



# 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

Time is flying by, and the year is almost over! The GFWC Georgia South West District held its Fall meeting in Tifton, Georgia. Seven members attended, and Annie, of course, took home many raffle items. It was a wonderful event. Thank you for hosting the event, Tifton Woman's Club and Tifton Junior Woman's Club.

GFWC National Day of Service was interrupted by Hurricane Helene. There was much damage across the Southern States due to Helene. Our club held a food drive to support Quola Soup Kitchen. Their roof was damaged in the storm and with the help of World Central Kitchen, Quola was able to feed the community from their parking lot. Quola's building has since been cleared to resume operations. The food collected in the ACWC food drive was delivered just days after the storm, and the community could take needed items. Our community is still working to clean debris and repair homes and businesses.

Janice Blanchard and I attended the GFWC Southern Region Conference in Greenville, SC, and it was a wonderful event. There were workshops and collections to support local hurricane relief, and the Junior Fun Night raised \$1650 for Camp Greenville. I spoke at the conference about my experience as the GFWC Georgia LEADS representative. It was a great time to visit with friends and make new friends.

Justin Jacobs  
President



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The General Federation of Women's Clubs is a unifying force, bringing together local women's clubs, with members dedicated to strengthening their communities and enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service.

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.

For more information, please visit [www.GFWC.org](http://www.GFWC.org) or call 1-800-443-GFWC (4392).



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## Arts & Culture



October is National Arts & Humanities Month (NAHM). It recognizes the importance of culture arts and humanities in shaping our lives, communities, and country. NAHM has four goals

- Focusing - to create a focus on the arts and humanities through the media
- Encouraging - to encourage the participation of individuals nationwide
- Allowing - to provide an opportunity for businesses, government, and civic leaders to declare their support for the arts and humanities
- Raising - establishing a highly visible vehicle for raising awareness about the arts and humanities.

The Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts will host the 7th annual ARToberfest, which observes NAHM, celebrating the talents of local and regional artists and highlights the arts' remarkable impact on community life.  
<https://turnercenter.org/turner-center-hosts-7th-annual-artoberfest/>



The Arts & Culture CSP continues to fundraise for next year projects. Some upcoming projects include sponsoring youth in a summer art program, a writing contest for local schools, and continued support of the local Theatre Guild Valdosta.



## Civic Engagement & Outreach

October is National Crime Prevention Month (NCPM), an annual campaign to educate people on crime prevention while promoting awareness of issues such as victimization, creating a safer, more caring community, and volunteerism.



National Crime Prevention Council (<https://www.ncpc.org/preventviolentcrime/>) has some great ways to, "Help Take A Bite Out of Crime".

- Make sure you lock doors and windows
- Close windows and blinds at night
- Park in well-lit areas
- Keep valuables out of sight
- Check your backseat
- Be aware of your surroundings
- Trust your instincts

# Education & Libraries



## September is:

**National Book Month**

**National Principals Month**

**National Learning Disabilities Month**

Make sure to keep up with the Book Challenge. In November, a big prize will be given with lots of reader swag. Don't forget that every 10 books you read or donate gets you a ticket and a small prize.

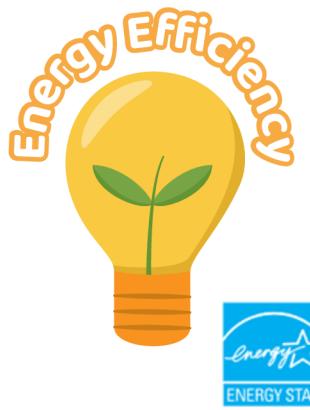
Below are the past book challenges:

- A historical fact you didn't know
- A new word
- Favorite book quote
- Reading a book that is different from you and how that changes your understanding of people.



# Environment

Energy Efficiency Day is October 5, 2024. It is an initiative to raise awareness about energy consumption.



Energy efficiency means using less energy to achieve the same outcome. Utilizing energy-efficient practices and products, can protect the environment, save money, and help address energy equity. Below are some examples of improving energy efficiency.

