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# GFWC Lilburn Woman's Club

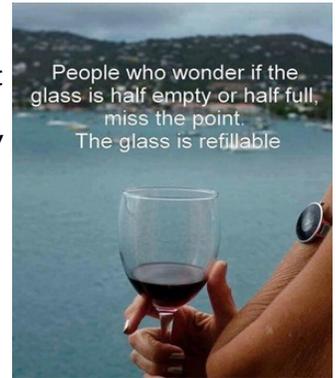
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**May, 2020**

**President: Diane DeGaetano**

Ladies:

I know things have not been easy for us the last 2 months but think of all of the positives that have come out of social distancing: renewed friendship, learning new technology – Zoom, time to have a fabulous garden, healthy weight with all the exercise you are getting, more time with immediate family, reading more books, cleaning out drawer, closets, whole rooms, finishing the UFO (Unfinished objects) such as scanning and organizing pictures, completing that sewing or quilting project. Etc. Maybe working from home is your new norm. Whatever is – we are impatient to get back to the pre-virus norm or start to develop a new norm, perhaps with more kindness, peace and love! Count your blessings!



I want to share some great news: I have received high level version of the 5 new Community Service Program with new objectives, affiliates (formerly known as partnerships) as well as proposed GFWC Strategic Plan. Now, our new State President, Shelby Holland will work with her executive board to fine tune them.

I will be sharing these with your executive board including the CSP chairs and co-chairs. Specifics will be provided by GFWC GA. in August (dates TBA) at Institute. If you are a CSP, please considering going to this meeting.

## **Corresponding Secretary: Christine Peredney**



As your Sunshine Chairman, I want to report on how much I have enjoyed really conversing with three LWC members. The member before my name called and we had a wonderful conversation and have later texted. The member below my name I called and have another wonderful conversation. This lady has been in the Woman's Club longer than I, but I had not taken the opportunity to call and resume our friendship until our President Diane suggested we begin contacting members whose name was listed below ours on the members' roster. Today (4/24) I received another wonderful call from a member who I have known since she joined the club but who I had not spoken to by phone lately. I had sent her a "Thinking of You" card and she called and we had an enjoyable time conversing on many subjects. My next assignment is to call, per Diane's request, the second name below mine on the roster. I cannot wait!!! I suggest each member in the next few weeks call the names close to your name. Now that we are more housebound, we can take the time to better communicate with each other. It is really difficult to work with strangers. After the phone call, this acquaintance may become one of your best friends!

During this pandemic we can learn to appreciate what we formerly took for granted. We can begin remotely connecting to others and it really helps with the isolation issue. I have worked on further organizing my papers and find an article I had saved on GFWC: a History of Accomplishments. In good times and bad GFWC and the state and local organizations have worked steadily making our world a better place. Some of the dates and highlights are the following; 1906 - a campaign was started to help pass the Pure Food and Drug Act; 1930's- GFWC helped establish 474 free public libraries and 4,655 traveling libraries; 1942 -Through the GFWC Buy a Bomber campaign during World War II, members raised \$154,459,132.00 through the sale of war bonds- enough money to purchase 431 planes; 2004 - GFWC contributed \$180,000 to purchase a fully equipped New York City Fire Department ambulance in response to the September 11 terrorist attacks. As you read this month's newsletter, you will be informed of what each program is doing to help in these uncertain times. We will not be defeated!!



The Lilburn Woman's Club is pleased to announce the placement of a memorial in honor of Faye Bourne Moore (1942– 2019). An Appalachian dogwood tree and permanent memorial marker have been placed on the grounds of the Wynne Russell House at 4684 Wynne Russell Drive NW, Lilburn, GA 30047.

Mrs. Moore was the founding president and a long-time member of the Lilburn Woman's Club where she exhibited visionary leadership and dedication in club work as well as in the city of Lilburn and Gwinnett County.

She was instrumental in major projects such as the restoration of the Wynne-Russell House and its placement on the Historical Registry and in many beautification projects in the Lilburn community. Mrs. Moore was further responsible for initiating safety measures to benefit individuals at railroad crossings, on school routes, and to protect our police force. Additionally, she served on the early boards and committees for the first Gwinnett County Children's Shelter.

In 1981 Mrs. Moore received the Distinguished Volunteer Award presented by First Lady Nancy Reagan in the White House Rose Garden. In 1985 she received the Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Award.

Plans for a public gathering have been cancelled due to the requirements of social distancing recommended for the prevention of the COVID-19 virus.

You are invited and encouraged to visit the Wynne-Russell House at your convenience and remember a beloved former citizen and leader in Lilburn.

*Diane S. DeGaetano*

Diane DeGaetano, Lilburn Woman's Club President





## Art & Culture: Gloria Sill

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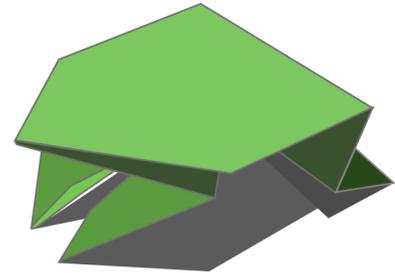
### Fundraising Dianna Carson

We have had to be very creative since our Spring Into Art was cancelled.

Our next project with Home Life and helping with decorating for the Hi Hope Dance has also been cancelled.

