**Rare Pearls**

**Mentoring and Leadership**

**of Coweta County**

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 **Handbook/Guideline for**

**Parents 2024**

**EMPOWERING AND ENRICHING THE LIVES OF GIRLS THROUGH ENCOURGEMENT, EDUCATION, TRAINING & COMMUNITY SERVICE**

 **Ready, Set, Grow!”**

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**DISCLAIMER**: This handout is just a quick informative reference to our group. For more detailed information or clarification please contact Executive Director Ms. Cheryl at 845 549 9057

Thank You

MEET THE LEADERS

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| Directors: |  |  |
|  | Debbie Chester -Sheila Ware -Jackie McCullough -  | Community OutreachFundraising & GrantsParent Liaison |

Volunteers

Angela Calhoun

Carolyn Tennie

Charley Kerley

Grace Haynes

Jackie Cruver

Jenny Perez

LaQuinta Woods

LyShonda Thomas

Mary McGhee

Tara Shropshire

Tiffany Johnson-Stevens

Veronica Darensbourg

Willene Heflin

**COWETA COUNTY**

**FACTSHEET**

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The Rare Pearls Mentoring and Leadership Program was founded in 2015 by Mrs. Judy McClendon-Redmond. Our headquarters is located in Douglasville GA. We are a 501©3 organization that is 100% focused on developing young girls and women from ages 7-18. Mentoring is a matter of trust and trust is gained though relationships. Rare Pearl mentors are loving, caring, accountable and mature individuals with the ability to communicate with girls from diverse backgrounds. Girls that are “mentored” have increased graduation rates and healthier relationships and lifestyle choices. Our monthly mentee meetings open in prayer, and the workshops are power-packed! The topics are led by community leaders, business owners and professional mentors range from self-care, child sex trafficking, stem education, civic duty and financial literacy just to name a few.

**Our Mission:** To empower and enrich the lives of our young ladies and women. To provide a safe harbor forum to help them grow while learning respect for themselves and others.

**Our Vision**: is focused on individual self-esteem, character, competence, and integrity.

**Our Goal**: is to meet our mentees where they are, to help them develop leadership skills by offering support, training, encouragement, and empowerment, while allowing them to be the person they were created to be. We give encouragement for the mentees to become self-sufficient, forward thinking, positive, leaders and entrepreneurs.

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**Our Video:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zYbwScpj6kE&feature=youtu.be>

WEBSITE: rarepearlsmentoringandleadership.org

**ATTIRE**

One t-shirt will be provided, one extra should be purchased at a cost of $10.00 and reserved for special occasions or trips.

Meetings: Girls wear Rare Pearls t-shirt and jeans., pearls .

Trips: Girls wear Rare Pearls t-shirt, black jeans or pants, white pearls

Special Occasions: Black Dress, White Blouse with black pants or black skirt with … remember the pearls!

**EVENTS**

* holiday Dinner
* Annual luncheon
* Chapter launches
* Trips
* Church fellowship

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**CALENDAR & MEETING LOCATION**

 Dates: 2nd Saturday of month TIME: 9:50 -1:00

MEETING PLACE: Howard Warner Boys & Girls Club

 Community Bldg in back

55 Savanah Street

 Newnan, GA

**YOUTH JOURNAL**

Open arriving back home from a Rare Pearl meeting or event, your child should write down how they participated and learnt that day. Keep this information in the journal provided. If necessary we will help her complete her entry. This book will show all her accomplishments over the year and help her remember community service for school and work opportunities in the future.

Name of event or activity:

Date: location:

Community service organization done for:

Task:

How was this done:

Why was this done:

**MEET MY SISTER PEARL!**

Girls will interview each other, and keep the interview notes in their binders. If chosen they will introduce her pearl sister to the entire group. This activity will help with interview skills, and getting to make new friends.

**Douglasville Rare Pearls 2025 Curriculum At-A-Glance**

(dates amended for RPCoweta)

