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## President's Message

Our **March 8<sup>th</sup> General Meeting** is an important one in that the **election of officers and trustees for the 2010-2012 term** will take place. The new slate of officers looks good for the leadership of the Club in these next two years. I encourage everyone to attend and participate in this election process. This month's speaker is sponsored by the Arts Department and will be John Brandhorst, Art Dept. faculty member from Grady High School. Additionally, **harpist, Jennifer Richardson** will provide beautiful music during our lunch. We'll also enjoy piano music by Club pianist Daisy Luckey Aukerman and a musical selection by the AWC SINGERS.

On Sunday afternoon, March 7, we'll set up at 1:00 pm for the March 8<sup>th</sup> General Meeting, the **AWC Singers** will rehearse at 2:00 pm, and at 2:30 we'll have a very casual **Sunday Afternoon Get-Together** for those who would like to come down to the Club and socialize over snacks, tea, and coffee. All are invited and welcome to participate in these Sunday afternoon activities at the

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## From the Nominating Committee: Election of New Officers & Trustees General Meeting, March 8, 2010



The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following names to be placed on the ballot for the elections at our March 8<sup>th</sup> General Membership meeting. This slate is now posted at the Atlanta Woman's Club. For informational purposes, we collected and provided the **Candidate bios on Page 5 of this newsletter.**

### Officers

President	Karen Bacheller
1ST VP	Myra Carmon
2ND VP	Dinah Peevy
Secretary	Ellen Milholland
Treasurer	Sandra McNeil
Asst. Treasurer	Barbara Culmer-Ilaw

### Board of Trustees

Bonnie Kent  
Bobbie Kraus

Respectfully submitted,  
Nominating Committee

Dr. Myra Carmon, Chair	Dr. Ruth Yurchuck
Jill Peterson Muir	Ellen Milholland
Kristi Winstead	

(Alternates: Donna Foland and Louise Vernon)

### *List of Observances for the Month of March*

- March 2 – Read Across America/Dr. Seuss Birthday
- March 14 – Daylight Savings Time Begins
- March 17 – St. Patrick's Day
- March 20 – First Day of Spring
- March 28 – Palm Sunday
- March 30 – Passover

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Wimbish House! Come when you can, leave when you want, and, in the meantime, let's have fun talking, planning, and getting to know each other better.

As you know the most recent **New Member Competition**, begun at our February meeting, will end at our May meeting. The member who has brought the most new members to the Club (signified by their payment of this year's dues) between February and May will win the contest and receive a prize.

As I write this, one of my last President's Messages for my term, I happily recall that this weekend (Feb. 19-21) the **Drumming Class from Youth Villages at Inner Harbour** (which performed at our AWC General Meeting in December) flew to Washington, D.C. yesterday, **February 19, to perform at The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts** tomorrow (Sunday) evening. The high school class was invited because of their stunning performance at New York's **Lincoln Center** in 2002. The students will be wearing their new performance attire given to them in recent weeks by the Atlanta Woman's Club. Before they left for Washington, our Club received a thank you note from therapeutic drumming class teacher Tom Harris which was signed by each member of the class.

**Coming up in March, all AWC members are invited to participate in the following:**

- **Sunday, March 7:** Set-up for General Meeting on March 8 (1:00), AWC SINGERS' Rehearsal (2:00), Sunday Afternoon Get-Together (2:30)
- **Monday, March 8:** AWC Board Meetings (8:30-11:00 am), General Meeting (11:00am-1:00 pm)
- **Tuesday, March 9: 1<sup>st</sup> Yoga Class** (11:45 am-12:45 pm) at the Wimbish House with Yoga instructor, Connie Routh. Bring a mat (or borrow one) from the instructor. Cost: \$10
- **Thursday, March 11:** (10:30) Program and Luncheon, Wesleyan College, Macon, to honor **Mary Ann Lipscomb**, Founder of Tallulah Falls School in 1909, Georgia Woman of Achievement 2010

- **Sunday, March 14, (2:00)** Wimbish Walkers & Runners, 5k. Meet-Turner Field, Green Lot. Benefits the Atlanta Community Food Bank. Register on line
- **Thursday, March 18:** 9:30 am. **5<sup>th</sup> District Meeting.** Ft. McPherson. \$20
- **End of March-TBA:** Trip to Tallulah Falls School. Contact Lucy Willard if interested in going.

