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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The week of our October meetings on the 12th was a busy, full, and splendid week for the Atlanta Woman's Club. As I finished updating members at our General Meeting as to the rapid progress that writer Anne Jones is making on our history book, our Speaker that day, Aryc Mosher, followed my remarks with a surprise and spontaneous gift: he offered to be the photographer for the book—like Anne—free of charge for his professional services! How incredibly fortunate AWC is to have now not only a professional writer, but also a professional photographer, both of whom have chosen to give so generously of their time, talents, and expertise toward the publication of *A Light on Peachtree: A History of the Atlanta Woman's Club*. Our gratitude to Aryc and to Anne! Following our meeting that day, work on the history resumed as my husband continued video-taping past presidents' recollections, featuring Daisy Luckey Aukerman and Sarah Helen Killgore. Also, on Wednesday and Friday of that

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UPDATE FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

GaFWC Fifth District News

I would like to congratulate Karen Thomson, our President, on being elected 2nd Vice President for the 5th District and Myra Carmon, our Parliamentarian, on being elected to the Nominating Committee of the 5th District. We know that both of these ladies will do a wonderful job in these positions and we are all so very proud of them. The Atlanta Woman's Club is well represented at the District level. Both ladies were elected at the District meeting in October which was held at Bones Restaurant in Atlanta. The District meetings are open to all members and I hope that more of you will consider attending in the spring. It is a very informative meeting.

Event Bookings On The Rise

As I mentioned at our October meeting, our event sales continue to improve. We hope to finish the year close to where we have been in the past. We already have several events booked for January and February as well as weddings and events for the spring and summer. Several upcoming events include the **Grady High School Fashion Show** on Nov. 4th, which is open to any member who would like to attend. There is also a **fundraiser for the Manna Scholarship Foundation**, scheduled for Nov. 6th. This organization provides scholarships for treatment for girls diagnosed with anorexia. They are providing us with complimentary tickets to the event. The increase in requests from non-profit organizations to use our facility prompted the BOT to work diligently at our last meeting to

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NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE **NOV.15**

week, research by Anne and your president was done at The Atlanta History Center, a rewarding, worthwhile task we'll do throughout this month.

This same week, on Thursday, the **Fall Meeting of the 5th District** took place at Bones Restaurant in Buckhead. If there had been an award for the Club with the most members attending, AWC would have won with 9 members present: Myra Carmon, Karen Clydesdale, Betty Daniels, Bobbie Kraus, Bonnie Kent, Karen Thomson, Pat Walsh, Lucy Willard, and Ruth Yurchuck. Three members of AWC are 5th District officers: Ruth Yurchuck (Treasurer), Betty Daniels (Home Life), and, as of this meeting, your president, who was installed as 5th District 2nd Vice President. Also, AWC Parliamentarian and former BOT Chair Myra Carmon was elected to the 5th District Nominating Committee.

This same Thursday evening, October 15, the **Georgia Conservancy** hosted a reception and silent auction, dinner, and program in the Georgian Ballroom at downtown Atlanta's Biltmore Hotel. Because of our financial donations to the Georgia Conservancy through the good work of Conservations and Gardens Department Chair, Ellen Milholland, AWC was given a table for 10 at the dinner. Representing AWC were Lisa Banes and her husband Bruce Freeman, Karen and Bob Clydesdale, Betty Daniels, and Karen and Tom Thomson.

The annual **Southern Region Conference** was scheduled for October 23-25 in Greenville, South Carolina. Representing AWC were Lucy Willard and your president. Anne Jones, our writer and Lucy's niece-in-law, was there also. All AWC members are welcome and encouraged to attend district, state, regional, and national conventions.

We look forward to November, as the Wimbish House will be the setting for special events to which all AWC members and guests are invited: **Grady's Fashion Show on Wednesday, Nov. 4, 7-10 pm**; **Heart of Manna Cocktail Reception and Program** featuring Miss America 2008 on **Friday, Nov. 6, 8-10 pm** [The Manna Scholarship Foundation provides scholarships for treatment to anorexic girls]; and **AWC's 114th Birthday Party** complete with birthday cake at

our **General Meeting Monday, Nov. 9, 11 am-1 pm**, during which plans will be finalized for our very festive, fun, black tie optional **Holiday Party on Thursday evening December 10**, also at the Wimbish House.

