

Reminders for October 8th meeting:

- Bring 6-pack of bottled water
- Bring back UNICEF boxes; bring any spare change
- Bring canned goods

NO BRIDGE MEETING THIS MONTH

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President's Letter

My dearest ladies,

Each member in the AWC is a leader. She has the ability to share their ideas and make a difference in the success of the AWC. Think of exciting ways that we can use our club and its influence to motivate leaders within our group and also groom young ladies to accept the responsibility of leadership in the future. What we have to offer is too dynamic not to share with others, expanding horizons by passing it on.

You have the power to make a difference in the success of this organization. When you contribute your talents and ideas, it centers the club and gives our work "real" and lasting meaning. A good member is not the person who does things right, but the

person who finds the right things to do. Help us look for the "right" things to do with our club. If we strive together toward this goal we will learn more, dream more, do more and become more. Most importantly we will laugh more and grow closer.

It is an awesome task to find the "right" ideas. "Right" ideas bloom and will see the "Grand Old Lady of Peachtree", our wonderful AWC flower and bear fruit. Right now, while you are thinking about it, jot down a few of your ideas on how we can use our talents and facility to make a difference in our community. Bring them to the meeting, or email them

to myself or your department chairmen. Think BIG.

In closing I am reminded that feminine leadership isn't a charismatic personality. That might as easily be also called a silver "glib" tongue. It is not 'making friends and influencing people'. That is flattery. Feminine leadership is lifting a person's vision to higher sights. It is raising someone's performance to a higher standard and building up their personality beyond its normal limits.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Susie

Home Life

Judine Heard

Vaccine

Myra Carmon will once again make the influenza vaccine available for members after the October general meeting. The cost was not available at time of printing but as in the past it will be at cost.

Chico's Wardrobe Party

FWC has formed a new partnership with Chico's. You are invited to "Shop

Until You Drop" at Chico's, Phipps Plaza. Dates are being finalized, look out for e-mail. During this time 10% of the sales will go toward our favorite domestic violence shelter. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. What a nice way to spend the afternoon with fellow club members shopping while at the same time supporting a worthy cause. Prepare your shopping list and get a start on the upcoming season.

Dollar and Sense

Owning Your Financial Future - Part 1

By Jessie Swieter with contributions from BB&T Wealth Management

Do you have a road map for your financial future? Do you know where you are going and the stops along the way? If not, you may need to speak and consult with a Travel Guide that can get you to

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Tallulah Falls School

Lucy Willard

A bus trip to Tallulah Falls School will be sponsored by the Sandy Springs Woman's Club on **November 2 - Friday -9:00 a.m.** departure from Sandy Springs Plaza located at the intersection of Roswell Road and Johnson Ferry Road in Sandy Springs.

Please call Lucy Willard with your RSVP as soon as possible.

Anyone interested in helping out with the Education committee, please contact Phyllis Weisser at pcweisser@yahoo.com or call 770-391-3556. I would like to have a get together in October with interested members to determine the goals of the committee for the 2008 year.



Arts Department

Haley Sinclair

The Arts Department will hold a **brief meeting after the regular meeting on October 8** to discuss projects for the rest of the year. If you are unable to attend but are interested in the Arts Department, please let Lisa or Haley know.

The Alliance Theatre will be holding this year's **Christmas House from November 17 to December 9** and are looking for volunteers. The Christmas House is the Alliance Children's Theatre's major fundraiser and allows

Atlantans to support this worthy cause and enjoy beautiful home decorations. This year's house is La Maison Enchanteé, a French manor located in Buckhead. Volunteers will work in the house when it's open to the public, making sure it's an enjoyable event for all. If you are interested, please contact Pat Walsh.

The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra will be performing "**A Fairy Tale**

Halloween" on October 28, 2007. Take the children in your life, or just go to enjoy the music and performances by the young dancers as they perform classic fairy tale stories.

The **2007 Oakhurst Arts & Music Festival** will be held **October 13** from 10AM - 7 PM in Oakhurst Village. With over 75 artists and variety of entertainment taking place throughout the day, it's a great way to spend an afternoon in the fall weather.

