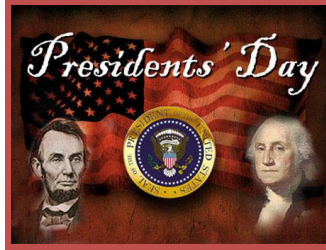




## FEBRUARY 2018

Hello Federation Friends,



*Happy Presidents' Day!*

**I didn't quite make it for Valentine's Day this year, so Happy Presidents' Day instead! Abe Lincoln's birthday is February 12, and Georgia Washington's is February 22!**

Our annual **Life Member Recognition Luncheon** will be held on **Thursday, February 22** at 10:00, in the Courtyard at Callanwolde. We will recognize all of our Life Members, and especially new Life Members being honored by their clubs, individuals or the Federation. (The due date to submit your application and \$50, to Deanna McFarlan is **February 15.**) The **2018 Life Member of the Year** will be announced at the conclusion of the program.

Become a **Life** Member and ensure perpetual **Life** to the Federation's Garden Center.

The Federation Board will provide the food for our luncheon. Due to the length of our program, there will not be a mini-flower show this month.

In case of inclement weather, please remember that if the DeKalb County schools are closed, our meeting will probably be canceled. We will send out an e-blast either the night before, or early the morning of our meeting if that happens.



### **PULL A TAB FOR RONALD MCDONALD**

I want to remind all the clubs to get their aluminum tabs in by the **February** General Meeting so they can be counted for Award #38 Mary Jane Shearer Pull-A-Tab Award at the Awards Luncheon. If you can weigh them and remove any steel tabs, it will be appreciated, but if not, I will do it, and deliver them to the Ronald McDonald House. Please note that this award will be presented to both a small and a large club.

(Pull A Tab Chairman, **Judy Lemoine**)



### LOVE OUR POLLINATORS AND PLANT SWAP

Expand your garden and invite our pollinators in! This month we will have our regular plant exchange, but encourage you to bring pollinators to swap as well! Be sure to include the name of each plant, and care instructions. Bring some – take some!

Also, please bring some plastic grocery bags to carry home your plants.



(Horticulture Chairman **Anita Brittian**)

(Pollinators Chairman, **Carol Hayes**)

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### *“Celebrating Homegrown Heroes”*



#### VALENTINES FOR VETERANS

I am pleased to report that last week I delivered 788 **Valentines** for the patients at the **VA Hospital**, from 14 clubs and one first grade class. Thanks to all of you who supported this important Federation project!

In addition, I delivered 74 clothing items to the **VA Hospital**. This is in addition to the 175 items of clothing and 46 toiletry items I delivered in October.

Let me remind Clubs to send \$25.00 for Garden Therapy to GCG for seeds and planting beds to be furnished to the various hospitals in Georgia. This money should be received by GCG by March 1<sup>st</sup>. (See the GCG web site for complete instructions.) Your club will receive a Certificate of Appreciation at the Redbud District Meeting.

(Garden Therapy Chairman, **Joanne Bennett**)

#### HOLIDAYS FOR HEROES

Federation members participated in our project by collecting and writing Christmas cards destined to be delivered to our troops serving overseas. Clubs and members were asked to deliver them to Carol Hayes, Project Chair, at our September General Meeting. In the then just over two month life span of the project, more than 2000 cards were collected. Of course, the work did not stop there. All cards needed to be read for compliance (cards could not be sealed, have no personal signatures and no glitter). An immediate solution to “delivery logistics” was another hurdle.

This was made possible through the generous support of Dobbins Air Reserve Base (ARB) and the 700<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron under the Command of Col. James W, Kellogg, JR. In order to be able meet Dobbins approval and access requirements in our very short first year time frame, the Federation partnered with a another organization already working with Dobbins, The Order of The Eastern Star (OES) in Georgia.

On October 30<sup>th</sup>, Carol Hayes, Project Chair and Barbara Maaskant, who as a member of both groups coordinated the liaison effort, traveled to Dobbins ARB to deliver the cards. Joining them from The Order of The Eastern Star were Worthy Grand Matron June Mathews, and 2017-2018 OES Grand Family members, Virginia Lawton and Kathy DeFord .

