



GFWC Lilburn Woman's Club

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"Wow! 2019 went really fast. With 4 Presidents of LWC, we appreciate your patience. I believe we accomplished some great things: The Dictionary Project, Shoe Drive, Successful Lilburn Daze, complete with some great additions and now we are on the eve of Christmas Auction, Bake Sale and Dinner. We awarded some wonderful young women college scholarships, added 3 new members and tried some new ideas. I want to take this opportunity to thank my predecessors. Barbara Brooks - who lead us through the first quarter and had us all review or learn Track it Forward. Judy Nash, who graciously directed us through 2nd quarter with Spring Into Art and Scholarship and Community Recognition Program. Pat Swan, our wonderful sage, who brought us through 3rd quarter with a rest and our first meeting back after summer break.

I am so humbled to be following these leading women. I am very excited to serve as your president in 2020 and believe we have a great team of elected officers who will lead us into the next decade. I wish each and every one of you a very blessed Christmas Season, Happy Holidays and a Healthy 2020! See you next year! Diane

1st Vice President: Ana Kolb

We're sorry to see a few of our members leave us, as they branch out and start new chapters of their lives and hopefully start up or stir up women clubs in their new locations. Members that have joined in the last quarter of 2019: Laurie Benken, Deborah Shields & Gay Madden. We've had a total of 6 members join earlier this year: Pat Baker, Kathy Mattox, Pat Otwell, Brenda Popp, Adela Salame-Alfie and Roberta Williams. Welcome Ladies! It's going to be an exciting year and can't wait to see the new ideas and changes!

Thanks to every one of you for making this the best club with your hard work and never-ending volunteer spirit to help others.



Merry Christmas



Art: Brenda Dana

The Art Program has had a very good year starting off with our Spring Into Art Elementary Art Competition. We had 11 schools participate from both the public and private sectors with amazing art from kindergarten through fifth grade. Support from club members of cookies and lemonade presented a wonderful table of refreshments for all the attendees. Approximately 212 guests were in attendance. Art collaborated with Home Life to decorate for the High Hope Dance in June painting totem poles on cardboard boxes; adding to the centerpiece decorations and providing a photo op tiki hut with palm trees! Over the summer we made cork birdhouses and wreaths to sell at Lilburn Daze. Hosting our September General Meeting we held a club member photo con-

test giving an opportunity to share their favorite photos and to win a gift card which we listed to a professional give us tips on taking the perfect photo. The sale of our wreaths and birdhouses at Lilburn Daze was a success providing income for the club. A few of the wreaths that did not sell will be at our Christmas Dinner and Auction so be on the lookout to add to your décor while supporting our gift giving for children in our community.



Domestic Violence: Beth Werve

The end of 2019 is fast approaching and we look back with grateful hearts at the opportunities we've been given to serve. We volunteered with many others in January at The SOAP Project (Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution) prior to the Super Bowl which distributes thousands of bars of soap labelled with the National Human Trafficking hotline number. Spring brought the annual PADV (Partnership Against Domestic Violence) Teen Summit which addresses various aspects of teen dating violence for teens and their parents. We were also at the Lilburn Easter Egg Hunt in City Park where we distributed lots of pinwheels and literature to the community. This event is in conjunction with PCA Georgia, our GFWC partnership organization. All year long, we have made many trips to the Gwinnett County PADV Safe House and spent many hours sorting, labelling, and stocking the racks and shelves with clothing for the children of DV victims. We all find this to be one of our most

rewarding projects as well as their Back-to-School Bash in July. I want to thank all of our members this year who have worked for our team in various ways: Pat Swan who has also attended various other meetings and events in support of DV Awareness and Prevention, Diane DeGaetano, Lee Jurgevich, Mindy Crean, Adela Salame-Alfie, Gale DeGray and Mary Pope. We have all worked well together and hope our contribution will further the cause of raising awareness, providing information and aiding the victims of abuse in some small way.



A Joyful Christmas



Conservation: Mandy McManus & Andrea Brannen

Community Service Program Chairs

Art
Brenda Dana

Conservation
Mandy McManus
Andrea Brannen

Domestic Violence
Beth Werve

Education
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Home Life
Nadine Bily

International Outreach
Dianna Carson

Public Issues
Patty Gabilondo

Committees

Lilburn Daze
Nadine Bily

Social
Ana Kolb

Scholarship
Lori Harrison

Communications
Brenda Dana

Websites, Facebook
Andrea Brannen

Newsletter
Dianna Carson

Fundraising
Dianna Carson

Oh, what a year! Conservation has been so busy and has accomplished so much in 2019. Our first meeting in February had our program members brainstorming and ranking potential projects – we had lofty goals for the year.

