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## President's Message

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The kids are back in school, vacations are memories, and cool breezes are helping us forget what has been a long hot Atlanta summer. We turn next to solving the problems of the western world. That's easy – it can't be done!

So with that said and done, let's take a look at what a group of effective and intelligent Atlanta Woman's Club (AWC) women can reasonably expect to accomplish this year. Now is the perfect time for you to explore the six different community service areas that are available to you. These areas used to be called Departments, but we now choose to refer to them as Community Service Programs. The Community Service Programs are the following: Arts, Conservation, Education, Home Life, International Outreach, and Public Affairs. Information and recent activities on all of these programs are located in this newsletter and listed on our website.

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## Board of Trustees News

By Karen Clydesdale, Chair



As we begin our 2010-2011 year, the Board of Trustees is faced with many challenges. Our event sales are still down from previous years, but we are working diligently to turn that around. As you know, last year we installed new kitchen equipment which was met with great excitement from the caterers. They were also extremely pleased with the new resurfaced driveway. When the BOT met in June, we decided to increase our advertising budget to "The Knot," introduce our new media materials, and approve the refurbishing of the living room. All of these items were completed over the summer months, and we are now seeing a significant improvement in our event sales.

Our new web site, [www.wimbishhouse.com](http://www.wimbishhouse.com), is up and running, and we are now on Facebook. Beth Beery, our Events Coordinator, continues to post the latest photos of recent events held at the Wimbish House. I hope you will all take a moment to look at these sites.

Connie Routh, one of our newest members, continues to offer Yoga classes on Tuesdays at the Wimbish House. The classes continue to grow and all AWC members and friends are welcome to join. Please contact Connie for further information.

As I mentioned at our September meeting, our taxes increased significantly and our property value has been reassessed. We are working with the City, our accountant, and attorney to review all of our options regarding this issue. We will follow up and let you know the outcome soon.

Please know that the Board of Trustees is working very hard to ensure that our elegant clubhouse is beautifully maintained and well preserved in order to retain a very special place in the heart of Atlanta.

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I encourage everyone to choose one or two that pique your interest, contact the Program chair, get involved, and VOLUNTEER! "Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain love for one another." Erma Brombeck.

As I briefly mentioned at the September meeting, the newly State-issued Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs notebooks are in and will be available at the October 11th meeting. Please feel free to pick up your copy at the sign-in table. After your review of the notebook, we plan to shine a light on this notebook by reviewing some of the highlights at our November meeting. This will help all of us obtain a better view of the statewide organization and how AWC fits in.

We are constantly looking toward the future by establishing a stronger presence in our community. In doing so, the AWC Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee have discussed the subject of forming a 501(c)(3) Foundation for the Atlanta Woman's Club. As you know, we are currently a 501(c)(4) which is a non-profit organization, but it does not allow tax write-offs for contributions. A Foundation Committee has been formed and we are looking to recruit prospective members to serve on the Board. I plan to serve on the committee, and Karen Clydesdale has graciously agreed to be the Chair. Please read Karen Clydesdale's article for more information.

And last, but certainly not least, our current Decorating Chair, Carrieann Banack-Gillert, is moving back to Tampa, Florida. We wish Carrieann the best of luck in her new adventure and thank her for sharing her wonderful talent with the AWC. Ladies, here's another opportunity to volunteer! Please contact Judine Heard if you are interested in this position.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the October 11, 2010 meeting starting at 11:15 a.m.

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

## **AWC Foundation Committee**

By Karen Clydesdale, Chair



A committee has been formed to determine the feasibility of establishing a foundation with a 501(c)(3) designation for the Atlanta Woman's Club. This 501(c)(3) designation will allow us to receive tax-deductible charitable contributions and may exempt AWC from business income and property taxes.

We realize that charitable donations received from corporations are down for many economic reasons. Therefore, during this economic slow-down, we'd like to take this opportunity to obtain a 501(c)(3) status so that we may offer a tax-deduction to contributing corporations when funds become available. The possibility of a tax deduction is often an incentive for taxpayers who itemize their income tax deductions.

This newly formed committee needs your support. We need to create a mission statement, explore women's needs in the community, and determine how to approach corporations for funding. This committee also needs to identify a Board of Directors and Officers, as well as assist our lawyer with the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws.

We hope this foundation, should we decide to proceed, will help us tell our story and tremendous history to the public and, thus, increase awareness and possibly attract new members.

