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President: Maureen Fraser

First, I want to thank Kathy Shepherd for hosting the President's Tea honoring and celebrating Outgoing President Kathy Mattox's outstanding service over the past two years. Kathy truly served as a President extraordinaire, and the afternoon was a joyful reflection of her leadership, dedication, and heart for service.

Also, a special thanks to all who shared their favorite savory dishes, delectable desserts, and refreshing beverages - a fitting tribute to a president who brought warmth, energy, and collaboration to every meeting and event.

Throughout her tenure, Kathy went far beyond the responsibilities of her office. She actively took part in CSP meetings and activities and played a vital role in every major fundraiser. Under her leadership, the club launched two impactful initiatives that will continue to help the community for years to come: providing a free book to every elementary school student through the Bookmobile Project and sponsoring a Habitat for Humanity home.

Kathy's leadership will be remembered not only for what she carried out, but for the kindness, enthusiasm, and genuine care she shared with every member. She leaves our club stronger, more connected, and deeply grateful.



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Art & Culture:
Pam Montgomery

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Strategic Planning:
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Taste of Lilburn:
Andrea Brannen
Co Chair: Kathy Mattox

1st Vice President/Membership: Ana Kolb

It is a pleasure to be a member of the Lilburn Woman's Club. We do so much for the community and surrounding areas. And you've probably heard that it takes a village..., well it's the same with our organization. One member or even 10 members cannot do it alone. That's why it's important for all our members to be involved. As a member, we have certain duties to be active members.

Attend general meetings and program meetings. If you cannot attend, please notify the 1st VP (Membership Chair) for the appropriate program chair.

Active members are required to work at least 4 hours on the day of the Club's major fund-raising project, Lilburn Daze. If a member is unable to fulfill this requirement, she shall notify the LD chair.

Members are required to actively participate in at least one other Club project and at least 2 program projects within the Jan 1 to Dec 31 reporting period. The Taste of Lilburn shall be an annual Club project. The Club may vote on additional Club projects. If a member is unable to fulfill these requirements, it is her responsibility to notify the Executive Board, which shall work with the member on possible alternatives.

Dues must be paid on time.

If you would like a full list of membership types and descriptions in our By-Laws and Standing Rules, please go to the www.lilburnwomansclub.org/Members-Only site. Contact Andrea Brennen if you need your password reset.

Thanks for being a member. I appreciate each and every one of you!



2nd Vice President: Nadine Bily

Why report your hours and monetary donations?

Members often wonder why we constantly ask you to keep track of and report your time and monetary donations whenever you contribute to our many projects. At the end of the year each CSP Chair submits a report of work done between January 1 and December 31 to GFWC Georgia. These reports cannot be accurate unless each member supplies her own data. Your CSP Chair may know how many cookies and other snacks were taken to Treats for Troops, but only you know how much time and money you spent baking or purchasing the items. We may know that 50 bibs were gifted to an assisted living center, but only those who purchased or donated supplies, spent time making the bibs, or helped assemble the gift bags with other donated items know how much really went into that project. Don't forget that your everyday activities can be reported, such as weekly recycling or providing a meal to a shut-in. We need each and every member to report her hours. We will collect the 2026 first quarter's reporting data in April. As a guide, you will be given a list of projects to report under each CSP. Also, if you have done something impactful on your own, please mention it as we may be able to include it under an existing project.

Again, why report your hours and monetary donations?

At this time of year you may hear about district and state awards that are given to the Clubs with the "best" reports. However, winning a competition is not the reason to report.

Reporting is the means by which we show the impact of our service to the community. GFWC uses the statistical information in lobbying efforts and in helping to acquire Partnerships and other funding. Reporting is the history of each club and is also a tool in preserving the history of women in our society.



Art and Culture: Pam Montgomery

Submitted By: Gloria Sill

Some of you may remember when Lilburn would declare March as Spring Into Art Month and student art would be exhibited at the City Hall. Well, this March we will be featuring art from Trickum Middle, Five Forks Middle, and SJN middle grades at our Taste of Lilburn Celebration on March 7 at Parkview High School. We will be giving money prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place art.

