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President's Message

May 2011

The "Light" of the Atlanta Woman's Club shone extra brightly during the month of April. Our Annual Membership Tea was a huge success. Approximately 100 people attended this year's Tea. Among them were the First Lady of Georgia, Sandra Deal, and the General Federation of Women's Clubs/Georgia Federation State President, Shari Carter. Prospective members, guests, and AWC members—dressed in their finest—enjoyed our festive Spring-decorated Wimbish House. Our hats are off to the Membership Tea committee led by Judine Heard, Karen Clydesdale, and Dinah Peevy. We look forward to welcoming some new members at our upcoming meetings.

The AWC "Light" continued to shine at the GFWC/Georgia Federation State Convention held April 15-17 at Callaway Gardens. Members Lucy Willard, Myra Carmon, Karen Bacheller, Karen Thomson, Betty Daniels, and Ruth Yurchuck attended the meeting. The Atlanta Woman's Club won two silver awards: Education and The Endeavor Tallulah Falls School award.

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Board of Trustees News by Karen Clydesdale

As many of you know, this is my last month serving as the Chair of the Board of Trustees. The past two years have been very busy years as we moved forward to keep up with all that is required in maintaining our beautiful Wimbish House.

When I first accepted this position, I embraced it with enthusiasm and lots of plans for the future. Thanks to a very supportive group of women serving on the Board, I was able to accomplish so much of what I had originally anticipated. I was fortunate to have a Board of ladies that are extremely intelligent, thoughtful, and respectful of each other and of our differences of opinion. In addition to the general maintenance of the house, we upgraded the kitchen, improved the living room, added new drapes on the first floor, and replaced the balusters on the front porch. New chairs will arrive soon for AWC Event Coordinator Beth Beery's office.

The past two years have also had some challenges, including our desire to purchase the lot next door and increased taxes. The lot has been decided in favor of Scott Levanthal, but I am proud of our foresight and courage in making an offer and being prepared to move forward. We have applied for both a tax appeal and/or an exemption from our taxes. This is ongoing, but the BOT will keep you apprised of new developments with this issue as they arise.

Our event sales continue to increase, and again this is due to the wise decisions that the BOT made to keep us competitive in a very difficult market. In conclusion, I would like to thank all of the BOT members who have served for the last two years and all of you, our members, for your kind words of support and encouragement over the past two years. Thank you!

Karen M. Clydesdale

The silver trays will be on display at the club during our meetings. In addition, we took home nine Certificates in the areas of Achieving Goals, Home Life H.E.A.T., 1734 Society, The Endeavor Tallulah Falls School, "Sounds of Tallulah" Bell Tower, International Outreach/UNICEF, Ella F. White Contribution, GFWC Women's History & Resource Center, and Newsletter Contest.

Many thanks to the Community Service Program Chairs and all our members who made these awards possible.

At the May meeting we will review our activities of the past year and note areas where members can participate. We will also elect an Assistant Treasurer, install two Board of Trustee members, as well as remember our members who are no longer with us.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our meeting on Monday, May 9, 2011 at 11:15 a.m.

Karen Bacheller, President
Atlanta Woman's Club 2010-2012

A Celebration Honoring Daisy

On April 17, AWC members Lucy Willard, Myra & Ken Carmon, Louise & Dan Vernon, Karen & John Bacheller, Jenny Ham, Betty Daniels, Charlesey & Gene Brown, Mildred & Jim Cherry, Ruth & Alan Yurchuck, Sarah Helen Killgore, Donna Foland, Bette Meeder, and Karen & Tom Thomson, as well as former Tallulah Falls School Board Chair, Gewene Womack, attended a celebration honoring our own "Ms Daisy," Daisy Luckey Aukerman. Our group joined current and former piano students, family, and friends gathered at the Druid Hills Country Club to celebrate our 3-time AWC Past President as she was being honored for her almost 60 years of piano instruction and inspiration to her students, past and present! In Daisy's honor the Atlanta Woman's Club contributed to the establishment of an Excellence in Music Scholarship in her name at LaGrange College.

Congratulations Daisy!



ARTS Community Service Program News

By Beth Jetha, Chair

REMINDER - WATCH COLLECTION:

Please continue to scour through your drawers and closets for watches to be donated to the GFWC's art piece for the American Mural Project. The watch collection continues through the end of the year. Please bring the watches to me at any meeting or call me if you want me to pick them up, 770 565 3410.



Home Life Community Service Program News

By Judine Heard, Chair

Genesis – A New Life.

We invite you to spend the morning with us assisting in the nursery on Tuesday, April 12, from 10:00 until Noon at Genesis, A New Life. This is an ongoing project in which we meet at Genesis on the second Tuesday of each month for a two-hour shift— 10:00 AM to Noon--rocking babies, playing with children, reading them books, etc. Volunteers are asked to remove their shoes, so be sure to wear or bring socks with you. Remember to sign-in on the Atlanta Woman's Club page. Genesis is located at 173 Boulevard, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30312. If this is your first time volunteering and you have trouble finding it, call the main number 404-522-6056 for directions. For more information on Genesis, please visit <http://www.genesisanewlife.org/>.



