



# The GFWC Lake Lanier Woman's Club, Inc. Newsletter

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

## *Recent Successes:*

Fifty-five cans of food were collected by members at our Christmas Party and given to children at a local elementary school that were going home to empty cupboard's! The school was thrilled.

A frantic call from My Sister's Place had us scrambling to cover six \$20 gift cards for Christmas gifts for residents at the center. Thank you to our members that came through!

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## *From the President's Desk...*

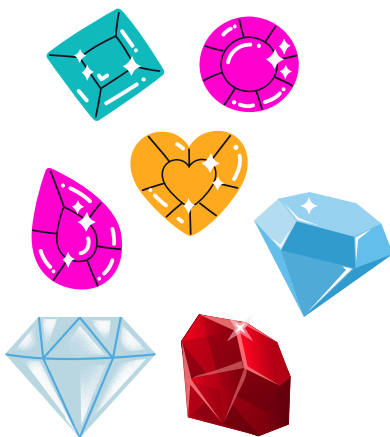
Happy New Year!

Christmas is gone and the new year is ahead of us. Let's make it the best year ever! I have chosen jewels as the symbol for my administration. For each of us is a jewel waiting to be discovered. Some of us are really shiny like diamonds, some sparkle with the color of a ruby, and some take patience and time to develop like a pearl. But, like jewels, we are all valuable.

You ladies are the absolute best and I can't wait for us to get started and find those little jewels in the community that need our support. We will learn and grow together. I hope everybody is well and ready to make a difference in 2025.

See you in January!

In Federation Friendship,  
Cynthia English



## *January General Meeting:*

**Tuesday, January 14th, 6:00 p.m.  
Mulberry Creek Community Center  
4491 J M Turk Rd, Flowery Branch, GA 30542**



**Happy  
Birthday  
Julie Grupp**

# ART & CULTURE CSP

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GFWC GA sponsors a photo contest each year. It is open to members of all GA clubs. Photos may be either horizontal or vertical. Photos must have been taken during the previous calendar year. This is a member entry, not a club entry. If you are interested, please print your photo in a 5x7 size, mounted on cardboard or foam board, and the forms will be available at the January meeting for you to enter. Deadline to enter is January 25th.

As we have just formed this new club, the club needs a symbol. We are reaching out to our charter members (That's YOU!) to help us come up with a symbol that represents us going forward. This will be a symbol we use on printed materials, letterheads, etc. What are your thoughts?

# EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES CSP

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Hall county Park and Recreation has been contacted about helping us to assemble and install a Free Little Library at Alberta Park in Flowery Branch. We have a sponsor that will buy the Little Library, but it needs to be assembled and installed in the park. After that, we will be responsible for stocking it with free books for the children. Please consider saving up children's books now to donate to the Little Library project in the future. Thanks!

Also, thank you to all that brought canned food to the Christmas Party. The members in attendance voted to donate the food collected to a local elementary school who explained to us they had 33 families that were food insecure during the holidays. When school is out, the children eat all their meals at home, and that can become a hardship for some families. Thank you for helping with this project!





## **ENVIRONMENTS CSP**

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**Do you normally recycle your trash? If so, then you are already engaged in a GFWC project! Please put the hours it takes you to recycle on your time sheet under the Environment CSP. Also, if you carpool to a GFWC meeting or event, those hours also go on your time sheet under environment. Some projects are very easy to accomplish!**

**Looking ahead, spring is around the corner. Do you have a project that might benefit the environment in our community? Bring it to the club, and let's get started!**



## **CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH CSP**

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**Martin Luther King , Jr. Day - January 20th**

**To celebrate, read a book about Dr. King and then ask your child to share his dreams. Discuss ways that your family can follow the example of Dr. King and make the world a better place.**

**Food insecurity is a challenge in Hall County, Georgia, with an estimated 10.4% of residents facing food insecurity. This includes 10.9% of children in the county. South Hall Community Food Bank is located at 4211 Walnut St, Oakwood, GA 30566. This food bank provides food, hygiene products, and household items to local residents. To visit, you'll need to provide a Social Security card for each household member, proof of residency, and a referral for subsequent visits. Supporting this endeavor may be a future project for our club.**



