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President's Message

March 2011

Winter Blues??? Not that you could tell from the February 14th meeting at the Atlanta Woman's Club. Even though we could not meet in January, due to snow and ice, we made up for it at the February meeting. Ladies dressed in various shades of red, in honor of Valentines Day and Women's Heart Health Awareness Month enjoyed the luncheon meeting. Larry Peevy, President of Tallulah Falls School brought us all up to date on the many activities and accomplishments of the School. We are extremely proud to continue our support of the School.

March is here and we can sniff out the first beautiful smells of spring coming just around the corner. Along with the coming of spring is the coming of a host of events for the AWC.

At our next meeting, March 14, 2011 we will welcome Mr. Russ Clayton who will present two lithographs to the AWC. (Come to the meeting to hear the whole story on these fine art pieces.)

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Membership Renewal

Deadline - ASAP

By Myra Carmon

1st Vice President / Membership



Ladies, right now we have approximately 20 members that have not yet renewed their membership. Your membership is very important to us, please let us know if you plan to renew. If so, please send in your membership dues today to our Treasurer, Ms. Sandra McNeil at 2141 Arlington Avenue, NE, Atlanta, GA 30324.

AWC BYLAWS

On February 21st the 2009 Bylaws were sent to everyone either by email or mail with the proposed changes marked in red.

If you have not done so yet, please review the Bylaws and its proposed edits as this document will be presented for a vote at the March 14th meeting. If you have any comments, please send them to Ruth Yurchuck (ry@abraxix.com) and she will distribute them to committee members.

If you need another copy of the Bylaws, please reply to Cimi and she will send them to you.

Thank you for your support of the Atlanta Woman's Club.

March Observances

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| March 2 | Reading Across America |
| March 8 | Mardi Gras |
| March 9 | Ash Wednesday |
| March 13 | Spring Forward! |
| March 17 | St. Patrick's Day |
| March 20 | 1 st Day of spring |

Our speaker will be Elizabeth Labbe-Webb, Executive Director of Very Special Arts (VSA).

The 5th District Regional meeting will be on March 17, 2011 in Fairburn, Georgia. The meeting runs from 9:30 a.m. through lunch. The cost is \$20.00 payable to the 5th District Treasurer, our own Ruth Yurchuck. AWC is a co-hostess of this meeting along with the East Point Woman's Club. Please let me know if you plan to attend.

And last but not least, save the dates of April 15-17, 2011 for the 115th GFWC/GaFWC Convention at Callaway Gardens.

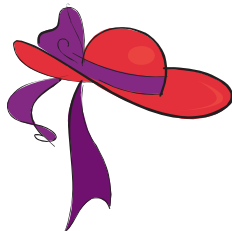
Looking forward to seeing you at the March 14, 2011 meeting at 11:15 a.m. at the Wimbish House.

Take care and sniff out the Spring!

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

Home Life Community Service Program News

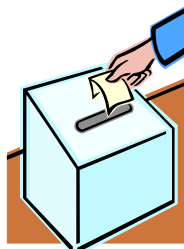
By Judine Heard, Chair



Reminder.... 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. Please send the names of your guests to Dinah Peevy at dpeevy@windstream.net as soon as possible.

AWC's Nominating Committee News

The Nominating Committee hereby submits the following slate of candidates for two-year terms on the Board of Trustees:



Judine B. Heard

Judine joined the Atlanta Woman's Club membership in 2005 and, since then, has chaired multiple committees, participated in a number of community projects, and currently serves on the Board of Trustees

and chairs the Home Life Community Service Program and the Social and Decorating Committee.

Professionally, Judine has owned several companies in which she was responsible for all aspects of the business, including sales and marketing, staffing, employee training, and administrative tasks. She has been a loan officer of a major bank and vice president and manager of a local community bank. An Atlanta native, she also volunteers with several community organizations and service boards.

Judine's awareness of the positive impact the Atlanta Woman's Club has had on our community makes her passionate about our continued contribution. Further, she is dedicated to preserving the rich history of the Atlanta Woman's Club. Judine states, "It has been a privilege to serve on the Board of Trustees, and I'd appreciate your continued support."

Donna Foland

Donna has been an active member of the Atlanta Woman's Club since 2009 and currently serves as chair of the Publicity Committee and the Education Community Service Program. She is also using her considerable expertise in Property Tax Appeals to challenge the recent tax increase on the Wimbish House.

