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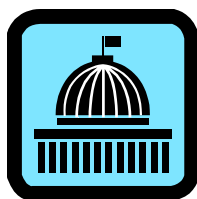
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Deadline Reminders

From Kay Chadwick, GaFWC President

Club Presidents remember to get your GFWC /GaFWC Report (President's Report) to your District President by March 1. The District Presidents must get their reports to me by March 15 so that I can send my report to GFWC. If you did not get a copy of this report from the GFWC, then you may get one from the State Office or download the form from the GaFWC website, www.gafwc.org.

Memorials also need to be sent to your District President and the GaFWC Memorial Chairman by March 1 so they can be included in the Convention Service.



GAFWC
LEGISLATIVE DAY
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

Beth English, GaFWC Legislative and Public Policy Chairman, has scheduled our GaFWC Legislative Day at the Georgia State Capital for March 7, 2007. We will meet at 10 am in the rotunda. She will also be arranging for a visit with Governor Sonny Purdue, Lt Governor Casey Cagle and possibly someone else for a photo opportunity. If you would like to set up visits with your legislators, please feel free to do so.

Silver Return Update

Please mail all GaFWC Silver, both General and Junior, to Dale Reddick by March 1. If someone from your club will be at judging on Friday, February 16 or State Board on Saturday, February 17 in Macon then please send the silver with her.

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YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS

Spring Fling

2007 State Convention

"Springtime in Atlanta"

Friday, April 20-Sunday, April 22

[Atlanta Marriott Perimeter Center](#)

246 Perimeter Center Parkway
Atlanta, GA 30346
770-394-6500

Please make reservations before
Monday, March 19, 2007

Call Marriott Reservations at 1-888-858-2451

Please identify yourself by the group name
"Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs"

Hosted by the 4th and 5th Districts

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Ann Lundin, Vice-Chairman--- (770) 251-8035

Anne Cintron, Jr. Chairman--- (770) 752-0281

Public Affairs Citizenship Update

From Sharon Wilkin, Public Affairs Coordinator

The Walter Reed Army Medical Center is grateful for all the individuals and groups who have given so freely and generously to our patients from Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom during the past five years. Your generosity is truly the embodiment of the American spirit.

However, for security reasons, Walter Reed Army Medical Center can no longer accept mail, CARE packages or donations sent to "Any Wounded Soldier." Instead, I encourage you to visit the following Web sites to show support, to include greeting cards, virtual Thank You cards and any other donation to help our Wounded Warriors:

www.americasupportsyou.mil

www.defendamerica.mil/support_troops.html

www.usocares.org/src/uso_donate.htm

ww4.army.mil/ocpa/tooursoldiers

www.redcross.org

www.walterreedsociety.org

Action Alert! Save PeachCare and
Re-Authorize S-CHIP Now!

**From: Beth English, GaFWC Legislative and Public
Policy Chairman**

Urge Congress to Save Healthcare Coverage for
Georgia's Lower-Income Children!

Your help is needed TODAY. Georgia's PeachCare
for Kids program is facing a \$131 million federal
funding shortfall and could be forced to shut down
unless Congress acts quickly to appropriate the
necessary funds.

Please write the members of the Georgia
Congressional Delegation to urge them to ensure
that funding and reauthorization for the State
Children's Health Insurance Program is a priority
addressed in the first days of the 110th Congress.

All of Georgia's children should have health coverage
and our PeachCare program offers an essential
support to 270,000 children.

Eligible lower-income families who cannot afford
private insurance or whose employer does not offer
health insurance pay monthly premiums so that their
children can be enrolled in the PeachCare program.

Georgia's program ranks fifth in the number of
children enrolled, but, due to the funding formula,
Georgia actually receives fewer funds per children
when it successfully enrolls uninsured kids. The
State and its children should not be penalized for
strong performance.

Write the members of the Georgia Congressional
delegation TODAY. (Click here for a contact list:
www.georgiavoices.org/GACongressionalDelagation.aspx.)

