
Atlanta Woman's Club

Member, Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs

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President's Message

Continuing the discussion I began in the *September Newsletter* of our three-fold purpose, I can only begin to address the third aspect of our purpose in the *December Newsletter*. Perhaps you recall the three aspects, so designated by our founders in the mid-1890's: **the purpose of the Club is "three-fold—social, literary and humanitarian."** I addressed "social" in September, "literary" in October and November, and here I begin a look at the "humanitarian" aspect of our purpose which will carry over into 2009, as I look forward to writing about our work with Tallulah Falls School. The humanitarian aspect of our purpose, no doubt, is the most important of the three aspects, for it is, in fact, our *raison d'être*, and what ultimately defines us.

Humanitarian service is what the Atlanta Woman's Club is all about. As our speaker, Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs' (GaFWC)

5th District President, Cheryl Miller, said in her very informative talk at our November meeting where we celebrated AWC's 113th Birthday, we, as GaFWC clubwomen, ***are "women who love what we do," and what we do is selfless humanitarian service.*** The intrinsic rewards that automatically follow such service are great and wonderfully fulfilling. Plus, we have a terrific group of women with whom to do this work!

In the Atlanta Woman's Club, our volunteer work and financial gifts are channeled mainly through six different departments, and members can choose as many departments or as few as she likes in which to work: Arts, Conservation & Garden, Education, Home Life, International Affairs, and Public Affairs. The projects of each department are specific, can be on-going, and are extremely rewarding to participating members.

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Education Dept. Sponsors December Meeting

Message from Ruth Yurchuck, Chairman

This month's program will highlight **Education in the Community.** We will explore some of these areas, with special emphasis on ESO(Epsilon Sigma Omicron), the individual reading program.

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This fall, AWC has been involved in humanitarian service in various ways: **Literacy Action** which just celebrated its 40th Anniversary of working to eliminate illiteracy in Atlanta, **C.W. Hill Elementary School**, the **Student Aid Foundation**, **Samaritan's Purse** with **Operation Christmas Child** and the sending of soccer balls to children, the **Atlanta Community Food Bank**, **UNICEF boxes**, **World Arc**, **CARE**, **EnAble**, **The Bridge**, the sharing of old eyeglasses for **World Vision Day**, and writing letters to service men and women.

Moreover, AWC members assisted in a Board meeting of **H.E.A.T.**, which is celebrating its 25th Anniversary of helping to provide heat to lower income Georgians during the winter months. Too, an AWC member created beautiful fresh floral centerpieces for H.E.A.T.'s luncheon and meeting tables. Also, AWC members shopped and decorated one of the homes for the **Warrick Dunn Foundation**, "**Home for the Holidays**" for a family in need who was surprised with keys to a new, furnished home before Thanksgiving. – More on our humanitarian service in the *January* and *February Newsletters*.

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Please bring a list of all the books you have read in 2008, and we'll show you how to complete the form that will be used in 2008–2010. The dictionaries for C. W. Hill Elementary School's Third Grade students have arrived, and we need your help to place labels in each of the 48 books at our December meeting. Thanks for your help with this project. To use the special allocation of funds authorized by the Club last spring, several members were able to assist in contacting the principals of the three schools we have been supporting, C. W. Hill Elementary, Inman Middle School, and Grady High School. Karen Bacheller and I met with Dr. Vincent Murray, principal of Grady High School, on November 21. *(continued on page 3)*

HOME LIFE

Judine Heard

Chairman

Food Drive

We will be collecting canned food for Atlanta Community Food Bank. If you are planning to attend December's general meeting, please consider bringing canned goods with you. The food collected will be delivered to the Atlanta Food Bank after the meeting.



Clothing Drive

We will be collecting underwear for The Bridge, a residential, therapeutic and educational facility for youth. You can bring items with you to either December's general meeting or the night of the Holiday Party. Items will be delivered to The Bridge following the party. Suggested donations are listed below:

- White t-shirts (XL, 2XL, 3XL)
- White socks, adult sizes
- Hanes underwear (male, boxers & briefs)
- Hanes underwear (female, briefs)

Financial Giving

Our mailboxes are filled everyday with request for donations. Knowing which organizations to donate to can be a daunting process. Perhaps you have your favorite charity but are considering an organization that is not familiar to you. Charity Navigator's (charitynavigator.org) website can assist in that process. The following tips were offered for giving in times of crisis:

1. Give to an established charity;
2. Designate your gift;
3. Avoid telemarketers;
4. Research and follow-up; and
5. Give online.

