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## President's Message

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Examining the content of our lives is not a particularly good past time, because the fact that we're doing it just might suggest an unpleasant shortage or deficiency of our lives' content. After all, don't we all want happy thoughts?

Well, yes and no. And, some of the finest people I know never turn their backs on such self evaluation.

It was in this spirit that I recently faced the fact that my son was moving from Atlanta to New York, presumably to seek his fortune. He was changing the content of my life: the almost weekly dinners I lovingly prepared; lingering at the table as he explained his solutions to the problems of the world; his dropping by, day or night, confident he still had a home away from the independence of his apartment. And so the content of my life changed... phone calls and email substituting for dinners and visits.

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## Home Life Community Service Program News

By Judine Heard, Chair



'Tis the Season!!! It's that time of the year, ladies. **Our Annual Holiday Party is scheduled for Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Wimbish House.** This year, we plan to host a cocktail party rather than a sit-down dinner.

The cost will be the same as last year at \$30 per person. We also plan to include a silent auction with proceeds benefiting the charity of each department whose item is sold.

Invitations will be mailed to you and your guests. In the meantime, please send your guest list to Karen Clydesdale ([karenclydesdale@bellsouth.net](mailto:karenclydesdale@bellsouth.net)) as soon as possible. Reply cards will accompany invitations. A few cards are being printed without the amount, so if you are paying for your guests and do not want them to receive a card with the cost, please let Karen know on your guest list.

Last, please be sure to include your check with the reply card. It is cumbersome to collect the evening of the party. Thank you and we look forward to a wonderful evening with you!

## November Observances

Election Day	November 2
Fall Back/Daylight Savings	November 7
Atlanta Woman's Club 115 <sup>th</sup>	
Birthday	November 11, 1895
Thanksgiving	November 24

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Well, it was content evaluation time. What occupies my life, and just what do I have to be thankful for?

My answer to that difficult question was an easy one. I am truly thankful for family, friends, good health, and the spirit of all the women involved in the Atlanta Woman's Club. AWC is the bright light that shines through the Community Service Programs and continues to give back to the community. The giving spirit of all those involved in the various volunteer activities brings to mind a passage I found recently:

***You Only Get to Keep What you Give Away:***

It's a universal law:

- ❖ You have to give before you get.
- ❖ You must plant your seeds before you reap the harvest.
- ❖ The more you sow, the more you'll reap.
- ❖ In giving to others, you'll find yourself blessed.
- ❖ The law works to give you back more than you have sown. The giver's harvest is always full. Those that obtain have little. Those who scatter have much.
- ❖ Nature does not give to those who will not spend. (Source unknown)

So it is with these words of self reflection and giving that I wish all of you a most thankful Thanksgiving season.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our meeting on Monday, November 8, 2010 starting at 11:15 a.m.

Karen Bacheller, President  
Atlanta Woman's Club 2010-2012



## Education Community Service Program News


By Donna Foland, Chair

November 1<sup>st</sup> is National Authors' Day. The idea of setting aside a day to celebrate American authors came from Nellie Verne Burt McPherson, President of the Bement (Illinois) Women's Club in 1928. McPherson was a teacher and an avid reader throughout her life. During World War I, when she was recuperating in a hospital, she wrote a fan letter to fiction writer Irving Bacheller, telling him how much she had enjoyed his story, "Eben Holden's Last Day A'Fishin." Bacheller sent her an autographed copy of another story, and McPherson realized that she could never adequately thank him for his gift. Instead, she showed her appreciation by submitting an idea for a National Authors' Day to the General Federation of Women's Clubs, which passed a resolution setting aside November 1 as a day to honor American writers. In 1949 the day was recognized by the U.S. Department of Commerce. In part, this day "shows appreciation of the men and women who have made American literature possible and to inspire others in giving of themselves to make a better America."

The 89th National Education Week will take place November 14-20, 2010. This is sponsored by the National Education Association (NEA) and spotlights the importance of providing every child in America with a quality public education from kindergarten through college, and the need for everyone to do her part in making public schools great. This year's theme is "Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility."

