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President's Message

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I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have expressed your best wishes and pledged your support to myself and all of the Atlanta Woman's Club's (AWC) newly elected officers for the 2010-2012 term. My sincere appreciation goes out to all of the outgoing officers and chairs for their steadfast commitment and endless hours of work performed on behalf of the AWC. Under their leadership, the Atlanta Woman's Club made great strides in advancing our club's mission. It will, however, continue to take all of us working together to further the Atlanta Woman's Club mission of bettering the lives of those in our community and in our world.

Over the summer your officers, executive board, departments and committees will be busy laying out plans for the coming year. We are still in need of a Parliamentarian and a Conservation and Garden Department Chair. Here is your chance to get involved.

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A "THANK YOU" FROM THE PAST PRESIDENT



Dear AWC Membership,

Thank you for the lovely gift of the Fabel Treble Clef which was presented to me at our May meeting on behalf of the Club by our new President, Karen Bacheller, assisted by BOT Chair, Karen Clydesdale. As soon as I saw it, I was elated in that a treble clef was the symbol I had chosen for my presidency and, now, here it was as a beautiful gift from AWC!

This symbol, which I learned of as child and young piano student and chorister, was chosen as it is the musical symbol which relates to the upper register of a keyboard and, in singing, is associated with women's voices. Further, to me, it suggests harmony, melody, women with different voices focused in accord for the purpose of up-lifting themselves and others as they add harmony and beauty to the world through music.

Drs. Myra Carmon and Ruth Yurchuck, I believe, were instrumental in choosing this gift, and to them and to our membership, I want to say thank you for this meaningful and perfect gift. Even more importantly, I want to say thank you all for the harmony and beauty we created together through volunteer service during the past 2 years. Cacophony and sounds of dissonance, though initially disturbing, add to the richness of music, for ultimately, in good music there is resolution. Further, it has been said that we can only truly appreciate harmony when we have experienced disharmony. I feel we ended on a jubilant and high note at our May meeting, where we had 54 in attendance, large for us these days—and certainly the wonderful African drumming energized and balanced us out with their joyful percussive sounds!

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Please let me know if you are interested in assuming either of these roles. For your convenience, I have outlined the duties and responsibilities involved with being a Parliamentarian and a Conservation and Garden Department Chair on the last page of this newsletter.

"Never doubt that a small group of committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." - --Margaret Mead (December 16, 1901 – November 15, 1978) was an American cultural anthropologist, who was frequently a featured writer and speaker in the mass media throughout the 1960s and 1970s.

As a side note, my late mother-in-law Annie Lee Bacheller, the sweetest person I've ever known, was a member of AWC. Annie Lee had very fond memories of the activities that she and her fellow club members participated in. I know she wishes us all good luck as we venture into the next exciting two years.

I look forward to seeing all of you on June 14, 2010, our last meeting before summer break.

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

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).

June's List of Observances:

June 1st – Atlantic Hurricane Season Begins
June 14 th – Flag Day and Last AWC Meeting
June 20th – Father's Day
June 21st – First Day of Summer

Past President's "Thank You" Message Continued from Page 1

I will treasure the gift of having served as President of the Atlanta Woman's Club, as well as this tangible gift of the treble clef accompanied by these words: "This sculptural rendering of a Treble Clef was designed by Hans Godo Frabel and Chosen by The Atlanta Woman's Club especially for Karen Thomson for outstanding service as President 2008-2010."

Thank you all for your participation in and support of our Club mission and Federation work during my term of office. Thank you, too, for your support of each other and of me, as your President. Let's welcome and pledge continued wonderful support to our new President and AWC leadership, 2010-2012, in the good work that we are here to do.

With love and gratitude,
Karen M. Thomson, Ph.D.
AWC President, June 2008-June 2010



Education Department News

By Ruth Yurchuck
Education Dept. Chair

The Atlanta Woman's Club was one of the Hill-Hope Elementary School Partners in Education honored at an April 29 lunch. Donna Foland and Ruth Yurchuck represented the Club and were awarded Certificates of Appreciation and a paper weight honoring our contributions to Hill-Hope students.