RECEPTION FOR GFWC PRESIDENT

The Atlanta Woman's Club will host a short reception for the General Federation of Woman's Club's President on **Friday morning, October 26 from approximately 8:15 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.** as a part of a "Downtown Historic Tour" that the GFWC Convention will make available to the ladies. Coffee, water and muffins (which have been donated) will be available. Please bring a 6-pack of bottled water to the October meeting. We would like to give each lady a bottle of water to take with her on the tour. All members are encouraged to come by and meet these delegates, especially if you are not going to be able to attend any portion of the Convention. We will begin setting up between 7:15 a.m. and 7:30 a.m.

Public Affairs Department

Linda Agustin & Linda Valenzuela

At the September meeting, the Public Affairs Committee announced that the Atlanta Woman's Club is making a donation to the Georgia Capitol Museum for the Georgia Capitol Historic Flag collection. With a donation of \$500 or more, the club name will be engraved on a bronze plaque that will be displayed at the entrance to the Hall of Valor

The Georgia Capitol Museum has a collection of 83 historic flags urgently in need of conservation. These flags flew over battlefields at home and abroad. The collection contains flags from the Civil War, Spanish American War, World Wars I and II, Korean, Vietnam,

Persian Gulf and Iraqi Wars. Estimates for the conservation range from \$2500 to \$25,000. The flags are one of a kind. They are bullet-torn, blood-stained and are preserved in their original state. They have to be stored in cabinets specially constructed to protect them from agents of destruction such as handling, dirt, light, heat and humidity.

The Museum is located on the first floor of the Georgia Capitol Building. It is open to the public 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays to Fridays. As soon as our donation is completed and our plaque is displayed, we will post an announcement in the AWC Newsletter.

Atlanta Woman's Club Meeting Schedule

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- International theme: "Water for Third World Countries"; speaker, Julia Emmons
- flu shots available at meeting
- bring 6-pack of bottled water
- bring canned goods
- UNICEF boxes due back
- Breast Cancer Awareness month

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- "All Departments" theme: AWC Birthday Celebration
- bring Christmas shoe boxes
- National Diabetes month
- American Education & Children's Book Week

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- Fund Raiser Auction
- National Drunk Driver Prevention Month

Remember: throughout the year, we collect Campbell's soup can labels, old cell phones with SIM cards(refurbished for women's shelters), pull tabs from soda cans, and old eyeglasses

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- Public Affairs month, speaker to be announced
- National Crime Stoppers month

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- Tallulah Falls School month: update
- Black History month
- Eating Disorders Month
- Dental Health Month

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- Arts Department month, speaker to be announced
- Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month
- Freedom of Information Day

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- Membership Tea, date TBA
- Earth Day
- Federation Day
- National Wildlife Week
- Great American Clean-Up Week

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- Home Life month, speaker to be announced
- National Park/History Preservation day
- Teachers day; Elder Abuse Prevention
- National Garden Week

JUNE

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- Conservation month, speaker to be announced
- Flag day

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your many destinations avoiding barriers and detours along the way.

Many financial professionals consider a well thought out Financial Plan to be a "Road Map" and the key to your success and dreams. A primary focus the financial plan should address is how to attain and maintain the style of living you need for retirement and how to distribute your estate to give much of your hard earned assets to your heirs rather than the government.

A well-prepared financial plan includes:

- An analysis of portfolio assets

-Advice on proper estate planning

-A review of insurance coverage and gaps

-An analysis of accumulating goals

-Tax planning

5 Basic Areas a Financial Plan should address:

- Investment Management

-Insurance and Risk Management

-Retirement Planning

-Education Planning

- Estate Planning

getting the most from your assets.

With many goals to work toward - each with its own specific time horizon and many needing simultaneous attention - it's important to

feel confident that you are getting the most from your assets. Whether your current situation and comfort level calls for a sophisticated, traditional, or innovative approach, choose your financial advisors wisely. Make sure you have the proper Travel Guide to determine where you are on the "Road Map" and with your specific situation which "Route to Take".