AJC Peachtree Road Race

The Atlanta Woman's Club will have a water station in front of the Wimbish House on weekends during the month of June. Your help is needed to hand out water to runners who are practicing and running the route of the upcoming Peachtree Road Race. We will meet every Saturday and Sunday (June 4-5, June 11-12, June 18-19 and June 25-26) during the month of June, from 7:30 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Feel free to bring family members, and call other club members and encourage them to join you. Call or



email Judine (heardjudine@hotmail.com or 404-768-8376) if you can join her and be sure to give the dates you will volunteer. All activities will be outside, so you may want to bring a lawn chair with you.

May is National Arthritis Month.



According to the CDC, arthritis is the most common cause of disability in the United States and is projected to increase over the next 20 years. There are many different forms of arthritis. Severe forms can be disabling and can affect many aspects of daily living. For more information, The Arthritis Foundation has a practical e-magazine at www.arthritistoday.org or visits www.arthritis.org for more information.

Conservation Community Service Program News

By Connie Routh, Chair



AWC Conservation is partnering with the Blue Heron Nature Preserve in North Buckhead and Doug Harof, General Contractor, to build a deck/observation platform overlooking the lake at the corner of Lakemore & Roswell Road across from Pike's Nursery. Doug Harof, owner of Harof Construction, LLC is generously donating his time and energy to this project. His company works in design, construction & renovation in residential, commercial, and industrial settings in the Atlanta area. The Blue Heron Nature Preserve is a combination of four pieces of land, 25 acres, along and around Nancy Creek. Their goals include involving local communities in the preservation and restoration of local greenspace, wetland habitats, stream bank and riparian corridors along Nancy Creek.

Nancy Jones, a North Buckhead resident & local school teacher, was the founder and driving force behind the grass roots movement that established the preserve. Blue



Heron is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that welcomes both volunteers and donations. See www.bhnp.org and the photo in this newsletter showing Nancy and Doug at the possible location for the deck. The afternoon that I met with Nancy and Doug, I was fortunate to see geese, many turtles, a family of ducks, and a blue heron on and around the lake. There are walking trails, bee hives, & community gardens—a sanctuary that is open to everyone.

Also, an historic log cabin has been disassembled and is being rebuilt in North Georgia that will be open to the public. As a Conservation project, Dinah Peevy and Connie Routh are researching the plants that were used during the period that the log cabin was built. The plan is to landscape the property with heirloom flowers & shrubbery along with a possible herb garden. If you have experience with heirloom plants or species from your garden that you would like to share, please contact Dinah or Connie.



The Georgia Native Plant Society, www.gnps.org, has a comprehensive listing, information, and photos of plants that are native to Georgia. The GNPS website states there are many definitions for native plants. Several references say native plants are those that grow naturally in a particular region without direct or indirect human intervention. Other references place an historical timeline on native plants, and say they are plants which were present in a particular area prior to European settlement of that area. Others say they are plants that have inhabited a particular region for thousands of years. Even the federal government published an "official" definition in the Federal Register defining native plants as those which are "naturally occurring, either presently or historically, in any ecosystem of the United States." When choosing your spring plantings please consider the option of native plants. There are many reasons for using native plants. Native plants provide "watchable" wildlife habitats. Native butterflies, insects, birds, mammals, reptiles, and other animals evolved with the native flora and are sustained by it year around. Native landscapes provide diverse food, shelter, and support for native wildlife. Weather extremes, either temperature or drought, have shown us one of the best and most practical reasons for using native plants: their adaptations

to local climate. When provided growing conditions like those of their native habitat, native plants are dependable additions to cultivated landscapes. Ecological preservation is another reason for using native plants. Failure to conserve, tend, and preserve the habitats of these and other native plants can lead to their extinction. Habitat protection and preservation are obligations of all Georgia citizens.



Arbor Day is officially April 29, 2011, please consider planting or donating a tree to celebrate. The Arbor Day Foundation will send you 10 free trees or plant 10 trees in a forest when you become as a member. <https://www.arborday.org/shopping/memberships/memberships.cfm>

Tallulah Falls School News

By Lucy Willard, Tallulah Falls School Committee Chair



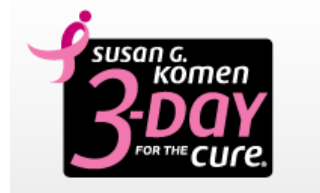
Urgent: Act Now! \$1000 Off Your Georgia Taxes-Give \$1000 to Tallulah Falls School

The Georgia Qualified Education Expense (QEE) tax credit program allows you to redirect some of your Ga. income tax dollars to Tallulah Falls School. Benefits Include the following: dollar-for-dollar credit on your Ga. taxes; a federal income tax deduction; and points toward credit card rewards programs.