- Updating heat pumps - an ENERGY STAR certified heat pump uses 70% less energy.
- Updating windows - less energy is used to cool or warm your home with energy-efficient windows
- Having attic insulation checked: with a properly insulated attic, less energy is used to cool or warm your home.
- Use smart thermostats - wifi enabled devices that control the heating and cooling of your home.

US Department of Energy: <https://www.energy.gov/save/home-upgrades>

# Health & Wellness



The Teal Pumpkin Project is a simple way to make trick-or-treating more inclusive by raising food allergy awareness and offering the option of non-food trinkets in a separate bowl. A teal pumpkin on your doorstep signals that you offer non-food treats. Here are some great non-food treat ideas.

- Glow sticks, bracelets, or necklaces
- Pencils, pens, crayons or markers
- Bubbles
- Stickers
- Mini Slinkies
- Bouncy balls
- Spider rings
- Vampire fangs
- Halloween erasers or pencil toppers
- Whistles, kazoos, or noisemakers
- Finger puppets or novelty toys
- Coins
- Mini Notepads
- Playing cards for children
- Bookmarks
- Stencils





## 2024 National Day of Service

The GFWC National Day of Service (GFWC NDS) is a day in which all of GFWC come together in service to highlight an area of need, take action to address the need, and raise public awareness about its importance. State federations and clubs are encouraged to join in and organize community service programs (CSPs) in their communities as part of the GFWC NDS.

This year's GFWC NDS issue of focus is food insecurity. On Saturday, September 28th, the Woman's Club around the world will be volunteering at local food banks and organizing food drives to raise awareness and to advocate to end food insecurity.



This year Azalea City Woman's Club held a Food Drive for the Quola Soup Kitchen. We partnered with three local businesses for food collection drop-off locations. We collected jumbo or regular-sized canned vegetables, canned soup, fruit, pasta, rice, peanut butter, disposable bowls, plates, cups, socks, washcloths, shampoo, soap, and personal hygiene items.



# Clubs Members In Pictures



Jeanette and Annie at the 2024 Fall South West District Meeting



Jeanette and Fire Chief Brian Boutwell



Jeanette, Annie, and participate at the Fire Department Citizens Academy Demonstration.



Nancy Hannon with Methodist Children's Home, Justin Jacobs, and Charlie Oliver at the October Club Meeting



Avernell Rodgers



Jasmine Conner donating clothes to Living Bridges Ministry

# Southern Region Pictures



Justin Jacobs, Jamie Stewart, Jenny Nall, and Janice Blanchard



Jenny Nall, Jamie Stewart, and Janice Blanchard



GFWC Georgia President Cathy Jones and Director of Junior Clubs, Jennifer Stalvey



Janice Blanchard



Justin Jacobs



Cathy Jones, Kathie Byrd, and Kay Chadwick



GFWC Georgia Club Members and GFWC Leadership



## October Events



- Oct 4-6 - Southern Region in Greenville, SC
- Oct 14 - Club Monthly Meeting at Senior Center starting at 6 pm.
- Oct 15 - 17 - Tallulah Falls School Visit
- Oct 15 - America Recycles Day
- Oct 18 - United Way Day of Caring
- Oct 20 - Wear Purple in support of Domestic Violence Awareness
- Oct 20 - 26 - GFWC Advocates for Children Week.
- Oct 26 - Levi Strauss Employees Retirement Celebration, Unity Park 11 am - 4 pm
- Oct 31 - Halloween & 5th Annual Festi-Fall at Unity Park 5:30 - 7:30 pm
  - Lowndes County Sheriff's Candy Caravan 6 pm - 8 pm @ 2101 Technology Crossing.

## November Events

- Nov 2 - Walk to End Alzheimer's.
- Nov 9 - Adopt - A - Street Litter Pickup
- Nov 11 - Veteran's Day
  - Monthly Club Meeting - wear red, white, and blue to honor Veterans.
- Nov 28 - Thanksgiving