The NEA mandated a special day, November 17, to honor the contributions of school support employees as part of National Education Week.





**Tuesday Yoga Classes**  
11:45 am-12:45 pm at the Wimbish House for all members & non-members. \$10, All Levels Welcome, especially Beginners! Bring a mat (or borrow one from Connie Routh, our yoga instructor).

## Conservation Community Service Program News

By Connie Routh  
Conservation & Gardening, Chair



Time is drawing near to send in the GFWC/GaFWC annual report, please add up the minutes/hours that you have spent recycling, saving energy, volunteering your time in community projects within conservation & gardening, donating \$\$\$ to organizations that help to heal/beautify the planet, and any other project that you believe might be included within Conservation & Gardening Service area. Please submit the details, time spent, and money donated in 2010 to [Connie.Routh@gmail.com](mailto:Connie.Routh@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

Thank you to all of the volunteers that participated in the *Neel Reid Tour of Homes in Ansley Park*. I have received wonderful feedback from the Doshas. I'm sure we all learned a lot and enjoyed ourselves in the process. I'm excited to report that we had 10 AWC volunteers, with a total of 66 hours of service. Thank you! Your service hours will be credited to AWC in the January report. Please give yourself a pat on the back for being a part of the tour to raise money and awareness for the Ansley Park Civic Association, helping to maintain the integrity of the closest residential neighborhood to The Wimbish House!

Please remember to save your empty medicine/vitamin bottles for the Atlanta Humane Society and bring to each monthly meeting. Pat Walsh has generously volunteered to deliver them to the veterinarians at the center, thank you Pat!

Question: What are you passionate about that affects the health of the planet Earth and its environment? If you have projects that you would like AWC members to become aware of and/or participate in that are happening in your community concerning Conservation & Gardening, please e-mail them to [Connie.Routh@gmail.com](mailto:Connie.Routh@gmail.com).



## Tallulah Falls School News

By Lucy Willard  
Tallulah Falls School Committee Chair



On behalf of the Tallulah Falls School, I'd like to thank all of the members who participated in this year's TFS Christmas Gift campaign for the students. The deadline was Oct. 31, 2010. The donations were much larger than expected which was greatly appreciated since this year's enrollment was much larger.

The students will begin their Thanksgiving holidays on Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup> and will return Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. Classes will begin Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup>.

## International Outreach Community Service Program News

By Pat Walsh, Chair



November is our Samaritan's Christmas Shoebox drive. Please remember to bring in your Samaritan Shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. They need to be marked "Boy" or "Girl" and the age or age group, i.e. 3-5. The toothbrushes and toothpaste that were distributed in Oct. should be in the box.

### Here are some gift ideas:

#### TOYS

small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc.

#### SCHOOL SUPPLIES

pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

#### HYGIENE ITEMS

toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

#### OTHER

Hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair

clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

**A PERSONAL NOTE**

In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)

**DO NOT INCLUDE:**

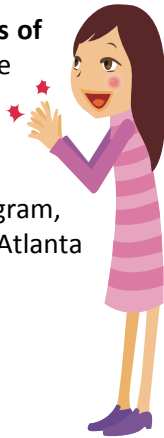
Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snowglobes or glass containers; aerosol cans

The International Committee will pay the \$7 per box for shipping. The boxes do not need to be wrapped.

I am very pleased to report that **90 pounds of food** were collected and delivered to the Atlanta Food Bank for World Food Day. Great job ladies!!

Also, on behalf of the Conservation Program, we delivered 105 pill bottles to the Atlanta Humane Society.

***Well done!***



**All AWC Members are Welcome to Attend**

In June 2011, the 120th GFWC Annual International Convention will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin at the Hilton Milwaukee City Center. For more information please visit:

[http://www.gfwc.org/gfwc/Annual\\_International\\_Convention.asp?SnID=1035945264](http://www.gfwc.org/gfwc/Annual_International_Convention.asp?SnID=1035945264)

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