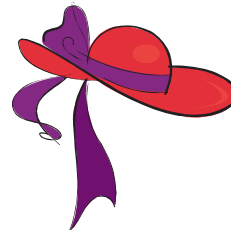
I'd like to remind all our members to remember the two students the Club has adopted through the "**Adopt-a-Student**" program at Tallulah Falls School, Devin and Kylie, with kind notes and cards. Send your notes and cards to Dinah Peevy at TFS, and she'll see that Devin and Kylie get them. Thanks to our February Speaker, **TFS President Larry Peevy, we met Devin and Kylie**, at least on video tape, which was made to give us updates on the School and ended with a spirited message of "hello and thank you" to AWC from Devin and Kylie.

I hope to see you all often in March, and I encourage you to invite family and friends to come with you to AWC!

*Karen M. Thomson, Ph.D.*

President, Atlanta Woman's Club, 2008-2010

## AWC's Annual Spring Tea April 11, 2010



Our Annual Spring Tea for potential members, friends, and family of AWC members will be held on Sunday afternoon, April 11, 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Wimbish House. Our Social Chair Carriann Banacki-Gillert

spearheads this event this year. She and her committee will have the Wimbish House beautifully decorated with music featuring the Wind and Wood Chamber Players playing in the background while we eat delicious hors d'oeuvres. This is one of AWC's most anticipated signature events of the year. In addition, we are very excited to have Dr. Rose Ditto, GFWC International President, as our special guest speaker. We encourage everyone to put on her finest hat and join us. Please feel free to bring a guest, as this also serves as a membership drive for our Club. The AWC's High Tea is always an enjoyable and festive occasion which serves to remind us of our purpose 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.”

## Membership Department News

By Karen Bacheller

1st Vice President/Membership Dept. Chair



Do you have membership questions? We've got your answers! If you are new to the club or plan to bring a guest who would like to learn more about joining our Club, please join us before and/or after the general meeting on March 8, 2010. Karen Bacheller will be in the dining room on the main level of the Wimbish House ready to answer any and all questions you may have about our Club. If you are unable to attend, always feel free to contact Karen Bacheller at 404-875-4015 with your questions. We look forward to talking to you.



## Education Department News

By Ruth Yurchuck

Education Dept. Chair



"You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child." March 2 is Dr. Seuss's birthday and recognized across the country as *Read Across America* day, an annual reading motivation and awareness program sponsored by the National Education Association. What better way to celebrate this occasion than reading to a child? Visit the NEA

website for more information ([www.nea.org](http://www.nea.org))

**News from Hill-Hope Elementary School** - Dr. Cassandra Ashe, Principal of Hill-Hope, is one of four principals in the Atlanta Public School System awarded a grant from Atlanta Families' Awards for Excellence in Education. The money will be used for a special project where the 51 fifth grade students will each visit six local colleges and universities (Clayton State, Emory, Georgia Institute of Technology, Georgia State, Morehouse, and Spelman) on six dates in May. Students and one parent will

interview the faculty and students, take pictures, and will create podcasts of their visits.

## **Volunteer opportunities with Hill-Hope Elementary School.**

1. Students will need assistance with preparation for school visits and with the podcasts. Interview preparation will take place the Wednesday before each scheduled visit. Students also need informational material about any of the schools named above.

2. The PTA will meet on March 25 at 6 pm, preceded by a spaghetti dinner at 5:30 pm. The meeting will focus on preparation for CRTC testing.

3. Monitors will be needed the week of April 19 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. An information session for proctors will be held on April 19 with actual testing taking place April 20-23 and April 25-27.

4. Teacher Appreciation Week begins May 3. If there is interest from Club members, we could sponsor a lunch or dinner on Tuesday or Wednesday of that week.

5. The week of May 10 is University Week, where each classroom selects a college or university to research and share information with other students. T-shirts promoting the schools selected by the students will be distributed on May 12 at mid-morning. The Club could provide help with distribution of the t-shirts. Club members are encouraged to provide information about their own schools and professions to the students before and during this event.

6. Tutoring of students takes place every Wednesday throughout the school year. Time commitment is a two hour block from 2:30 to 4:30 pm, or any time after 11 am.