Representing Dobbins AFBR was Sr. Master Sergeant Aaron Abshire, 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant for the 700<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron and Angela Petersen, Family Readiness Director.

DeKalb Federation's donations were combined with those of other organizations for a total of 17, 658 cards handed over for delivery.

The 700<sup>th</sup> airlifted the cards to Kuwait. From there the cards were distributed to locations where the troops are stationed. Along with SMSGT Abshire was Staff Sergeant Andrew Park, Public Affairs Specialist, 94<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing. SSGT Park was especially proud to be part of the turnover and shared that when stationed in Kuwait last year he saw cards displayed with pride where ever he went. **“Christmas is the same as every other day where we serve. It was a huge morale boost and reminder to the troops that the folks back home care and pray for their safe return.”**

For DeKalb Federation, it was an excellent start for such a young project, so let's begin gathering cards for this year! Congratulations to all for your part in this benevolent project for our brave men and women far from home. **God bless our military and keep them safe.** (Article Written by **Barbara Maaskant**)



(Project Chairman, **Carol Hayes**, delivering the cards)

### **GARDEN CENTER NEWS**

The Garden Center is back to its regular schedule. We've been cleaning, and Sandy Reed and Alice Boyd have "weeded" the library. Diane is looking at new shelving. We do have air-conditioning in the conservatory; the facility is open for business. Host your club event with us. Please contact Diane ([drmchunter@yahoo.com](mailto:drmchunter@yahoo.com)) to reserve your dates. Remember we are always closed when there are Redbud, GCG, or NGC meetings, and we will be closed on March 9 for Federation awards judging.

### ***Opportunities Available!***

There are still opportunities to volunteer:

1<sup>st</sup> Monday

3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays

## Clean, Sweep... And Hoe ... And Prune

Join us at the Garden Center Grounds. We're looking at doing a grounds workday on February 23, March 3 and/or March 10. Please email Diane and give her your ideas of which day would work best for you. Come for an hour or two and let's tidy up the grounds for DFGC and our friends at Callanwolde. Email [drmchunter@yahoo.com](mailto:drmchunter@yahoo.com) with your preferences:



**February 23, March 3, March 10**  
(Garden Center Director, **Diane Hunter**)



### DEATH OF LORRAINE LOFTIS

We are deeply saddened by the recent passing of our dear friend, Lorraine, who was a driving force behind the Federation and Callanwolde. A reception honoring her memory was held in the Courtyard on February 9, followed by a memorial service at Emory Presbyterian Church. Many thanks to all who helped with the reception, especially our Callanwolde friends. It was lovely. Lorraine will be missed.



### WATER REPORT

**USING IT:** The presumably unending dispute about the waters of the Chattahoochee River and the Flint River that merge to flow into Florida, as well as forming much of the border between Georgia and Alabama, is currently in the hands of the U.S. Supreme Court. Florida brought suit against Georgia over withdrawals, each side had 30 minutes to present its side, the case was heard, and the decision of nine judges will determine much about water withdrawals by both states and by implication, all three of them.

How withdrawn water will be used is much of the reason behind the case. Yes, the rich soils of the mostly winter warm three states are located where two crops, and depending on the crops themselves, sometimes three crops a year are possible. Beyond that, water consumption by both agriculture and manufacturing including both hard goods and the power to produce them are not always a stated factor. Add growing populations, especially in the Atlanta area, and the question of withdrawal and use becomes more complicated.

Suggestion: for a more global view, read "When the Taps Run Dry" in the February 19<sup>th</sup> issue of TIME. Remember also that water is indeed a natural resource, not a renewable one like trees, but finite. Some will remember the statement from a major GCG program that all of Earth's water has been around since the dinosaurs.

**PROTECTING IT FROM HARM:** DeKalb Federation members and residents across Georgia have an opportunity to make a major difference in water protection. The Georgia General Assembly is in Session now, and two Bills have been introduced to help protect the waters of Georgia, to keep them swimmable, drinkable, and fishable. They will, of course, go through the committee process and will need to be approved with possible amendments by both the GA House of Representatives and the GA Senate before they go to the Governor for his signature. Follow both these Bills in their process through the **Georgia General Assembly website**, as well as the websites of major conservation organizations like Georgia Conservancy, Georgia Sierra Club, Georgia Water Coalition, Environment Georgia and others.

