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President's Message

February 2011

Hopefully as you read this message the snow and ice have disappeared! What an experience---a week of being "house bound," cancelled meetings and events, BUT not at the Wimbish House. Our thanks to event coordinator Beth Berry for making sure that access to the Wimbish House was cleared and that the three scheduled events went off with out a hitch! Good work, Beth!

Also, a thank you to all of you who approved the members of the nominating committee so we could stay on schedule for the March elections.

We will convene at our regular time in February to hear from Larry Peevy, President of Tallulah Falls School.

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Membership Renewal Deadline - Feb. 15th

By Myra Carmon

1st Vice President / Membership



As you know, our January meeting was cancelled due to the snow. Unfortunately, we were not able to collect your membership renewals at that time. Our deadline of February 15th is quickly approaching. Therefore, I would gently like to remind everyone to please bring your renewal check to our next meeting or, in the alternative, drop it in the mail as soon as you can. We sincerely hope you continue your membership with us and look forward to another productive year in 2011.

Attached, please find a Renewal Statement and Conflict of Interest Form. Please return the completed forms along with your payment to Myra Carmon at our next meeting or by U.S. Mail as soon as reasonably possible.

February Observances

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| February | Black History Month |
| February 2 | Ground Hog Day |
| February 5 | National Wear Red Day |
| February 14 | Valentine's Day |
| February 21 | President's Day |

Larry's presentations update us on the progress of the school and the students in attendance. This is always an informational time.

Your Officers and Community Service Program Chairs (formerly called Department Chairs) have been spending a great deal of time compiling the Federation reports that capture the hours, monies, and in kind donations given by the Atlanta Woman's Club members. All of these donations go back into our community. News of the different projects are reported in the newsletter.

I look forward to seeing all of you on February 14, Valentine's Day, at 11:15 a.m. for our monthly meeting.

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

Home Life Community Service Program News

By Judine Heard, Chair



Start looking for that special hat! Our Annual Spring Tea for potential members, friends, and family of AWC members will be held on Sunday afternoon, April 10, 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Wimbish House. This is one of AWC's most anticipated signature events of the year. 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." Please send the names of your guests to Dinah Peevy at dpeevy@windstream.net no later than February by 21, 2011.

Attention Wimbish Walkers

Get your walking shoes on! Join your club members and their families for the 27th annual Walk/Run on Sunday, March 13, 2011. The fundraiser benefits the lives of fellow Georgians by providing food to local agencies that distribute to people in need. Our



efforts will support the Atlanta Community Food Bank. To register or make a donation to the Wimbish Walkers, please go on-line and register at www.hungerwalkrun.org and follow the directions. Highlight "Atlanta Community Food Bank" and look for either Atlanta Woman's Club or Wimbish Walkers under Company List Page.



Go Red for Women

Heart disease is still the leading cause of death in women. Show your support by wearing red on February 3rd and 4th. To learn more go to www.goredforwomen.org.

Genesis – A New Life.

Beginning Tuesday, February 15, we will regularly volunteer at Genesis, A New Life. This will be an ongoing project in which we will meet at Genesis on the **second Tuesday of each month for a two-hour shift—10:00 AM to Noon--rocking babies, etc.** If you are interested in joining us, please call Judine at 404-768-8376. A binder will be placed at the front desk specifically for The Atlanta Woman's Club members to sign-in. For more information on Genesis, please visit <http://www.genesisanewlife.org/>.



Education Community Service Program News

By Donna Foland, Chair

February is Library Lovers' Month 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. Check the local library nearest you for any special events.



ESO Report News

By Cimi Douglass

ESO Reporting is complete and the numbers are in! The members of our club read a total of 310 books from 17 different categories. Kudos to Ellen Milholland for reading 73 books last year. Judith Behrens was behind her with 44 books read. Wow!!! Well done!



Conservation Community Service Program News

By Connie Routh

Conservation & Gardening, Chair



Thank you for all of the conservation reporting forms that you returned to me. I am impressed with all that our members do to help our environment to stabilize and heal. We, as a group, recycle hundreds of pounds of plastic, glass, metal, and paper monthly. We have memberships in Atlanta Botanical Gardens, Environmental Defense Fund, Wildlife Fund, Greenpeace, Save Polar Bears & Wolves, Unicef, Wilderness Society, Sierra Club, Friends of Earth, Ansley Park Garden Club, Adams Park Foundation, National Conservancy, Georgia Conservancy, Public Land Trust, Trees Atlanta, National Resources Defense Council, and Ocean. One of the areas that you participated strongly in was adding energy saving features to your home environment. This winter has started out with a bang! To read more tips on how to conserve energy, please visit www.energysavers.gov. AWC is definitely helping to heal the planet one gentle lady at a time. [borrowing from Karen B]

One area of interest to me is the very quickly diminishing honey bee population. My father was a bee keeper and 25 years ago was concerned about the dwindling population of the bees. I consider it lucky to see one honey bee a year, and it is always in early spring before pesticides come into full use on our lawns. Watch the Youtube video <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Mrm9Y6khk>.