## **HEALTH & WELLNESS CSP**

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**It's a new year and that means New Year's Resolutions. Many of us start the year with a diet and exercise plan. If that's you, please put the time you go to the gym, or exercise classes, on your time sheet under Health and Wellness. Sydney Lange, MS, RDN, said, "The primary difference between health and wellness is that health is the goal and wellness is the ACTIVE process of achieving it. Wishing all a healthy and happy new year in 2025.**

**If you do have a health need, please let our officers know so we can be there to support you. If you need meals, or a ride to the doctor's office, or just our thoughts and prayers, please let us know! We are here for our members.**



# Officer Reports:

**Treasurer, Renette Todd** Dues are due! If you haven't already, please pay your dues at the January meeting. Active members pay \$70 and Patron members pay \$50. You may pay in two installments. The first installment is due in January and the second installment is due in June. If you can't be at the January meeting, you may mail your dues to GFWC Lake Lanier Woman's Club, Inc., P.O. Box 473, Oakwood, GA 30566. Thanks!!! Also at the January meeting, we will be presenting the 2025 budget for our club. Your input is important, and a majority vote is needed to approve the budget. Please make every effort to attend this meeting as we need a quorum present to vote on any business matters. Also, we want to get busy thinking of a fundraiser to finance our club work. Please consider serving on this committee and have some ideas ready to discuss!

## Membership

**At the January meeting we will have membership folders. Please note, some of you that filled out the membership forms in 2024, neglected to add your birthday (month and date). We need to add that information to the membership roster, so please give that information to Renette by the January meeting. In your membership folder will be a copy of the club Bylaws, Standing Rules, the Membership List, the GFWC Collect, and hopefully the budget, if passed.**

## Meet your officers



**President: Cynthia English**

**Secretary: Julie Dodd**

**Treasurer: Renette Todd**

**GFWC GA officer: Dr. Tina Neese**

**GFWC GA Jr. First VP/Director-Elect**

## Christmas Party





# GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence

National Stalking Awareness Month (NSAM) in 2025 will be in January, and the Day of Action for Stalking Awareness will be on January 18. Women are most likely to be stalked by a current or former intimate partner during the relationship, after it ends, or at both points in time. In Georgia, stalking is defined as a pattern of repeated and consistent actions that cause someone to fear for their safety or the safety of their family.

January is also National Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Every year since 2010, the President has dedicated the month to raise awareness about human trafficking and to educate the public about how to identify and prevent this crime. Human trafficking, also known as trafficking in persons, includes both forced labor and sex trafficking. It not only represents a threat to international peace and security but also undermines the rule of law, robs millions of their dignity and freedom, enriches transnational criminals and terrorists, and threatens public safety and national security everywhere.

There's a stranger out there who still thinks of you because you were kind to them when they really needed it.

Never stop being that person.

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](mailto:OCYP@archati.com)  
24-hour Abuse reporting Hotline 1-888-437-0764

Six \$20 gift cards to Dairy Queen were donated to My Sister's Place as Christmas gifts for the residents.

## Did you know?

The GFWC Lake Lanier Woman's Club, Inc. is now a part of GFWC GA! All our paperwork has been submitted and we are official! Thanks to Winder Woman's Club for being our GFWC sponsor. They have asked us to keep them informed so we can partner on projects. GFWC GA will present our charter at the GFWC GA Convention in April 2025 at Lake Lanier Islands! How exciting it is to become the newest club in our state, with you our charter members! Here are some facts you should know.



2024-2026

We are a member of the GFWC NE District in GA. Our GFWC NE District president is Debbie Borovitcky from Dawson Co. Woman's Club. Her symbol is the heart.



2024-2026

Our GFWC State President is Cathy Jones from Vienna, GA. Her symbol is the hand. Hand-in-hand, together we can.



2024-2026

Our GFWC International President is Suellen Brazil from Daphne, Alabama. Under the administration banner of "EDUCATE, ENGAGE, EMPOWER," the cornerstone will be engaging others in purposeful conversations, equipping them with knowledge and skills to make notable differences, and empowering members to unite with others to unleash a commanding force - the Circle of Influence - to address today's issues.