If you have experience in any of these areas or knowledge of nonprofits, please consider donating some of your time to this cause. We also welcome those who simply want to learn more about how to establish a foundation. Please contact me if you have any questions.



### **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).



## Education Service Program News

By Donna Foland, Chair

October is National Book Month, a project of the National Book Foundation. This year the 20 Finalists in Fiction, Nonfiction, Poetry, and Young People's Literature for the 2010 National Book Awards will be announced for the first time at the Flannery O'Connor Childhood Home in Savannah, Georgia on October 13, 2010. Look for the names of the finalists on the NBF website, [www.nationalbook.org](http://www.nationalbook.org).

Reading is Fundamental (RIF) has long been supported by the Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs. RIF and US Airways are sponsoring a Read with Kids Challenge. This year's nationwide goal is to read with kids for 10 million minutes. Visit [www.rif.org](http://www.rif.org) and register for this promotion.

Join the more than 5,000 librarians and educators who will celebrate Teen Read Week™, October 17-23. This year's theme is Books with Beat @ your library®," which encourages teens to read poetry, listen to audiobooks, books about music, and more. Libraries across the world celebrate Teen Read Week with a variety of special events and programs aimed at encouraging teens to read for pleasure and to visit their libraries for free reading materials.

All these initiatives promote literacy, one of the major goals of the GaFWC Education Department for 2010-12. Please contribute to the effort of bringing awareness to the problem of illiteracy and seek ways to promote literacy, especially for women and children.

The Atlanta Woman's Club has again purchased school uniforms for children in need at Hill-Hope Elementary School. Many students in this school live in shelters, and these uniforms make all the difference to these students.

Please contact me if you are interested in exploring these or other aspects of the Education Community Service Project.

## Arts Service Program News

By Beth Jetha, Chair



There are two ways AWC members can impact the Arts: through collaboration with the community and through a national or international partnership with specific organizations designated by the GFWC.

### Collaboration

The AWC has a long history of involvement in the metro Atlanta arts community. Members have supported arts education at Grady High School with scholarships to deserving seniors, as well as attendance at functions sponsored by art students. There are a number of contests open to members and the community which will be covered in the next newsletter. In addition, as a club, we always encourage art education for our members. If you find your schedule allows it, join us this month on a visit to the Atlanta History Center which will include a painting class at the end of the tour of the Swan House. As a group, we may also attend operas, plays, and concerts and be eligible for group discounts. The magic number for most venues seems to be 15 to 20 attendees, and discounts run around 10% or more. Please call me at (770) 565-3410 or email me at [beth.jetha@gmail.com](mailto:beth.jetha@gmail.com) if you would like to pursue any of the above.

### Partnership

One of the national organizations selected for partnership by the GFWC is the VSA (Very Special Arts), which provides access to the arts for the disabled and the disadvantaged. Elizabeth Labbe-Webb, director of VSA Georgia, spoke in Athens at the Institute about her organization. You can find out more about this organization at <http://vsaarts.org>.

The second partner organization selected by the GFWC this year is the American Mural Project. This is a designated 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that is devoted to a unique means of providing art education. This project is focused on producing the largest collaborative piece of artwork in the world "...a mural 120 feet long, five stories high, and up to ten feet deep...a tribute to working Americans..." According to the website, 10,000 school children have contributed to the mural which is about 18 % completed. A portion of it

is on display at the Hartford Public Library in Connecticut until mid-December. The completed mural will be housed in an old mill in Winsted, CT when renovations are completed. Check out the website, <http://www.americanmuralproject.org/projectssummary.html> to hear artist and founder, Ellen Griesedeck, talking on National Public Radio about this work.

### Support the Watch Collection Project

The Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs indicated in August at the Institute that we will collect watches as our contribution towards the American Mural Project. The watches will float in resin and the finished piece will honor the service hours that club women have given to their community. If you have watches that you can donate—new, used, digital, analog—please bring them to any of the AWC meetings this year and give them to me. We will send in the name of the member donating that watch; a suggested donation of \$1 per watch is requested to cover expenses. All watches we send will be credited towards our Club's contribution to the Arts program.