Silently, billions of bees are dying off all over the country and our entire food chain is in danger. Bees

don't just make honey; pollinating 90% of the crops we grow, they are a giant, humble workforce. When I read/hear about this, I think about the parakeet in the mineshaft. Is the honey bee the "parakeet" for our planet, food supply, and water? It is important to be educated. Go to www.beyondpesticides.com, www.panna.org and www.bouldercountybeekeepers.org. I buy organic produce and meat whenever available and drink filtered or distilled water. After reading and listening to the above, I think you will agree it's a good practice.

Public Issues Community Service Program

By Lisa Banes, Chair



Presidents' Day (a federal holiday whose official name is still Washington's Birthday) is Monday, February 21; however, in accordance with O.C.G.A. §1-4-1, state offices in Georgia, will observe Washington's Birthday on Monday, December 26, 2011.

National Burn Awareness Week is February 6-12, and one of this year's focus areas is preventing scald burn injuries. For tips on keeping yourself and your kids safe from burns at home, go to www.safekids.org

Three Things Congress Can Do (But Probably Won't) To Stop Vitriol by Lisa Earle McLeod, Author and Business consultant. Reprinted w/permission.

An Open Letter to Congress:

"I know you're scared.

One of your members was gunned down in public. Six people are dead, including a nine-year-old little girl, a third grade student council member who wanted to see democracy in action.

You can pretend this was an isolated incident. Or, you can act like real leaders and have the courage to confront a root problem.

Your lives may be at stake. Not just your political life, your real life. We don't really know what caused this. But do you really want to continue to claim that vitriolic language isn't a problem? If your words don't have any power, why did we elect you?

You're our leaders. Your language sets the tone for our national conversation. Your sound bites fuel the dialogue at backyard barbecues and PTAs.

Yet how have you been modeling democracy?

Did you call upon us to respect each other's differences? Do you ask us to come together and listen to the other side?

No. You demonized each other. You hurled insults the likes of which would get a 7th grader sent straight to the principal's office.

I've watched people use your words - your exact words - to accuse their neighbors of "not sharing our values." Your rhetoric gets people foaming at the mouth, so full of self-righteous indignation that they can't even bear the idea of sharing their country with someone who disagrees with them.

You led us down this path. But to be fair, we followed.

Polarizing politics wouldn't work if it didn't tap into the very worst, most basic human instincts. The belief that I'm right so you must be wrong is as destructive as it is predictable.

Intellectually, you may have known the extremists were reckless and that your opponent was actually a thoughtful person who cares about this country as much as you do.

But that doesn't get you re-elected or fill your campaign coffers.

So instead of calling upon us to be bigger people, you helped us become smaller.

But it's not too late. We, the people, are aching for REAL leadership.

Here are three things you can do right now to elevate the dialogue:

1. Replace "Yes but" with "Yes AND"

When one side says, "All children deserve healthcare," respond with, "Yes, AND we need to balance the budget." It's one little word; yet it's powerful because it

advances the conversation instead of polarizing you into a stalemate.

Why it's a political liability: Railing against "them" makes the evening news. Collaborating takes longer, and it makes for really boring TV.

2. Stay firm on values and flexible on solutions

A "My way or the highway" mentality halts creative thought. Complex problems require complex solutions, solutions that come from the best thinking on both sides. Why your base won't like it: listening to the other side feels like betrayal. They want you to agree with them, not challenge them to expand their thinking.

3. Be the hero - Start first

Real leaders don't wait. They don't pander to public opinion; they shape it. They act in the face of adversity. Why most of you probably won't: it's too easy to blame the other side.

When I teach these principles in Triangle of Truth workshops, people often say, "I'm willing to do it, but what if they won't?" Someone has to go first. What I'm suggesting is hard work, and it may even jeopardize your re-election. I'm hoping you'll do it anyway.

We the people need leaders. We need real leaders. How many of you are ready to stand up and act like one?

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Lisa Earle McLeod is a nationally syndicated newspaper columnist, business consultant, and inspirational thought-leader. Her latest book, *The Triangle of Truth: The Surprisingly Simple Secret to Resolving Conflicts Large and Small*, has been called a blueprint for how smart people can get better at everything. To subscribe to her weekly online column, go to www.triangleoftruth.com or email her at lisa@triangleoftruth.com.

Arts Community Service Program News

By Beth Jetha, Chair

Events at the Woodruff Arts

Center: *Vive la France!* French films (with English subtitles) are featured each Saturday evening, 8 pm, at the Rich Theater at Woodruff Arts Center from Feb. 5-26. Tickets are \$7 general admission



and \$6 for members, seniors & students. The High Museum is showing an exhibition of works by Toulouse-Lautrec beginning Jan. 29 through May 1. Also coming up during the same time period is an exhibit of the High's collection of European prints and drawings from Delacroix to Picasso. At Symphony Hall, the ASO will be playing music by Mozart, Beethoven, Liszt, and Paul McCartney this February. Wynton Marsalis and the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra will be performing Feb. 22nd at the Atlanta Symphony Hall.

