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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Atlanta Woman's Club

In Georgia, all the women's clubs united through GaFWC (Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs) are the owners of Tallulah Falls School with an enrollment of approximately 150 students. TFS is celebrating its 100th birthday in 2009, and we are delighted to welcome TFS President Larry Peevy and his wife, Dinah, to our February General Meeting where he will be our main speaker and give us updates on the school.

Also at our February meeting, we will be honoring past presidents and a former vice president of The Atlanta Woman's Club for their significant contributions to the Club. All will have a chance to speak briefly about their work as president and share with us memories and accomplishments during their terms. Some members suggested at the January meeting that members wear red—if they can easily do so—to our February meeting in celebration of Valentine's Day, heart month, our former presidents and vice president, TFS, and its president.

At our meeting in January, a Suggestions Box, which we'll have at each meeting, was placed on the Luncheon Reservations table. By the end of the meeting, there was one neatly folded paper in the box. Written on the outside were the words, "Just a thought." When I unfolded the paper, the anonymous notation read, "Honor your club members as you honor your club! We are all in this together!!" At first I thought this was an expressed desire that everyone be considerate and kind to each other as we go about our work in this beautiful Wimbish Mansion that we are so fortunate to have as our Club home. Then it occurred to me that perhaps she was reminding me that with so much of my written and spoken words recently emphasizing as our top priority our mission of service, volunteerism, philanthropy, and our cultural heritage, that perhaps I had unconsciously omitted, taken for granted, or

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Membership Dues

Deadline: February 28th

Pay your \$55 fee to Ellen at the February 9th meeting or mail your check (payable to the AWC) to: Ellen Hicks, 230 Rhodes Drive, Marietta, Georgia 30068. Please do not send them to anyone else. The last date you can pay your dues for 2009 is February 28, 2009. After that date, you will be dropped from the membership roster. Let's all get our dues paid and have more members in 2009 than we had in 2008.

Ellen Hicks

Chairman

Membership Department

MEETING REMINDERS

- ♥ Wear **RED** at the February 9th meeting
 - ♥ We will honor the AWC's past presidents
 - ♥ This month's speaker: Larry Peevy, President of Tallulah Falls School
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Deadline for next newsletter: Feb. 15th

♣ **BRIDGE CLUB** continues to meet on the third Monday of each month ♦ If you'd like to join them on February 16th, ♠ please contact Ann Parlier at 770-396-6272 ♥



On January 12th, our speaker was Lisa Borders who accepted our donation of \$10,000 to the Grady Hospital Foundation.

From left to right: Karen Thomson (AWC President), Judine Heard (Home Life Chairman), Betty Daniels (AWC 2nd Vice President & Dean of Departments) and Lisa Borders (Atlanta City Council President and Grady Foundation President)

Photo courtesy of Ellen Milholland

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overlooked what is unquestionably our greatest resource: you/us/our members. Anything and everything we do and are yet to do depend on us and how well we work together. In truth, we certainly are all “in this together” and how good that one of us started off our Suggestions Box with her “Just a thought” to remind us all how important it is to appreciate and value each other, both in our diversities as well as our commonalities, and how critically important it is that we work together in mutual respect shown through our speech and actions, and that when problems arise, as they most certainly will, that we deal with our challenges directly in a mature, honest, straightforward, timely, respectful, courteous, and healthy manner. Thank you, our AWC sister, for the reminder!

To assist us in the ease and clarity with which we work together, a Strategic Planning Retreat for the Executive Board is being scheduled for March at the Cathedral of St. Philip, where the Club met several years ago when the Wimbish Mansion was being renovated. We will begin with a Team Building Workshop on a Sunday afternoon, followed by Saturday morning and afternoon workshops covering responsibilities of officers, trustees, and department chairs and co-chairs; Federation work; parliamentary procedure; challenges for non-profit organizations in the present economic situation; our vision for AWC in the 21st century; and the steps necessary to accomplish our goals. Representing a time commitment for participating Board members, this Retreat I believe will strengthen us as a group, give us much food for thought, assist us in knowing each other better, help us determine where we’re going and how to get there, and be an enjoyable and engaging learning experience which will be of benefit to us all.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our special February meeting where we will begin this phase of documenting AWC history by taking pictures and video-taping the historical reflections offered by those who have contributed so much to AWC and TFS.

Karen M. Thomson, Ph.D.
President, Atlanta Woman’s Club, 2008-2010

Education Department

By Ruth Yurchuck,
Chairman

Mrs. Yolonda Brown, Principal of C.W. Hill Elementary School and Dr. Gloria Patterson, her Executive Team Director, called me on January 8 to inform me that C.W. Hill will be merging with John Hope Elementary School beginning with the Fall 2009 term. (See enclosed copy of letter from Dr. Beverly Hall, Superintendent, Atlanta Public Schools). While C.W. Hill Elementary School has a larger enrollment, Hope Elementary was recently remodeled and has better physical facilities, so current Hill students will become Hope students this fall. It is important for you to know that all the books, supplies, and equipment we have provided to Hill over the past years will be going with the Hill students to their new school. Mrs. Brown will be one of several persons applying for the position of principal at the merged school. Community meetings have been held to obtain parent and community input. Another series of meetings with community partners will be scheduled, and at this time our Club can provide input and support for Mrs. Brown. Karen Thomson and I will be attending the January 29 community meeting and give up updates on the process.