### Alliance Theater Presents:

"The Nacirema Society"

Oct. 20 – Nov. 14



Atlanta playwright and novelist Pearl Cleage's latest work will debut down the street from Wimbish Mansion. The Alliance Theater is inviting the AWC to enjoy this new romantic comedy starring Jasmine Guy (from the TV series "Dead Like Me," "It's a Different World" and "The Cosby Show") on 2 special nights:

Package One: Dinner with Pearl on Friday, October 22. Includes one electronic copy of the script emailed to the club, a meet and greet with Pearl, dinner, a discussion of the play with Pearl, and tickets to the show that evening. \$50/Person (Groups of 10 or more only).

Package Two: Discussion with Pearl on Sunday, October 24. Includes one electronic copy of the script emailed to the club, a discussion of the play with Pearl, and tickets to the show that evening. \$25/Person (Groups of 10 or more only).

Group rates are available on other dates. If interested, we need at least 5 AWC club members and their spouses/companions to enjoy the discounted rate. This could be a FUN evening! Please call Beth Jetha, (770) 565-3410 or email her: [beth.jetha@gmail.com](mailto:beth.jetha@gmail.com). If you'd like to familiarize yourself with Ms. Cleage's style, visit your local library and read her first novel, "What Looks Like Crazy on an Ordinary Day."

### "Anne Frank in the World Exhibit: 1929-1945, Lessons for Humanity"



The "Anne Frank in the World Exhibit" is now located in Sandy Springs.

The exhibit is an excellent destination for civic and community groups. The response from the many diverse organizations that have visited is extremely positive. There is no cost associated and we offer docent-led tours with advance reservations.

The internationally celebrated "Anne Frank in the World Exhibit: 1929-1945, Lessons for Humanity" is one of three existing Anne Frank exhibits in the world. The "Anne Frank in the World Exhibit" informs visitors about the history of the Holocaust from the perspective of Anne Frank and her family. The exhibit introduces people to the events leading up to World War II and the Nazi-directed killing of Jews, gypsies, the disabled, and other persecuted groups. "Anne Frank: Diary of a Young Girl," is the story of her life and death, a story which resonates with people of different ages and backgrounds. Children and other innocent civilians continue to be targets of violence, war, and conflict today. The exhibit provides a vehicle for people to view and think about the recurrent nature of prejudice, discrimination, violence, and genocide. In addition, there is a 28-minute film, "The Short Life of Anne Frank" and a replica of Anne Frank's room from the Secret Annex.

The highly acclaimed exhibit "William A. Scott III: Witness to the Holocaust" accompanies the "Anne Frank Exhibit." Mr. Scott was one of Atlanta's leading citizens, a civil rights leader, and a World War II photojournalist with a segregated all-black engineer Battalion. Mr. Scott witnessed the liberation of the Buchenwald Concentration Camp and recorded the compelling evidence through his photography.

Both exhibits demonstrate

- Need to identify and challenge prejudice and intolerance
- Promotion of values of diversity and social justice
- Need to combat stereotyping and scapegoating
- Dangers of apathy and being a bystander
- Recognition of individual response to society
- Importance of personal responsibility

For more information on this exhibit, please contact coordinator, Sandra Craine at (770) 206-1557, craineholocaustga@comcast.net or visit [www.holocaust.georgia.gov](http://www.holocaust.georgia.gov) for a group reservation form.

ANNE FRANK IN THE WORLD EXHIBIT 1929-1945  
Parkside Shopping Center, 5920 Roswell Rd., Suite 209  
Sandy Springs, GA 30328

### Public Affairs Service Program News

By Lisa Banes, Chair

**The Georgia Justice Project** is seeking volunteer office workers to help with intake at their office on Edgewood Avenue, working generally from 9 am – noon or 1-4 pm. Email [info@gjp.org](mailto:info@gjp.org) for more details.



Also, the Georgia Justice Project is hosting its 4th Annual Grass Roots Justice Awards on Tuesday, October 12 at 5:30 pm at Greystone at Piedmont Park. Honorees are author Douglas A. Blackmon, The Hillside/First Presbyterian Partnership, and The Harvard Business School of Atlanta. AWC has purchased a table in support of the event. If you are interested in attending, please email [lisabanes@nolossforwords.com](mailto:lisabanes@nolossforwords.com). Details are at [www.gjp.org](http://www.gjp.org).

**Election Day 2010** is Tuesday, November 2. Now is the time to research candidates' positions and records so that you'll be fully prepared to vote responsibly.