Urge them to work with their colleagues to ensure
that Georgia receives the funding it needs to continue
PeachCare for Kids until the beginning of the next
Federal Fiscal Year. Ask them, also, to support the
reauthorization of S-CHIP and the revision of the S-
CHIP funding formula to include the cost of
maintaining coverage for children already in the
PeachCare for Kids program as well as anticipating
the needs of new enrollees.

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of Georgia's
kids.

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Legislative Update
from the Humane Society of
the United States

**sent to Beth English,
GaFWC Legislative/Public Policy Chairman**

Strong Start for animals in
110th Congress

The 110th Congress is under way, and we're at an
unprecedented point in history when it comes to
animal protection legislation. Opposition to animal
cruelty is a universal value, and Americans in all
regions of the country overwhelmingly support strong
laws to protect animals.

As we move forward to take advantage of this historic
opportunity, here's a look at some of what we'll be
working on in 2007. Be sure to make your voice
heard in support of the bills that have already been
introduced.

Animal Fighting (H.R. 137/S. 261)

This legislation would authorize felony-level jail time
for violations of the federal law on animal fighting
(dog fighting, cockfighting, hog-dog fighting) and ban
interstate and foreign transport of cockfighting
implements. Unanimously approved by the Senate
during the last Congress, it stalled in the House, but
is off to a great start this year -- it was reintroduced
the first day of the new Congress and more than half
the House joined as cosponsors during the first
week. Tell your legislators to crack down on animal
fighting.

Horse Slaughter (H.R. 503/S. 311)

We are working hard to end the suffering endured by
more than 100,000 horses each year that are hauled
across the country and cruelly slaughtered for human
consumption overseas. Time ran out for the
legislation in the Senate during 2006, following an
overwhelming House vote, but support is even
stronger in 2007. Tell your legislators to end the
slaughter of America's horses.

Look for news on other important legislation to be
introduced by visiting www.hsus.org/legislation_laws

These are just some of the issues we'll be tackling in
Congress during the coming year. We hope you'll
work with us to make this a historic year for animals!
And don't forget that you can see how all legislators
in the 109th Congress scored on animal protection
issues at www.humanescorecard.org



Seat Belts in Pickup Trucks

From Marty Bryan,
GaFWC Safety Program Chairman

Yes, we are again working on passage of this bill for the safety of all drivers. ALL studies show, if you are ejected from a vehicle you have less chance of survival. Sen. Don Thomas has introduced SB 86 along with two similar bills from the House - HB 200 (Rep. Geisinger) and HB 114 (Rep. Mary Margaret Oliver). Go online to www.legis.state.ga.us for copies of these bills.

What can we do?

1. Contact these legislators and thank them for this bill.

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Harry Geisinger
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Mary Margaret Oliver
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2. Contact your club members and have them contact the Senate Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee members.

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According to Belinda Jackson from NHTSA SB 86 "was viewed as in compliance with the federal requirements for Section 406 primary belt law incentive grant funds. Passage of this law during the 2007 legislative session would qualify the State for \$20,698,353 in incentive grant funds." And to think this money was also available in 2006 which Georgia DID NOT receive!!!!

GaFWC Polo Shirts!

Order Your GaFWC T-shirt
by March 30

The polo type shirt is \$25.00
You will want one to wear on GaFWC
apparel day at Spring Convention!
The order form is available from the
State Office or on the website

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from the GaFWC Website at www.gafwc.org.

The deadline for the Spring Issue of the Georgia
Clubwoman is March 10. Please send us your
news by mail or e-mail!

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Please Send in Your Membership Roster!

Please be sure your Club's information and your information are correct at the State Office. If you have not sent your updated Membership Roster to the State Office then please do so today. If your Membership Roster did not include your members' addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses (if available) then please send in a revised Membership Roster.

If your Club Officers have changed then please send in a new Directory of Club Officers. The GaFWC and GFWC mailing lists are prepared using the information from these lists.

Please remember to also send this information to your District President and to Shirene Daniell, State Membership Chairman, 2740 Old Ocilla Road, Tifton, GA 31794-2336.

Both these forms are available in the GaFWC 2006-2008 Yearbook or from the State Office.

The Membership Roster is on p. 218

The Directory of Club Officers is on p. 217



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