March is National Craft Month which is good news for all of you crafters. You know that's art, too. So is performing arts, creative writing, theater, and photography. There are many more things that are an art such as cooking and baking, sign making, floral arrangements, and landscaping. March is also

Woman's History Month and the General Federation of Women's Club plays an important part of world history. And we also celebrate Essential Workers Day for all of the essential workers whose efforts may have gone unnoticed. Guess I'll have to show my appreciation for the garbage collectors, Amazon, UPS and other delivery persons, the guys who mow our lawn, our handyman, etc. Whew! We have a lot of people who we need in our lives but often forget to thank, right? Show your appreciation for all of these unsung heroes as we march into spring.



Civic Engagement & Outreach: Amber Cannon

The Annual Stand with Survivors Annual Advocacy was held at The State Capitol on Feb. 18, 2026. Two new bills are slated for review this year.

Domestic Violence Firearm Safety – Temporarily restrict access to firearms for people who pose a heightened risk of lethal violence situation – identified through court findings and due process protections within constitutional guardrails. Though federal law already restricts access to firearms for abusers, Georgia has not mirrored the law, leaving a gap making victims vulnerable to further abuse and even death. Additionally, the presence of a firearm in a domestic violence situation increases the likelihood of fatality by five times.

Danger Risk Assessment for Law Enforcement – Support legislation that equips law enforcement and courts with vital information and tools to effectively assess and identify high-risk domestic violent situations. Such measures are essential for identifying potential threats early and implement appropriate preventive actions to reduce fatalities and ensure the safeties of individuals and families in Georgia. Standardized risk assessment offers law enforcement and courts a comprehensive understanding of domestic violence situations by allowing them to gather and review critical details informing them about the severity, frequency, history,

and nature of the abuse. This enhanced investigative perspective equips officials with the necessary insight to identify high risk situations and imminent threats, allowing them to prioritize safety and intervene effectively. These tools ensure better protection for survivors and help to prevent harm or loss of life.

Send an email to your state representative to support these bills.





Education: Jenny Nall

While the official 2026 Read Across America Week theme from the NEA isn't explicitly stated yet in these results, the National Education Association (NEA) promotes a year-round focus on diverse books, and March 2026 themes include "End Exclusion" (Jan), "Claim Freedom" (Feb), and "Champion Kindness" (Mar), suggesting a strong push for inclusivity and diverse stories for Read Across America in 2026. Read Across America Week 2026 will be held March 2-6, centered around Dr. Seuss's birthday (March 2nd). This monthly focus directly supports the spirit of Read Across America, encouraging empathy and positive action through reading. This year, several of us will be reading for Lilburn Elementary Kindergarten and First-grade students on March 3, 2026. We still need two volunteers: [Read Across America - LES](#)

- **When:** March 2-6, 2026 (Read Across America Day is March 2nd).

- **Who:** Organized by the [National Education Association \(NEA\)](#).

- **Goal:** To foster a lifelong love of reading and highlight the importance of literacy for all children.

- **Purpose:** To encourage reading, celebrate the value of literacy, and promote Dr. Seuss's contributions to children's literature.



Donation Reminders

The LWC collects the following items to help those in need. Bring items to club meeting.

Art:

Civic Engagement & Outreach:

Soda Pop Tabs
Fronts of used greeting cards & cancelled stamps (St. Jude)
Treats for Troops — (cookies, candy, cards, magazines, toiletries,)
Pajamas for Jambos

Education & Libraries:

Books for Little Free Library

Environment:

Pill bottles

Health & Wellness:

Articles for Brookside Store—lotions, socks, tissues



Environment: Mandy McManus

Clean water is a blessing for life that we can help provide. Waterborne diseases are one of the leading causes of death for children under 5. We cannot live without water since our bodies are predominately composed of water. Dehydration can have serious and mental consequences.

For many mothers and children fetching water is a daily struggle. It is dangerous to walk alone and have to miss earning money working daily for parents and attending school for children. For many water is located far from their homes and work places. It can take hours to go and return with the valuable container of usually unclean water. Dangerous animals live in the rivers. The water obtained is dirty and dangerous to drink.

2.1 billion people or one in four people around the world lack safely managed drinking water. There are areas in the United States where the drinking water is less than safe. An example is areas where carpet is made and the anti stain chemical is used. The weather also effects having clean drinkable water due to floods, typhoons, and storms.

