

Reminders:

- Bring food bank donations: peanut butter, canned tuna, canned soup stews & pasta, boxed mac & cheese dinners, whole grain/low sugar cereals, 100% juices
- NO MEETING in July & August; next meeting after June 9th is September 8^h

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE JUNE 2008

As we end a year and look forward to beginning another new chapter in the history of AWC, I want to express gratitude to those who have worked on behalf of AWC since our founding in 1895 to the present day, for truly, as the saying goes, we stand on the shoulders of those who have come before us.

As of June 1, the torch has been passed, once again, from previous officers to new ones. The AWC is in transition. We recall what John F. Kennedy said with regard to transitions: "Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future." As we create

our new vision for the future, we must remember our heritage as we address needs and desires for the present.

If I may speak on behalf of the new officers, we gratefully and joyously accept our new positions and responsibilities in humility and in service, as we look forward to the new paths upon which we will venture.

There will be challenges. It is good to recall what Einstein said: "No problem can be solved from the same consciousness that created it." As we work together with open minds and, more importantly, open hearts, our collective consciousness can be

lifted to solve the challenges that will arise. Whatever the new challenges will be, they, no doubt, will serve to strengthen and expand us, and as such challenges hone and refine us, surely we will move into greater growth, awareness, and compassion for those around us.

Besides the challenges, there will also be triumphs as we seek to accomplish our philanthropic mission of service to help better the lives in our community and in our world. Further, I truly hope that we will enjoy and appreciate ourselves and each other *and* have fun in the process.

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Message from Betty Daniels,

First Vice President and Dean of Departments

With the installation of the officers at the May meeting, I look forward to the new administration. Congratulations to Dr. Karen Thompson and I look forward to a productive year. This summer, I will plan to meet with all the Department Chairs to plan for 2008-2009

programs and activities. We should be able to accomplish a great deal of Federation work. I do encourage all the Department Chairs and other members to attend Institute on August 22-23 to learn about the focus of the Georgia Federation for the coming year.

I will miss the June meeting because I will be taking my granddaughter to New York City as a high school graduation present. I do wish all of you a fun and healthy summer and I'll see you next fall.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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On left, Shirene Daniell (3rd VP of the GA Fed. of Women's Clubs) installs Susan Carter as Parliamentarian, May 12, 2008; looking on are (l-r) Dr Karen Thomson (AWC President) and Ellen Hicks (AWC 1st Vice President)- thanks to Ellen Milholland for the picture

Shirene Daniell used the following image of AWC in the May installation ceremony which she created around your new President's symbol chosen for these next two years, that of a treble clef. Shirene suggested we see ourselves as members of a finely tuned and well-practiced orchestra who enjoy playing our own respective instruments together as we perform beautiful music in harmony with one another. Using this image, I would like to see AWC "playing" together and together

bringing greater light, love, peace, and harmony into this world.

I look forward to listening, talking, working with you all. My door is open and I want to hear your ideas as we together create our vision for the future of AWC while simultaneously respecting the wonderful heritage which is ours as members of the Atlanta Woman's Club.

Happy Summer!!!

Karen Thomson,
President,
Atlanta Woman's Club,
2008 - 2010

HOME LIFE

Judine Heard

Thank you for the generous response to Midtown Assistance Center. As you know, hunger never goes on vacation and your help is needed again. The **Atlanta Community Food Bank** is in need of the following items: peanut butter, canned tuna, canned soup, stews and pasta, 100% fruit juice, canned fruit and vegetables, macaroni and cheese dinners, and whole grain, low sugar cereals. There will be a box for your donations at the June meeting.

Are you a gardener, or know a gardener, and would like to do more? Each year the **Atlanta Community Food Bank** sponsors a campaign, which raises fresh produce for local shelters serving families in need. Participation is easy. Either plant an extra row for the hungry or donate any excess harvest from your garden to the ACFB. Do not process the food. Take your fresh picked produce to one of ACFB's designated drop-off sites. There is a list of drop-off sites included in this newsletter(see page 3). Please do not bring your produce to The Atlanta Woman's Club. If you do participate in Plant a Row for the Hungry, we want to know; notify Home Life.



June is "Conservation" month...

The Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs describes Conservation Department work as involvement in projects that promote beautification and resource preservation. For members of the Atlanta Woman's Club, this also

includes volunteer work to improve our lovely Wimbish Mansion and garden. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact our department chair, Betsy Vogel, at betzv@comcast.net or call 770 886 2692



Plant-A-Row/Produce Donations to the Food Bank

Please call the numbers below to confirm the summer drop off hours listed below.

DeKalb County:

Clifton Presbyterian Church
Clifton Night Hospitality
369 Connecticut Ave.
Atlanta, GA 30307
Office: (404) 373-3253
Nancy-Kate, Food Pantry & Night Hospitality Hours: 9 am to 3 pm M - F
Shelter: 6 pm - 6 am M - Sat; contact Alice Jenkins

Fulton County:

Atlanta Community Food Bank
632 Joseph E. Lowery Blvd NW
Atlanta, GA 30318
Office (404)892 3333 extension 378
Hours: M-F, 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Clayton County:

Alzheimers Support Service Center
67901 Hwy 85
Riverdale, GA 30274
Office (770)603 4090
Hours:8 am - 7pm,M-F

Cobb County:

Center for Family Resources
995 Roswell St, NE, Suite 100
Marietta, GA 30060
Office (770) 428 2601

Gwinnett County:

Annandale Village at Suwanee
3500 Annandale Lane NW
Suwanee, GA 30024
Office (770) 945 8381

This is a partial list. Consult the website at www.acfb.org for a complete county listing of drop off locations.



Open Invitation to GSU Event, June 11

The following invitation was forwarded by Susie Carter. If you do plan to attend, please grant Ms Gerrard the courtesy of replying with an RSVP.

Susie,

Subject: Diane L. Fowlkes Spring Event

I am delighted to inform you that the University Library's Special Collections Department is hosting the **2008 Diane L. Fowlkes Spring Event on June 11, 2008, from 5:30 - 8:00 pm.** Here is a link to the web announcement:

www.library.gsu.edu/events/fowlkes

We would love to see you there, and we encourage you to bring your friends. Please remember to RSVP.

Best wishes,

Morna Gerrard
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BRIDGE CLUB meets every **third Monday** of the month. If you'd like to find out more, please call Maerene Fischer at 770 971 4688 or Maxine Parker at 404 256 4128.

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Community Supported Agriculture (CSAs)

These days, with the rising cost of gasoline and the limited options available to home gardeners working under drought level 4 conditions, it has become more important than ever to be aware of just how far that fruit and vegetable travels before it gets to your plate. Community Supported Agriculture or CSAs are becoming popular methods of food sales & production. It is a way for consumers to support local farmers and at the same time, obtain fresh, locally grown food. Typically, the buyer would invest

by purchasing a share per growing period. This gets you a weekly delivery of fruit and/or vegetables from a local farm during the growing season. This is intended to augment and not replace your weekly trip to the supermarket. A typical weekly delivery of fruit and vegetables will supply enough for 2 adults. The down side of this is that you only get seasonally available produce; and if a crop fails, you will have to do without it. The up side is that you get your hands on quality produce--often organically grown. If

you are interested, look up www.localharvest.org, plug in your zip code to find a CSA. There are also related event postings at that site for berry picking or farm tours etc. For example, the Spruill Green Market CSA, which seems very flexible (you are not committed to a whole season) is fully subscribed through the winter season 2008 but watch for it, they will inform you of openings. They also allow you to 'swap' deliveries with others in case you are out of town or are unable to use your weekly produce.

- BJ

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