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President's Message

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I have fantastic news to share with our membership regarding the book, ***A Light on Peachtree: The History of the Atlanta Woman's Club*** being written by author **Anne B. Jones, Ph.D.**, with photographs by the book's official **photographer Aryc Mosher**—a book which promises to encapsulate and preserve the Club's history, which has significant impact on the history of Atlanta, GFWC, GaFWC, Tallulah Falls School, and the women's movement.

It, therefore, gives me great pleasure to announce that our forthcoming book has been incredibly blessed with the involvement of 3 world-class humanitarians and luminaries. **Nobel Peace Prize winner, former President Jimmy Carter and Mrs. Carter** have accepted our invitation to write the book's Forward, and **International President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) Rose Ditto, Ph.D.** will be writing the Epilogue. What wonderful good fortune for the Atlanta Woman's Club to have the support and

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Dean of Departments' News

By Betty Daniels
2nd Vice President



Our Dept. Chairs have been busy writing their annual reports for the GaFWC. I truly believe we made a significant difference in the Atlanta Community as whole, in addition to the various Institutions and International projects we assisted. We have many reasons to stand proud considering all that we've accomplished in 2009.

I want to thank each Department Chair for making their decisions, setting goals and implementing their contributions. Our programs have helped a lot of worthwhile charities during last year's slow economy. Congratulations to our Dept. Chairs and to our Members – together we made a huge impact to those that needed it the most. Thank you! You help us carry out our Mission.

As we begin 2010, I would like to encourage all members to become involved with at least one of the Departments. We need you! We can be even better with your input and interest. Happy New Year to all.

Wear Red to the February 8th Meeting!

February's List of Observances:

- Feb. 2010 American Heart Month
- Feb. 2010 Black History Month
- Feb. 2 Groundhog Day
- Feb. 3 National Girls & Women's Sports Day
- Feb. 4-10 Women's Heart Week
- Feb. 4 World Cancer Day
- Feb. 14 Library Lovers Day and Valentine's Day
- Feb. 15 Presidents Day

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participation of the Carters and Dr. Ditto! **Our immense gratitude to the Carters, Rose, Anne, and Aryc** for their generosity, for they all are donating their time, their talents, their names to the Atlanta Woman's Club on behalf of this project. We are humbled, honored, and deeply grateful to them all!

The book's research and writing continue, but now expand beyond the archives at the Wimbish House and the Atlanta History Center to Tallulah Falls School and even to GFWC headquarters in Washington, D.C. Additionally, the scanning and digitizing of all past presidents' pictures in our 115-year history are finished, so Aryc will move on to photographing the Wimbish House, current Boards, our membership at meetings, and the **Annual Spring Membership Tea on April 11, 2:00-4:00 pm which Dr. Rose Ditto plans to attend**. The book has an anticipated completion date of May, with publication to follow thereafter.

I'm also happy to announce the **winner** of the **New Member Competition**, September 2009 - January 2010: **congratulations to Sandra McNeil** who brought 1 new member to the Club. Let's see how many new members we have by May and who the next winner will be, as the **next New Member Competition** begins with the February meeting and ends with the May meeting.

Our **February General Meeting** will feature **Tallulah Falls School President Larry Peevy**, as guest speaker who, with **TFS 1st Lady and AWC member, Dinah Peevy**, continues to do a great job leading the School. We look forward to hearing TFS up-dates and news about our two "adopted" TFS students.

As always, I look forward to seeing you on **February 8: BOT Meeting 8:30-10:00, Executive Board Meeting 10:00-11:00, General Luncheon Meeting 11:00-1:00**.

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



Education Department News

By Ruth Yurchuck
Education Dept. Chair

February is Library Lovers' Month, a month-long celebration of school, public, and private libraries of all types. This is a time for everyone, especially library support groups, to recognize the value of libraries and to work to assure that the Nation's libraries will continue to serve. Visit the website www.librarysupport.net/librarylovers for ideas about how to "love your library."

Please continue to record the books you read (or books on tape you listen to). Also, please note that Cimi Douglass will be coordinating the ESO project for 2010. She can provide you with ESO forms with guidelines and places to record your reading. With that said, I'm happy to report that eight AWC Members read a total of 170 books in 2009 as part of the Education Department report. Great Job ladies!

Mary Ann Lipscomb, Founder of Tallulah Falls School in 1909, Named One of Three Winners of the 2010 Georgia Women of Achievement Award

Founded in 1992, Georgia Women of Achievement's purpose is to honor the achievements of women in the history of Georgia. This is done through the annual induction ceremony honoring the selected women's contributions to Georgia history, the traveling exhibit that carries the story of these contributions all over the state and an Internet web site. To read about the current women honored please visit the web site www.georgiawomen.org. The ceremony for honoring the three Georgia Women of Achievement will be held in Macon in March.