Additional information will be provided for those interested at the next monthly meeting. Please share you feedback with Judine Heard or Jessie Swieter.



Education Department

Phullis Weisser and Ruth Yurchuck

Mrs. Yolanda Brown, Principal of C.W. Hill Elementary School, got our Club year off to a wonderful start! We hope many of you will be inspired to participate in any of the activities we plan to coordinate with the school PTA and faculty. Let us know of your interest. We hope to have a scheduled meeting soon and will keep you posted

October brings several special observances and opportunities to participate: First is

National Book Month .

Use this month to read at least one book and start your personal lifelong learning program by recording it on the ESO form (see either of us for a new form). **Learning Disabilities Month** is observed this month. Check out LD Online (www.ldonline.org) to get information about this often-ignored problem. This month a new site, www.adt.lt.org, will be started as a resource for parents, educators and anyone to help children in grades 4 to 12. You can

also sign up for their newsletter. **Lights on After School** is another program supported by GFWC and October 18 is the day set aside to recognize the importance of afterschool programs. over 14.3 million children in our country are left alone and unsupervised when school is out. Afterschool programs keeps to keep children safe and aids their learning. This program is a project of the Afterschool Alliance.

Have you ever read a Harry Potter book? or *To Kill a Mockingbird*? Would you be shocked to know

that these books have been banned? They are among the many that appear on the Banned Books List. **Banned Books Week** is observed Sept. 29 through Oct. 6 to celebrate our freedom to choose or express our opinion, if it is unpopular or unorthodox. 2007 will be the 26th anniversary of Banned Books Week, which is a project of the American Library Association. We are looking for Club members with an interest in , the two main GF/GaFWC Education projects, Literacy and Lifelong Learning.

ACT IN OCT

The GFWC has asked that each club to hold an event to raise awareness about Domestic Violence. Our club will hold its event on **Wednesday, October 17 from 6PM to 8PM at the Clubhouse**. We will have Ms. Kathy Spratts to join us. She is our speaker from the Partnership Against Domestic Violence. She will speak to us for about 30 minutes and then open the floor for your questions. Light refreshments will be served. If you would like to volunteer to bring something, please contact Ellen Hicks at 404-876-2678 (the Church) or email ellenhicks@bellsouth.net. Please invite your friends and anyone who may be interested in becoming a member of our club. This event will count as one of the two meetings the person must attend before becoming a new member. Mark your calendars and I'll see you there.

Important Dates for October

Thursday - October 18 - 9:30 a.m. - Fifth District Fall Meeting - Academy Grill, 1583 Virginia Avenue, College Park. GA 30337 - price has yet to be announced

Thursday - October 25 - 11:00 a.m. - Work Day - help us decorate and set up for GFWC Presidents Reception. 11:00 at the club

Friday - October 26 - 8:00 a.m. - Reception for Jackie Pierce, GFWC President - the guests will arrive at 8:15 am. Members are encouraged to attend, even if you cannot help set up on Thursday. Maybe you will be able to help with the clean up at 9:30 Friday. We understand that the majority of our members have full time jobs that require their efforts on those days. You might

only have just enough time to drop in for the event and scurry back to work. Ellen has opportunities for everyone to help out in some way before the event. Please call her to see what you can do. Every member is encouraged to participate in some way and reap the reward of contributing to the success of the event and the club.

MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOK

Ellen Hicks

At the September meeting I announced that I wanted to prepare a Membership Handbook. In the book I would include:

1. An information form for each person and a picture of the person
2. Information on the General Federation, the Georgia Federation and the

Fifth District

3. A short history of The Atlanta Woman's Club
4. A roster of our Club including the officers and department chairs
5. A list of projects each department will be supporting, and
6. A copy of the current by-laws

Please watch your **mailbox for your copy of the information form**. Fill it out, attach a wallet size picture and mail it back to me at: Ellen Hicks - 230 Rhodes Drive - Marietta, GA 30068. As soon as I have all of your information forms back I will have the copies made and prepare the handbooks. I would like to have them complete to hand out at the December meeting so **please get your form and picture back to me as quickly as possible**.

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