*

**NE BOD MEETING - GAINESVILLE, GA
SATURDAY, AUGUST 24TH**



GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence



Karen Snow-Holms
Chairman

The May activity for this committee was the "Mother's Day Boutique", which was reported at the last meeting. There was full club member participation including donations. Seven members attended the event at the Gateway facility, and worked with other volunteers to help the children with shopping for their moms. The event lasted approximately 3 hours which included set-up and clean up. After the event, I delivered approximately 25 pounds of shoes and clothing articles to My Sister's Closet Boutique, as a donation from our club. These things had been harvested from our storage unit.

Our next activity with Gateway families is scheduled for July 22nd at 5:00 PM. It's their Back to School picnic. We have been asked to provide the fun and games activities portion of the picnic for the children. So, bring your creative ideas, games we might be able to use, and your enthusiasm. We do not need to donate school supplies this year.

To report abuse in Georgia:

If you suspect a child is in immediate danger from abuse

Call 911 IMMEDIATELY!!!

To report known or suspected abuse, contact Division of Family & Children (DFCS)

1 855 422 4453

For more information:

Office of Child and Youth Protection

OCYP@archati.com

24-hour Abuse reporting Hotline 1-888-437-0764



Karen Snow-Holmes CDVC

Treats for Troops

Meet in the parking lot of Coastal Breeze Restaurant, 5390 Lanier Island Pkwy, Buford, GA on Tuesday August 25th at 5:45. We will carpool to Cumming.

A moment of inspiration

WE CAN'T
DIRECT
THE WIND.
BUT WE CAN
ADJUST
THE SAILS.

LEADERSHIP

A strong nonprofit leader drives a sense of mission down through the organization, upward into the board, and outward in to the community. He or she is willing to do whatever it takes to enable the organization to follow their mission effectively.

8 HABITS OF GREAT LEADERS



- Great communication skills
- Clear goals that they stick to
- They have a clear vision that leads them
- They set a great example
- They recognize achievements
- They have a team focus
- They know how and when to ask for support and to give it as well
- They do more than what they ask of others

For Her Glory Luncheon

We are seven (7) weeks away from the Luncheon. Thank you for everything everyone has done so far for the event: Kudos to Joan, Lori, Jill and Cindy for all the work they are putting into our Auction Items. Thanks to Debbie Brown who has agreed to chair the Opportunity Items. She needs two more members to help in this area the day of the event. Peggy Blackmon has already given me her list of places she will be going to solicit donations for this. If you as a member, are donating something for the Opportunity Items or other areas, please let me or Joan know as soon as possible.

A Big Thank You to Tina Neese for agreeing to do our Door Prizes. She has completed collecting these items and we are ready in this area.

Renette, Debbie, Mary Bob, Brenda, and Jill have been working on soliciting sponsors for the event. To date we have received sponsorship checks from Duplicating Products, John Lilly With Windsor Wealth, and Northeast Georgia Medical Center. We are awaiting sponsorships from Northside Hospital and Longstreet Clinic. Plans are to follow up with others that have received our information.

Brenda had a meeting with Jessica Shirley at The Times on Monday. She was very receptive to being a media sponsor and will provide free ads for the event.

Let's all concentrate on ticket sales. Make sure Brenda has your name if you are hosting a table and the names of those who will be seated at your table. We have 22 tables as of June 20th! Thank you all for your hard work for this event.

Thank each of you for all your hard work and I truly appreciate what everyone contributes to this event each year! It cannot be done without everyone's help.

Brenda Martin
2024 For Her Glory Luncheon Chairman

**Saturday, August 10, 2024 Chattahoochee
Country Club - Speaker: Abigail Burle
Lunch: Mexican Buffet
Tickets: \$60**



**Stanley Pierce Presents the 26th Annual
St. Jude Benefit Singing
"FOR THE KIDS"**
Saturday August 3, 2024 6pm
**Lanier Technical College Ramsey Conference Center
Lanier Tech Dr
Gainesville GA**
The Whisnants
Brian Free and Assurance
Emcee: Danny Jones Vice President of The Singing News Magazine
Also... Stanley Pierce, Gerald Sweetman, & Clay Marchbanks
**NO ADMISSION CHARGE ~~~~ A LOVE OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN
FOR MORE INFORMATION ~ CALL STANLEY PIERCE AT 770-540-9085**

St. Jude Benefit Concert Saturday, August 3rd 6:00 p.m. Lanier Ramsey Center



GFWC began a partnership with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital during the 2015 GFWC Annual Convention in Memphis, Tennessee. Treatments developed at St. Jude have helped increase the overall childhood cancer survival rate from 20 percent to 80 percent since the hospital opened more than 50 years ago. St. Jude freely shares the breakthroughs it makes, and every child saved at St. Jude means doctors and scientists worldwide can use that knowledge to save thousands more children. Families never receive a bill for treatment.

MEMBERSHIP MOMENT

**Listen Deeply. Respect Others. Find
Common Ground.**



**Happy Birthday!
Martha Lee - July 5**