Professionally, Donna is founder and president of DGF Properties. With a real estate career that spans 20 years, she is recognized as an expert in property estate management and commercial real estate development and is known for her ability to bring parties together on large investment projects.

Donna's community activism has included consulting on Community Improvement District projects in the City of Atlanta; serving on the Advisory Board to Small Businesses for Wachovia Bank; participating in Women Doing Business with the City of Atlanta; serving in various positions with Leadership CREW, a 12-month leadership program for women in the commercial real estate business that focuses on vision and leadership; and winning the Crime Prevention Award in Midtown Atlanta.

Nominations may also be made from the floor; however, responsibilities of Trustees to be elected must be discussed with any potential nominees and their consent

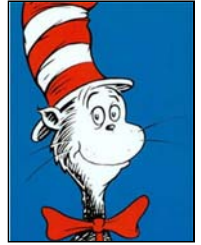
obtained before their name is placed into nomination. The election will be held during the general meeting in March.

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.



Genesis – A New Life. Beginning Tuesday, February 15, the AWC has begun regularly volunteering at Genesis, A New Life. This is an ongoing project in which we 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

Grab Your Hat and Read with the Cat!

It's that time of year again, time to gear up for NEA's Read Across America Day and Dr. Seuss's birthday on March 2. First Lady Michelle Obama and Secretary of Education Arne Duncan joined NEA President Dennis Van Roekel to share their love of reading with hundreds of local schoolchildren at the Library of Congress last year and have been invited to return to join celebrity readers for our national kickoff. The NEA website (<http://www.nea.org/readacross>) has many suggestions for celebrating reading with your family and friends. Read Across America Day is one that has been supported for many years by GFWC/GaFWC so please join this special celebration promoting literacy.

ESO Report News

By Cimi Douglass

Our 2010 ESO Campaign closed with a total number of 310 books read by our AWC members. Now we turn the page to a new chapter in our reading lives – the 2011 ESO Campaign! Remember, ladies, start jotting down the titles and authors of your books as you read them. I'd like to exceed last year's goal, and every book counts! Attached is the newest ESO form, please print out a couple for your future needs.

Conservation Community Service Program News

By Connie Routh
Conservation & Gardening, Chair



March is a great month to begin the process of planning and designing our vegetable and flower gardens. In this issue we will explore events, education, information, and sources to make this fun and easy. The experts tell us that the optimal time to plant annuals and young plants in our area is between May 1st and May 20th. Historically the ground is warm enough by this time to nurture, protect

the plants, and allow them to thrive. One of the all-time favorite gardeners in Georgia is Walter Reeves, his website has a wealth of information. Please visit his site, www.WalterReeves.com.

The Atlanta History Center is the venue for the Outdoor Living Extravaganza on March 4th, 8:30am-4pm, an all day seminar with speakers including Walter Reeves. Learn from experts about creative color use, container design, easy to grow plants and much more. http://www.provenwinners.com/ce_index.cfm?content=OLE2011

The Chattahoochee Nature Center is a great place to learn, volunteer, and simply enjoy nature. It has interesting events happening throughout the year. On March 5th Fred Conrad, of the Atlanta Community Food Bank, will share secret tips of the trade and help you learn to flex your green thumbs. Do you want to grow your own vegetables but don't know how to get started? Or are you a seasoned gardener who feels stuck in a rut? An expert in the field of vegetable gardening, Fred specializes in helping beginners build the gardens of their dreams. See www.chattnaturecenter.org for info on this event and the wonderful volunteer opportunities offered year round.

The Georgia Perennial Plant Association's March meeting is in McElreath Hall, Atlanta History Center, Tuesday, March 15, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. "Bee a Better Gardener" will be the topic discussed by Jennifer Berry, Apicultural Research Coordinator and Lab Manager at UGA. A well-known lecturer on honey bees, she'll discuss their natural history, recent population decline, and how gardeners can contribute to their survival. See www.georgiaperennial.org.