So, we thought of what we could do to spread art in our community. We came up with two projects for the children of Lilburn Elementary School who are receiving lunch each day delivered to them during the school cancellation. For the older children, we are providing several origami papers with instructions on how to make an origami jumping frog. This may require some adult or an older sibling assistance, but will be fun if completed.

For the younger children, we have purchased 100 boxes of crayons along with 2 coloring sheets for children and 1 coloring sheet that an adult could do to fill the time and perhaps help to reduce some stress during these challenging times. The materials will be delivered to Lilburn Elementary to be distributed as they wish. We hope that these projects will help to bring some joy to a lot of families.



Have you looked up any of the photos taken by the Hubble telescope? They are amazing...see below:





## Education and Libraries: Patty Gabilondo

### Education & Libraries First Meeting via Zoom!



– E&L Committee members were searching for ways to help the children in low-income and ESOL neighborhoods during the Chinese Virus school shutdown. It was

so good to see everyone again and catch up while we continued to find ways to serve our community in spite of many of us sheltering-in-place.

### Children's Books Donated to Lilburn Elementary School -

Principal Dr. Merisme was so excited when our E&L Chairman Patty Gabilondo delivered over 70 brand new K-5 school and activity books one morning in April on behalf of the club. Acknowledging our social distancing requirements, the Principal and administrators were on site and distributed to the students as they came to collect their free lunches.



### Pop-Up Little Free Library –

The children coming for lunches at Lilburn Elementary School during the school shutdown are normally accompanied by adults and older siblings as they walk to the school. Many cannot afford the luxury of books

**GFWC LILBURN WOMAN'S CLUB**

**Little Free Library**

- Read while you are here
- Take a book home to enjoy!
- Pass the book on to another
- Share the love of reading!

**Pequena Biblioteca Gratuita**

- Lee mientras esta(n) aqui
- Lléven(se) un libro a su casa para disfrutar!
- Pasen(se) el libro a otra/a
- Comparten la lectura!

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at home and with libraries closed, we needed to do something. We found an extra 2 boxes of books in

LWC storage unit and the principal and administrators were thrilled to set up a Pop-Up Little Free Library complete with LWC Signs in both English and Spanish which were attached to outside of boxes.

**LWC Book Club** will meet again on May 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss *"It All Comes Back to You"* by Beth Duke. We met via Zoom for the first time in April and it was not only a great learning experience for most, it actually worked out very well! Hope to see you all on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

### 2020 Scholarship Update:

We have received 13 applications for General Scholarship and 7 applications for our Arts Scholarship within our deadline. The Scholarship Committee is hard at work evaluating all the entries and no doubt it will be a very difficult decision. Instead of presenting scholarships in May, we are talking about postponing our Awards presentation to June. TBD





## Health & Wellness: Arthy White & Cheryle Haynes

We hope you are all enjoying this beautiful weather. We want to thank everyone for their generous food donations in April for the SVdP ...

### LET YOURSELF REST

If you're exhausted, rest.  
 If you don't feel like starting a new project, don't.  
 If you don't feel the urge to make something new, just rest in the beauty of the old, the familiar, the known.  
 If you don't feel like talking, stay silent.  
 If you're fed up with the news, turn it off.  
 If you want to postpone something until tomorrow, do it.  
 If you want to do nothing, let yourself do nothing today.  
 Feel the fullness of the emptiness, the vastness of the silence, the sheer life in your unproductive moments.  
 Time does not always need to be filled.  
 You are enough, simply in your being.

Jeff Foster



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## Environment : Mandy McManus & Andrea Brannen

It's Spring and one thing many of us do now is select new plants we would like try in our gardens and containers. Why not try some plants that attract pollinators such as bees, moths, butterflies, beetles, some birds and many other species? Maybe it will be a cucumber vine, your first apple tree, or cone flowers that support the animals and insects.

If you are staying out of nurseries and garden stores this year, try calling to find one that will pull your order and let you pick it up with minimum exposure. One such store is Pikes.

Here are suggestions from the University of Georgia:

To support food for caterpillars: milkweed, bronze fennel, parsley

For nectar: zinnias, sunflowers, hardy cosmos

For perennials: button bush, winter honeysuckle

For shade: white crepe myrtles, red maple, paperbush, lacecap hydrangeas, columbine

LWC, as well as our state and international federations have been encouraging us for several years to become educated and active in promotion of pollinators of all kinds. We can each do our part in our own corner of the world!



# May, 2020

Because of covid-19, many of these activities will probably be cancelled, delayed, or held by conference call

Check [www.lilburnwomansclub.org/Calendar.html](http://www.lilburnwomansclub.org/Calendar.html) for updates.

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
					1 Happy B'Day Mindy Cream	2
3	4	5	6 Happy B'Day Gale DeGray	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Community Yard Sale 9am – 1pm Greenway Pkg lot.
17 Happy B'Day Pat Baker	18 LWC Book Club 7-8:30 Nash Barn	19 Art & Cul- ture: At Wit's End—Aurora	20 Happy B'Day Sally Baker	21 Executive Board 6:45— 8	22	23
24 31	25	26	27	28 Happy B'Day Laurie Ann Benken	29	30 Happy B'Day Jeorlyn Randles & Gloria Sill

## Happy Birthday:

May 1—Mindy Crean  
 May 6—Gale DeGray  
 May 17—Pat Baker  
 May 20—Sally Baker  
 May 28—Laurie Ann Benken  
 May 30—Jerolyn Randles  
 May 30—Gloria Sill