Inform yourself and contact your State Senator and Georgia House Representative. If you do not know them, find out about them. Meet them at Capitol Conservation Day. Call them, send them emails. Your voter registration card has the numbers of your House and Senate districts.

Let the people elected to represent you know what you think about the following two Bills.

1. HB 879: disposal of waters drained from retention ponds, especially from coal fired electric utility plants. Such water contains arsenic with which any reader of Agatha Christie is familiar as poison.
2. HB 880: placing waste, especially from coal fired plants, and especially from other states into landfills in Georgia.

(Water Conservation Chairman, **Mary Lovings**)

#### **ROLLING BOOK SALE**

Through a generous donation, we are in possession of dozens and dozens of really nice books, most of which are hard bound and beautiful. Most of these are books on gardening and home decorating, and are of “coffee table” quality. I will bring a selection to each of our meetings to sell at minimal prices, most of which are priced at \$2.00.

(Federation Treasurer, **Ann Purr**)

#### **FEDERATION PRESIDENTS' REPORTS AND ANNUAL DUES**

Just a reminder that Presidents' Reports and dues are due by March 1. Forms and instructions were sent in a separate e-mail.

(Federation President, **Glenn Dolyn Hallman**)

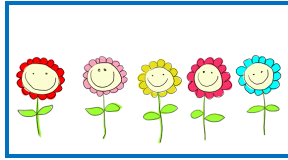


#### **FEDERATION AWARDS**

Federation awards applications are due by March 1. Complete details and forms were sent in a separate e-mail. Our Annual Awards Luncheon will be held on April 26.

(Federation President, **Glenn Dolyn Hallman**)

## The League of Legends



### Our Legends Return!

In 2017 we created the Legends Club to recognize long term, dedicated members of our Clubs who have reached the age of 90. It's time to add to this stellar group. So, let's take a look at our rosters – new and old –and pick out those amazing folks who have given to their clubs and the Federation for many years. They inspire us, and are always willing to support us with their wisdom and their heart. How does one become a member? The Club is open to current garden club members 90 years old and above and who, by their involvement, inspire us all to keep planting and sharing. Names should be submitted to your club president who will then pass them along to Diane Hunter, [drmchunter@yahoo.com](mailto:drmchunter@yahoo.com). If you can, add a current address. You can find a list of our first honorees in the 2017-2019 Federation yearbook.

We will host a special celebration for them at the May 24 general meeting, followed by a planting in the Fall on the Garden Center grounds to honor them. Nominees should be passed along to Diane no later than **March 30**. Let's make this another special event.

### REDBUD DISTRICT NEWS

The **Redbud District** Winter Board Meeting was held on **February 12** at Callanwolde. Planning has begun for the 2018 Yellow Daisy Flower Show in September, and we are pleased to announce that Deanna McFarlan has agreed to chair the show.

## WIN BIG WITH THE GCG Cash Raffle!!



What a way to make a buck for Redbud! Packets of 10 raffle tickets have been delivered to each Club President for the GCG fundraiser raffle. For **\$5 per ticket or 5 for \$20**, you'll win a *chance at the **First Prize of \$1000, Second Prize of \$500 and Third Prize of \$250***. Drawing for the prizes will be held during the Annual Meeting in Macon on April 11 and 12. You do not have to be present to win.

We're asking all clubs to sell tickets by **April 5, 2018**. If Redbud sells its allotment of 350 tickets, the District receives \$250. So...you may win, the District wins and GCG wins! What a deal! So, how are we doing? We've sold 44% of our share. We've got a way to go. Don't let the other districts beat us!



Use them as gifts, rewards, prizes. This is such a painless way to raise money. You can also follow the lead of Shenandoah Rose Garden Club and have the club purchase all 10 tickets. That way, your club has 10 chances of winning up to \$1000 for its treasury. An easy fundraiser!