With growing awareness of the health benefits of drinking "cleaner" water, the popularity of bottled water has grown rapidly. Our landfills are being inundated with the plastic bottles. Please consider the possibility of installing a water filter in your home. Home water filters are an environmentally friendly and cost effective way to reduce/eliminate some of the harmful chemicals in our drinking water. There are many different types/prices to choose from. One of the many sources of information on the different styles of filters is Consumer Reports. See

http://www.consumerreports.org/cro/home-garden/kitchen/water-filters/index.htm?EXTKEY=SG72H00&CMP=KNC-CROASHOMEGARD&HBX_OU=50&HBX_PK=water_filters&mkwid=CROsgaD8xw4Z&pcrid=5159697020

Conservation is expanding our network for collecting the empty medicine and vitamin bottles for The Atlanta Humane Society. If you are a member of a facility, club or have friends that might be interested in becoming involved, we welcome donations from all sources. Pat Walsh and Penny Blackford will be delivering them each month.

A tour of Adams Park with Penny Blackford is in the planning stages, we hope it will be scheduled for March or April. Stay tuned!

As always, AWC Conservation Community Service Program welcomes your input on events, volunteer opportunities, and ways that we can contribute to make Atlanta and the planet a healthier place. The deadline for the newsletter is the 20th of each month. Please submit your ideas to connie.routh@gmail.com by the 15th to be included. Progress is possible and, I believe, actually grows and expands one Gentle Lady at a time!

Public Issues Community Service Program

By Lisa Banes, Chair

Congressman John Lewis (D-GA) was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the country's highest civilian honor, by President Obama at the White House on Tuesday, February 15. The medal is given to individuals who make an especially meritorious contribution to the security or national interests of the United States, to world peace, or to cultural or other significant public or private endeavors.



Representative Lewis was honored as a leader of the Civil Rights Movement, a hero who organized student sit-ins, was on the first Freedom Ride to fight segregation, was the youngest speaker at the 1963 March on Washington, and was violently beaten many times while marching for voting rights. At the ceremony, Mr. Obama called Lewis the "Conscience of Congress" and said Lewis "knew that change could not work for some other person or some other time."

Asked by CBS News chief Washington correspondent Bob Schieffer what receiving the Medal of Freedom meant to him, the congressman paused and replied, "everything."

In his mind, Lewis told reporters in the White House Briefing Room that he was accepting the medals for countless individuals who were also a part of the Civil Rights Movement: [for] "Those that started on the journey. Those that were beaten, arrested and jailed. Those that died along the way that are not here," he said.

Born the son of sharecroppers in Alabama, Lewis was elected to the House of Representatives in 1986 from Georgia's 5th Congressional District, which encompasses Atlanta, and is now serving his 13th term.

"A Future, Not A Past," a campaign of the Juvenile Justice Fund that is dedicated to stopping the prostitution of children in Georgia, reports that child sex trafficking is back on Georgia's legislative agenda. (Last year, a bill designed to help free the hundreds of young girls – and some boys – trapped as sex slaves in Georgia died quietly in the Legislature. In part, that bill fell to a misguided objection: that changing the law to treat children under 16, who can't legally consent to sex in Georgia, as victims of child prostitution instead of perpetrators amounted to "de-criminalization.")

HB 200, introduced this week by Republican Rep. Edward Lindsey of Atlanta, takes aim at human trafficking and significantly toughens the penalties for those found guilty of it, while protecting anyone forced to commit sex crimes, including prostitution, against his or her will.

For additional details on the bill and why it's so desperately needed, go to: <http://afuturenotapast.org>. Then make your opinion known to your legislator.

The Atlanta BeltLine offers free, narrated bus tours on Friday and Saturday mornings at 9:30 a.m. Tours depart from the Inman Park MARTA station, located at 1055 Dekalb Avenue NE, promptly at 9:30 a.m. and return by 12:30 p.m. Reservations are requested.

The BeltLine is a \$2.8 billion redevelopment project that takes an integrated approach to land use,

transportation, green space and sustainable development to create a framework for Atlanta's future growth. The project provides a network of public parks and multi-use trails and transit along a historic 22-mile railroad corridor circling downtown and connecting 45 neighborhoods directly to each other. The Atlanta BeltLine is the most comprehensive economic development effort ever undertaken in the City of Atlanta. For more information, see <http://beltline.org/>.

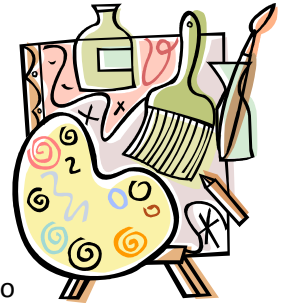
Arts Community Service Program News

By Beth Jetha, Chair

Take the Arts 300-Day Challenge

Between now and the end of the year, the Arts Community Service Program at the Atlanta Woman's Club is sponsoring a special project, the "300-Day Challenge."

