

General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC)

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Hello Ladies,

Here we are already in the month of June, with half of 2021 behind us and the warm summer months ahead of us. The first day of summer, or often called *summer solstice*, will fall on Sunday, June 20, 2021 which also happens to be Father's Day. And it happens to be the day with the longest period of daylight. A perfect day to celebrate the men in our lives, along with family and friends!

This newsletter will be the last one sent out until September, and after our General Meeting on June 14 we will be taking a two month break and if all goes well, we will be able to gather at the Wimbish House for the meeting on September 13. It will no doubt be an exciting day, we will be sure to follow the directives and guidelines from the CDC. The health and well-being of our members is our biggest priority.

In the meantime we will all continue to do our committee and volunteer work in preparation of the rest of the year. Keep an eye on the Weekly Update every Monday morning to make sure you don't miss any important notices.

If you are a new member why not check into the different CSPs and see firsthand what they are all about? It is never too late to volunteer and there is no time/hour requirement or commitment to do so. Feel free to call or email the different committee chairs and ask questions or share ideas. We are always looking for fresh perspectives. The officers, including Connie Morris, Penny Blackford, Gretchen Butler, Barbara Washburn, Sandie Clendon, Peggy Pruett or myself are always available to help as well by answering questions, talking with you about the club in general or finding ways to help you get involved if you are interested. Remember that it really does take a village sometimes, and we definitely have the best one out there!

As a reminder of our mission, it is to "encourage our members to become active within the community by engaging in charitable activities that benefit the community as a whole."

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONT'D

I wish you all a glorious summer, filled with good health and lots of special times with your loved ones. Stay safe and enjoy every single day.

See you all virtually on June 14th, 11:00 am! Be sure to register and check email for invitation.

Jo Dee Gonzalez, AWC President 2020-2022



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH

Working to Make a Difference

Supporting 4 Key Agencies

The committee was extremely happy to make a charitable donation on behalf of the Club to support the GFWC 2021 Festival of Trees in its Bo-Bo-Balloons funding raising efforts.



Donations were given to support two signature programs of The National Association of Black Military Women (NABMW). The Shower Shoes and Personal Hygiene Program, and The Walking in Authority Teen Council Program designed to assist Veteran Teens (13-19) and their parents in Metro Atlanta to advocate for themselves, gain exposure to civic duty, devel-

op leadership skills to address community issues and to become agents of change.

The Club graciously supported the Atlanta Centennial Middle School Academy by delivering 20 essential care packages to 12 girls and 8 boys containing 18 essential items including a Chick Fil-A certificate to support the *School's Homeless Scholar Student Program.*

Finally, a donation was given to the League of Women Georgia to support the League's education program in the get out the vote efforts, including paying for Getting Out the Vote (GOTV) postcards, flyers, and phone/text banking.



Darlene Kimes, CSP Chair/Amber Hahn, CSP Co-Chair

ARTS & CULTURE

The Arts & Culture CSP will be visiting an amazing exhibit featuring original mixed media artwork by Catherine Smith (member and former Home Life CSP Chair) on **Thursday, June 24th** @ **1pm** at the Kennestone Hospital Cancer Center Lobby (340 Kennestone Hospital Blvd., Marietta, GA 30060). Interested members please RSVP to Billie Harris via email at hawcinc@live.com or phone (call/text) at 678-617-8511.

Members who are interested in joining the Arts and Culture CSP, please email your name and mobile number to hawcinc@live.com. Make sure to also download the GroupMe app on your mobile device to stay up to date with projects and volunteer opportunities. You will be added to the AWC Arts & Culture GroupMe via your mobile number.

Billie Harris, CSP Chair

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