

CARROLLTON CIVIC WOMAN'S CLUB April 2007 Newsletter

Next General Meeting Wednesday, April 25, 2007 11:30 A.M. Sunset Hills Country Club

The Conservation Department will present a program about Keep Carroll Beautiful. They will also have a plant and blue birdhouse sale.

Second quarter dues are due this month. If you pay quarterly, please bring your check to the meeting.

Club Concerns

Janet Kizcek's husband had surgery.

Officers' and Committee Reports

President:

Micki McDonald has resigned from the club and Clancy Haslam as assumed the Art Department chair. I^{st} Vice President:

T vice President:

The club has two new members: Nancy Johnson (220 Cedar Street, Carrollton) and Susan Smith (232 South Lakeshore Drive, Carrollton).

2nd Vice President:

Laura Miller reported she processed over \$13,337 in coupons in the first three months of the year. If we all keep clipping at this rate, we will have mailed over \$40,000 in coupons by the end of the year.

Treasurer:

The second quarter dues are due this month.

Department Reports

Art:

April: The Georgia Water Color Society. May: National Exhibition. June: Helen Helwig and Niki Glen.

Conservation:

The committee has volunteered to staff Debbie Perkins' Garden for the Keep Carroll Beautiful Hidden Garden Tour on June 9 and 10. The hours are 10-5 on Saturday and 1-5 on Sunday. A preview will be held the week before the tour at all gardens for the volunteers where they will be given information about the garden they will be working in. You can sign up to volunteer at the general meeting.

Education:

2,053 books were mailed through the Ferst Foundation to children this month.

Home Life:

The department had a Bingo Party at Pine Knoll Nursing home on Monday, April 16 at 3 p.m.

Public Affairs:

April is Child Abuse Awareness Month.

Upcoming Calendar:

General Meeting: Wednesday, April 25 at 11:30 a.m., Sunset Hills Country Club.
Anne Hill Book Club: May 3 at 10a.m. Place to be announced at general meeting.
Board Meeting: Thursday, May 10 at 10:00 a.m., Carrollton Activity Center.
Decorators' Show House: April 18 – May 20. We are volunteering May 1.
State Convention: April 20 - 22, Atlanta Marriott Perimeter.
Bridge/Salad Luncheon October 3, First United Methodist Church
Cultural Arts Center Opening Receptions: First Friday of each month, 5-7pm

Blood Drives:

April 23: First UMC 12:30pm – 5:30pm. April 28: Wal-Mart 1pm – 6pm. Call 1-800-448-3543 or go online at <u>www.givelife.org</u> to schedule an appointment.

Carrollton Civic Woman's Club General Meeting March 28, 2007 Sunset Hills Country Club 11:30 A.M.

Call to Order—Gwyn Chesnut, President of CCWC, called the meeting to order and announced concerns: Joy Gould's father passed away recently.

Inspiration—Gwyn ChesnutPledge of Allegiance—Marie JohnsonMinutes—The minutes of the February general meeting were approved as published in the March newsletter.

Old Business—Gwyn Chesnut announced that the State Convention is scheduled for April 20-22 at the Atlanta Marriott Perimeter Center. Members can either go for one day or stay overnight.

New Business—Gwyn Chesnut announced:

- Decorators' Show House is May 1 at the former White Columns House in Atlanta.
- Raffle tickets for a **weekend at Callaway Gardens** are on sale for \$5 each or 3 for \$10. This project is sponsored by the Sixth District and will benefit **"Tech Time at Tallulah Falls School"**. Our club is responsible for selling 100 tickets. The drawing will be at the October district meeting.

Program—"The CCWC View", a program featuring officers and department chairs discussing goals, duties, responsibilities, projects, etc. of CCWC, was presented. Martha Thurman and Laura Miller appeared as "roving reporters" and interviewed other officers and chairs. Within this framework, the following reports were given:

- **President**—Gwyn Chesnut reported that the **1734 Society** gets its name from the address of our national headquarters in Washington.
- **Treasurer**—Janet Kiczek reminded members that the **annual dues** of \$200 may be paid in one payment at the beginning of the calendar year of in four installments (January, April, July, October).
- Conservation Department—Eleanor Hoomes reported:
 - "Adopt a Road" is a new project for Conservation.
 - Conservation works to keep up the Curtis Gardens at the Perry House.
 - The Carrollton Garden Tour is scheduled for June 9 and 10.
 - Conservation is in charge of the April general meeting; **plants** will be for sale.
- Home Life Department—Nancy Tunnell discussed activities of her department including:
 - Home Life collects **pull tabs** for the Ronald McDonald House, **toiletries** (with Public Affairs), **suitcases and tote bags** for foster children, and **eyeglasses** for the Lions Club.
 - Home Life is responsible for the **Silent Auction** held in conjunction with the Salad Luncheon in October. Proceeds from both the auction and the luncheon benefit CCWC.
 - Home Life is responsible for the sale of **baked goods** at the Salad Luncheon; benefit is for the Ferst Foundation.
- **Scrapbook**—Roberta Brown reminded members to give her pictures and newspaper items featuring activities of CCWC.
- Education Department—Priscilla Bennett reported:
 - Education works on the **Ferst Foundation** project.
 - Library projects come under this department.
 - Ideas for projects to help **disabled students** are welcome.
- **Newsletter**—Georgia Simons welcomes **articles** and other **news items** for the CCWC newsletter, which is published monthly.
- Leadership—Helen Fay Lewis