If you want more tickets, just let Diane Hunter know. If you have leftover tickets (not likely), just mail them back to Diane. If you never got a shipment, please email or call Diane at [drmchunter@yahoo.com](mailto:drmchunter@yahoo.com) or 404-992-7381.  
(Redbud District Director, **Diane Hunter**)

## GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA NEWS

*Government*



Every member of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. is invited to attend **Capitol Conservation Day** on March 1, 2018. Plans call for a Breakfast Legislation Briefing at 7:30 a.m. at Central Presbyterian Church, located across the street from the State Capitol. If members cannot "get to the church on time," then they may join the group on the steps of the Capitol at 10:00 a.m. for a group picture, then inside for the opportunity to meet with local legislators to share concerns with them. Complete information and registration were sent in a separate e-mail, but if you are planning to attend the breakfast, you must register at the following link - **and remember to wear something GREEN!**

<https://secure.everyaction.com/ajIHEU-DFUyAELmiY-h4kA2>

Several conservation/environmental bills and resolutions have been dropped in the last week in both the Georgia House of Representatives and the Georgia Senate, joining several which were already in the Committee Action process (two of which are outlined in the Water Report above).

Resolutions calling for the banning of offshore drilling off the Georgia Coastline have been introduced in both the house and the senate. They are HR 1041 and SR 706. You can read them by going to the Georgia General Assembly website.

HB 158 which calls for fees paid by Georgians for a dedicated purpose to be used totally for that purpose is waiting to be taken up in house rules which, if approved, would send it to the house floor for a vote. Other bills of interest include a bill regulating fracking in North Georgia (HB 206) and a bill to reinstate tax credit for electric cars purchased in Georgia (HB 98). HB 332 and HR 238 would provide a source of funding for land conservation with the passage of the Outdoor Stewardship Act (GOSA).

**Please contact your legislator and relay your thoughts via email or telephone.**

**Contact information is available at Georgia General Assembly web site.**

(Legislative Chairman, **Tally Sweat**; [tsweat06@parksprings.net](mailto:tsweat06@parksprings.net)).



## It's a 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Garden Party – and we're invited!

So make plans to attend the GCG Annual Meeting, April 11-12, Macon Marriott Center. Convention registration form and hotel information is in the winter edition of *Garden Gateways*.

### CALLANWOLDE CORNER

#### **Callanwolde Concert Band Performance - Spring Marches On** This event is **FREE** and open to the public! **Sunday, March 25 at 3:00 p.m.**

Join us for a concert by the Callanwolde Concert Band under the direction of Conductor and Music Director, Glenn Moore, featuring works by Rimsky-Korsakov, Samuel Barber, Clifton Williams, Sousa, and others for everything around the term "**March**." Event lasts about 80 mins.

The **Callanwolde Concert Band** is an independent community concert band of adult musicians sharing their talents with the community. Formed in 1972 as a summer program of the **Callanwolde Fine Arts Center**, the band has operated as an independent non-profit corporation since 1984. The alliance with the **Callanwolde Fine Arts Center** continues in the form of formal concerts at the center and mutual support for a strong performing arts presence in the community. The band is known throughout Georgia for its high level of musicianship and audience appeal. This is music at and from the grass roots, made by your neighbors.

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We look forward to seeing you all at our meetings, and to hearing from you if you have any questions or need additional information.





Please mark your calendars for upcoming **Federation** events:

- Annual Life Member Recognition Luncheon, **February 22**
- Federation Board Meeting **March 1** (2:00 due to Capitol Conservation Day)
- DeKalb Federation Awards due by **March 1**
- \*\*DeKalb Federation President's Club Activity Report due by **March 1**
- \*\*DeKalb Federation Annual Dues due by **March 1**
- Federation General Meeting **March 22**
- Federation Board Meeting **April 5**
- Annual Awards Luncheon **April 26**
- Federation Board Meeting **May 3**
- Federation General Meeting **May 24**
- Legends Club Recognition **May 24**
- Club and Council Presidents Recognition **May 24**  
\*\*(Forms are in the back of the Federation Yearbook, and were sent to each club President and Treasurer)

Also, other upcoming garden club events:

- Deadline for GCG Presidents' Reports **February 15**
- Conservation Day at the Capitol **March 1**
- Deadline for GCG Annual Dues **March 1**
- Deep South Convention, Memphis, TN **March 18-21**
- GCG Cash Raffle Ticket Sales Conclude, **April 5**
- GCG Annual Meeting 90<sup>th</sup> Celebration, Macon **April 11-12**
- Garden Week in Georgia, **April 15-21**
- NGC National Convention, Philadelphia, PA **May 21-24**

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