On May 7 our Club supplied lunch for 50 teachers and staff of Hill-Hope Elementary as part of Teacher Appreciation Week. Donna Foland arranged for the lunches to be donated by the owner of Vickery's and Fontaine's restaurants, Jerry Nagler. The lunches were delivered with a card from the Club which expressed our thanks to the staff for their work and our pride in being one of their Partners in Education. Ruth was able to greet personally some of the teachers at this event.

The last of the Hill-Hope "Wish List" books were delivered to the school on May 18. Since January the Club has donated a total of 63 books, valued at over \$750, to the media center. Working with a colleague who manages the Cathedral Book Store, we receive a 20% discount on our purchases.

Thanks once again to Donna Foland, who secured the tickets, 14 students from Tallulah Falls School attended the Braves game on Sunday, May 16. She also provided 20 tickets for students at Hill-Hope Elementary to attend the same game. Word is everyone had a GREAT time, and the Braves won!

Don't forget to get an ESO Reading list from Cimi Douglass at the June meeting to keep up with your summer reading!



Conservation Department News



By Ellen Milholland
Conservation Dept. Chair

June 6-12, 2010 is National Garden Week. The National Garden Clubs have suggestions as to how to celebrate at their web site

<http://www.gardenclub.org/news/News.aspx>

A garden is like your home – it is where your heart is – whether that is a small pot of herbs on your windowsill or a 20 acre flower garden.

Atlanta's hot, humid and very recently dry weather means that most Atlanta gardens go dormant in the summer. I find myself doing less hands-on gardening during the summer and more planning for the fall and spring.

I find Podcasts most helpful. I can download them to my computer and a player and listen to them at my leisure – usually those days in July when the temperatures soar above 90 degrees and poor air quality restricts outdoor activities. Here are a few that I enjoy!

<http://www.northcountrypublicradio.org/news/newstopics.php?tid=46>

<http://www.garden-helper.com/podcasts/default.asp>

http://kendruse.typepad.com/ken_drusereal_dirt/home_page/

<http://www.greenmanradio.com/>

Now is a good time to review pet and wildlife care tips. The Humane Society has good hot weather care tips for your pets.

http://www.hsus.org/pets/pet_care/summer_care_tips_for_you_and_your_pets/

Many of these tips are common sense such as "Don't leave a pet in a parked car." There are some good reminders – exercise your pet during the coolest part of the day and remember your pet can suffer heat stroke.

Apply cool water to bring down your pet's temperature. And did you know you might need to apply sunscreen to your pet? Yes, your pet can get sunburned and skin cancer, especially on the nose and ears. So watch those ears and noses and the skin of light colored breeds.

And remember your backyard visitors, especially birds. Continue to fill your birdfeeders during the summer months and provide your feathered friends a water source.

Public Affairs Department News

By Lisa Banes
Public Affairs Dept. Chair



AWC's Public Affairs donations at work

The Georgia Justice Project is one of several local organizations The Atlanta Woman's Club supported in 2009-10. "An unlikely mix of lawyers, social workers and a landscape company," GJP defends people accused of crimes and, win or lose, stands with them while they rebuild their lives. Here is one client's story:

This was a mistake. It had to be. He'd been at home all night, drinking and partying with friends in a neighborhood not far from where he'd grown up. "I'm thinking I'm about to get out," says Ernesto, "that it must be a joke," because what else could it be? No joke, Ernesto Green was in serious trouble...

(read more)

<http://georgiainnocenceproject.blogspot.com/2010/04/ern-estos-story.html>

The Georgia Innocence Project, which also received Public Affairs funding, hosted The Innocence Network Conference on April 16-18, an international conference that focused on the National Academy of Sciences' 2009 report on forensic evidence. Innocence advocates from around the world gathered to learn about "new science to right old wrongs," including DNA technology and other tools that can prove actual innocence.

Keeping Up with the Issues...

Public Safety in Atlanta

In keeping with a campaign promise to improve public safety, Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed has proposed a \$558

million budget that would pay for 100 additional police officers and give city police a 3.5 percent raise.