"As I began the research to document the achievements of Mary Ann Rutherford Lipscomb, it developed into an incredible journey into the life of a very gifted and determined woman. Although facing tremendous odds at different times of her life, she drew upon an inner

strength not only to be successful with her own life, but also eventually to touch the lives of literally thousands of individuals who benefited from her effort.

“Mrs. Lipscomb’s life was based on the philosophy that education was the key to a successful and productive future. She worked long and hard to ensure that an education was available to all children growing up in Georgia. She also challenged the Georgia mill owners by eventually freeing children from the long, dangerous and difficult hours of mill work. Also, Mrs. Lipscomb campaigned for women’s independence from often dishonest men appointed to be their financial guardians. And lastly, Mrs. Lipscomb started a little school in the mountains of Georgia, a little school that made a difference. After speaking with some of the older alumni at homecoming, I was overwhelmed with their love and appreciation of Tallulah Falls School. Several stating that it saved their lives, offering not only an education in the basic classroom but teaching skills that many of them used to create a vocation and future for themselves.

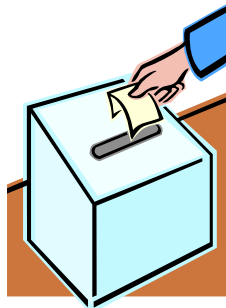
“How many of us have benefited from the dedication and leadership offered by Mary Ann Rutherford Lipscomb and her early campaigns for what was a love for the betterment of children and ensuring their futures? I believe that the numbers are greater than we can imagine.”

*Written and submitted by **Dinah Peevy**, AWC Member and 1st Lady of Tallulah Falls School in support of the nomination for Mary Ann Lipscomb*

From the Nominating Committee

The following Offices/Board Positions for the AWC are to be filled for the 2010-2012 terms:

President
First Vice President
Second Vice President
Treasurer
Assistant Treasurer
Secretary
2 Board of Trustees
Positions



If any member is interested in any of the offices or position on the Board of Trustees, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee.

Dr. Myra Carmon 770-973-7964
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Jill Muir 770-587-4422
Ellen Milholland 770-442-3529
Kristi Winstead 678-643-5320
(Alternates: Donna Foland and Louise Vernon)

Public Affairs Department News

By Lisa Banes
Public Affairs Dept. Chair



February is Presidents’ Month, so plan to celebrate at The Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and all-new museum:

Lecture & Book Signing
Jim Wallis, *Rediscovering Values*
Friday, February 5, 7 pm
Carter Presidential Library Theater
Bestselling author, public theologian, speaker, preacher, and international commentator Jim Wallis provides a moral compass for this new economy – one that will guide us on Wall Street, Main Street, and Your Street.
Free and Open to the Public

Live Performance
Gene Griessman, *Lincoln Live: The Wit and Wisdom of Abraham Lincoln*
Monday, February 15, 1 pm
Carter Presidential Library Theater
Griessman's remarkable performance and uncanny resemblance to Lincoln will take you back to the Gettysburg address and moments before the assassination at Ford's Theatre. Learn how Lincoln's secrets of leadership, communication and personal achievement can help you meet the challenges of everyday life. **Free with Paid Admission to the Museum**

Live Performance
Bill and Sue Wills, *Lyndon & Lady Bird Johnson*
Saturday, February 27, 2 pm
Carter Presidential Library Theater
Lady Bird herself said that life with Lyndon was "one big adventure," and now you can see for yourself. From their

whirlwind courtship to her emergence as an astute businesswoman and his reputation as "Master of the Senate," their lives together were definitely adventurous. **Free with Paid Admission to the Museum**

Driving In Winter Weather

To help make winter car travel safer, follow these safety tips:

- Keep your car tuned up.
- Check your battery, antifreeze levels, and tire tread.
- Emergency gear in your car should include:
 - cell phone
 - flashlight
 - jumper cables
 - sand or kitty litter (for traction)
 - ice scraper, snow brush, and small shovel
 - blankets
 - warning devices (e.g., flares, reflectors)
- Avoid driving in snow or ice storms. If you must, drive slowly. Let someone know what route you're taking and when you plan to arrive so they can alert authorities if you don't get there.
- Don't sit in a parked car with the engine running unless a window is open. Don't let your car run while parked in a garage.



Conservation Department News

By Ellen Milholland
Conservation Dept. Chair

Recycling Survey Results are in!

Although only 11 members (20% of AWC members) returned their recycling survey, the tabulated results showed (according to <http://www.nrc-recycle.org/americanrecycles.aspx>) that AWC members:

- saved enough energy by recycling aluminum cans to power 13,416 hours of TV use for a year,
- saved enough energy by recycling glass to power an 11 watt CFL for 79,040 hours a year,
- saved 60 trees a year by recycling newspapers, and
- provided the energy and materials to produce 166 square feet of carpeting.

