

# Atlanta Woman's Club

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## EDUCATION

Stephanie Saibu

**Attention all readers:** ESO has revamped the program. Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO) is an honorary reading sorority. The objective of this club is the continuing education of members through the promotion of enjoyment of reading. Each individual member will keep her own record of reading according to the categories listed on the reporting form.

The number of books read and their distribution by categories will determine what level you select when the form is submitted. An individual cover form is attached when the report is mailed by the deadline of January 31, 2007. Please contact Stephanie Saibu at [stepnstone7@comcast.net](mailto:stepnstone7@comcast.net) or 770-335-9244.

**Don't forget to Read Banned Books!** It's hard to fathom a world without books that are read to you as a child and resonate in your heart. These books you recall as a Mother is then read to your child and grandchildren and so on... those books are undeniably identified as classics. Every year classics such as "To Kill a Mockingbird" and "The Great Gatsby" have hundreds of attempts to be banned from libraries and schools. Visit [www.ala.org/bbooks](http://www.ala.org/bbooks) today for more information.

**National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)** is dedicated to improving the well-being of young children, with their primary focus being on the quality of educational and developmental services for children from birth through age 8. The highly attended NAEYC Annual Conference will allow scholars, practitioners, experts, interns, policy makers and participates in every aspect of the Early Childhood Education field to network and learn from one another. The Conference is one of the largest early

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## Conservation

### MEMBERSHIP -1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT

Ellen Hicks

**M**embership dues for 2006 are due now. The last date to pay your dues and not get a delinquent notice is the meeting in November. If I do not have your dues on that date you will receive a letter stating that your name will be removed from the membership of The Atlanta Woman's Club if I have not received your dues by the December meeting. This does NOT mean send your dues to Lucy Willard or Sandra McNeil or anyone else. They should be mailed to me so I will know when they are paid and you will not get a letter. My home address is: 230 Rhodes Drive, Marietta, GA 30068. Our dues to the District are due on December 15 so I must have your 2006 dues by the December meeting date so we can turn in the correct number of members and pay for that number.

Dues for 2007 are due and payable at the January and February 2007 meetings. Your dues are paid for the calendar year January 1 through December 31 of each year. The date that you joined The Atlanta Woman's Club has nothing to do with when your dues need to be paid. You pay for a CALENDAR year.

Dues for 2008 will be due in September and October, 2007. All new members accepted in November and December will be paying dues for 2008. They may come to the meetings and join in the events but they will not be eligible to vote until 2008.

If this is now as clear as mud, please take a minute and give me a call at work at 404-876-2678, Monday through Friday 9AM to 5PM or at home at 770-971-6351 in the evenings and I will see if I can help to clarify this a little more.

## International Affairs

Ladies, a great job! You were so generous; inside those little orange UNICEF Boxes was a total of \$75.00! Thank you, thank you, thank you. Children around the world will benefit from your generosity.

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childhood education conferences in the world and will be held in Atlanta at the Georgia World Conference Center November 8-11. See the following link for additional details: <http://www.annualconference.naeyc.org/>

Literacy continues to be a vital part in Education therefore we are constantly looking for projects that will improve the literacy outcomes in Atlanta. If you have any suggestions, feel free to contact **Stephanie Saibu**.

["Reading is a basic tool in the living of a good life."](#) – Joseph Addison



## **HOME LIFE met to discuss our projects for the next two years. They are as follows:**

**Habitat:** We are attempting to contact a Habitat office suggesting we either decorate a room or purchase a small appliance item for the family.

**Domestic Violence:** We are working with a women's shelter in providing needed supplies for the ladies and their children. We began this project during Domestic Violence Awareness Month and collected toiletry, personal and first aid kit.

**Breast Cancer Awareness:** We are in discussion with a national breast cancer support group, which has asked to use our clubhouse for its meetings. This will be a monthly meeting in which our participation will be two-fold: use of the facility and act as moderator. This is still in the infancy stage; we've yet to get approval.

**Financial Awareness:** Throughout the year we will provide financial resources typically in the newsletter. Our first installment discussed identity theft.

There are several agencies we worked with in the past that we have yet discussed which to continue to support.

*Judine Heard*

**If you were not there, you missed another great time with the Bridge girls in October! We accept all levels of players from beginner to advanced. Contact Maxine Parker or Maerene Fisher for Information**

**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**

## **SECOND VICE PRESIDENT and DEAN OF DEPARTMENTS**

*Betty Daniels*

Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> will be a big day for AWC. As we celebrate our 111<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by having Kay Chadwick, President of GaFWC, as our feature speaker. Our club looks "Pretty Good" for such an old lady don't you think?

November is also the Month for acknowledging National Diabetes Month; National Young Readers Day; American Education Week; Children's Book Week; and American Recycle Day.

Nine AWC Members attended the GaFWC 5<sup>th</sup> District Fall Meeting @ Fort McPherson on Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>. Lunch was good and the meeting informational with an opportunity to meet other club members in our district.

## CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

**The Atlanta Audubon Society** features Raul Arias de Para, owner of The Canopy Tower eco-lodge and nature observatory in Panama, presenting a program on the best birding spots of Central Panama, including the world famous Pipeline Road, Achiote Road, and the cloud forests of El Valle de Anton. 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12 at Brook Run Park Theater, 4770 N. Peachtree Rd, Dunwoody. <http://www.atlantaaudubon.org> for details.

**The Atlanta Botanical Garden** hosts the Atlanta Orchid Society's annual *Orchid Show* on Nov. 10 - 12, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. *Holidaze in the Garden* begins Nov. 24, with thousands of red holiday poinsettias and festive lighting. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Tuesdays-Sundays.

**Trees Atlanta** sponsors Neighborhoods tree plantings on Saturdays. Volunteers are needed!! 9 a.m. – noon, all tools provided. [www.treesatlanta.org](http://www.treesatlanta.org) or 404.522.4097.

**The Gardening Committee** – and anyone who would like to join us – will plant 100 pink Survivor tulips on the Clubhouse grounds as soon as they arrive. Email [lisabanes@nolossforwords.com](mailto:lisabanes@nolossforwords.com) to be added to the notification list.

### Holiday Conservation Tips

- **Choose an organic turkey** for Thanksgiving dinner. Raised humanely on organic grains and feed and without antibiotics, growth hormones, genetically modified organisms or artificial light, organic turkeys taste better. Most grocery stores stock them or can special order them for you.
- **Serve fair-trade coffee and tea.** Check labels to be sure.
- **Clean your oven** with a solution of baking soda and water. It's just as effective but much safer than commercial cleaners.
- **Set your refrigerator** at 40° and your freezer at 5° –ideal temperatures for storing food safely.
- **Turn night-time heating down** and sleep under a soft blanket or cozy comforter. You'll save energy AND sleep better.
- **Use compact fluorescent bulbs.** Besides conserving energy, they last 10 times longer than regular bulbs.
- **Observe International Buy Nothing Day** on Friday, November 24 (in the US and Canada; in the rest of the world it's Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup>), created in 1995 to raise awareness of excessive consumerism and wasteful consumption. Yes, that's the day after Thanksgiving. Why not spend it with friends and family instead of at the mall?

**Lisa Banes**

The International Committee will make a matching contribution to purchase the AIDS Vaccine for pregnant women so that their babies will not contract the AIDS virus.

Please remember to bring your shoebox for the Samaritan's Purse project. International Committee will pay the \$7.00 per box shipping charge. Boxes must be brought in for our November meeting.

Remember, no liquids, food, candy or medications. Select a boy or girl, label the box and we will get it to the appropriate drop off center.

If you have a UNICEF box at home, please bring it back and give to Pat Walsh. Thank you for your generous hearts, we take small steps, but they add up to a lot of determination to help the children

### Have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Your International Committee  
Patricia Walsh [pwalsh1@bellsouth.net](mailto:pwalsh1@bellsouth.net)

## ARTS

*Lisa Bauer- Hailey Sinclair*

Arts Department committee members met on October 22 to discuss fundraising and volunteer projects and efforts for the upcoming year. We are excited to announce that we will be identifying low-income public schools in the Atlanta area and working to provide same with new or used musical instruments and season tickets to artistic venues and/or events here in Atlanta (such as Atlanta Symphony Orchestra performances or tickets to the High Museum of Art). We encourage any members who would like to get involved in these efforts, or who have other arts-related charitable ideas, to contact Haley or Lisa.

Are you taking some time off during the holidays? Consider participating in one of the GFWC's artistic competitions, such as the photography contest, short story writing contest, or painting contest. The contests are a great way to bring recognition to the Atlanta Women's Club and to share your talent with other members. Submissions must be postmarked by February 1, 2007. Contact us for more details.

## MY COMFORT ZONE

I used to have a comfort zone where I knew I wouldn't fail.  
The same four walls and busywork were really more like jail.  
I longed so much to do the things I'd never done before,  
But stayed inside my comfort zone and paced the same old floor.

I said it didn't matter that I wasn't doing much.  
I said I didn't care for things that changed the world and such.  
I claimed to be so busy with the things inside the zone,  
But deep inside I longed for something special of my own.

I couldn't let my life go by just watching others win.  
I held my breath; I stepped outside to let the change begin.  
I took a step and with new strength I'd never felt before,  
I kissed my comfort zone goodbye and closed and locked the door.

If you're in a comfort zone, afraid to venture out,  
Remember that all winners were at one time filled with doubt.  
A step or two and words of praise can make your dreams come true.  
Reach for your future with a smile; success is there for you!

**W**hen asked why our club is growing faster than any other in GaFWC, this poem came to mind. I believe it expresses the contagious attitude of our membership. How fortunate we are to belong to such an energetic, enthusiastic group of ladies that want our club to be more than merely a place to have a monthly lunch. You have expressed a strong desire to make an impact on our community while forming new friendships through membership activities.

We each possess a unique set of skills, talents and gifts. Used positively together, won't it be exciting to see what the next year will bring - **Susie Carter, President Atlanta Woman's Club**

**November 12- Executive Board/Committee Meeting 10:00a.m. - General Luncheon Meeting – 11:00a.m.**

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