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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is difficult to think beyond the impact of the Coronavirus on our lives as we once knew them. Even though there was knowledge of the Coronavirus on March 9th when we had our meeting, the effects of the virus have magnified to most of us being in isolation or semi-isolation. The virus is not just in China, Italy or Spain; it is here. This virus has affected the GFWC in many ways, including the district and state meetings being canceled to protect members. Other entities affected include schools, universities, sports events and churches. Schools are having classes on line. Seniors in high schools are having proms and graduations canceled; these are lost memories but they are necessary to protect everyone. The magnitude of this is difficult to comprehend. Our Membership Tea is among activities canceled. We look for guidance as to future meetings. Our email information is our way to communicate plans. Also, listen to information provided each day by the President's team of health care professionals, Public Health, CDC, Homeland Security and others.

We have guidelines to keep social distancing to hopefully protect us from the virus; we need to adhere since this virus is very contagious. It is strange with many non-essential businesses being closed; church is now on line also. Georgia as of this writing day has 435 cases of the virus which is slow compared to other states but this does not decrease our need for diligence to stop the virus. It feels strange that we cannot run out to restaurants, nail shops, etc., but the time has come to refrain from these activities even if available.

We are now still in the 15-day period to look what the status is and hopefully have more data. There are unheard of occurrences such as shortages of supplies for healthcare personnel. Practice your social distances and stay safe. Hopefully we will be back to some element of normal as we once knew very soon. **STAY AT HOME.** Wash your hands.

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If you experience a high fever, cough and shortness of breath and are tempted to go to the ER, do not go to ER. Call Public Health as directed on the TV. The main thing is to stay at home with minor symptoms and call Public Health for directions for severe symptoms. The number to call for the hotline is 844-442-2681.

Myra Carmon, AWC President 2018-2020



INTERNATIONAL

Dear Club members, as we go through this difficult in our lives we are still completing the work of the International CSP. Check requests have been sent for donations to be given to Heifer, CARE, the Carter Center, and The Haiti Nursing Foundation. A tea for the Global Village Project is being planned for May 1, 2020 at the Presbyterian Church on the square in Decatur. We welcome your help, updates will be through The Weekly, so please be sure and look for the information. We usually have fruit and vegetable trays, cheese and crackers, and cookies or brownies. Tea and lemonade are also served. We serve about 60 people, including the students, teachers and parents, as well as the volunteers. We also try and give the girls some little treats in a goody bag. This is a fun activity and is hands on for International. Please join us, we have started at 11:00 for setup and usually are finished by 4:00.

Also a nice update from the Carter Center, successful eye surgeries are taking place in Niger to correct damage to eyes from River Blindness. Trachoma causes the eyelid to be scarred by infection and can lead to blindness. A short and quick surgery can reverse the damage to the eyelid, and prevent blindness. The Carter Center has also received a grant from Alwaleed Philanthropies for the continued fight against Guinea Worm disease. Again, thank you for all of your support to the International program.

Pat Walsh, International CSP

ARTS

Hello All, due to the recent COVID-19 pandemic, the Arts CSP is suspending all volunteer projects that require hands on participation until further notice. In the meantime, we will continue to support the organizations we serve in other ways. Please continue to keep the world in your thoughts as we navigate through these difficult times.

The Arts CSP will be making a donation to drawchange to aid in the preparation for the after effects that this pandemic will have on homeless children they serve. Their goal is to raise \$40 per child for as many children as they can. Our donation of \$800.00 will provide art related resources for the enrichment of 20 children. We will continue to support the children of drawchange in the future with their art therapy projects once the program resumes.

AWC Arts CSP's 4th Annual Arts Egg-Stravaganza at Hillside Conant School on April 11th has been cancelled. However, we will prepare goodie bags for the children at Hillside that will include an art activity and the candy that was donated by our members. In addition to the goodie bags, we will also be making a monetary donation for the purchase of art supplies for Hillside's art program and activities. Thank you for your donations and continuous support.

In light of what's happening in the world, it's important to stay positive and engage in things that bring you joy. I've discovered a virtual art world called Google Arts & Culture, where you can take virtual gallery tours, engage in interactive art experiments, and discover a vast array of fun and engaging art experiences. Visit www.artsandculture.google.com or download the Google Arts & Culture app on your smart phone or device. Wishing you peace, love, and art!

Billie Harris, Arts CSP Chair

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