

WIMBISH WALKERS

The 25th Annual Hunger Walk/Run

Sunday, March 1

Turner Field Opens at Noon

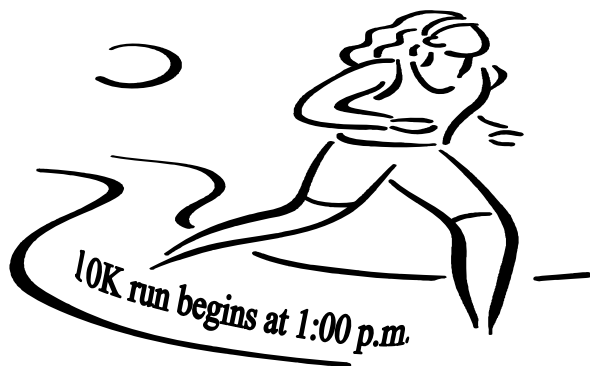
Join the Atlanta Woman's Club, as we form the **Wimbish Walkers**, for an afternoon of camaraderie and fun, all to raise needed funds for the Atlanta Community Food Bank.

The event will be held at Turner Field. The Gates open at Noon and parking is free. A carpool is forming at AWC. If you are interested **please e-mail Judine Heard by 02/23 at heardjudine@hotmail.com**



The **5K walk** starts at 2:30 p.m.

Invite your family and friends to walk with us. The more the merrier! This is a family affair, so bring the children.



Running the Peachtree Road Race? There is a **10K certified run**, which starts at 1:00 p.m. You must register on-line. The race is a qualifier for the Peachtree Road Race.

REGISTER TO WALK OR RUN

On Line at http://www.acfb.org/hunger_walk/

Attached are instructions for registering on-line.

Use this site to make donations. Ask your friends to make a donation in your name.



Plaque at the Sweet Auburn Curb Market (*Photo, courtesy of Lisa Banes*). See newsletter, page 1, Public Affairs News for more information. The plaque reads: 1923 - This Building bears testimony to the unselfish public service of the Atlanta Woman's Club and is a glorious achievement of its work and wisdom. - Public Market Committee of Woman's Club - Deryl H. Sharp - Chairman

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The oldest of Georgia's women's clubs, the Atlanta Woman's Club has been attracting women who want to do volunteer service for the greater good of our community and our world since 1895. Our members realize that by working together under the auspices of such an organization, we exponentially magnify the humanitarian work we can do together rather than if we worked simply as individuals.

The Atlanta Woman's Club, and, therefore, each member of AWC, is a part of the Georgia Federation of Woman's Clubs (GaFWC) and the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC), the latter of which has as its motto "It's a volunteer thing" and a logo with the inscription "Unity in Diversity." Both GFWC and GaFWC help to focus our philanthropic work regionally, nationally, and internationally. Each woman's club in these Federations is autonomous, though all clubs are united in being non-partisan, non-sectarian, and non-profit.

Club members are and have always been activists in working toward bettering the lives of people. For example, in the 20th century (the first

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT NEWS

By Lisa Banes
Chairman

The first bill signed into law by President Obama was the *Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Restoration Act*, named for an Alabama Clubwoman who suffered decades of pay discrimination by her longtime employer. Despite widespread public support for the *Ledbetter Act*, **both** of Georgia's Senators voted **against** its passage (www.senate.gov). Please communicate with your representatives about this and other issues that affect women and children. We have a responsibility to make sure our voices are heard.

Sweet Auburn Curb Market, Atlanta's historic municipal market, was established in 1924 with seed money raised by the Atlanta Woman's Club. Today's market is an outstanding source for fresh produce, meats, seafood, baked goods, prepared foods and specialty retail items. Located at 209 Edgewood Avenue SE, it offers 90 minutes' free parking with a validated ticket.

Soldiers' Angels is an international nonprofit organization that supports veterans, wounded and deployed personnel, and their families by sending care packages and letters, rehabilitative technology, emergency aid, free flights and more. To help, go to www.soldiersangels.org.

Monday, March 16th is *Freedom of Information Day*, celebrating the 1966 Freedom of Information Act.

The Atlanta VA Medical Center gratefully acknowledged our members' visit and gift of \$10,000: "No greater expression of caring and concern can be found than in the selfless extension of time and donations you have provided. Please accept our heartfelt thanks for 'serving those who served.'"