Caring organizations such as UNICEF (UNICEF USA PO Box 96964 Washington, DC 20077) and LIFE Outreach International (PO Box 982000 Fort Worth, TX 761829986) are raising funds to drill wells using mobile drilling rigs. The water wells will enable families and children to live without fear of death from contaminated water and give time for earning wages and attending school.

Environment plans to send a donation to UNICEF to help with the drilling of water wells.



March—National Women's Month

Submitted By: Kathy Mattox

Every year, March is designated Women's History Month by presidential proclamation. The month is set aside to honor women's contributions in American history.

Did You Know? Women's History Month started as Women's History Week . . .

Women's History Month began as a local celebration in Santa Rosa, California. The Education Task Force of the Sonoma County (California) Commission on the Status of Women planned and executed a "Women's History Week" celebration in 1978. The organizers selected the week of March 8 to correspond with International Women's Day. The movement spread across the country as other communities initiated their own Women's History Week celebrations the following year.

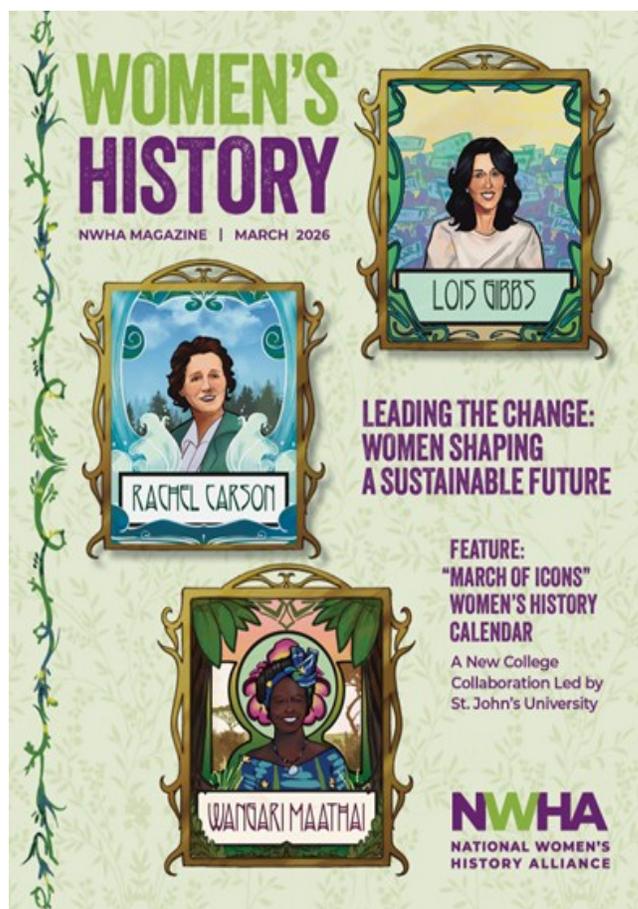
In 1980, a consortium of women's groups and historians—led by the National Women's History Project (now the National Women's History Alliance)—successfully lobbied for national recognition. In February 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation declaring the Week of March 8th 1980 as National Women's History Week. Subsequent Presidents continued to proclaim a National Women's History Week in March until 1987 when Congress passed Public Law 100-9, designating March as "Women's History Month." Between 1988 and 1994, Congress passed additional resolutions requesting and authorizing the President to proclaim March of each year as Women's History Month. Since 1995, each president has issued an annual proclamation designating the month of March as "Women's History Month."

The National Women's History Alliance selects and publishes the yearly theme. The theme for Women's History Month 2025 is **"Moving Forward Together! Women Educating & Inspiring Generations."**

For 2026, the National Women's History Alliance (NWA) proudly presents the theme: "Leading the Change: Women Shaping a Sustainable Future" This theme honors the women who have and are reimagining and rebuilding systems to ensure long-term sustainability - environmental, economic, educational, and societal. It recognizes the powerful leadership of women in creating a future that is rooted in equity, justice, and opportunity for all.