Go the site for details of each tip.

(Source: Charity Navigator)

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This December, the Atlanta Woman's Club is having its first Holiday Party which not only



promises to be a lot of fun, but also, and perhaps more importantly, serves as a celebration of the legacy and the responsibility we have had for over a

hundred years as a philanthropic organization which has given to many in need of financial assistance and/or volunteer service. Further, as we assemble for our Party in AWC's home in the Victorian Wimbish Mansion (above photo, courtesy of Ellen Milholland) one of the premiere architectural treasures on Peachtree Street, we are grateful to have been the host of many special events and numerous cultural endeavors. In spite of current economic exigencies, many members felt that it was important for us to proceed with the party so that we can celebrate with each other and our

guests the joys of our humanitarian mission—what we have accomplished, what we have yet to accomplish—amidst the joys of the season in the beauty and elegance of the Wimbish Mansion, which in December is bright and uplifting, inspired and inspiring, with festive décor, and, at our party, complete with music, dancing, and great food—a Mansion magically transformed into a holiday wonderland.



As we end this year, I want to express my gratitude to each of you for the good work you've done as members, as officers, as chairs and co-chairs. We have an exceptionally fine Executive Board and Board of Trustees, and a terrific and growing membership. I am honored to serve as your President and thank you for your love and continued support. You inspire me with the many facets of your service, your work, and your talents. **As we continue to support and appreciate each other in our legacy of service, we are certainly empowered in our mission and heritage of humanitarian work.** And always, we can do more....



I look forward to celebrating this joyful season with many of you at our Holiday Party on Dec. 11 and, also, a few days before that, at our December General Meeting on Dec. 8 where the newly formed **AWC SINGERS** will make their debut performance as they share the special blessing of music with our members.



In keeping with the motto "**Unity in Diversity**" of the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) of which AWC is a part, I send my best of wishes for a happy holiday season: I hope some of you had a joyful Diwali ("Festival of Lights") in October, and I wish for other members a Merry Christmas, A Happy Hanukkah, or a great Kwanzaa, and to all a blessed and Happy New Year 2009!

Karen M. Thomson, Ph.D.

President, Atlanta Woman's Club, 2008-2010

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Their immediate need is two computers dedicated for student use in searching out information about prospective colleges. Students would work with the counseling office in choosing potential schools to research. The Club will be purchasing two computers, monitors, and printers for this purpose and deliver them before the end of the fall term. Betty Daniels and I met with Dr. Betsy Bockman, principal of Inman Middle School, on November 25. *(continued on page 4)*



Atlanta Woman's Club

Officers

Karen Thomson, President
Ellen Hicks, 1st Vice President
Betty Daniels, 2nd Vice President
Pat Walsh, Recording Secretary
Judine Heard, Corresponding Secretary
Phyllis Weisser, Treasurer
Karen Clydesdale, Assistant Treasurer
Susan Carter, Parliamentarian

Trustees

Myra Carmon, Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Karen Thomson, Club President
Ellen Hicks, Club 1st Vice President
Phyllis Weisser, Club Treasurer
Karen Clydesdale, Asst. Treasurer

Lisa Bauer
Maerene Fischer
Maxine Parker

Department Chairmen

Betty Daniel, Dean of Departments
Jill Muir & Jessie Swieter, Arts
Maxine Parker & Maerene Fischer, Bridge
Betsy Vogel, Conservation & Garden Committee

Ruth Yurchuck, Education
Judine Heard, Home Life
Pat Walsh, International Affairs
Linda Agustin & Linda Valenzuela, Public Affairs

Lucy Willard, Tallulah Falls School

Committee Chairmen

Daisy Aukerman, Advisory
Karen Clydesdale & Louise Vernon, Decorating
Sarah Helen Killgore, Historian/ Women's History and Resource Center
Reba Morrison, Social
Betsy Vogel, Sunshine
Beth Jetha, Newsletter

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Their immediate need is the purchase of an additional "SmartBoard", a specialized computerized white board. We will be ordering this equipment and also purchase some reference materials for their library. I met with Mrs. Yolanda Brown, principal of C. W. Hill Elementary, in October. Their immediate need is digital projectors to enhance classroom presentations. They also need specialized math books to address areas of weakness in math in every grade, which will be identified by each teacher based on recent testing scores. We are awaiting delivery of the projectors and in process with the math book order. The Education Department is always looking for input from members. We will have a brief meeting at the end of the January meeting to discuss possible projects.