- Requested that members report all organizations in which they hold office or have any **leadership roles**. This information is needed for the annual report.
- Reported that the Leadership Committee is responsible for the **CLEW** (Community Leadership Education Workshop) program held in March each year for high school students.
- Arts Department—Jeri Rasey reported:
 - The **National Watercolor Exhibition** is scheduled for April 21-May 25 at the Cultural Arts Center.
 - A number of **workshops** are scheduled in April at the Cultural Arts Center.
- **Public Affairs Department**—Diane Sharp reported:
 - Some of the projects engaged in by this department include helping fund needs of the **New Hope Boys' Home**, collecting toiletries for the **Emergency Shelter**, and clipping **coupons** for use by military families overseas.
 - April is **Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month**. **CASA** is hosting Light of Hope event on April 5, at 5:30 P.M., on the front steps of the Carroll County Courthouse. Michelle Barclay, Director of the Supreme Court of Georgia Committee on Justice for Children, is speaker. Attendance is encouraged.
 - Public Affairs is participating in the Belk Charity Sale at the end of March. Tickets for this sale are \$5 each and may be purchased from Public Affairs or at the door on March 30 and 31. Proceeds raised by Public Affairs will be used for New Hope boys' Christmas wish lists.
- Tallulah Falls Committee—Jennifer Dandliker reported:
 - Tallulah Falls School is **owned by GaFWC** (Georgia Federation of Woman's Clubs).
 - A basket is passed around each month at general meetings to collect donations for students' **spending money** at Tallulah Falls.
- **Blood Drives**—Sue McBrayer reported that blood drives will be held at the First United Methodist Church on April 10 and April 23 and at Wal-Mart on April 28.

At the end of the program, Laura Miller announced that each member had received today a packet containing the **2007 activity sheets** for all departments and committees, a **brochure** explaining the goals and activities of CCWC, membership **application forms**, and a list of **collectibles** of CCWC.

Announcements—Martha Ann Saunders reported:

- Help is available for needy families through the **West Georgia Resource Network**. Visit the Web site at www.wgaresourcenetwork.org.
- **Box tops for education** are collected for a Griffin school for autistic children.

District Awards—

- All six departments won 1st place in the 51 and over Member Category.
- Conservation Department Best Overall Jrs./General and Thomaston Jr. WC Silver Conservation Award
- Home Life Best Overall General
- International Affairs Best Overall General
- Brooks Woman's Club Gerontology Award
- Johnnye Hutchins Tallulah Falls Award
- Sixth District Silver Service Award Vivian Miller
- Carrollton Civic Woman's Club Award of Excellence
- Membership Award

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 P.M.

Edith Maxwell Recording Secretary April 2007

Valued Club member,

Are you aware that you are a member of the largest women's organization in the world?

Do you know that as a member of Carrollton Civic Woman's Club, you hold membership in the only civic women's group in Carrollton?

No, we are not a social club. We are not organized to be. Our purpose is to "roll back our sleeves" and get out and work for the good of our community.

Organized in 1968, we have accomplished many community tasks that have been recognized and awarded on district and state level. Contributions have been made through the years that might not have been recognized and awarded on district and state. Contributions have been established also through the years that might not have been otherwise were it not for the cooperation and work abilities of the women in our club.

We began with twelve members and at one time have grown to as many as 103 in our membership. Concern today is that our present number of less than 70 may continue to drop and we want to secure our club and its membership. It is of serious concern that many of our present members seem to have lost interest and enthusiasm. Please be aware that we all must put forth personal efforts to gain new members and to include and invite former members to rejoin. It is critical to renew the spirit of the organization that was built on pride and integrity for the service of community.

As charter president, may I challenge you to strive to accept the responsibility of securing one or more new members into the CCWC this coming year. You can be proud that you are a dedicated member of CCWC and bring others into its fine service and accomplishments.

With deepest concern,

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