In this pivotal moment of history, we are called to confront a range of overlapping global challenges: climate change, economic insecurity, healthcare disparities, and threats to democratic participation. These issues are deeply intertwined - and women, particularly from marginalized communities, often experience their impacts most acutely. Yet women have also led the charge toward lasting solutions. "Leading the Change: Women Shaping a Sustainable Future" expands our understanding of sustainability beyond just environmental concerns. It encompasses financial sustainability, community resilience, leadership succession, and intergenerational equity. Whether developing green technologies, advancing economic justice, strengthening education systems, or building civic power - women are designing blueprints for sustainable transformation. This theme affirms that shaping a sustainable future means fostering systems that support both people and the planet.

In 2026, the celebration takes on a vital new focus. As the world faces complex challenges like climate change and economic inequality, this year's theme highlights the women who are designing solutions for a better tomorrow. Whether you're planning a community event, teaching a class, or simply looking to learn more, here is everything you need to know about Women's History Month 2026.



Taste of Lilburn: Andrea Brannen

Taste of Lilburn is quickly approaching. With 30 restaurants, there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

Agavero	Imperial Chinese Garden
Alcove Coffeehouse	Izzy's Pizza
Always Fresh	Jolly Jolly Bakery
Baby Al's	King of Pops
Bella Vita	La Flannery
Brewed Up	Le Sorelle Ristorante
Buttercream Boss	Namaste by Cake World
Chicken Salad Chick	Taste of India
Collard Green Cafe	Playa Bowls
DOMA Chocolates	Reetayl Therapy Desserts
Firehouse Subs	Shorty's Pizza
Fresca Trattoria	Stars and Strikes Family Entertainment
Frontera Mexican Kitchen	Texas Roadhouse
Haven Bodega	The Village Corner
Healthy Wealthy Lifestyle	Trully Blessed Catering
Hungry Hippo Eats	



There are still opportunities to volunteer to work during the event.

Here is the sign-up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4FADA922A5FCC70-62115222-taste#/>

DRINKS for Taste of Lilburn

If you have not purchased any drinks yet, please consider buying water. We have fewer folks signed up for water.

Sign up to contribute drinks to Taste of Lilburn

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4FADA922A5FCC70-61701003-taste#/>

Also, please adhere to the Coke products we listed in SignUpGenius. It is too hard to deal with other random flavors. Thank you!

There are several options to deliver your drinks for this event.

1. You can bring it to the event on Saturday, March 7, at 2 pm. Please bring them chilled if possible. We will be inside the cafeteria and will receive your drinks at the drink station.
2. You can bring your drinks to the general meeting on March 5 and load directly into Mandy's or Andrea's car.
3. You can drop off early at Mandy's house at 4095 Graham Way, Lilburn

These drop-off choices are listed in order of preference.

Ticket Sales

Please consider encouraging friends and neighbors to purchase tickets to attend the Taste of Lilburn. You can purchase tickets at the March general meeting or reach out to Andrea at 404-384-8574 if you want to get them sooner.

Thank you for your support in making an amazing event!

SAVE THE DATE

GFWC Lilburn Woman's Club presents

TASTE OF LILBURN

March 7, 2026

4 PM - 7 PM



Presenting Sponsor **Piedmont**
EASTSIDE

**PARKVIEW HIGH SCHOOL
CAFETERIA - 998 COLE ROAD, LILBURN**

Check out participating restaurants at www.TasteofLilburn.org

March, 2026

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

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1	2	3 9:15 –10:45 AMRead Across America @ Lilburn Ele.	4	5 6-8PM LWC Mtg @ Mtn. West Church on Luxomni	6	7 4-7PM Taste of Lilburn @ Parkview High School
8	9	10 6-8PM Ed. Mtg @ Always Fresh	11 Treats for Troops	12 6:30 Social @ Fresca	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 7PM Exec. Bd Mtg.	20	21 10AM NE District Mtg. @Hartwell Arts Center
22	23	24	25	26 9AM Book- mobile @ Hop- kins ES	27 9AM Book- mobile @ Hop- kins ES	28
29	30 9AM Book- mobile @ Minor ES 7PM—Book Club	31 9AM Book- mobile @ Minor ES	April 1	2 6PM LWC Gen Mtg	3 9:30AM Bookmobile @ Lilburn ES	



Happy Birthday!

MAR.03—Pat Shaver
 Mar. 07—Nancy Chilcoat
 Mar.07—Gloria DiMaggio Tow
 Mar. 09—Bailey Rigor
 Mar. 12—Diane DeGaetano
 Mar.17—Lori Bottens