
Atlanta Woman's Club

October 2008

DEPARTMENT NEWS

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Pat Walsh
Chairman

The International Committee is looking forward to a productive year. We are fortunate to have the ability to help in many different ways throughout the world. This year we will again focus on **UNICEF, SAMARITAN SHOE BOXES, WORLD ARK** and **CARE**.

To all members who took a UNICEF BOX home: please return them at our October meeting. Please count the change, and write the amount on a piece of paper and tape it to the outside of the box. We will have some door prizes for most money donated.

Please start gathering items for the shoe boxes, we turn those in at the November meeting. Also, World Food Day is celebrated in October, please bring groceries for the Atlanta Food Bank. Our speaker for October will be Mrs. Carolyn Young. Please call me (770 642 0230) if you are interested in becoming a member of the International Committee !

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Singers Wanted:

Volunteer your time and talent (and we know you're out there) for our December meeting where you'll lead our membership in an **INFORMAL** and **FUN** holiday songfest. There will be a brief practice after the November meeting. Please see Karen Thomson at the Oct. 13th meeting for more information.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Mrs. Rebecca Douglas Lowe, founder and first president of the Atlanta Woman's Club which was organized in 1895, and other early founders said the *purpose of the Club was "threefold – social, literary and humanitarian."* In the *September Newsletter* of the Atlanta Woman's Club, I discussed implications of the "social" aspect of these precepts. In the *October* and *November Newsletters*, I am pondering the significance of what these early founders may have meant when they said we had a "literary" purpose.

As an English major in college and graduate school and, later, a college English professor, the word "literary" to me means anything or anyone having something to do with literature, and literature, in this strict sense, has to do with great literature, including the time-honored classics as well as modern and contemporary works of art in fiction (novels, short stories, plays, poetry) and non-fiction (biography, autobiography, historical treatises, essays, etc.). To this end, the Atlanta Woman's Club has for some time been encouraging its members to read by awarding a certificate at year's end to those who have read at least twelve books (any genre, any length) in a year. Some members have read as many as 100 books in a year. Also, the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) supports the reading of literature among its members with the more formally structured ESO Program which guides participants into various subjects and types of literature, with participants being awarded an ESO pin.

With the use of the word "literary," the early founders could have been talking about literature, but I have a feeling they meant we

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HOME LIFE

Judine Heard
Chairman

October is **Breast Cancer Awareness Month**. Regular testing can help detect breast cancer earlier when the chance that the treatment will work is higher.

Brighten someone's day and send flowers. Purchase the flowers on-line through acs.flowerclub.com and 20% of your purchase price will benefit American Cancer Society.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Jack & Jill Late Stage Cancer Foundation: When a parent is diagnosed with terminal cancer in its late stage they realize many future events with their children will not be realized. This Foundation assists families facing late stage, terminal cancer by providing "Wow! Experiences". The Foundation can use our assistant in researching sponsors and vendors. The work can be performed at its site or in your home or office. Call Judine (404-768-8376). There will be a training class either at the Foundation's office or the Atlanta Woman's Club.
Warrick Dunn Foundation:

Homes for the Holiday: If you are interested in volunteering this year, call Judine (404-768-8376) for details. As you know the project is a surprise to the recipients therefore date cannot be published. Judine can provide the date and what information she has when you call.

Sixth Annual Warrick Dunn Foundation Gala: Volunteers are needed for the event on Monday, October 13, 2008 at the Westin Buckhead, 3391 Peachtree Road. In order to participate you must attend a training seminar at the Westin Buckhead on Thursday, October 9, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at the Westin Buckhead.

H.E.A.T.: A non-profit that provides energy assistance statewide for Georgians in need. More information will follow.

DECORATING COMMITTEE

Karen Clydesdale
Chairman

On the Sunday before our scheduled luncheons we meet at the Club at 1:00 p.m. to set up the ballroom. It

is a fun time and I usually provide a snack and beverage for us to enjoy while we work and socialize. If you have a few free hours on that day I would strongly encourage you to come and join us. It is truly a fun time and the more people we have the faster we finish. It is a great way to meet some of your club members in a relaxed and casual way.

I look forward to seeing more of you on Sunday October 12. Please check with me (770 643 0390) before you come in case we have to adjust the time.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Ruth Yurchuck
Chairman

Literacy Action, Inc. celebrated its 40th anniversary with a *Writers for Readers* luncheon on Thursday, September 18. Several noted local authors appeared at this event. The Education Department is pleased that Claudia Turner and Barbara Culmer-Illaw attended as our Club representatives. Expect a report about this event at the meeting or in a future newsletter article.

There have been some changes in ESO reporting for the next two years. The new Education Department Coordinator, Peggy Wilson, will be developing a form to use for recording the books you have read but it is not ready yet. If you have any forms from the past two years, just go ahead and use them, and at the December meeting I will collect them. I will send all individual reports in together to the appropriate persons, along with the Club report. If you have not previously participated in ESO (Epsilon Sigma Omicron), the individual lifelong reading program, I'll bring some forms to the October meeting. You can also just keep a running record of the books you have read in the calendar year 2008 on any kind of paper and hand these in to me no later than the December meeting. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions.

We are looking for members to provide volunteer assistance to the Media Specialist for an hour or two per month at C.W.Hill Elementary School.