As you know, The Atlanta Woman's Club is a Partner in Education with Hill-Hope Elementary School. It would be great to have our members take part in one or more of these events. Please contact me by phone or email if you are able to participate in any of these events, and I will make arrangements with Ebony Gamble, our school liaison.

Below are updates on specific Education Dept. projects.

**Orion School.** The Orion School winter newsletter highlighted our recent donations of 6 Djembe drums for their weekly drumming circle and a variety of curriculum materials. There was a small artistic depiction of our Club in the newsletter.

**Literacy Action Luncheon.** Karen Thomson, Betty Daniels, and I represented the Club at the Literacy Action fundraising luncheon, *Writers for Readers*, held at the Atlanta History Center on February 4. The featured speakers were Hank Klibanoff and Natasha Trethewey, both 2007 Pulitzer Prize winners for history and poetry respectively. It was an inspiring afternoon for a good cause.

**ESO Reading Forms.** Don't forget to keep up with your ESO reading. Cimi Douglass has forms for you to record your reading selections. Please see Cimi at our March meeting should you need more forms.

## Public Affairs Department News

By Lisa Banes  
Public Affairs Dept. Chair

Did you know? Show you care... Nearly five decades after the Equal Pay Act, women still earn only 77 cents on the dollar compared to men, a disparity that affects women of all ages, races and education levels, regardless of parenthood or marital status. And it's worse in Georgia – only five states have greater pay gaps between the sexes.



Last year, Congress passed the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, named for Alabama Clubwoman Lilly Ledbetter, but its essential companion legislation, the Paycheck Fairness Act (S182/HR12), remains stalled in the Senate. Ledbetter herself says that passing the [Ledbetter bill](#) without the Paycheck Fairness Act is like giving women a nail but not a hammer.

The Paycheck Fairness Act creates stronger incentives for employers to follow the law; empowers women to negotiate for equal pay; strengthens federal outreach, education and enforcement; strengthens penalties for violations; and prohibits retaliation against workers who ask about wage practices or disclose their own wages.

A hearing on the Paycheck Fairness Act will be scheduled in the next few months, so now is the time to urge Georgia's senators to demonstrate a firm, bipartisan resolve to attack wage discrimination on all fronts by supporting the Paycheck Fairness Act.

Tuesday, April 20 is Equal Pay Day. Between now and then, please take a moment to write or call your senator in support of this important piece of legislation.

For details on Equal Pay Day or the Paycheck Fairness Act, go to <http://www.aauw.org/advocacy>. Then let Georgia's senators know where you stand.



## Yoga Classes Begin March 9

Our First Yoga Class will be held on **Tuesday, March 9** (11:45-12:45) at the Wimbish House with Yoga instructor, Connie Routh. This weekly class will be held every Tuesday for the next six months. All levels are welcome, including beginners. If you have a mat please remember to bring it. If you don't have a mat you can borrow one from the instructor. The cost for this class is \$10.

## Tallulah Falls School News

By Lucy Willard  
Tallulah Falls School Committee Chair



You're invited to travel with us to Tallulah Fall School on March 23<sup>rd</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup>. The date will be decided at the Atlanta Woman's Club March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Once the date is set, please plan to meet in the parking lot behind the Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, 2715 Peachtree Road, NE. The Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church has been kind enough to let us use their bus. We plan to depart promptly at 9:00 a.m. If you would like to attend, please talk to Lucy Willard at our March meeting.

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



## HOME LIFE DEPARTMENT NEWS

By Judine Heard

Home Life Department Chair



### Join us on March 10 for an exclusive tour of the Genesis – A New Life shelter.

Genesis – A New Life, whose purpose is to assist families of homeless newborns to move from homelessness to self-sufficiency, has a number of volunteer opportunities. On Wednesday, March 10 at 10:30 a.m. there will be a tour of the facility exclusively for our AWC members. This will give you an opportunity to view the facility, learn more about its purpose and how you might be able to assist and volunteer for this worthwhile organization. The shelter is located 173 Boulevard, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30312. If you are able to attend please contact Judine at 404-768-8376 or [heardjudine@hotmail.com](mailto:heardjudine@hotmail.com) by March 3.