We need all 58 of our members involved in some way with our various events, projects, and philanthropic work spearheaded by our Departments, such as the annual donations to **UNICEF** and the filling of **Samaritan's Purse Christmas boxes**, both of which we all did at our October meeting under the able guidance of International Affairs Department Chair, Pat Walsh. Keep in mind, too, the **"Membership Competition"** which will recognize the AWC member responsible for bringing in the most new members between September 2009 and January 2010 with a grand prize. Invite a friend or two to come with you to our meetings.

As we learn more about our Club history, we become awed, humbled, and so proud of the AWC women who have been not only leaders of our Club, but also leaders of our Federation, our city of Atlanta, and our Tallulah Falls School. How thrilling and what an honor to be a part of a Club with the legacy and history that is ours, a Club, comprised of wonderful women, which continues to be a contributing and vital part of our community.

It is certainly a busy, productive, and splendid Fall 2009 at the Atlanta Woman's Club. I look forward to seeing you and our guests in November!
Karen M. Thomson, Ph.D.

President,

Atlanta Woman's Club, 2008-2010



LUNCH PRICE NOW \$12

By Beth Jetha,

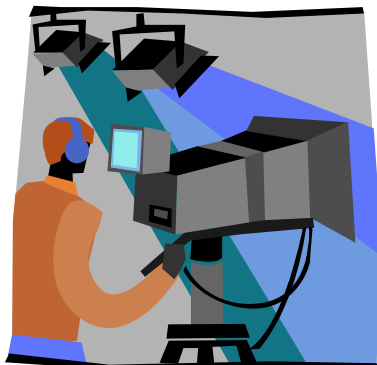
Treasurer & Newsletter Editor

At the October 12 General Meeting, Atlanta Woman's Club members voted to increase the price of lunch to \$12, effective this November 9th. As many members have commented, this \$12 lunch is still good value for your money, especially in midtown Atlanta. Carol Favors, our caterer,

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establish fair but generous policies for organizations which we support as well as those non profit organizations that have not had the benefit of AWC monies. If you are aware of an organization interested in using our facility for an event please refer them to Beth Beery, our event coordinator.

Wimbish House Used in Film Shoot



During the past year, the state of Georgia has made it beneficial for film producers to make their movies here in our state. During the week of October 26, a movie company used the Wimbish House to produce a PG movie, tentatively entitled "Destination Home." The ballroom was used to film a prom scene and the sunroom was also used for several shots. The Board of Trustees worked closely with our lawyers to be sure that our building is protected. Since the movie crew has rented the building for the week, the only non-film staff present during the shoot were our hostess, security and AWC Board members with essential business. We can all, however, look forward to seeing our Club name in lights as we will be mentioned in the credits.

Building Renovations

The BOT is currently soliciting bids to re-do our porches, walkways and driveway. We budgeted for this last year and we are looking at options that will provide long-lasting beauty to the building. A committee is following up with prospective contractors and their references as well as looking at their work to determine the different stone/ concrete options that are available to us. We hope to have more on this in the future.

The BOT meets before the Executive Board at our monthly meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me and if necessary I will put you on our agenda.

*Karen Clydesdale
Board of Trustees Chair
2009 - 2011*

CONSERVATION NOTES

*By Ellen Milholland
Conservation Dept. Chair*

November 15th is America - and Georgia Recycles Day. The Atlanta Woman's Club will celebrate by handing out our Recycling Survey at our meeting November 9th.

The Conservation Department will follow-up and tabulate the results for our January 2010 Newsletter. For instance:

- Recycling one aluminum can will save enough energy to power a TV for three hours.
- Making paper from recycled paper reduces contributions to air pollution by 95%. Recycling a stack of newspapers just three feet high saves a tree. Recycling one Sunday paper each week saves 4 trees a year.
- Glass can be recycled an indefinite number of times and never wears out. Making glass from recycled material cuts related water pollution by 50%. Recycling one glass jar saves enough electricity to light a conventional 60 watt light bulb for 4 hours or an 11 watt CFL bulb for 20 hours.
- The plastic recycling industry employs 52,000 Americans. Five plastic bottles could make one square foot of carpet, fill one ski jacket or make one extra large T-shirt.

