

Atlanta Woman's Club

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SECOND VICE PRESIDENT and DEAN OF DEPARTMENTS

Betty Daniels

Seasons Greetings to all. Betty Daniels and her four grandchildren delivered 23 shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child to the pickup warehouse. It is amazing to see the number of shoeboxes filled for children in third world countries. This year the Atlanta area boxes are going to India. Hopefully this will brighten a child's life if only for a day.

December is "National Drunk and Drugged Driving Month; World Aids day is Dec. 1st; and National Hand washing Week is Dec. 3-9.

If you would like to send a message to our soldiers serving our Country during this season, you can write a thank you note.

The web site for a message is: www.letssaythanks.com. It could be helpful to let the soldiers know we recognize their sacrifice.

Remember to bring money for the annual raffle for gift items on Dec. 11th. Thanks to Joy Kiser for starting and maintaining this fund raiser for the various departments. We will not have a speaker @ this meeting to devote more time to this fun activity.

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CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

Lisa Banes

December is a great time to support area conservation groups by choosing waste-free gifts, decorations and activities. Here are a few suggestions:

The Atlanta Botanical Garden's holiday activities include *Niki in the Garden* (extended through year-end); *Holidaze in the Garden* with thousands of red holiday poinsettias, festive lighting, and the *Holidaze Ride-On-Train*; and early afternoon *Tuesday Tours*. For details see www.atlantabotanicalgarden.org or call 404.876.5859.

Georgia Chapter / Sierra Club wraps gifts at both REI stores (Perimeter and I-85) on December 15-17 and 22-24 to raise money for its *Atlanta Inner City Outings* program, which takes inner city youth on outdoor adventures. To volunteer, contact Marie (marieanef@yahoo.com or 770-565-3869) or Erin (erin.wieckert.bracey@kcc.com or 770-587-7039).

Georgia Wildlife Federation sells fresh 22" handcrafted balsam fir wreaths made from boughs removed from cultured tree plantations or managed forests. Each individually boxed wreath is decorated with natural pinecones and a red velvet bow. \$37 each (includes shipping and handling) or \$33 each for 3 or more. To order: www.gwf.org/wreaths.htm

Trees Atlanta sends a *Holiday Tree Greeting* card for each \$25 contribution, announcing that a year-old shade tree will be planted in the recipient's honor. Trees are planted at schools, in parks and along neighborhood streets. Available online (www.treesatlanta.org/holiday.html) and at all metro-Atlanta REI stores.

The Gardening Committee – and anyone who would like to join us – will plant 100 pink Survivor tulips on the Clubhouse grounds on Sunday afternoon Dec. 3, weather permitting. Email lisabanes@nolossforwords.com for updates.

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ARTS DEPARTMENT

Lisa Bauer and Haley Sinclair

The holidays are upon us, and Atlanta's arts scene abounds with Christmas-themed events for the whole family. The Atlanta Ballet will be offering the holiday staple, Nutcracker, from December 2nd through December 30th at the Fabulous Fox Theatre. Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker is truly a must-see for generations of Atlanta theatre goers.

The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra will be offering "A Child's Christmas Concert" on December 3rd and 10th. Designed for youth, this special program encourages children to sing along with the orchestra. Adults can enjoy "Christmas with the ASO," offered this year on December 7th, 8th and 9th.

Also targeting a younger audience, Callanwolde Fine Arts Center will host a Teddy Bear Tea on December 17 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. The tea will feature sing-a-longs and a visit from Santa. Tickets are \$20 per person and may be reserved in advance by calling Callanwolde at 404-872-5338.

Finally, Alliance Theatre presents "A Christmas Carol" from November 24th to December 24th. Call for showtimes.

Happy Holidays!

It's coming!!! Our annual fundraiser for Operation Smile is on its way for the December meeting. At the December meeting the AWC will be presenting its third annual Christmas raffle and auction for **OPERATION SMILE**. All 100 percent of the monies from this raffle and auction will go to the six departments of our AWC to help with their projects and bring a SMILE to all recipients that they serve. You will not be disappointed! This is a great way to do some early holiday shopping without the crowds. Tickets for the raffle will be: \$3 for (1) ticket; \$10 for (5) tickets; \$15 for (10) tickets and \$20 for (20) tickets. The silent auction items will be separate and have a minimum starting price attached to each item. Examples of two silent auction items are: a seven-foot Bakara neutral tone "runner" hand-woven rug from the Middle East, retailing for \$900 dollars and a gift basket with all kinds of goodies in it. Please remember to bring your checkbooks and extra money for this activity. We always have a great deal of fun. See you there.