### The 26<sup>th</sup> annual Hunger Walk/Run is Sunday, March 14, 2010.

Join the AWC team “Wimbish Walkers,” for an afternoon of camaraderie and fun, all to raise needed funds for the Atlanta Community Food Bank. Registration will begin at 12:00 noon at the Turner Field’s Green Lot. The 5K Run/5K Walk will begin promptly at 2:00. The walk is for all ages and fitness levels. You are encouraged to bring your family to the event. The Wimbish Walkers will meet at 1:30 p.m. close to the registration area so we can walk together as a group. So put on your tennis shoes - The Wimbish Walkers need you!



**PARKING IS FREE!** All walkers and runners are encouraged to park in the Turner Field Blue Lot to avoid crossing the street. The Blue Lot is just above the Green Lot where the event is held on Capitol Avenue. Registration begins at noon. Come early to enjoy entertainment, food and games before the races begin. Festivities conclude at 4:00 p.m. The Run and Walk will take you through downtown Atlanta.

To register for our team, please visit [www.hwr2010.org](http://www.hwr2010.org) and select Atlanta Community Food Bank. You will be directed to the Atlanta Community Food Bank page, choose Form or Join a Team; scroll down the page and

type “Wimbish Walkers” in the field Team Name and follow the prompts. It’s that easy.

We hope you plan to walk on Sunday, March 14 with family and friends. This is a wonderful way to show our children, grandchildren that together we can all make a difference one step at a time while having fun! If you are unable to walk, you can still make a donation in the Wimbish Walkers team name. If you need more information, please contact Judine at 404-768-8376 or [heardjudine@hotmail.com](mailto:heardjudine@hotmail.com).

For those of you that donated to our diaper drive – Thank you for your generous support! Diapers and supplies were delivered to Genesis - A New Life.

## ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES, March 8 -- Candidates’ Bios

**Karen Bacheller** - Graduated from Sacramento State College with a Bachelor of Science in nursing with a Certificate in Public Health. Currently licensed as a Professional Registered Nurse. Some areas of additional education include: Infection Control, Strategic Planning, Home & Community Based Waiver Services, Patient Care Audit, Ethical Issues Within Nursing, Labor Relations, Home Health Management, Gerontological Nursing, Medicaid/Medicare Regulations, Case Management, Health Policy and Long Term Care, Facilitation and Continuous Quality Improvement. Employment background includes: Eleven years in acute care health settings as a staff nurse, in-service coordinator and Director of Nursing; Twelve years in Home Health as Director of Professional/Community Services; Eighteen years with the Department of Human Resources/Division of Aging Services/Community Care Services Program (CCSP), Thirteen of those years as Manager of CCSP.

Current professional Affiliations: American Nurses Association; Georgia Nurses Association; Sigma Theta Tau International Epsilon Alpha Chapter, Treasurer; American Public Health Association; Georgia Gerontology Society; Atlanta Woman’s Club First Vice-President and Co-chair Board of Trustees; League of Women Voters; Georgia Long Term Care Advisory Council, Secretary; Georgia Council on Aging, Co. Legislative chair.

**Dr. Myra Carmon** - Associate Professor of Nursing at Georgia State University. I have been a member of the

Atlanta Woman's Club since 2000. The following offices were held by me during my membership: Secretary, Chair of Home Life, and Chair of the Board of Trustees and presently Parliamentarian. As First Vice President, I will work to encourage membership to the AWC.

**Dinah Clemons Peevy** - I have been married to Larry Peevy for 38 years. We have two children. Son, Phillip Peevy married to Caroline Christopher and my daughter, Ashley Peevy Hall married to Christopher Hall. We also have two beautiful grandchildren Caiden Hall, 3 years old and Avery Hall, 1 year old. **Education:** BS: University of Montevallo, Montevallo, Alabama. Masters of Natural Sciences: Georgia College and State University, Milledgeville, Georgia. **Work experience:** Georgia Teacher Certification: Broad Field Science, grades 6 – 12. I have been a Biology Instructor since 1973. **Current professional affiliations:** Milledgeville Garden Club: 1988 to present (positions held: President; Vice-president and Chair of various committees). Alpha Delta Kappa: 2003 to present (Education Honor Sorority Chaplin). United Methodist Church: 1980 to present (Choir; Administrative Board; Director of Elementary Education). Daughters of the American Revolution, DAR: 2008-present (Oliver Morton Chapter). Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs. Light of Tallulah Woman's Club: 2007 to present (Secretary; Vice-President). Atlanta Woman's Club: 2009. **Awards received:** Teacher of the Year; Listed in Who's Who of Outstanding Teachers; Outstanding 4-H Leader; Van Aiken Award; International Alpha Delta Pi recognized as Outstanding Advisor; Georgia Teacher's Hall of Fame nominee

**Ellen Milholland** has been a member of the Atlanta Woman's Club since 1997. She has served as Chair of the Conservation and Education Departments and is currently Chair of the Conservation Department.

