

Lawrenceville Woman's Club Newsletter March 2025

February Chairlady Michele Wright

Save the date for our next meeting: March 5th

Place: Female Seminary Time: 6PM



Let's all wear **GREEN** as a nod to St. Patrick's Day! It's another photo op for us. Please remember to bring a used book or two or three for Creative Enterprises.

Our project is Easter Baskets for DFACs. See you there!

Treasurer Nicole Hallmark

We have received all 2025 member dues and 2 sustainers so far.

Newsletter Nicole Hallmark

April newsletter deadline is Friday March 21st.

Arts and Culture Marylouise Awana

The Many Lives of Andrew Young exhibit at the Lawrenceville Arts Center celebrates the extraordinary journey of one of America's most influential civil rights leaders and public servants. Through a rich collection of photographs and artifacts, the exhibit highlights Young's pivotal roles as an activist, pastor, politician, and global ambassador.

The Many Lives of Andrew Young is on display through March 31 and it is sponsored by The City of Lawrenceville.

The Lawrenceville Arts Center, 175 N Clayton St., Lawrenceville



For more info, go to: lawrencevillega.org

Civic Engagement and Outreach

In January - The Lawrenceville Police Department has unveiled a first for Gwinnett County: K9 Rowan, a 7-month-old Golden doodle, is joining the force as a Community Wellness Dog. This initiative is a bold step to improve mental health support for first responders and deepen connections between police and the community.

What's Happening: K9 Rowan, nicknamed "Ro," is a trained therapy dog specializing in emotional support. Whether it's comforting individuals in crisis, visiting schools, or lightening the mood at community events, Rowan is here to bring calm and connection.

Why It Matters: Police Chief John Mullin says Rowan is part of a bigger mission. "We're excited to introduce K9 Rowan as part of our dedicated mission of building a safer Lawrenceville through community engagement and professional police services," Mullin said.

Who Made it Happen: The program is a collaboration with Tails of Hope and Coco's Cupboard, Inc., organizations dedicated to animal-assisted care. Their support turned this vision into reality.

What's Next: Rowan's calendar is already filling up with appearances at community events and school visits. Residents can look forward to meeting the new four-legged team member at upcoming gatherings.

Take Action: Want to learn more or schedule a visit with Rowan? Reach out to Officer Cole, Rowan's handler, at QCole@LawrencevillePD.com. Let's plan a visit --- let Shelia know if you are interested.

National K9 <u>Veterans Day</u>, March 13, is a day set aside to honor commemorate the service and sacrifices of American military and working dogs throughout history.

It was on March 13, 1942, that the <u>Army</u> began training for its new War Dog Program, also known as the "K-9 Corps," according to American Humane, marking the first time that dogs were officially a part of the U.S. Armed Forces.



Sunday, March 9

Remember to set your clocks ahead on Saturday night before you go to bed. Also a great time to check your batteries on your smoke detectors.

Education and Libraries LeeAnn Gregg

Thursday March 6, 5:00-6:00pm Grayson branch

Come and join us to celebrate Read Across America Day for a Silent Book Club where you can read for 45 mins and share what you've been reading for the last 15 minutes. An hour of reading a day does wonders for brain health. Join us to celebrate Read Across America Day as we host a Silent Book Club! Spend 45 minutes immersed in your favorite book, followed by a 15-minute sharing session to discuss what you've read. Experience the joy of reading while connecting with fellow book lovers, and remember that an hour of reading a day can greatly benefit your brain health!

Also Thursday March 6, 6:30-7:30pm Lilburn branch

If you're fiendish for a whodunnit, mad for a plot twist, and ever-vigilantly on the lookout for a betrayal, then come and join us for Tea and Treachery! We'll share and discuss our favorite mystery books, shows, films, and podcasts over some tea! Looking for your next true-crime obsession or puzzling whodunnit? Want to share a series with others so you aren't alone theorizing over who the real villain was? Come and join us for Tea and Treachery! A modern "book club" where we'll gather together to share our recommendations for our favorite mysteries! Movies, shows, podcasts, games, and books are all valid formats to discuss in this club.

Seniors! Come learn how to navigate a computer and the internet with confidence. Friday, March 7, 1:00-2:00pm Dacula branch. Join us to learn computer usage basics, how to use email, search the internet for information, access sources of entertainment, and connect to people, organizations and interests that matter to you. Highlights include: Creating an Email Address, Google Dos and Don'ts, and Facebook Basics. Computers will be provided, but feel free to bring your own.

Fun fact: March 2, 2025

<u>National Read Across America Day is celebrated on March 2, 2025¹²³⁴⁵</u>. On this day, students, teachers, parents, and community members come together to read books and celebrate the joy of reading.



Environment

Spring gardening is just around the corner --- Daylight Saving Time starts March 9, 2025, ends November 2, 2025. There will be a Gardening 101 class/program on Tuesday March 11, 2025 -- 6:00—7:00pm --- Lawrenceville Community Garden -225 Benson Street -Lawrenceville.



Thursday, March 20

In partnership with Solid Waste, Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful will host a series of Pop-Up glass recycling events at these locations on the following dates:

Bogan Park --- March 10th (noon- 4pm) and Rabbit Hill Park – March 28th (noon- 4pm) -----Only clean, empty glass bottles and jars are accepted. Items can be clear, amber, green, yellow and blue in color.