Please let me know of any ideas you have and your interest in becoming involved.

Please bring a list of the books you have read in 2008 [to our meeting on Dec. 8th]...

Message from Second Vice President & Dean of Departments

Betty Daniels

Happy Holidays to all. As we come to the end of the 2008 calendar year, we still have projects to complete if we are to report them for 2008. After the budget committee meets, we will proceed with the special contributions approved in May. These will be reported when completed.

24 pairs of socks, 24 chap sticks and 6 books that we collected last spring were finally delivered to the VA Hospital. We now have another list of needs that the Public Affairs Department will consider. We are pleased to have **Jeannie Boohaker** serve as **Interim Chair of Public Affairs**. There is one thing we need to decide at the Dec. meeting--a request for volunteers to deliver prepared gifts and stockings to the hospitalized patients. The distributions will be on Dec. 17th @ 10:00AM. If anyone is interesting in helping, please be prepared to tell Jeannie or me on Dec.8th.

MORE CLUB NEWS...

3 More Members for 2009

Ellen Hicks

First Vice President and Chairman, Membership Dept.



The Atlanta Woman's Club received three new members at the November meeting. These ladies have been invited to attend the December meeting but their membership actually goes into effect on January 1, 2009. They are:

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Sponsored by Charlesey Brown

Endorsed by Ann Parlier and Ellen Hicks

Interested in Bridge

Jennie Raymond

Revision of Bylaws Ready for Your Review

Karen Clydesdale, Chairman

A Bylaws Review Committee was appointed by Karen Thomson. An extensive review of the By-laws was completed and approved in 2007. Several changes have occurred during the past year that needed updating and/or correcting. The Committee members are, Karen Bacheller, Karen Clydesdale (Chairman), Ellen Hicks, Beth Jetha, Ruth Yurchuck and Karen Thomson as an ex officio member. The Committee met on November 27, 2008 and is proposing the changes enclosed with this newsletter. ***Please pull out the original Bylaws (from your Membership binder) and go through the enclosed list of revisions so you can discuss any concerns at our Dec. 8th meeting. Pending approval of these revisions, the Nominating Committee can then be appointed by the January 12th meeting.***

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Sponsored by Karen Thomson

Endorsed by Beth Jetha and Judine Heard

Interested in Arts, Bridge, Conservation, Education, International Affairs

Ladies, we are delighted to have you join our Club and we look forward to the contributions you will make. Let's make 2009 a great year.

Dues for 2009 are payable NOW. Please send your check to Ellen Hicks, 230 Rhodes Drive, Marietta, Georgia 30068. They should be made payable to The Atlanta Woman's Club in the amount of \$55 or \$24.25 for life members.



If you're interested, a Special Committee will be formed to work on the History of the Atlanta Woman's Club. If you were a History Major or would like to participate in this, kindly contact our president, Karen Thompson, 404 995 0756.



BRIDGE CLUB

Maxine Parker

Co-chairman

The AWC Bridge Club will celebrate Christmas on Monday, December 15th with fruit cake made by Ann Parlier and white elephant gifts.



The Logo Committee has been working to develop graphics to reflect our Club. Watch for announcements regarding our new logo.



Party On !

Put on your party shoes and grab your favorite date. You still have time to invite your friends and reserve your tickets for the **Holiday Party on Thursday, Dec. 11th at 7 p.m.** Tickets are \$25 per person. Black tie optional. Call Reba at 404 633 8604.

Reminders for Dec. 8th Meeting

- For 5th District EnAble project: bring twin & full size bed sheet sets in solid colors; also bath towel sets in solid colors.
- Canned goods for the Atlanta Food Bank; socks, t-shirts, underwear for The Bridge clothing drive (see page 5, Home Life Department)
- Bring a list of the books you have read this year for the ESO forms for the Education Department

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

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Proposed Bylaws Revisions: December 2008

The Bylaws Committee has reviewed the 2007 Bylaws and Standing Rules and is proposing revisions, which appear in italics:

ARTICLE IV: DUES

Current wording:

Section 1. Annual Dues. Annual club dues for the calendar year January 1st through December 31st shall include the dues payable to 5th District, GaFWC, GFWC and Tallulah Falls School contributions. Due are payable in advance on or before the September meeting date and are delinquent after the November meeting date of each year. Changes in the Club portion of dues shall be recommended by the Executive Board and require approval by majority vote at a regular meeting. No new members will be accepted in November or December.