When Ellen is not at the AWC, she is usually working for other non-for-profits, out working on the Adopt-A-Stream program, reading, or gardening.

Ellen and her husband of 36 long years are the happy parents of two sons and have lived in Roswell over 25 years.

**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 on the Board of Trustees for the Atlanta Woman's Club and would welcome the opportunity to serve again.

**Bonnie Kent**, member of the Atlanta Woman's Club since 2002. I was born and raised in Augusta, Ga., then later moved to Atlanta in 2001. I attended Augusta College and worked as Medical Technologist for 30 years. I'm married to Phil and have one son. My son Philip and his wife, Bebe live in Augusta with my two grandsons, Charlie age 3, Paul age 2. My sister, Becky also lives in Augusta. I am also a member of the North Buckhead Home and Garden Club where I am presently in my second term as President and I am a member of the Corps de Ballet (an auxiliary of the Atlanta Ballet). I have served twice on the BOT of the Atlanta Woman's Club and have been on the Decorating committee for several years.

**Bobbie Kraus**, married to dermatologist Dr. Stephen J. Kraus. I have three children and three grandchildren. I received my R.N. BSN from Fairview Park School of Nursing and Baldwin Wallace College. I have been Head Nurse of a Coronary Care Unit and Research Nurse for the DeKalb County Health Dept. and the Centers for Disease Control. I was Head Nurse of the Ridgeview Institute's Christian Youth Unit which treated teens for alcohol, drug, and sexual abuse problems. I have been Treasurer for the Alliance Theatre Guild for seven years and their Hospitality Chair for three years. I was Program Chair and Treasurer for Financial Forum Finance Club. I have been Assistant Treasurer for the Atlanta Woman's Club and also served on their Board of Trustees for three years.

I will work hard to maintain the integrity and values of the Wimbish House and the Atlanta Woman's Club. I would appreciate the opportunity to serve you.

**ATLANTA WOMAN'S CLUB ROSTER OF OFFICERS**

**Officers**

Karen Thomson, President  
Karen Bacheller, 1st Vice President  
Betty Daniels, 2nd Vice President  
Pat Walsh, Recording Secretary  
Lisa Banes, Corresponding Secretary  
Beth Jetha, Treasurer  
Sandra McNeil, Assistant Treasurer  
Myra Carmon, Parliamentarian

**Trustees**

Karen Clydesdale, Chair of the Board of Trustees  
(2009-2011)  
Karen Thomson, Club President (2008-2010)  
Karen Bacheller, Co-Chair & Club 1st Vice President  
(2009-2010)  
Judine Heard, Secretary Board of Trustees (2009-2011)  
Beth Jetha, Club Treasurer (2009-2010)  
Sandra McNeil, Club Assistant Treasurer (2009-2010)  
Myra Carmon, Parliamentarian (2009-2010)  
Bonnie Kent, Trustee (2009-2010)  
Bobbie Kraus, Trustee ((2009-2010)

**Department Chairs**

Betty Daniels, Dean of Departments  
Jill Muir, Arts  
Ellen Milholland, Conservation & Gardens  
Ruth Yurchuck, Education  
Judine Heard, Home Life  
Pat Walsh, International Affairs  
Lisa Banes, Public Affairs

**Committee Chairs**

Daisy Aukerman, Advisory  
Judine Heard, (Interim) Bridge  
Beth Jetha, Budget  
Carrieann Banacki-Gillert, Decorating  
Sarah Helen Killgore, Historian/ Women's History  
and Resource Center  
Lisa Banes, Logo, Website & Marketing  
Donna Foland, Publicity & Public Relations  
Judine Heard & Carrieann Banacki-Gillert, Social  
Lucy Willard, Tallulah Falls School  
Lisa Banes (Interim) & Ruth Yurchuck (Interim),  
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