Global Warming and our Bitterly Cold Winter

Despite the abnormally cold winter weather in China, Europe and the United States, scientists have demonstrated that annual temperatures are still rising and global warming may be causing the unusual changes in our weather patterns that have brought droughts and record low temperatures.

If you are interested in finding out more about how global warming is affecting our winter temperatures, check out

<http://www.scientificamerican.com/blog/60-second-science/post.cfm?id=cold-winter-doesnt-mean-global-warm-2009-02-12>

or <http://www.scientificamerican.com/blog/60-second-science/post.cfm?id=cold-winter-doesnt-mean-global-warm-2009-02-12> .

The General Federation of Women's Clubs has passed repeated resolutions urging government and industry to address the problem of global warming. <http://www.gfwc.org/images/gfwc/imageuploads/GFWC20082009Resolutions.pdf>



Green Tip

FOG is the subject of this month's green tip. **FOG** is the acronym for **FATS OIL GREASE**. **Fats, oil and grease** should never be poured down any drain and many people do not pour **fats, oil or grease** down the drain because it can clog a home's plumbing. But did you know that **fats, oil and grease** can also cause sewer blockages?

Cobb County has an excellent article about **FOG** at <http://watershed.cobbcountyga.gov/files/residentialFOG.htm>. Food sources of **FOG** including poultry skin, gravies, cooking oils and dairy products such as ice cream should be placed in a trash can. Large quantities of fats, oils and grease should be placed in a container with a top and placed in a trash can for disposal.

Remember, everything you pour down the drain runs into your community's watershed. Georgia does not have any natural lakes. Georgia's drinking water is supplied by rivers and streams and artificial lakes formed by rivers and streams. When you pour **FOG** down the drain, you are pouring **FOG** into your drinking water.

Tallulah Falls School News

By Lucy Willard

Tallulah Falls School Committee Chair



If you would like to make a contribution to Tallulah Falls School in the amount of \$1,000, please know that you can deduct this contribution off your Georgia State Taxes in the amount of \$1,000. If you decide to contribute, please make the check payable to "Georgia GOAL Scholarship Program, Inc." and please note at the bottom of your check – Tallulah Falls School.

This gives you an opportunity to give Tallulah Falls School instead of paying the State of Georgia Income Tax and it also gives you a deduction on your Federal Income Tax. Just give \$1,000 of your Georgia Tax to Tallulah Falls School instead of the State. This was legislated for private schools in lieu of public schools when private schools wanted to help instead of giving all to public Schools. If you wish to participate, please call me and I will mail the necessary forms for you to complete.

Also, bring your Campbell Soup Labels to the February Meeting – I will be there to collect them. Thank you.



Art Department News

By Jill Peterson Muir

Arts Department Chair

February Art and Dance Events in Atlanta

The city has a lot to offer in the way of entertainment in the month of February. Right down the street from the Atlanta Woman's Club at the High Museum of Art is the **Leonardo Da Vinci - Hand of the Genius** Event. It will last through February 21, 2010. If you enjoyed **The Da Vinci Code**, this event is a "must" for you to see and experience.

At the Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre, the **Atlanta Ballet** will be performing **Cinderella** on February 4, 5, 6,

7, 12, 13, and 14th. Beginning on Feb. 27, the **Atlanta Opera Company** will present Verdi's **Aida**, with performances continuing on March 3, 5, & 7. For tickets, call 770-916-2800.

Music at the Wimbish House in January

AWC was proud to have on January 22nd a **Grady Chamber Music Concert** entitled "**Voices with Strings Attached**" by the **Grady High Philharmonic Orchestra** (under the direction of Sergio Rodriquez), followed by the **Grady High School Chorus** (directed by Kevin Hill and accompanied by Daniel Solberg), and, closing the program, the combined orchestra and chorus performing Faure and Mozart. The event was attended by our own Pat Walsh and her husband, and she reported that the concert "was a lovely event." The proceeds from the concert went to Grady High School's Chorus and Orchestra programs. Special thanks to our own special event coordinator, Beth Beery for helping get this event set up and for assisting Grady.



*Photos from our January 11th Meeting
(Courtesy of Ellen Milholland)*



Nominating committee members Louise Vernon and Myra Cameron



Karen Thomson, President



*Mazie Lynn Causey Staff Attorney
Georgia Justice Project*



*Lucy Willard of AWC celebrates a
January Birthday!*



*(L-R) –Beth Jetha, Treasurer AWC, Pat Walsh Sec'y,
Judine Heard Home Life, Myra Cameron,
Parliamentarian*



AWC Singers, Betty Daniels & Dinnah Peevy

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