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GENERAL MEETING: Monday March 9

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century of Federation work), club women worked for the passage of child labor laws and an 8-hour work day and, also, for the establishment of public libraries, kindergartens in public schools, and safe food and drug regulations. By now, we have long been involved in community, national, and international needs including, as our website says, enhancing the quality of life through such endeavors as supporting “education, preserving natural resources, stressing good citizenship, encouraging healthy life styles, contributing to world peace and international understanding, and [participating] in the arts.” Further, the purpose of the Atlanta Woman’s Club, as similarly stated in our By-Laws is to “foster mutual counsel and helpfulness, and to unite the influence and service of women in promoting the educational, civic, economic, social and moral advancement of our community and the world.”

To assist us in our planning for our future volunteer work and to strengthen our skills in working together as a team, a **Strategic Planning Retreat for the Executive Board** is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, March 22, and all day Saturday on March 28. The location for the Retreat is the Cathedral of St. Philip’s, a site which takes us away from our usual meeting place at the Wimbish Mansion, yet is centrally located for the metro-Atlanta area. The focus for the Sunday afternoon session is Team Building and is limited to 15 people. The Saturday sessions will cover duties and responsibilities of Club officers, parliamentary procedure, Federation work, the creation of our vision as to what we would like to be and to do as the Atlanta Woman’s Club in the 21st century, and the steps we’ll need to take in order to get there. Needless to say, the Retreat encompasses a full agenda, and the more participants from the Executive Board we have, the better.

In the event that there are spaces available, I will be keeping a “Waiting List” for those of our members not on the Executive Board but who would like to attend the Planning Retreat. If you’re interested, please email (kmthomson@bellsouth.net) or call (404-995-0756) and I’ll add your name to the Retreat Waiting List.

At our next General Meeting on March 9, we will be voting for 2 new members for the Board of Trustees and for an Assistant Treasurer. Before then, the now forming “**Wimbish Walkers**” will participate at the Atlanta Community Food Bank Walk/Run on Sunday, March 1. Then on Saturday, March 7 is another fantastic production and live broadcast of the Metropolitan Opera shown at a local theater, this time *Madama Butterfly*. (Go to metopera.org and click on HD for prices, tickets, and locations.) With such wonderful opportunities to be

together next month, I look forward to seeing you all on several occasions in March!

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



EDUCATION DEPARTMENT NEWS

By Ruth Yurchuck
Chairman

On March 2, the National Education Association is calling for every child to be reading in the company of a caring adult. Why? It’s Read Across America Day, Dr. Seuss’s birthday!! Check out the NEA website for further information.

Update: Hill-Hope School Merger

The Atlanta Public Schools Board of Education voted on February 9 to approve the merger of CW Hill and John Hope elementary schools. This vote is the first round of approval, and the final decision will be made at the Board’s March meeting. Karen Thomson and I wrote letters of support for maintaining Hill as a separate entity, as did many parents. If the merger is given final approval, we both expressed strong support for appointing Mrs. Yolonda Brown, the current C. W. Hill principal, as principal of the merged school.

A Community Panel is charged with assisting in the selection process, and I am representing the Club as a Hill community partner and panel member. There are two rounds of interviews scheduled for February 18 and 19, after which the panel presents its recommendations to the APS superintendent, Dr. Beverly Hall. It is a privilege to serve the Club as part of this process.

Don’t forget to keep a record of your reading for ESO reports.



Message From The Telephone Committee

By Judine Heard
Co-Chairman

It is becoming increasingly hard to plan for monthly meetings and lunches, because we don’t have an accurate total until the day of the meeting. When someone from the telephone committee calls, please return the call regardless if you are planning to participate. You have until the **Thursday before the meeting** to inform us whether you can attend.

Also, if you make a reservation, for you or a guest, and are unable to attend, we must charge you for lunch. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Atlanta Woman's Club March 9, 2009 Election

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following names to be placed on the ballot for the elections at our March 9 General Membership meeting. This slate will be posted at the Atlanta Woman's Club no later than Thursday February 26.