This information was provided by <http://www.nrc-recycle.org/americanrecycles.aspx>

Please fill out the Recycling Survey as best you can. You will be eligible for prizes for completion of the survey and help our Club at Awards time.

Local communities in Georgia may celebrate with special events. Details can be found at <http://myecoville.com/us/ga/america-recycles-day>. For instance, Atlanta will celebrate **Saturday, November 22** with a special consumer electronics recycling event at **Turner Field from 9:00 AM to 4:00 pm** at Turner Field sponsored by Waste Management & Sony's National Take Back. Contact Joann Birrell, of Waste Management at jbirrell@wm.com for details.



The Consumer Electronics Event at Turner Field will accept cameras, phones, portable music and gaming devices, GPS navigation systems, small laptops, recorders, alarm clocks and rechargeable batteries made by any manufacturer.

Can't make it to Turner Field on November 22? Want to wait until after the holidays to see if you special someone gives you that new laptop so you can recycle the old? Check Sony's website: <http://green.sel.sony.com/pages/recycle-2.html>

You can put in your zip code and the Greenfill web site will find a vendor that will recycle your electronics any day of the year. Some area Office Depots, Brookstones and Target stores are participating.

Winter Gardens

I have been so blessed to see the Winter Garden in Cambridge England. The garden was designed to be as beautiful during the short, cold days of winter as in the long, warm summer days. The beautiful colored stems of dogwood and willow along with heathers are so lovely. And these plants will grow in Georgia.

So, as the days start to wane, start planning your garden for next winter. Choose species such as our native Red-Osier (Red Twig) Dogwood, *Cornus sericea* (formerly *Cornus stolonifera*) and native pussy willows. Shrubs that flower in late winter include Witch hazel, *Hamamelis*, the witch elder, *Fothergilla* (witch elder) and the winter hazel, *Corylopsis* and *Mahonia aquifolium*. A good ground cover that will produce flowers from late January until the dogwoods bloom is *Helleborus orientalis* (the Lenten Rose) and the somewhat more fussy *Helleborus niger* (the Christmas Rose).



But before you clutter your mailbox (and the recycling bin) with numerous garden catalogues, window shop online and then visit some of our local, independent garden centers, such as Habersham Gardens 2067 Manchester St NE, Atlanta (<http://www.habershamgardens.com/default.aspx>)

near Cheshire Bridge Road and the Garden Path in Westtown (<http://www.thegardenpathatlanta.com/>).

Have some favorites of your own? Please share them with me and I will pass them on in future newsletters. And send me your garden pictures or a picture of your favorite bird or plant.



SEASONAL FLU VACCINE AT NEXT MEETING

By Beth Jetha

Myra Carmon has just received a supply of the **flu vaccine**. If you want a flu shot following our General meeting on November 9, please **call her** at 770 973 7964 or **email her** at mncarmon@comcast.net so she'll know how many doses of the vaccine to bring to the Club on that day. Shots will cost about \$20-\$25.

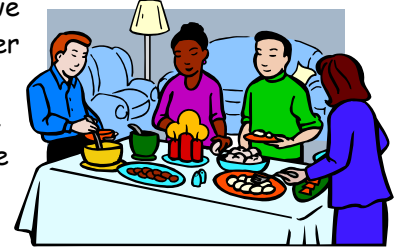
Lunch Now \$12 (from page 3)



continues to provide us with an elegant meal that includes salad, vegetables, meat or fish, a starch, bread, fruit and dessert. Though checks are preferred, Assistant Treasurer, Sandra McNeil, and I appreciate you bringing **exact change**.

The process for luncheon reservations remains the same as it has always been. Volunteers from the Telephone Committee, led by Judine Heard, call members about a week before the General Meeting. The number of confirmed reservations are submitted to our caterer by the **Thursday before the meeting**. From that point on, the Club is committed to paying Ms. Favors for the number of lunches we've contracted to purchase from her. As an experienced caterer, Ms. Favors has always provided sufficient quantities of food regardless of whether we had more unexpected guests show up for lunch. To my knowledge, she has never run out of food.