QEE is available to A) individuals (contributions up to \$1000); B) married couples filing jointly (up to \$2500); "S" corporations & LLC or LLP members (limited to individual tax credit limitations); and "C" corporations (up to 75% of the company's Ga. income tax liability). The credit is limited to the first \$50 million each calendar year, usually reached by mid-fall. TFS partners with the Georgia GOAL Scholarship Program to process these credits with the Ga. Dept. of Revenue.

To assure Tallulah Falls School is included, act now. The club with the most donations receives a special silver award. See Lucy Willard or contact Pam Fountain, Director of Development (706) 839-2027 or

pfountain@tallulahfalls.org. You may also find information on the TFS website. Forms are available through Lucy Willard and the TFS website.




Every year thousands of women and men come together, each raising money for Susan G. Komen for the Cure®. They take their commitment to end breast cancer one step further by walking 60 miles over the course of three days.

Ashley Peevy Hall, one of our AWC members, is committed to taking the next step in supporting this cause by participating in this year's walk this fall. In order to walk the 3-Day, each walker is requested to fundraise for the cause. Ashley is determined to raise \$2300. If anyone would like to support Ashley and take a stand in putting an end to breast cancer, please show your support by helping her reach her fundraising goal. You can contribute directly to Ashley or visit her online fundraising page The link to her page is http://www.the3day.org/site/TR/2011/AtlantaEvent2011?px=5901799&pg=personal&fr_id=1610.

Net proceeds from the "3-Day For the Cure" fund innovative global breast cancer research and local community programs supporting education, screening, and treatment. Virtually every major advance in the fight against breast cancer in the last 28 years has been impacted by a Komen for the Cure grant.

Thanks so much!



Tuesday Yoga Classes

11:45 am-12:45 pm at the Wimbish House for all members & non-members. \$10. All Levels Welcome, especially Beginners! Bring a mat (or borrow one from Connie Routh, our yoga instructor).



Education Community Service Program

News By Donna Foland, Chair

Reading Is Fun Week (May 8–14) is a time to share the joy of reading with children and also a time to discover how much fun reading can be! RIF week is sponsored by the organization Reading is Fundamental, and the website www.rif.org offers a variety of fun and wacky activities for celebrating in your home, classroom, or community.

May's List of Observances:

May 3	National Teachers' Day
May 5	Cinco De Mayo
May 8	Mothers Day
May 8-14	Reading Is Fun Week
May 12	Nurses Day
May 21	Armed Forces Day
May 30	Memorial Day



*Enjoy our April photos
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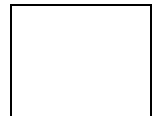
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April Photos



AWC won yet more Silver at the State Convention. AWC won two silver State awards as well as nine Certificates. Photo shows one of two silver trays pictured here with Dinah & Lucy. Those attending state convention held April 15-17 from AWC were Karen Bacheller, Myra Carmon, Betty Daniels, Dinah Peevy, Karen Thomson, Lucy Willard, & Ruth Yurchuck.

(photo courtesy of Karen Thomson)



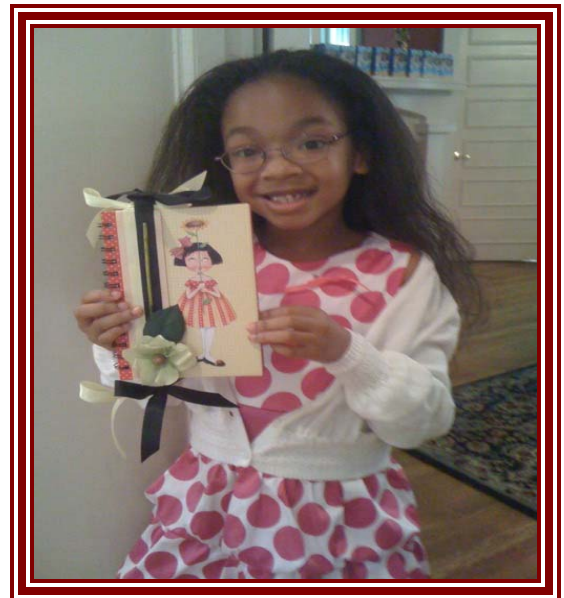
April 17th – Druid Hills Country Club – Mrs. Daisy's "Big Party." Pictured to the left - Bette Meeder, Karen Thomson, Daisy Luckey-Aukerman, & Louise Vernon.

Attending from AWC were Lucy Willard, Myra & Ken Carmon, Louise & Dan Vernon, Karen & John Bacheller, Jenny Ham, Betty Daniels, Charlesey & Gene Brown, Mildred & Jim Cherry, Ruth & Alan Yurchuck, Sarah Helen Killgore, Donna Foland, Bette Meeder, Pat & Jack Walsh & Karen & Tom Thomson. Former Tallulah Falls School Board Chair Gwene Womack also attended.

(photos courtesy of Karen Thomson)



AWC's 2011 Annual Spring Tea - April 9th
Slide Show will be presented at May Meeting



Jade, our youngest AWC Member.
Jade is the daughter of Janecia Heard
and granddaughter of Judine Heard.