World Water Day, held on March 22nd every year since 1993, is an annual United Nations Observance focusing on the importance of freshwater. World Water Day celebrates water and raises awareness of the 2.2 billion people living without access to safe water. It is about taking action to tackle the global water crisis. A core focus of World Water Day is to support the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 6: water and sanitation for all by 2030.

Every year, UN-Water — the UN's coordination mechanism on water and sanitation — sets the theme for World Water Day. In 2023, the focus was on Accelerating Change. In 2024, on Leveraging Water for Peace.



In 2025, the theme will be Glacier Preservation. Let's do our part to save water ---

Re-use the final rinse water from washing machines for the next wash cycle.

Flush toilets only when necessary.

Monitor water meters for high consumption and possible water leaks.

Reduce shower times.

Confine watering of gardens to before 10:00 or after 16:00.

Perform a water audit at home.

Collect rainwater for re-using on the garden or washing the car.

Turn off the faucet while brushing your teeth.

Only run the washing machine and dishwasher when you have a full load.

Fix leaks.



ealth and Wellness Shelia Jones

Hello March—welcome Spring -on the 20th -□ On March 17th – we will assist with Delmar Gardens – St Patty's Day party – 2:30pm. We will donate a cake to serve.

Gwinnett County Senior Expo – Tuesday March 18th, Gwinnett County Fairgrounds Expo Center – 10am-1pm.

We received a thank you note for our help at the "All you need is Love & Brunch Valentine's Event –at Bethesda Park Senior Center. Here are a few other events they are having –

<u>Women of the World:</u> Friday, March 14: 1:00pm–3:00pm | Join us to celebrate International Women's Day as we honor the wonderful women who came before us. Complete a fun craft, participate in some exciting activities, and listen to an empowering guest speaker.

St. Patty's Trivia and Social: Monday, March 17: 1:00pm—3:00pm | Test your luck with Irish trivia and enjoy light refreshments!

<u>Spring Blooms Craft Market:</u> Saturday, March 22: 11:00am–3:00pm | Explore handmade treasures, vintage finds, tasty food, a kids' area, door prizes, and more.

Easter baskets -- we will do 15 baskets for 4-6 year old boys- Shelia will provide the baskets and grass --- let the group know what you are bringing so we don't duplicate ----

- Candy chocolate jelly beans
- Puzzles
- Bubbles
- Small books
- Cars
- Small ball
- Stuffed animal
- Any other small toys --



Book Club Shelia Jones

Bring your calendar to the March meeting so we can decide on the next date! <u>Dr. Seuss</u> has a present for you — as long as you were born on March 2.

Dr. Seuss Enterprises, which last year offered 10,000 free copies of "The Cat in the Hat" to babies born on March 2, will expand the offer this year to anyone with that birthday. Dr. Seuss, born Theodor Geisel, was born on that day in 1904. His books, such as "Green Eggs and Ham" and "The Cat in the Hat," remain popular decades after his 1991 death. Register at SeussPledge.com can choose to have a personalized book sent to them or gift their free copy to children in underserved communities.



Federation News Shelia Jones

2025 Spring District Meeting-

Where: Allen Memorial UMC, Lovern Hall Fellowship Hall, 801 Ashbury St., Oxford, GA 30054

When: Saturday, March 8th, 2025, Registration: 9:30 am, Meeting Starts: 10:30 am

Look for a call today! Register here

CED Spring District Meeting ---March 8th, 2025 Registration and Light Breakfast 9:00AM-9:45AM

Meeting Start 10:00 AM

Breakfast: Coffee, Juice, Hot Tea, Fruit, Breakfast Sandwiches, Cinnamon Rolls

Lunch: Fried Chicken, Italian Salad, Green Beans, Fresh Bread, and a Baked Potato Bar

Drinks: Ice Tea, Water, Lemonade

Dessert: Ice Cream Sundae

Registration Cost is \$36.40 (\$35 with 4% fee)

Registration form and payment must be received by February 21st or you will be charged a \$10 Late Fee. Last Day to register with the Late Fee is February 28th.

Do we need to bring anything?

- Each club needs to bring **2 door prizes** worth around \$10
- Each club needs to bring 1 silent auction item/basket worth \$25 (Shelia is putting together a St Patty's day basket –
 if you have anything to put in it related to St Patty's day bring to meeting)
- The GFWC Service Guild of Covington will be sponsoring an ESO **Book Swap**. This is a bring a book to take a book activity. So don't forget to bring a book or books to trade.
- The Newton County Animal Shelter is in desperate need of **cat and dog food items**. Each club in encouraged to bring donations to the District Meeting by the sponsoring GFWC clubs

April 25-27, 2025 – GFWC Georgia Convention at Lanier Islands Legacy Lodge, hosted by NE District GFWC 2025 Annual Convention Atlanta – June 7-9 $^{\rm th}$ - Registration ends March 15 $^{\rm th}$

Fall 2025 Executive Board Meeting – Monday, September 8th, 2025, 6:30 PM Virtual

Spring 2026 Executive Board Meeting – Monday, February 23rd, 2026, 6:30 PM Virtual

3/8/25 - Central East Spring District Meeting Covington, GA

Club Deadlines

PADV Shelia Jones

PADV's 10th Annual -Women in Action Annual Breakfast "Breaking the Cycle – Parenting After an Abusive Relationship – will be March 14th 8:00 am - TPC Sugarloaf Country Club – Duluth , GA - Tickets are \$75.00 We will donate a basket as a silent auction item ----

Sunshine Nicole Hallmark



Tuesday, March 04, 2025