More often than not, however, some members and their guests who've made reservations fail to show up for the meetings and the Club has to make up the difference in lunch money collected. There can be extenuating circumstances—family emergencies or, as with last month's meeting, bad weather—that prevent members from attending.



What our mothers told us about missing a meal—you're wasting perfectly good food when there are many people that go hungry in third world countries—may be true. But for our Club, there are greater consequences. The Atlanta Woman's Club *does not* and has never budgeted for free lunches for its members. When a member makes a reservation and fails to pay for her lunch, other AWC Club funds are used to pay for it. This means that the money that could be used for socks and gloves to a VA Hospital patient or for canned goods at the Atlanta Food Bank will have to be used to cover unpaid lunches.



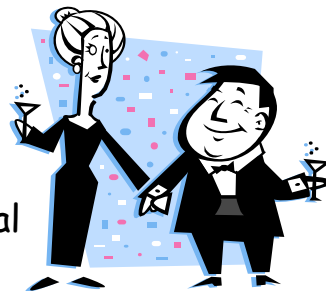
Occasionally, another Club member at a meeting will come forward and generously offer to pay someone else's lunch. But that is the exception, not the rule. Usually, those who can afford it the least will have to go without because AWC donation funds were used to cover catering costs. There truly is no such thing as a free lunch--someone always winds up paying. To all those Club members who've paid for someone else's lunch, I pray that we will be there to return the favor. On behalf of all the families and organizations that benefit from our donations, I thank you all for being considerate and responsible by paying for your lunch. Please make your checks *payable to the Atlanta Woman's Club*. If you or your guest have made a reservation to attend and are absent, kindly pay by the next meeting or mail your check to: Beth Jetha, 4437 Dunmore Road, Marietta, GA 30068.

TALLULAH FALLS SCHOOL NEWS

By Lucy Willard
TFS Committee Chair

Thanksgiving Holidays for Tallulah Falls School students begin at 1:00 pm on Nov. 20th, Friday through Nov. 29th. Please bring any Campbell Soup labels that you have to the meeting.

AWC Holiday Party
Thursday, Dec. 10th at 7 p.m.
Cost: \$30 per person,
\$60 per couple, black tie optional



ATLANTA WOMAN'S CLUB ROSTER OF OFFICERS

Officers

President: Karen Thomson (2008 - 2010)
First Vice-President & Membership Chairman: Karen Bacheller (2009 - 2010)
Second Vice-President, Dean of Departments: Betty Daniels (2008-2010)
Recording Secretary: Pat Walsh (2008 - 2010)
Corresponding Secretary: Lisa Banes (2009 – 2010)
Treasurer: Beth Jetha (2009 - 2010)
Assistant Treasurer: Sandra McNeil (2009 - 2010)
Parliamentarian: Myra Carmon (2009-2010)

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Karen Clydesdale - Chairman (2009 - 2011)
Karen Bacheller - Co-Chairman (2009 - 2010)
Karen Thomson - AWC President
Judine Heard - Secretary
Beth Jetha - AWC Treasurer
Sandra McNeil - AWC Assistant Treasurer
Bonnie Kent - Trustee
Bobbie Kraus - Trustee
Myra Carmon - Parliamentarian

Department Chairmen

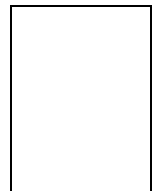
Arts - Jill Muir
Conservation and Gardens - Ellen Milholland
Education - Ruth Yurchuck
Home Life - Judine Heard
International Affairs - Pat Walsh
Public Affairs - Lisa Banes

Committee Chairmen

Daisy Luckey Aukerman – Advisory
Judine Heard [Interim] - Bridge
Beth Jetha - Budget, Newsletter
Carriann Banacki-Gillert – Decorating, Social
Sarah Helen Killgore - Historian/Women's History and Resource Center
Lisa Banes and Karen Clydesdale - Marketing (Website, Logo, Press Kit, Brochures)
Lisa Banes [Interim] and Ruth Yurchuck [Interim] - Special Issues
Lucy Willard - Tallulah Falls School
Judine Heard and Bobbie Kraus - Telephone



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