### October Observances

Columbus Day	October 11
Nat'l Hispanic Heritage Month	Sept. 15- Oct. 15
United Nations Day	October 24
Halloween	October 31

### Tallulah Falls School News

By Lucy Willard  
Tallulah Falls School Committee Chair



You will be pleased to know that Tallulah Falls School is one of only a few schools in the nation that has experienced growth during this economic downturn. In fact, recently they have hired eight new teachers and three support staff during a time that most schools are laying off personnel and cutting budgets. Their success has been the major topic of conversation and the subject of several news stories in the community. TFS was recognized at the last meeting of the Georgia Independent School Association as one of the few schools in the State of Georgia reaching its level of success. Thank you for your support!



### Home Life Service Program

By Judine Heard, Chair

#### Flu Vaccine Available to AWC Members

Myra Carmon will once again make the influenza vaccine available for members after the October general meeting. This seasonal vaccination includes the H1N1 vaccination. The cost for the shot is \$25.

Influenza is a contagious disease. It is caused by the influenza virus, which is spread from person to person through coughing and sneezing. Anyone can contract the virus. There is a wide range of symptoms, such as fevers, chills, sore throat, and muscle aches. Symptoms usually last just a few days. Influenza viruses are always changing. Therefore, influenza vaccines are updated every year, and an annual vaccination is recommended. The best time to get influenza vaccine is October or November.

#### Vaccine

There are two types of influenza vaccine. An inactivated vaccine, or "flu shot," has been used in the United States for many years. It is given by injection. A live, weakened vaccine was licensed in 2003. It is sprayed into the nostrils. It takes about 2 weeks for protection to develop after the shot, and protection can last up to a year.

### Risks and Possible Side Effects

Adverse reactions to the influenza vaccine are mild and infrequent and may consist of localized erythema (redness) lasting 1-2 days. The risk of a vaccine causing serious harm, or death, is extremely small. Signs of a serious allergic reaction can include difficulty in breathing, hoarseness or wheezing, hives, paleness, weakness, or a fast heart beat or dizziness.

### Contraindication

Vaccination is generally not recommended for

- Children under 6 months of age.
- People that have had Guillan-Barre Syndrome (a severe paralytic illness, also called GBS)
- People with an allergy to eggs and egg proteins
- Someone that has had a severe allergy to any vaccine component including influenza.
- Pregnant women or women that are nursing
- People with an allergy to latex

get the pounds, and the more pounds of food, the better! *We will collect food at our October meeting.*

**November** – November is our Samaritan's Christmas Shoebox drive. Start looking for those items that are appropriate for a Samaritan's Christmas Shoebox. The Samaritan's Purse "Operation Christmas Child" is the program run by the son of Billy Graham; Samaritan's Purse which operates all over the world. They are very mobile and able to reach disaster areas very quickly. They were there following Katrina and the Tsumani, and provided help in impoverished areas in Haiti and Alaska.

### Collections that are accepted throughout the year are

- Empty Prescription bottles – collected by Pat Walsh for the Atlanta Humane Society
- Campbell Soup Labels – collected by Lucy Willard for TFS
- Soda can tabs – collected by Ruth Yurchuck for the Ronald McDonald House.



### International Affairs Service Program News

By Pat Walsh , Chair

Once again here's a list of upcoming opportunities to get involved with some of our AWC-sponsored charities through collection of goods, donations, etc. It might be a good idea to start saving, collecting, and looking now for items appropriate for our Samaritan's Christmas Shoebox drive.

**September** – Although we didn't receive our UNICEF boxes in time for our September meeting, we plan to have them at our October meeting. *Please plan to bring in your spare change to fill our boxes.* UNICEF is the United Nations Children's Program. UNICEF uses the hard-earned funds to provide clean water, health care, food and education to children in 156 countries and territories.

**October** – October is World Food Day. We would like to ask everyone to bring in food items, such as cereal, pasta, peanut butter, pancake mix. I realize that the canned goods are too heavy for some of us, but the canned goods do give us the "weight" that we need to

### All AWC Members are Welcome to Attend

The **GFWC Southern Region Conference** will be held in **Huntsville, Alabama at the Huntsville Marriott on Oct. 29-31, 2010.** The Alabama Federation of Women's Clubs invite you to attend. For more info please visit: [http://www.gafwc.org/html/southern\\_region\\_conference.html](http://www.gafwc.org/html/southern_region_conference.html)

**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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