Thanks to the 8 Club members who submitted ESO reports for 2008: Daisy Luckey Aukerman, Karen Bacheller, Lisa Banes, Charlesey Brown, Betty Daniels, Beth Jetha, Ellen Milholland, and Ruth Yurchuck. These members read a total of 135 books, a wonderful accomplishment! Special commendation goes to Ellen Milholland, who read a total of 65 books. Add your name to this list for 2009--get a recording form from Ruth at any Club meeting.

The General Federation of Women's Clubs is promoting a new ESO activity, the *Masterpiece Book and Film Club*. From January to May, the Book of the Month series includes selections by Charles Dickens that will appear on the PBS Masterpiece series, to be supplemented by reading of the book selected for each month. If there is interest in joining this discussion, please let me know.

February is Library Lovers Month. Libraries depend on the support of individuals, corporations, and foundations to ensure libraries remain free to the millions of people who visit in person or via the internet. Contribute to your library by donating time, money, and expertise or join the Friend of the Library, volunteers who provide fundraising and other assistance to libraries.

C.W. Hill Elementary School will be merging with John Hope Elementary School beginning with the Fall 2009 term. (See enclosed copy of letter)



Home Life Department

By Judine Heard,
Chairman

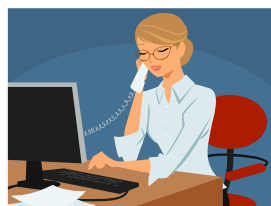
Go Red for Women is the American Heart Association's nationwide movement to wipe out heart disease. Friday, February 6 is **Wear Red Day**. Be sure to show your support by wearing red throughout that day and at our General Meeting on Monday, February 9.

Georgia Breast Cancer Coalition Fund is having its 15th Annual Legislative Breakfast and 8th Annual Lobby Day on February 3, 2009. The breakfast will take place at the James H. Sloppy Floyd building, 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive on the 20th Floor in the Floyd Room. Tickets are \$25, payable at the event. Breakfast begins at 8:00 a.m. Lobby Day starts at 9:45 a.m. For further information call, 404-633-6499, or gabcc.org.

A Message From Your Call Committee

By Judine Heard

Please remember to follow up with the club member who calls you each month regarding your attendance at the upcoming general monthly meetings.



Public Affairs Department

By Lisa Banes
Co-chairman

A new grassroots organization has been created to reclaim intown neighborhoods from the growing threat of crime in Atlanta. Called **Atlantans Together**, the organization was formed in response to growing crime rates, including a recent murder in Grant Park. **Atlantans Together** will coordinate with local groups and neighborhood associations to hold monthly rallies in different Atlanta neighborhoods on the last Monday of each month with a goal of:

- reclaiming Atlanta’s neighborhoods,
- building awareness to the growing threat of violent crime in the city, and
- telling communities, businesses, and city leadership it’s time to get creative in finding solutions

For rally and event schedules, to get involved or to donate to the Crime Stoppers reward program for information leading to arrests in the Grant Park murder, see <http://atlantanstogether.org>.

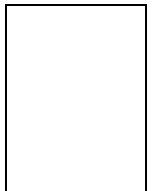
Be sure to check out the February events and exhibits at the **Carter Presidential Library & Museum**, including:

- *Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War*, opening Feb. 7
- *The Wit and Wisdom of Abraham Lincoln*, performed by Gene Griessman , Feb. 7, noon & 2 pm
- *Securing the City: Inside America's Best Counterterror Force –The NYPD*, lecture and book signing by Newsweek’s Christopher Dickey, Feb. 9, 7 pm
- *Lincoln, The Constitution & Barack Obama*, a lecture by Spelman College Professor Jelani Cobb, Feb. 12, 7 pm
- *The War Comes Home*, book discussion by reporter and author Aaron Glantz , Feb. 17, 7 pm
- *Dirty Secrets, Dirty Wars*, lecture & book signing by David Cox, Feb. 19, 7 pm.

Most events are free and open to the public. Details are available at <http://www.jimmycarterlibrary.org>.



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December 5, 2008

Dear C.W. Hill Parent:

C.W. Hill Elementary School has a rich history of serving the educational needs of the Bedford Pines community in Atlanta. The teachers, administrators and support staff members have demonstrated an outstanding level of commitment to student achievement and we very much appreciate your involvement with the school.

However, with changes in the landscape near the Bedford Pines community, neighboring schools have experienced a loss of students. In fact, both C.W. Hill and John Hope elementary schools have suffered declining student enrollment for years. Because of this, we are recommending that C.W. Hill Elementary School and John Hope Elementary School be merged beginning in the 2009-2010 school year.

The facility that currently houses John Hope Elementary School has realized over \$10 million in renovations and will provide an ideal educational environment for your children. While I understand that this change may be difficult, it is necessary. As you are aware, the tough economic climate we are experiencing requires difficult choices. We must maintain a clear-eyed view of our mission to deliver a world-class education to your children and at the same time be as efficient as possible with declining resources.

Changing schools can be difficult for children and families, and we will do everything we can to ensure as smooth a transition as possible. You will be hearing more about this change in the coming months and I encourage you to attend one of the two community meetings that have been scheduled. These meetings are scheduled to be held at **Coan Middle School** on **January 8, 2009** and **January 29, 2009** beginning at **6:00 p.m.**

Thank you for encouraging your children to open their minds to learning, discovery and achievement. I am confident that your children will enjoy their new school and we at Atlanta Public Schools look forward to working with you to make sure your children continue to benefit from a high quality education.

Sincerely,

Beverly L. Hall, Ed.D.
Superintendent