

Atlanta Woman's Club

*Reminders for
December 10th
meeting:*

- *Pay your 2008 dues - only \$55*
- *Bring \$20 for your book of raffle tickets*
- *Bring socks for patients in VA Hospital*

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Hi Ladies,

I found this on the internet and am determined to give it a try. It is fairly easy to use the computer to cut/paste onto your own document , then print it , or you can use good old fashioned scissors to cut this one out and copy it.

*The ghost of Christmas Present has come here,
To leave you some good old Holiday cheer.
Don't be an Ebenezer, oh boy
Continue this greeting, this Christmas joy.*

*First, put this greeting where all can see,
Try to leave it there on Christmas eve.
It will pass good will to all who visit.
Be sure to join in, you won't want to miss it.*

*Second, add a candy cane and a Christmas star.
Deliver it to a neighbor, maybe near, maybe far.
Don't let them see you - be sneaky - no doubt,
And make sure they find this greeting out.*

*Next, you have only just one chance, so be fast.
Leave it at the door where joy needs to last.
Leave it at dark when there isn't much light.
Ring the door bell, run, stay out of sight.*

*And last but not least, join in this season.
Don't worry, be happy, you don't need a reason.
This is good for all, and just trying to say,
Merry Christmas to all and have a blessed day.*



May you the blessings of Christ, the reason for the season, be yours,

Susie Carter

Susan Sumner Carter
President



The **Christmas holiday RAFFLE/ SILENT AUCTION** will be held at the **December 10th meeting**, ladies. Bring your check-books and good cheer and take part in a fun affair. We will have some nice things this year including another Oriental runner that was hand-made and has 300 knots per inch. It is lovely. Also some other handmade items from Florida and Georgia. Tickets are (2) for five dollars: (5) for ten dollars and (15) for twenty dollars. One hundred percent of the proceeds of this function will go to the six committees of the club to use in philanthropic projects. I have missed all of you, my dear friends, and am looking forward to seeing you again at the meeting.

Joy Kiser,
Auction Chair

Note from International President Jacquelyn Pierce

Dear Fellow Club Members,

As we begin the holiday season with the celebration of Thanksgiving, I sincerely thank each of you for your continued support and volunteer efforts. Each day we are given the opportunity to enhance the lives of others through our membership in GFWC. In so doing, our own lives are richly empowered.

As you are opening your homes this holiday season, so your Federation home is being opened to you and your GFWC friends and associates.

We look forward to welcoming you home for one of these upcoming events:

GFWC Holiday Open House

Wednesday, December 5, 4:00-7:00 p.m.

GFWC Holiday Tea

Wednesday, December 12, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Reservations for these events may be made by e-mail to GFWC Executive Assistant [Erica Sterling](#).

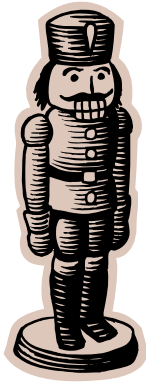
With a thankful heart for your friendship in Federation,

Jacquelyn Pierce
GFWC International President

Membership Dues

Remember your dues for 2008 are **payable at the November through February meetings**. After February 2008, if you do not pay, you will no longer be able to vote. Since dues are for the calendar year January through December, if you attend the January and February meetings without paying your dues, you have attended two meetings as a guest and will no longer be considered a member. Dues are \$55. Please make it payable to the Atlanta Woman's Club and **mark your checks "Dues - 2008"**.

Ellen Hicks,
Membership Chair



Arts Committee

Haley Sinclair

The Nutcracker will be performed by the Atlanta Ballet at the Fox Theatre through December 29th. Tickets are available at the Fox Theatre box office or through Ticketmaster.

Let There Be Music, a local organization that provides musical instruments and lessons to underprivileged children will be holding a fundraising event called "Winter Soulstice." The event will be held on December 15 at the Variety Playhouse in Little Five Points. There will be a silent art auction and artists will create a live art project in front of the crowd. For more information visit <http://www.myspace.com/wintersoulsticeatlanta>

The Fox will be having some fantastic family friendly shows in the new year: *Annie* will be performed January 9-13 and *Go, Diego, Go Live* will be performed January 30 - February 3.

Education Department

Ruth Yurchuck/Phyllis Weisser

If you are planning to submit an ESO Reading Report for 2007, please note that one of the addresses on the cover form has changed. Your completed form should be mailed to Amy Atkinson, Department Coordinator, at the address on the form and to Stacie Janecki, 4225 Carillion Trace, Kennesaw, GA 30144

Remember these ESO reports are sent in by individual members, **not** the Education department. Please let Phyllis or Ruth know if you have submitted a report so we can include this information in the departmental report.

From Betty Daniels, 2nd Vice President:

Holiday greetings to everyone! Our program this month will be having fun. We will have Joy Kiser's silent auction for the benefit of AWC projects, so plan to do special shopping for your holiday gifts. Bring money to buy these unique items. Thanks to Joy for her enthusiastic endeavor each year to collect the merchandise.

The 9 shoe boxes for the Samaritan's Purse project "Christmas Child" were delivered to the pick up site for "Operation Christmas Child" on November 17th. This is such a worthwhile project that Pat Walsh and the International Affairs Dept sponsors each year.

Just a reminder for all Department Chairs: **Annual reports are due the end of December.** I will bring guidelines for new chairs and I'll be available after the meeting if you have questions.

I plan to help Ruth Yurchuck put in labels for the dictionaries to be taken to C.W. Hill School before the Christmas Break.

In the spirit of the season, please bring adult sized socks for men or women to the December meeting for the Veterans at Atlanta VA Hospital.



To participate in a project for my Retirement community, I talked with the Volunteer Service Dept. at the VA Hospital and was told they were in desperate need of socks for their patients. I thought the AWC could certainly respond to this need. Many of the veterans do not have family members to help them. I know our members will be glad to help.

The Perils of Green Washing

Before you shell out extra money for that dish detergent labeled "green" or that eco-friendly package of coffee filters made from recycled paper, know that marketers can successfully dress up a product to lure the consumer into paying more for what amounts to false advertising.

Check out the website, www.terrachoice.com, where they cite the 6 Sins of Green Washing: *green-wash* (*green'wash', -wôsh'*) – verb: the act of misleading consumers regarding the environmental practices of a company or the environmental benefits of a product or service.

Suggestions for Eco-Friendly Holiday Celebrations:

- Buy locally grown produce. This supports local farmers and reduces emissions from transport trucks that deliver the produce
- Avoid using paper plates or other disposable dinnerware.
- Save water by scraping dishes instead of rinsing them before they go in the dishwasher. As long as you do not overload the machine and you position the dirty dishes according to the manufacturer's instructions, your dishwasher actually uses less water than if you hand-washed your dishes.
- Before you make that trip 'over the hill and through the woods to Grandma's house', make sure your car tires are properly inflated - saves you money by increasing your mileage
- Whenever possible, fly non-stop. The average domestic flight uses about 100 gallons of gas per passenger. One less flight means less damage to the environment.
- Shop over the internet. Fierce competition for Christmas business means better service and free shipping from online retailers.



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