(read more)

<http://atlanta.bizjournals.com/atlanta/stories/2010/04/26/daily84.html>

Under the Gold Dome: It's just criminal...

While Georgia's legislature was looking for ways to balance the budget, they seemed to have no qualms about significant cuts in funding for education and services. Yet they were able to fund an increase of 2500 prison beds for next year in the state that already operates the fifth-largest prison system in the nation.

And while they managed to pass legislation allowing concealed firearms on MARTA trains, they couldn't muster any enthusiasm for HB582 and SB 304, bills that would have established a minimum age for the offense of prostitution, so that exploited children (who are too young to consent) are not arrested for their own victimization.

Please contact your legislators regularly to let them know how you stand on these and other issues that are important to Georgia's women, children and families.

Tallulah Falls School News

By Lucy Willard
Tallulah Falls School Committee Chair



As graduation ceremonies celebrate the end of their high school careers, seniors across the country anxiously anticipate their futures. For Tallulah Falls School seniors, those futures look exceptionally bright, with acceptances to 60 different colleges and universities and scholarship offers already in hand in excess of 1.2 million dollars. (excerpt from TFS Announcements) (read more) http://www.tallulahfalls.org/tfs_current_news2.php?news_id=341

TFS students will begin their classes on August 9, 2010 after the summer break.

Please continue to save the Campbell Soup Labels.



Daisy's Piano Students Presented in Recital

Club pianist, three-time AWC President, and piano teacher extraordinaire, Daisy Luckey Aukerman, presented her students in a piano recital in the Wimbish House Ballroom on Tuesday evening, May 18, at 7:30 p.m. Twenty-two students played compositions which ranged from Bach to Scott Joplin. At times joining her students in duets, Daisy introduced all of her students and told a little bit about them just before they sat down to play. Befitting the formality of the occasion, all were beautifully attired, and Daisy looked stunning in a long beige organza skirt and sequined top.

Following the program, guests were treated to Green Punch (a much-anticipated favorite of the students) and a variety of desserts, all made by Daisy. The Ballroom, too, was beautiful in muted lighting, grand piano positioned in the front of the room, desserts and punch elegantly presented on buffet tables with greenery adorning the tables in high, glass vases. As Daisy told her audience, "This Ballroom is the perfect place for these recitals." Carrying on the tradition of music programs, recitals, and concerts, the Atlanta Woman's Club was once again graced with a program of music, "the perfect place" for Daisy's Spring Recital.



Photos of Miss Daisy's Piano Recital



Descriptions of Responsibilities for Parliamentarian and Conservation & Garden Department Chair

Duties of a Parliamentarian (according to AWC Bylaws 2009)

F. Parliamentarian

The Parliamentarian shall

1. Be present at all meetings. She shall advise the presiding officer on points of Parliamentary law and shall give similar advice to the Club and to the Executive Board as requested.
2. Serve on the Nominating Committee, with power to vote.
3. Serve on the BOT, without power to vote.

Conservation Dept. Chair

Our Conservation Department is designed to inspire clubwomen to establish and implement environmental awareness programs in our communities. The department chair is responsible for creating and/or supporting projects promoting increasing awareness of energy options and preserving natural resources.

1. Prepare the Annual Report. The report must be submitted to the Georgia Federation before January 31st of each year. In January, Department Chairs come together to review and write their reports.
2. Prepare a Program for a Meeting.
3. Prepare a Newsletter Article Each Month. The article must generally be submitted by the 20th of each month (July and August are combined). The Chair does not have to prepare the newsletter article; this task can be delegated.
4. Disburse Funds.
5. Hands on Programs. The Conservation and Gardens Department can adopt new programs that meet the needs of its members and the members of the AWC.
6. Paperwork and Miscellaneous. It is important to maintain a notebook to pass on to the next Chair, as Chair should rotate every two years. The notebook includes old reports, etc.
7. The Department traditionally does a recycling survey.
8. The Department Chair is expected to attend Executive Board Meetings, generally held at 10:00 on the Monday that we have our General Meeting. From time-to-time special meetings or programs for Department Chairs will be held.

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Parliamentarian

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