All AWC members are invited to create a piece of art that they can bring to the general meeting where they will be displayed. This must be original artwork that you have created yourself. You may bring a painting, a drawing, sculpture or a photograph. Needlework—such as knitting, crocheted pieces or needlepoint—is also welcome. If your interests lie in the literary arts, please bring your poetry and/or short-stories. Call me if you have any questions, 770 565 3410.



Our March Meeting Speaker

At our General meeting on March 14th, the Arts Community Service Program will host our speaker, Ms Elizabeth Labbe-Webb, Executive Director of VSA arts of Georgia. Very Special Arts of Georgia is a partner agency that the General Federation of Women's Clubs has selected to help support their efforts in bringing art programs to the handicapped and the economically disadvantaged. Please join us at the meeting to hear about the fine work that VSA arts of Georgia is doing here in Atlanta.

Watch Collection Program



Our thanks go to Betty Daniels, who submitted 7 watches last month towards the watch collection program for the American Mural Project. The watch collection is a project of the GFWC that will continue through December 2011. Ask

your neighbors, church or community friends for wrist watches that turn up during spring cleaning this year. The goal is to collect as many watches as we have members. Every watch will represent each member and her volunteer work. All watches submitted by GFWC clubs will be set in resin before becoming a permanent part of the mural. The AWC Arts Department will donate a \$1 per watch to the AMP to cover handling costs. You may turn in your watches to me at any of our General Meetings. Please call me at 770 565 3410 if you have any questions. Even though it is not officially open to the public yet, you may check the status of the AMP at the website: <http://americanmuralproject.org>.

2011 Decorator Show House & Garden Tour

Please call me at 770 565 3410 if you are interested in volunteering as a docent. If you volunteer for 4 shifts, you get 2 tickets to the ASO & a tour of the House. Volunteers are needed for shifts between April 16th and May 8th. 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 (located at 1945 W. Wesley Road) but there will be a shuttle bus departing from the IBM parking lot on Northside Parkway. See house plans and other details at <http://decoratorsshowhouse.com/>.



its eleventh annual International Luncheon on Saturday, February 19. Nearly three hundred students, faculty, staff and invited guests attended the event which included not only an incredible meal of international cuisine, but also an enjoyable and enlightening program featuring a wide variety of entertainment from around the globe.

Tallulah Falls School currently has 51 students who attend either as true international students or as the children of parents who were born in another country. This year's TFS enrollment includes students from China, Taiwan, France, Germany, India, Japan, Nigeria, Senegal, South Korea, and Vietnam.

Wimbish House Opens Its Doors to the Public!



The Wimbish House is now a part of the Atlanta Preservation Center's Phoenix Flies, an annual citywide celebration of Atlanta's vibrant living landmarks. Through education and advocacy, the Atlanta Preservation Center promotes the preservation of Atlanta's architecturally, historically and culturally significant buildings, neighborhoods, and landscapes.

Tours at the Wimbish House will be offered on two Tuesdays, March 8th and 15th, and will be limited to 20 people each. AWC volunteers Karen Bacheller, Cimi Douglass, and Karen Thomson will lead the tours, assisted by Beth Beery, Wimbish Event Coordinator, who will also handle reservations and assist with the tours. Wimbish House brochures will also be available.

For more information on the Atlanta Preservation Center, please visit <http://www.preserveatlanta.com>. For event information, see <http://phoenixflies.org>.

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



The TFS 11th Annual International Luncheon a Huge Success - Tallulah Falls School recently observed one of the great gala events of the school year as it celebrated

Congratulations to Anne B. Jones!

Anne Jones has been selected to by the GFWC to go to Washington this month for training as a GFWC mediator. GFWC Mediators serve the Federation as a team of consultants available to individual GFWC members, clubs, districts, and states. Mediators are active and

committed GFWC members with experience, proven ability, and passion for membership and conflict-resolution issues.

Mediators are GFWC's eyes, ears, hands, and hearts in the field. With their personal experience and expertise as GFWC club members, combined with the specialized training they will receive in conflict resolution, problem-solving, parliamentary procedure, and organization building, Mediators will be prepared to advise and work with members at every level of Federation.

Good Luck Anne!

REMINDER: AWC Parking Arrangement Has Expired

By Karen Bacheller
AWC President 2010-2012



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.

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