



The Azalea City News

Newsletter of GFWC Azalea City Woman's Club

Member of the General Federation of Woman's Clubs (GFWC)

A Note From The President

Hello, dear sisters in service! I want to extend my appreciation for your invaluable contributions to our newsletter. Each member's dedication and effort are truly appreciated. Even though we are halfway through the year, there are still many exciting opportunities ahead of us. I want to express a huge THANK YOU for supporting me as the LEADS candidate representing GFWC Georgia. I am eagerly looking forward to the 2024 GFWC Annual Convention in Chicago later this month, where I hope to gain insights to share with all of you.

Following our May meeting, I participated in a LEADS Zoom meeting with the GFWC Leadership and fellow LEADS candidates. I also visited Albany at the Hilton Gardens Inn, where I met with Cathy Jones the State President, Jennifer Stalvey the Director of Junior Clubs, Kitty Wise the State Meeting & Events Coordinator, and Jamie Stewart the State Leadership Chairman to discuss location logistics and plan for our GFWC Georgia Institute and state LEADS event in late August. I am thrilled about Institute and I hope to see everyone there!

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With more than 60,000 members in affiliated clubs in every state and more than 20 countries, GFWC members are community leaders who work locally to create global change by advocating for women, children and families on issues such as domestic violence and sexual assault, food insecurity/hunger, and promoting healthy lifestyles. GFWC also supports the arts, works to preserve natural resources, advances education, encourages civic involvement, and works toward world peace and understanding.

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Arts & Culture



We continue to work in the fundraiser for the Dosta Theatre. I have been all over Valdosta searching for donations. We have received gift cards, summer items for a basket, and a large fish art piece. The fish art piece is beautiful and I cannot wait for everyone to see it. We are currently looking for a venue to hold a silent auction. If you have a suggestion please let me know.

Make sure to go by the Turner Center for the Arts to view and vote on your favorite photos taken in around City of Valdosta and Lowndes County. Voting ends on July 18th,



Civic Engagement & Outreach

We had Charlie Oliver and Vivanne Cody attend the headstone cleaning at the Sunset Hill Cemetery. Pictures are on page 3 of the newsletter.

Sign up for the Legislative Action Center, a power tool to alert you to GFWC's public issues and advocacy efforts. Track bills, contact your local representative and take action on issues germane to GFWC Resolutions.

Action Center: <https://www.votervoice.net/GFWC/home>

Legislation / Public Policy: <https://www.gfwc.org/what-we-do/public-policy/>

Education & Libraries



Book Challenge: Every 10 books you read or donate gets you a ticket a small prize. In November a big prize will be given with lots of reader swag. Below are the special book challenges:

- A historical fact you didn't know
- A new word
- Favorite book quote

Clyattville Elementary is asking for a few items. Please contact Nancy or Collette for drop-off or pick-up of items.

- 12 cans of Lysol
- 12 boxes of gloves size medium
- 48 AA batteries
- \$100 Amazon gift card for ESOL earbuds

Epsilon Sigma Omicron: <https://www.gfwc.org/what-we-do/community-service-programs/epsilon-sigma-omicron/>

Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO) is an honorary educational society open to all members. Clubwomen are given direction in planned reading for self-enrichment and personal growth. If you would like to join fill out the application found in the Yearbook. If you would like an application sent to you, see Nancy, Collette, or Justin.



Environment

We have received an update on Frank Sriracha!

“Enrichment is a crucial tool that we use with most of our patients in the hospital. This can be anything from the way we feed our turtles to what we place in their enclosures. A great form of enrichment for our hatchling, Frank Sriracha, is broadcast feeding. This little turtle gets fed seafood gelatin, a blend of seafood, vegetables, vitamins, and unflavored gelatin (a well-balanced meal for a young sea turtle) as well as fiddler crabs. Whenever we fed this to Frank Sriracha, we scatter the food throughout the tank. This is incredibly important for our hatchling, because it teaches Frank Sriracha how to hunt and move around obstacles, and important survival skill for life out in the ocean.”



Upcoming Environment Activities

Adopt A Street Litter Pickup on June 22nd at 9:30 am. Meet at the Vallatton Park.

Health & Wellness



World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is June 15th every year. Please wear purple to help spread awareness. Please send pictures of you in purple to Justin Jacobs. <https://eldermistreatment.usc.edu/weaad-home/>

June is also Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month

Take charge of your brain health and join us in the fight to end Alzheimer's and all other dementia.

<https://www.alz.org/abam/overview.asp>

You can find 10 Early signs and symptoms of Alzheimer's and Dementia here: https://www.alz.org/alzheimers-dementia/10_signs



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<https://memberportal.gfwc.org/>



June Events

- June 15th - World Elder Abuse Day
- June 19th - Juneteenth
- June 20th - Cruisin at the Crescent Fashion Show @ 6:30 pm, \$45 tickets Contact Charlie Oliver for tickets. No tickets will be sold at the door.
- June 22nd - Adopt A Street Litter Pickup @ 9:30 am
- June 25th - New Member Meet Up
- 2024 GFWC Annual Convention June 27 thru July 1st.

July Events

- July 4th - Independence Day
- July 8th - ACWC Social Gathering. More Details Coming
- July 17th - Battle of Badges Blood Drive at the City Hall Annex Multi-purpose Room.
- July 22nd - 16th Annual Valdosta People's Choice Photo Contest Reception from 5-7 pm.
- July 27th - Back to School Community Block Party, Unity Park from 9 am - 1 pm



Club Members In The Community



Club Members accepting award, Organization of the Year for Clyattville Elementary



Justin, Debbie, Janice, Annie, Jeanette, Lynn and Guests at Ray's Mill Pond



Charlie Oliver Cleaning Headstones



Jasmin and family attending the South Georgia Gospel Music Festival @ Unity Park



Viviann Cody Cleaning Headstones