Trustee (select two)

Karen Clydesdale
Judine Heard

Assistant Treasurer (select one)

Beth Jetha
Sandra McNeil

Respectfully submitted,
NOMINATING COMMITTEE
Karen Clydesdale (Chairman)
Lisa Banas
Susan Carter
Bobbie Kraus
Reba Morrison



CANDIDATES' BIOS

Judine B. Heard

Judine B. Heard has been a member since 2005. During that time she has been active with Arts and Conservation, and presently is serving as Home Life Chair. She takes her duties seriously and in learning more about Federation work has attended Institute several times and a district meeting. Judine believes in contributing her time and talent, and attempts to be available whenever there is a need.

Professionally, she has owned two companies in which she was responsible for all aspects including sales and marketing, staffing, training of employees, and its administrative areas, including the bookkeeping. Most recently, she was a loan officer for a major bank. Prior to that she worked for a local bank as vice president and district manager of its mortgage department.

As a native of Atlanta, she is very passionate about the community and volunteers to several organizations. Judine states, "It will be a privilege to serve; I would appreciate your vote."

Karen Clydesdale

Karen has been a member of the Atlanta Woman's Club since 2006. She has served as Chairman of the Decorating Committee for the past two years and has been actively involved in the Home Life Committee as well as the Social Committee. This past year, she served on the Board of Trustees as the Assistant Treasurer. She is presently Chairman of the Bylaw Review Committee as well as the Chairman of the Nominating Committee. This past August, she attended Institute in Athens GA to learn more about Federation work. It has been a pleasure for her to serve in all of these different areas as she learns more about our club and the members.

She has owned her own business for the past 18 years. She is responsible for all aspects of the business from customer relations and vendor/contractor coordination to implementing construction and design projects. She is responsible for seeing all projects through to successful completion. She handles all financial matters pertaining to the business.

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Left to right: Phyllis Weisser, Karen Thomson, Judine Heard, VA's Denise Holmes, Bonnie Kent, Betty Daniels, Shannon Betsill, Myra Carmon, Jeannie Boohaker (Photo, courtesy of Lisa Banas)

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She has lived in Atlanta for 25 years and has always been very active in the community. She has been a coach and mentor for the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society Marathon Program. She is a member of the Sandy Springs Garden Club and has served as an advisor in Garden Design to the Southeastern Flower Show for the past 5 years

Karen would be honored to serve as a Trustee and to represent the members of this club. We are a very diverse and committed group of women. Like so many other organizations, we are facing many challenges in the future. As a member of the Board of Trustees, she will work diligently to achieve the goals of The Atlanta Woman's Club.

Sandra McNeil

Sandra has been a longtime member of the Atlanta Woman's Club and has served on many committees and in many capacities. She most recently served as Treasurer from 2006-2008. Sandra is very experienced in financial matters in both the corporate world and the private sector. She worked for Kraft Accounting for 19 years and with Avon for 16 years. Both jobs required extensive knowledge of financial operations from being responsible for the payroll to collection manager.

Sandra is very active in the community. She is an active member of various clubs and organizations within the Atlanta area. She is an ordained Deacon in her church and has served as the Church Treasurer.

She has experience serving of the Board of Trustees for the Atlanta Woman's Club and would welcome the opportunity to serve again.

Beth Jetha

Beth Jetha became a member of the Atlanta Woman's Club in 2005. She has done some planting with members of the Garden Committee, helped at the AWC Members' Tea, and contributed Shoe Boxes for the International Department. Currently, as editor of the newsletter, she continues to learn more about each department as well as the role of the GaFWC and the GFWC in the activities of the AWC. Mostly, she continues to marvel at the talent and drive of the women who volunteer their time at the AWC.

Beth is proficient with most accounting software and computer operating systems. She has maintained databases and fiscal records and has provided financial reports for private companies and non-profit organizations. She has worked in the hospitality, property management and construction industries.

In her last position as an assistant finance director for a private, non-profit agency, she found the interaction with volunteers to be gratifying and continues to pursue volunteer activities in the greater Atlanta area. She hopes to earn the respect of the women of the Atlanta Woman's Club by providing them with the best work she can put forward both as newsletter editor and assistant treasurer.

Mark your calendars for the AWC Members Tea on April 5, 2009, Sunday from 2 – 4 p.m. Volunteers welcome. Please contact Reba at 404 633 8604 or by email: skipandreba@hotmail.com

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