Proposed rewording:

Section 1. Annual Dues. Annual club dues for the calendar year January 1st through December 31st shall include the duesbefore the *October meeting date and are delinquent after the February meeting date of each year*. Changes..... *New members joining the Club in September and October shall pay the amount of dues equal to 5th District GaFWC, GFWC, and Tallulah Falls School. New members joining the Club in November and December shall pay the amount of dues for the next calendar year. Membership will be effective on January 1st of the next year.*

Current wording:

Section 2. Delinquent Dues. If a member's dues are not paid by the November meeting date, she shall be notified by the Membership Chairman (First Vice President). If payment is not received by the December meeting, she shall be dropped from membership.

Proposed rewording:

Section 2. Delinquent Dues. If a member's dues are not paid by the *January* meeting date, she shall be notified by the Membership Chairman (First Vice President). If payment is not received by the *February* meeting, she shall be dropped from membership.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

Current wording:

Section 6. Duties of Officers

A. President. In addition to the usual duties of the Office of President, she shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Club. She shall:

1. Preside at all regular meetings of the Club and meetings of the Executive Board.
2. Serve as a member of the Board of Trustees, with power to vote.
3. Have general and active management of the Federation activities of the Club, and shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Executive Board are put into effect.
4. Call special meetings of the Executive Board and the club membership whenever necessary for the good of the Club.
5. Sign all contracts together with the Chairman or Co-Chairman of the Board of Trustees.
6. Be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.
7. Appoint a Corresponding Secretary, Parliamentarian, Department Chairmen and/or Co-Chairmen and appoint special committees in conformity with GaFWC and GFWC.

8. Represent the Club at 5th District, GaFWC, and GFWC meetings or appoint a representative if she is unable to attend.
9. Make an annual report of the accomplishments of the Club to the 5th District President and shall complete the GaFWC's Achievement Goal Sheet.
10. Present all recommendations from the Executive Board to the membership.
11. Give a full account of the activities of the Club at the Annual Meeting in May.
12. Serve on the Budget Committee with power to vote.

Proposed rewording:

Add 13. *Have access to a read-only, non-restricted view copy of the financial software data for the purpose of Federation reporting.*

ARTICLE X. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Current wording:

Section 1. Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of four (4) members and the Parliamentarian. They shall be elected at the regular February meeting to serve for a term of two (2) years. The Committee shall meet as early as possible after its election, elect a chairman, and prepare a slate of officers and trustees for presentation at the regular meeting in March. Responsibilities of officers to be elected must be discussed with potential nominees before consent is obtained. After the consent of the nominees is obtained, the Nominating Committee report must be posted on the Club bulletin board at least ten (10) days prior to the March meeting as well as being included in the newsletter sent out prior to the March meeting.

Proposed rewording:

Section 1. Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of four (4) members and the Parliamentarian. They shall be elected at the regular *Club meeting in January meeting in odd years* to serve for a term of two (2) years.

ARTICLE XII. FINANCE

Current wording:

Section 5. Authorization for Check Writing.

- A. No checks, with the exception of the payroll, shall be signed without an attached certified bill.

Proposed rewording:

Section 5. Authorization for Check Writing.

- A. No checks, with the exception of the payroll, shall be signed without *appropriate documentation*.

Current wording:

Section 7. Budget Committee.

- A. The Budget Committee shall consist of the Club President, Second Vice President, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and a representative from the Board of Trustees who shall serve for the same two year term as the Club President. This committee will prepare an annual budget to be presented to the Executive Board at their May meeting and to the general membership at the June meeting

Proposed rewording:

Section 7. Budget Committee.

- A. The Budget Committee shall consist of the Club President, Second Vice President, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and a representative from the Board of Trustees who shall serve for the same two year term as the Club President. This committee will prepare an annual budget to be presented to the *Board of*

Trustees and to the Executive Board at their May meeting and to the general membership at the June meeting

THE ATLANTA WOMAN'S CLUB STANDING RULES

Retain current wording of Rules I, Club Building and Properties, Rule II, Club Rentals, Rule III, Meetings and Reservations, and Rule IV, Funds and Expenses as they appear in the Club handbook.