Joy Kiser

Hi Ladies,

I spoke with Camille. Sweet and very smart gal.

We've concluded that it would be a great thing to have a decorating party/social for members and their families Sunday the 10th at 2:00 PM at the Wimbish House. We will set all the tables and centerpieces for the next day's luncheon member meeting.

We'll have Christmas music, appetizer nibbles, Poinsettias to sip on and Hot mulled spiced beverage to warm the afternoon.

Come one, come all!

Betsy Vogel

Think of the good times you have missed getting to know the women of the club! Bridge is expanding each month and your guests are welcome. Contact Maxine Parker or Maerene Fisher for Information

Who we are:

The Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs is composed of women's clubs throughout the state of Georgia. A woman's club can be either of general, junior or juniorette status, whose membership provides volunteer service to their community.

The state of Georgia is divided into ten districts and each district has meetings in March and in October of the club year.

There are approximately 150 clubs with a membership of approximately 5,000. Every Georgia clubwoman is also a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Clubwomen are encouraged to select a department of work wherein their interest lies. There is something for everyone who becomes a member of the Federation.

The six departments of work are as follows:

- Arts Department
- Conservation Department
- Education Department
- Home Like Department
- International Affairs Department
- Public Affairs Department.

Other areas in which member clubs are involved:

- Community Improvement Contest
- Leadership Development
- Legislation
- Tallulah Falls School (owned and operated by the Georgia Federation since 1909)
- Official Publication (Georgia Clubwoman)
- Annual State Meetings

Convention - April or May

State Institute

State Board Meeting

Conservation Tips

Buying new holiday lights? Choose "light emitting diode" or LED lights. They cost about 90% less to operate, are cool to the touch, and are bright, clear and long-lasting (up to 20 years!). Put them on a timer to save even more energy.

Give green gifts. Make a donation; give a gift membership; choose recyclable and organic gifts; donate time and resources to local or national charities. Check out the National Green Pages™, the nation's only directory of screened and approved green businesses (www.coopamerica.org/pubs/greenpages).

Buying or building a home? Make sure the land is not a drained wetland at (www.buydryland.org). Development of current or former wetlands is a leading cause of flooding, and builders and realtors are NOT required by law to tell you if a property is built on wetlands or is flood-prone. Protect your home and health by doing your own research.



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



I have heard a surprisingly large number of members express concerns and opinions that have arisen because of the last meeting. We will take a few minutes at our meeting to discuss a these topics openly. We can share ideas and work together to grow the club into the vibrant jewel that you want it to be.

In closing, I am grateful for your words of encouragement and support. May you be blessed as you bless others. Susan Carter – President



Hope you enjoyed the December Newsletter of the Atlanta Woman's Club. Please remember that the highly trained staff would love to print your articles in our next issue.

If there are not enough articles to fill the issue, the staff has to use large type and sentimental poetry to expand the issue.

The NEW improved cut off date for submission of articles for publication in the next issue is the third Monday of each month.

The staff is also looking for a replacement. ANYONE, the staff is not picky, ANYONE that is interested in compiling the next newsletter contact Susan Carter.

Various professional templates for newsletters have been purchased for you as well as numerous articles for your use. Detailed instruction and an online newsletter consultant is at your beck and call. It is as simple as cut /paste.

Think of the fun you will have creating your own AWC newsletter that people across the country will enjoy. The current staff will print the newsletter and mail it for you. How can you not volunteer???

Apply as soon as possible as there will be a stampede for the chance.

Oh, did I mention the **BONUS!!!** The Editor will receive admiration and recognition from the AWC membership, as well as the respect of other various and sundry readers across the world that stumble into our website.

When you ever get another chance to the be Editor and Chief of your own Newspaper???? Think about it - makes sense. Go to your phone now. Operators are standing by.

December 11- Executive Board/Committee Meeting 10:00a.m. - General Luncheon Meeting – 11:00a.m.

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