October is recognized as **Learning Disabilities Month**. Its purpose is to draw attention to the wide number of symptoms and to focus on the causes and solutions to this widespread problem. There are three excellent websites to find additional information about learning disabilities: Learning Disabilities Association of America (www.lednatl.org), Learning Disabilities Online (www.ldonline.org), and the National Center for Learning Disabilities (www.nclld.org).

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MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT

Ellen Hicks
Chairman

The following 3 members were approved for membership on September 8, 2008. Kindly add their names to your copy of the membership roster.

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Endorsed by Daisy Aukerman and Ellen Hicks

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International Affairs
Sponsored by Beth Jetha
Endorsed by Reba Morrison and Judine Heard

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Interested in Education, Home Life,
International Affairs, Public Affairs
Sponsored by Pat Walsh
Endorsed by Karen Thomson and Ellen Hicks



HOLIDAY PARTY

Dec. 11, 2008 Thursday 7 p.m.

\$25 per person/\$50 per couple

Black Tie Optional

Reservations Accepted in November

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - *continued from page 1*
have a "literary" purpose in the broader sense of this word, perhaps having to do with culture, or the literary or creative arts. With the word "literary," I believe the early founders were invoking these various aspects of our intellectual culture – music, visual arts, literature.

As a high school student in Atlanta in the early '60s, I remember attending recitals at what we simply referred to as "The Woman's Club." At this time, where our tenant "Opera" now is, what I remember is a simple, though elegant auditorium which featured various artists in performances, concerts, plays, recitals, and musical programs. Twenty years later as a college English professor in the mid-'80s, I seem to remember attending an opera at "The Woman's Club" which featured some of my colleagues on the music faculty. For decades, from 1922, when the auditorium was built, to approximately 1990, many people enjoyed the performances and various renowned artists presented on stage in this auditorium.

I think Mrs. Lowe and the early founders would be proud of what the Atlanta Woman's Club has meant to "literary" and related endeavors in Atlanta in their desire that AWC have a literary emphasis. For the last couple of weeks, my husband and I were in Paris where, among our roamings, we visited the famous bookstore Shakespeare and Company and another bookstore, The Red Wheelbarrow, where I picked up and read Anne Tyler's 17th novel *Digging in America* (2006). Any time and any place can be conducive to reading a good book! -The discussion of AWC's literary purpose continues next month.

*Karen M. Thomson,
President,
Atlanta Woman's Club, 2008-2010*

ZOOMA Half Marathon and 5K

On Sunday, November 16 the ZOOMA Half Marathon and 5K race will take place in Atlanta. It will start and finish in Atlantic station with a Post race expo at the finish line. The ZOOMA 2008 National Charity Partner is CARE and at least \$3.00 of every entry fee (\$78.00) goes directly to CARE. This is also an opportunity to earn volunteer hours for the AWC. I have signed up for the half marathon and will probably run/walk this event. If anyone is interested in participating please let me know and I will be more than happy to organize a team and work to train you if necessary to complete the race. I have coached several marathon teams and have information on nutrition, avoiding injuries and training for an endurance event that should be helpful to anyone who might need it. A training schedule usually involves 3 week day sessions and then a group session on Saturday morning which is when you do the longer runs. I train at the Chattahoochee River off Columns Drive in East Cobb but I could be flexible on the Saturday runs. Please contact me if you are interested.

Karen Clydesdale
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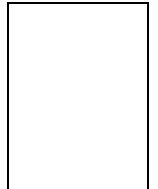
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EDUCATION NEWS - *Continued from page 2*

National Book Month, a time to encourage readers of all ages to enjoy reading, is also observed in October. The National Book Foundation sponsors this event.

We are looking for members who can volunteer at least one hour, preferably two, each month to provide assistance to the Media Specialist at C.W. Hill. There is a great need to shelve books and help with the media center activities. The current Media Specialist has a heavy schedule which includes teaching as well as managing the library; she has no assistant. Phyllis Weisser will be asking members who attend Bridge club each month to donate an hour following Bridge to help out. We want schedule an additional time where two or more members can meet at the Club and go to the school for at least two hours. If you can help us with this project, please contact Phyllis (770 391 3556) or Ruth (770 934 1536).

Linda Valenzuela, Chairman of the Public Affairs Dept. is asking for your help. She is recuperating from an auto accident and her Co-chair, Linda Agustin is doing much travelling, looking after an ailing relative. If you would like to step up and help lead this department for a few months, please contact Linda V. at 770 923 4134.



Atlanta Woman's Club Meeting Schedule

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- International Affairs Department sponsors this month's speaker, Mrs. Carolyn Young
- UNICEF boxes due back
- Breast Cancer Awareness month
- World Food Day: Oct 16
- Learning Disabilities Month
- National Book Month

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- AWC Birthday Celebration: speaker from the Federation Office
- bring Christmas shoe boxes
- National Diabetes month
- American Education & Children's Book Week

DECEMBER						
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- Education Department: speaker to be announced
- National Drunk Driver Prevention Month
- Dec 11, 7 pm AWC HOLIDAY PARTY, Black Tie Optional, \$25 per person

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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- Home Life month, speaker to be announced
- National Crime Stoppers month

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

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- Arts Department month: emphasis on Student Arts
- Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month
- March 8: International Women's Day
- Freedom of Information Day, March 16

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- Membership Tea, date TBA
- Earth Day: April 22
- Federation Day: April 24
- National Wildlife Week
- Great American Clean-Up Week

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

JUNE

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- Public Affairs month, speaker to be announced
- Flag Day: June 14
- June 13-15, 2009 GFWC Annual International Convention, Cleveland, OH