Proposed Standing Rule V. Nominations and Elections

I. NOMINATIONS

A. The Nominating Committee of four members, the parliamentarian, and two alternates is elected in January of odd number years and serves a two year term. Elected members designate the Chairman of the Committee.

B. Qualifications of Committee Members Members should understand the purpose, policies and procedures of the Club. They must have belonged to the Club for at least one year, attended business meetings on a regular basis, and actively participated in the activities of one department. They must be familiar with the duties of offices to be filled as outlined in the current Club bylaws, and be committed to seeking the best possible nominees for every office.

C. Process

1. Club members are encouraged to submit recommendations for prospective nominees to the Nominating Committee.

2. Nominating Committee members should determine member eligibility for any office. A member of the Committee can be nominated for an office but should ask to be excluded from discussion of her candidacy.

3. Qualifications of prospective nominees should be reviewed by the Nominating Committee fairly and impartially. The Committee should consider such things as the prospective nominee's ability and commitment to promote the interests of the Club, past Club experience and performance, special training or skills, ability to work with others, and personal qualities which will represent the Club well in the community.

4. A Committee member should contact prospective nominees for each office and discuss the duties of the office with the nominee. Nominees must complete a form confirming agreement to run for a particular office and indicating willingness to serve if elected. Whenever possible, obtaining more than one nominee for each office is desirable.

5. Provided she meets the qualifications of the office being sought, the name of any Club member submitted to the Committee should appear on the slate.

6. The report of the Committee (the slate) should be prepared by the Chairman and posted at the Club at least ten days prior to the March election date. The slate should also be sent to the newsletter editor for inclusion in the edition that immediately precedes the election. The names of Committee members should be included on the posted slate and in the newsletter.

7. The Committee prepares a tentative ballot for distribution dated on the day of the election, organized by office. Blank lines should be included under each office to allow for nominations from the floor.

*8. The chairman of the Committee presents the slate to the general membership at the March meeting, submitting the written report to the recording secretary. **NO ACTION IS TAKEN ON THE REPORT ITSELF.***

2. ELECTIONS

A. Nominations from the floor

1. After the reading of the Committee report, the Club President calls for nominations from the floor, office by office. Consent of the person being nominated must be obtained by completing a

consent form before her name is placed on the slate. The recording secretary or designate posts the name of every nominee on a suitable medium (paper or computer) for members to review. After all offices have been addressed, the President asks for any further nominations; if there are none, the President declares nominations closed.

2. After nominations are closed, the President reads the entire slate and the names of those nominated from the floor are added to the preliminary ballot.

3. The President appoints four tellers for the election who have no direct involvement in the election, i.e., not members of the Nominating Committee, relatives of the nominee.

B. Election by Ballots

1. Preliminary ballots are distributed to voting members of the Club as they check in for the March meeting. Individual members then add the name of anyone nominated from the floor for each office. The ballot should indicate instructions for voting, i.e., only one person for office, how to mark and fold ballot. When a new Nominating Committee is to be elected, the number of candidates to be elected should be indicated.

2. The President asks the members if they have any questions about the voting procedure before asking them to vote.

3. After all ballots are marked, the President declares voting has concluded. Ballots are then folded by voting members and handed to the tellers. Tellers must ensure that no member casts more than one ballot.

4. Tellers then withdraw from the meeting to count the ballots, with two tellers assuming responsibility for reading each ballot and two tellers recording votes cast on separate tally sheets. The number of ballots distributed is indicated on the tally sheet. The number of votes cast for each nominee for each office is recorded. Names of persons written in who were not officially nominated are placed in the final tally. Any ballot on which no vote is cast for some offices, while incomplete, does not affect the validity of the choices that are marked.

5. Ballots on which more than the designated number of votes are cast for a particular office are considered invalid for that office, i.e., two votes are cast for two nominees for an office when directions indicate members should vote for one nominee.

6. Tellers then prepare a report showing the number of votes cast for each office and sign the report.

7. The tellers' report is handed to the President, who announces the number of votes for each nominee for each office. She then declares election results.

8. Names of those elected are then published in the next newsletter.

9. Upon completion of the election, ballots are held in the office safe for 30 days following the election, then destroyed.

Report prepared by the 2008 Bylaws Committee:

Karen Clydesdale, Chairman

Karen Bacheller Beth Jetha

Ellen Hicks Ruth Yurchuck

Karen Thomson, Ex-officio