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| **January 18, 2025 – Economic Empowerment****Theme: Introductions and 2024 Award Certificate** Distribution. **Focus:** Goal Setting for 2025**Activity:** Creating a 2025 Vision Board & Writing your short-term/long-term goals.\*\* Promote Fundraising\*\*  | **July 19, 2025 – Education****Theme: RP Graduation Celebration & Scholarship Awards****Focus:** Honoring RP Graduating Seniors**Location:** TBD**Activity:** TBD**Speaker:** TBD**IN DOUGLASVILLE** |
| **February 8, 202 5– Enrichment****Theme: Black History** **Month****Focus:** A Review ofBlack History with Living Legends, or Inspirational Icons **Activity:** Mentees can invite a living legend or select an Inspirational Icon and share their stories with us. **Location: Hunter Park, Douglasville, GA**.\*\* Promote Fundraising\*\* | **August 9, 2025 – Enrichment****Theme: Affirmation & Inspiration****Focus:** Writing Affirmations for Self-Empowerment.Activity: TBDLocation: TBDSpeaker: TBD\*\* Promote Fundraising\*\* |
| **March 8, 2025 – Economic Empowerment****Theme:** CareerPlanning **/** Entrepreneurship**Focus: The Power of Your Voice****Activity:** Learning how to vocalize your dreams through the power of your voice.**Speaker(s): Ms. Stacia Harvey** – Vocalizes in the Making**Location:** TBD\*\* Promote Fundraising\*\* | **September 13, 2025 – Empowerment****Theme: RP Family Reunion Mixer****Focus:** Uplifting one Another**Location: Redmond’s Home****Speaker(s):** TBD\*\* Promote Fundraising\*\* |
| **April 12, 2025 – Education****Theme:** Beauty Basics & Walking in Health**Focus:** Discovering Your Natural Inner Beauty and learning about Chiropractic Health**Activity:** Grooming and Basic Cleansing **Speaker(s): Ms. Gail Grant & Queen Caliah** will teach grooming and basic cleansing. A local chiropractor will present on walking in Health. **Location: TBD**\*\* Promote Fundraising\*\* | **October 11, 2025 – Enrichment****Theme: Social Action & Community Service** – Giving and Receiving are One**Focus:** Supporting Local Community**Activity: TBD** **Location: TBD**\*\* Promote Fundraising\*\* |
| **May 10, 2025 – Enrichment****Theme:** Etiquette Training Part 1 – **Focus:** Preparation for the RP 2025 WEL**Activity:** Reviewing the etiquette manual and revealing written goals from Jan. 2025**Toasting with Pearls w/ Ms. Stephanie****Speaker(s):** Ms. Judy and RP Mentors**Location: TBD**\*\* Promote Fundraising\*\* | **November 8, 2025 – Enrichment****Theme:** Spiritual Self-Care**Focus1:** Meditation & Mindfulness**Focus2:** Supporting local Thanksgiving Community Service Project: TBD **Activity1:** TBD**Activity2:** Support a local Thanksgiving Community service project**Speaker(s) TBD****Location: TBD**\*\*Promote Fundraising\*\* |
| **June 14, 2025 – Enrichment****Theme:** Etiquette Training Part II – **Focus:** Preparation for the RP 2025 WEL**Activity:** Learning about Haircare & Fashion Speaker(s): Ms. Judy and RP Mentors**Location: TBD**\*\* Promote Fundraising\*\* | **December 13, 2025 – Enrichment****Theme**: Awards and Recognition Holiday Banquet and Community Gift Giving**Focus:** Celebrating and Honoring our Pearls**Activity:** TBD**Speaker(s**) TBD**Location:** **TBD**\*\* Promote Fundraising\*\* |

**\*DECEMBER 27, 2025 – SNEAKER BALL**

**PERMISSION FORM AND MENTEE APPLICATION**

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**COMMUNICATION METHODS**

1. **BROADCAST PHONE MESSAGES** so that we could all be on the same page and receive the same information at the same time we have put in place broadcast options. You may be prompted to say yes or no during these calls, there may be an e-mail that will follow up this call. Calls may come from Ms. Cheryl’s NY 845 number
2. **TEXT MESSAGES** sent to everybody at the same time please reply to me personally not to the group so that I know you received the information you need to receive also reply to me personally if you have any questions
3. **E-MAIL MESSAGES** usually will have attachments that you should print out and keep in a separate book
4. **ZOOM -**  our number remains the same. Please save this number

It is: 381-819-3832 Password = Pearls

**REMEMBER TO PLEASE RESPOND!!**

**PARENT INVOLVEMENT**

Here are several ways you can be involved:

1. Suggest fundraiser ideas and support them
2. Help with photography! Share photos on facebook
3. Donate time, talent, \*refreshments (see committee request), funds
4. Stay responsive to emails and texts from leaders… Read and reply- with limited funds, we shouldnot plan for youth who will not be attending meetings– please keep us informed. Report absences, changes in youth commitment level or other change(s) that may affect future participation.
5. Select a Sunday to invite us to your church for fellowship. As a Christian based organization, we look forward to worshiping with you, your church, the mentees and other Rare Pearl leaders.
6. Suggest Grant opportunities you may be aware of from your employer, sorority or utility company
7. Join or suggest a committee to help

**COMMITTEES NEEDED:**

1. **FOOD/REFRESHMENT **

Parents, we have always provided a lunch for the girls after the meeting. Unfortunately because of limited funding we have to cut back. We are asking the parents to provide lunch /refreshments. Please know this will be a great benefit to us all.

The committee will be run exclusively by the parents. For your convenience the committee will have access to our reserved Zoom meeting conference line. RP leaders Ms. Debbie and Ms. Sandra will be a part of your committee; report to the executive board and will set up the refreshments at each meeting for you. They will know about dietary restrictions and other concerns that parents make us aware of.

1. **SPECIAL PROJECTS**

This committee has two primary functions: A. Fundraising and 2. Special events

1. **TRAINING & EDUCATION**

This committee is responsible for implementing and enhancing the curriculum with speakers, presenters and trainers. Planning of trips, events and fun activities are part of this committee.

If you want to be on any of these committees, please notify the executive board right away.

Thank You