A field trip to the Brookwood Aquaponics started the year off. We learned about this unique applied sciences course in which students help engineer and maintain the aquaponics set up while using the grown items to create products to sell. Students shared about a summer internship program in Honduras that would allow Brookwood Aquaponics' students to help a school with a problem with their aquaponics garden. Conservation knew that we wanted to get involved. Fast forward to the Conservation sponsored General Meeting, an opportunity drawing was held and through members generously opening their purses LWC Conservation was able to donate \$500 to help fund this trip. Conservation was proud to recognize Carrie Settles Liver, the teacher of Brookwood Aquaponics, at our May Scholarship Tea for dedication in teaching students about environmental sustainability.



During the General Meeting, Conservation with the help of Brenda Dana and others skilled in crocheting in the club hosted a DIY up cycling of plastic grocery bags to make mats for the homeless. Again, members and guests rose to the challenge creating plarn (string made of cut up plastic bags) and crocheting mats. Conservation created kits with large crochet hooks, plarn and instructions for members to check out so the project could continue outside of the general meeting. To date, we have donated 10 plarn mats to local organizations to distribute to the homeless community.

Conservation hosted a field trip to Gibbs Gardens in Blue Ridge, GA to enjoy the spring flowers. It was a beautiful day filled with daffodils, tulips, pansies and a delicious lunch.



Conservation also sponsored a plot in the Lilburn Community Garden and planted tomatoes and squash in the spring and sweet potatoes in the fall that were donated to the Lilburn Co-op.

In an effort to work with children by teaching them to become stewards of the community, Conservation worked with several local schools. Butterfly kits were donated to all the Kindergarten classes at Camp Creek Elementary and R. D. Head Elementary to support the butterfly population. Lady bugs were also released in conjunction

with a Conservation lead project at a local summer camp program. A birdbath was purchased to be placed in the garden of Minor Elementary School.

Summer came and we began the Lilburn Shoe Drive! The club members and community again answered the call helping us collect over 3,650 pairs of usable shoes keeping them out of the landfills and creating jobs in developing countries. Local schools, businesses and the Lilburn Farmers Market were instrumental in the success of this project. Club members helped sort and bag the collected shoes at the farmers market each Friday. The money that was raised through this project will be used by both Conservation and International Outreach.



During the summer, Conservation members car pooled to a local blueberry farm to pick blueberries. Members picked not only for themselves but also picked for the Lilburn Co-op.



Partnering with the Lilburn Farmers Market and Funnybones for Dogs, Conservation co-hosted the annual Dog Days of Summer pet event. The community brought their dogs to the market for a fun parade, took pictures in the Doggie photo booth, and received a goodie bag filled with treats for their pet.

Again, partnering with the Lilburn Farmers Market, Conservation hosted a drawing for a Bee House. Information about the importance of bees was distributed at this event.

Because members enjoyed picking blueberries so much, Conservation planned an apple picking field trip. We carpooled up to Elijah, GA to B.J. Reece Orchards. Members filled their bags with different varieties of apples and also picked extra to donate to the Lilburn Co-op. Of course, we had a fun lunch in downtown Elijah to finish the day.



Conservation challenged all club members to have a 'Strawless October' to reduce the waste of plastic straws. Each member and guest at the October General Meeting were given a hard plastic straw to help them with the challenge. Donations were made to Topp Dogg K9 Foundation, Jaildogs of Gwinnett, Nature Generation, Lunches of Love and Atlanta Humane Society.

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Home Life: Nadine Bily

Just like all other programs, Home Life had a busy year. Remember, if you took part in any of the projects noted with an asterisk, you receive a point in Home Life's "Together We Will Kick Health Up A Notch" contest, which ran from May 1 through October 31.