Grady High School's Want List: John Brandhorst, chair of the Fine Arts Program at Grady High School, has indicated that the students need orchestra and band instruments (violins, violas, cellos etc.) as well as music supplies (like reeds, mouthpieces, strings, rosin). Our Club will be donating funds to help with repair expenses for their theater. In addition, our Club will provide 2 scholarships at \$500 each to deserving art students.

2011 Decorator Show House & Garden Tour: The Atlanta Symphony Associates' volunteers are needed for shifts between April 16th and May 8th. Please call me at 770 565 3410 if you are interested. If you volunteer for 4 shifts, you get 2 tickets to the ASO & a tour of the House. There are 2 shifts per day, Monday through Saturday at 9:30 am – 1:15 pm and 1:00-4:40 pm. The Sunday shift, from 11:30 am – 5:30 pm, is long and counts as 2 regular shifts. There is no parking at the Show House, but there will be a shuttle bus departing from the IBM parking lot on Northside Parkway. The House itself will be interesting—new construction by architect, William Baker. See house plans and other details at <http://decoratorshowhouse.com/>

2011 Art Competitions: There are several categories of art contests open to our membership. Entries produced in the calendar year 2011 will be eligible for submission in January 2012. Judging occurs in Feb. 2012. The art contests include: photography, short story writing, poetry writing, and craft work (includes stitchery, needlework, quilting, painting, computer art). Awards consist of ribbons, citations or certificates for winners or sometimes a silver tray for the Club. At the national level, cash awards are presented to the top 3 winners in certain photo categories. For the 2010 short story competition, our member, Betty Daniels, submitted her work entitled, "I'll Cry For You," which will be judged next month. I asked Betty to write about her

experience; please see below. Contest rules are in our Federation Manual (if you didn't get yours, ask at the office). Or you may call me for more information at 770 565 3410. I will let Grady High School & Hope-Hill Elementary School know that there are also student art & writing contests open to high school seniors and other students that the Atlanta Woman's Club sponsors. For instance, there are 4 Student Art awards of \$500 each that are presented to the top winners of District and State Student Art Competitions.

"How I Write"

By Betty Daniels



I am submitting a short story again this year for the Member Short Story Contest. I am certainly not an expert, but I have been participating in a writing class at my retirement community. My goal was to write memories to leave for my grandchildren. I am writing nonfiction and basically, all my stories are true based on my ability to recall the past. It has been a fun experience and I hope my readers get a glimpse of the wonderful experiences I have had in my lifetime.

The requirements for a short story are, simply, that they be from two to five pages long and have a beginning, middle, and end. A plot needs to be interesting, developed, and resolved after a climax. Characters are best described through action, dialogue, or thoughts. The setting is best described with vivid sensory language. The time frame is best established with an illustration, such as, "WWII had just been declared" rather than saying, "It was in 1941." Proofread carefully, or have another person proofread to help detect grammar or punctuation mistakes. The ending is best if a problem is solved or loose ends are wrapped up.

It has been a help for me to be in class with friends to share ideas and an instructor to critique the stories. But that is not a necessity. Really just start writing; ideas and memories will come to you.

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).

Tallulah Falls School News

By Lucy Willard

Tallulah Falls School Committee Chair



On **January 19, 2011**, TFS hosted an **International Program for the International Students**. TFS is proud to have approximately 35 international students at the school. There are so many exciting things happening at TFS, and we look forward to having President Larry Peevy share more information at our February 14th meeting.

Tallulah Falls School will hold its next **Admissions Open House** for prospective students on **Monday, February 21, 2011**. The Open House will begin at 9:00 a.m. Students will have the opportunity to shadow in classes while parents attend an informational session with admissions representatives, faculty, and staff. There will also be a campus tour, and attendees are invited to stay and enjoy lunch in beautiful Federation Hall.



AWC Parking Arrangement Has Expired

By Karen Bacheller

AWC President 2010-2012



I am sad to report that our parking arrangement with the covered parking garage, the one where we have long received a parking discount, is **NO MORE**. The parking manager has told us that their system has been automated and there is no way to receive a reduced rate. The new system charges:

15 minutes---\$5
after 15 minutes up to 2 hours---\$10
after 2 hours up to 24 hours ---\$14

Parking is still available at the open lot next door to the Wimbish House. The cost is \$6.

Colony Square will give us a \$5 rate. Following is how the system would work parking at Colony Square:

1. AWC members would take a ticket from the machine upon entering the Colony Square garage.
2. AWC members would obtain a 2nd ticket at the club, Wimbish House.
3. AWC members would hand in both tickets to attendant when leaving Colony Square garage and pay a \$5 fee.

Beth Beery worked on this issue and we owe her a big **THANK YOU!** She is also continuing to research other parking arrangements in the immediate area.

Sorry for this inconvenience, but as true AWC members we will work through this.

Thanks for your understanding.

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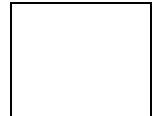
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