In 2019 we sponsored the following projects:

Side by Side, reception, Jawbones Sawbones, Halloween Party, Thanksgiving lunch

Run the Reagan

*St. John Neumann SMILE Run

Hope Lodge dinners (3 dinners)

Hi Hope dance

Diabetes awareness

Risk testing in March

*lunch and learn with Lions Club

Easter egg hunt

*Farm to Market to Table dinner

Exercise classes (report all)

*yoga and zumba classes announced to entire club

*Diane D's tai chi classes at Snellville Library

*classes announced by Linda Pierce at general meeting

*yoga, tai chi, zumba sessions at Lilburn Daze

*financial education sessions at community building

Canine companions, donation, at farmers market, and at Lilburn Daze

St Vincent De Paul pantry donations at Christmas Auction

Silent Auction baked goods, proceeds split evenly between St Vincent de Paul and Lilburn food co-OP

Toys for Tots workday

**don't forget... participation in activities that encourage health (mental, financial, or physical) between May 1 and October 31 that are reported under other programs also count in Home Life's contest. For example, women's self defense program, apple picking, etc.



International Outreach: Dianna Carson

What a great year IO has had this year! Much appreciation goes out to all members who have supported this program. This is the last year for IO as a stand-alone program as it has been decided to incorporate international activities/projects into the other community service projects. For example Education might send books to children in other countries, Home Life might support Heifer donations, etc.

We have made 50 pillow-case dresses for third graders at the Good Shepherd School in Haiti and enjoyed an interesting program on the school.

We have donated truck loads of items to William Brown who sends them to Liberian refugee camps. He prepared a South African meal for us that was delicious.

One of our members visited the Global Village and Discovery Center to see the pitiful conditions that people in third world countries have to endure.

We participated in the shoe drive to raise money for projects, provide income for people overseas, and save shoes from landfills.

We are making "No-No" bands for children who have surgery to correct cleft palate. The bands help keep their hands away from their incisions thus cutting down on infections and faster healing.

We collected "Quarters for Quackers" at each meeting and sent money to Heifer Int'l.

We have made many donations to support Bahamas, Operation Smile, Doctors Without Borders





Public Issues: Patty Gabilondo

Supporting Local Girl Scouts

Congratulations to Cierra Thomas and Kaitlyn Crowe who earned their Bronze Awards this month! The Girl Scout Bronze Award is the highest honor a Girl Scout Junior can achieve, and LWC Public Issues welcomed 10-year old Cierra Thomas who presented their project at our November LWC General meeting. Donations received from both LWC Public Issues and very generous LWC members helped these caring young Girl Scouts exceed their original goal of raising funds so they could adopt a local veteran (Sgt. Paul DiPaolo) with his service dog (Deuce) training needs.



Supporting Our Local Female Veterans: Cierra and Kaitlyn converted some of the extra donations that they received from LWC members into pet store gift cards for two very grateful female veterans. Each of our adopted female veterans received a \$100 gift card. President Diane DeGaetano and Public Issues Chair Patty Gabilondo were invited to the presentation held at the Top Dogg K9 Foundation service dog training facility. So heart-warming to know that LWC is making a positive difference in the lives of these men and women who sacrificed so much for our American freedoms.



Supporting our Troops Overseas: There were literally mountains of cookies to navigate through as LWC Members, plus one former member (Carolyn Havens) joined PI as we went into action at the Treat the Troops Southern Style packing event on Nov. 21, 2019 at the VFW facility in Cumming, GA. LWC members donated over 29 dozen homemade cookies, toiletries, etc. Over 570 boxes with cookies, candy, magazines and other "comfort items" for our soldiers deployed around the world during the holidays were filled and sealed within 2 hours time. It was a well-oiled production line led by the phenomenal Linda Jones. Thank you notes from the PI table inside the Kidz Art Station at Lilburn Daze were added for an extra hugs from home.



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Check www.lilburnwomansclub.org/Calendar.html for updates.

Sun. Mon. Tue. Wed. Thu. Fri. Sat.

1	2	3	4	5 LWC Christmas Auction & Dinner 6:30 St. John Newman	6	7 Lilburn Christmas Parade 8:45 Lil Isr Bapt. Pkng lot. Bring candy to throw
8	9 Gift wrapping Ana Kolb's 7PM	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Toys for Tots 9-1 Meet City Park pkng lot at 7:45 AM CSP reports due to Barbara Brooks	17	18	19 Exec. Bd. Mtg. 6:45 Nash Barn	20	21
22	23	24	25 	26	27	28
29	30	31				

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Dec. 4—JoAnn Jones
Dec. 10—Susan Kintzler
Dec. 16—Lee Jurjevich
Dec. 19—Trish Biemiller
Dec. 24—Andrea Brannen