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# Atlanta Woman's Club

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September 2008

## Atlanta Woman's Club Receives 2008 Best of Atlanta Award

U.S. Local Business Association's Award  
Plaque Honors the Achievement

WASHINGTON D.C., August 18, 2008 -- The Atlanta Woman's Club has been selected for the **2008 Best of Atlanta Award** in the **Banquet Rooms category** by the U.S. Local Business Association (USLBA).

The USLBA "Best of Local Business" Award Program recognizes outstanding local businesses throughout the country. Each year, the USLBA identifies companies that they believe have achieved exceptional marketing success in their local community and business category. These are local companies that enhance the positive image of small business through service to their customers and community.

Various sources of information were gathered and analyzed to choose the winners in each category.

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING: October 13, 2008  
Monday at 11.00 a.m.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*The Atlanta Woman's club, organized Nov. 11, 1895, was inspired by a council meeting in Atlanta of the General Federation of Women's Clubs during the Cotton States and International Exposition. Mrs. Rebecca Douglas Lowe was founder and first president of this Club whose object is "threefold—social, literary and humanitarian." On Oct. 27, 1896, the Atlanta Woman's Club was hostess to organized women's clubs in Georgia to form the State Federation. Meetings have been held at the home of the founder, the deGive Opera House, the Club's first home at 17 Baker St., and the present clubhouse, purchased in 1919 and extensively enlarged since then.*

- Historical Plaque that stands in front of Wimbish Mansion,  
current home of The Atlanta Woman's Club

As summer officially comes to a close, I recall two highlights of the summer as they pertain to Club Federation work: **National Convention in Chicago at the end of June** and Georgia's Federation-sponsored **Institute held in Athens, Ga. at the end of August**. Both gatherings feature speakers and workshops which help train club leaders and members in Federation work. Lunch and evening banquets provide time and opportunity to meet, network, and share ideas with women from different cities and clubs, but who all work toward the same goal of bettering lives in our community and in our world through volunteer service, **acts of empowerment on a social level**, which addresses the first stated purpose of AWC in Mrs. Douglas' objectives.

In Chicago, the banner at the front of our main Convention meeting room for all to see as we entered stated the theme of the 2006-2008 Administration of the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC): **"Empowering Women One by One."** Our state president,

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The 2008 USLBA Award Program focused on quality, not quantity. Winners are determined based on the information gathered both internally by the USLBA and data provided by third parties.

*About the U.S. Local Business Association (USLBA)*

*U.S. Local Business Association (USLBA) is a Washington D.C. based organization funded by local businesses operating in towns, large and small, across America. The purpose of USLBA is to promote local business through public relations, marketing and advertising.*

*The USLBA was established to recognize the best of local businesses in their community. The organization works exclusively with local business owners, trade groups, professional associations, chambers of commerce and other business advertising and marketing groups. Its mission is to be an advocate for small and medium size businesses and business entrepreneurs across America.*

*SOURCE: U.S. Local Business Association*

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## DEPARTMENT NEWS

### Message from Betty Daniels

As the Atlanta Woman's Club begins anew after the summer hiatus, we are looking forward to an eventful year with our new President Karen Thompson. Nine members attended the GFWC Institute in Athens, Ga. on Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Changes in the focus of some of the Departments were presented. A planning meeting for AWC will be held Sat. Sept 6<sup>th</sup> to review the changes, plan the monthly calendar and set goals for 2008-2009.

Each member of the Club will receive year books so that everyone will have a better understanding of the Federation work. The books will be distributed at the AWC meeting Monday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>. Our primary goal is to work for the betterment of our Community through the Departments. Hopefully each member will participate and choose a Department that interests her the most.

*Betty Daniels*

*Second Vice President & Dean of Departments*

## EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

**September** is recognized as **National Literacy Month**. There are countless numbers of adults and children who cannot read. To promote literacy in your family and community, here are some things you can do:

1. Read every day and let people see you do it. You can be a role model to members of your family and friends.
2. Get involved with your local library. If your library offers a literacy program, ask how you can help with this effort.
3. Talk about reading and ask questions about what your family and friends are reading.
4. Volunteer as a tutor for a literacy program such as Literacy Volunteers of America. The metro Atlanta branch is located in Decatur (404.377.7323). Literacy Action Incorporated is another place where volunteers are needed (404.818.7323).

The week of September 27- October 4, 2008 is designated as the 27th anniversary of **Banned Books Week**, which celebrates the freedom to read (see [www.bannedbooksweek.org](http://www.bannedbooksweek.org)). This event is sponsored by the American Booksellers Association, American Library Association and similar organizations and is endorsed by the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress. Visit the American Library Association website ([www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org)) and follow links to Banned Books Week. You may be interested to know that the Harry Potter series is noted as the top banned book of 2007 and also in previous years. For a list of banned & challenged books, visit <http://author.forbiddenlibrary.com/>

*Ruth Yurchuck*  
*Chairman*

## INTERNATIONAL DEPT.

### For next month:

- BRING FILLED SHOE BOXES FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD (see our website for instructions on how to complete a box: [WWW.ATLWC.COM](http://WWW.ATLWC.COM) ; go to "Announcements")
- GATHER UP LOOSE CHANGE AROUND THE HOUSE— UNICEF boxes will be distributed; if you have children trick or treating this Halloween, send a box with them

## SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Baby Safety Month: Juvenile Products  
Manufacturers [www.JPMA.org](http://www.JPMA.org) or 856.231.8500

Library Card Signup Month: [www.ALA.org](http://www.ALA.org) or  
800.545 2433

Menopause Awareness Month: American  
Menopause Foundation, [www.AmericanMenopause.org](http://www.AmericanMenopause.org) or 212 714 2398

National Preparedness Month: [www.Ready.gov](http://www.Ready.gov)  
or 202 282 8000

National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month:  
[www.OvarianCancerAwareness.org](http://www.OvarianCancerAwareness.org)

Healthy Aging Month: [www.HealthyAging.net](http://www.HealthyAging.net)  
610 793 0979

Sept 1 Labor Day

Sept 7 National Grandparents' Day

Sept 14-20: National Suicide Prevention Week:  
[www.YSPP.org](http://www.YSPP.org) 206 297 5922

Sept 14-20 Constitution Week:  
[www.ConstitutionCenter.org](http://www.ConstitutionCenter.org)

Sept 21: International Day of Peace -  
[www.InternationalDayOfPeace.org](http://www.InternationalDayOfPeace.org)

Sept 21: National Women's Friendship Day -  
<http://NWFD.KappaDelta.org> 901 748 1897

Sept 24: National Women's Health & Fitness  
Day -  
[www.FitnessDay.com/Women/Index/htm](http://www.FitnessDay.com/Women/Index/htm) or  
800 828 8225

Sept 27-Oct 4: Banned Books Week:  
[www.ALA.org](http://www.ALA.org) or 800.545 2433

Sept 27: Family Health & Fitness Day USA -  
[www.FitnessDay.com](http://www.FitnessDay.com) 800 828 8225

Sept 28 World Heart Day - [www.World-Heart-Federation.org](http://www.World-Heart-Federation.org)

(Source: G. F. W. C. Clubwoman Magazine, June+July  
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - *continued from page 1*

Kay Chadwick, speaks of *empowerment* in the June-July issue of *GFWC Clubwoman Magazine: Ideas, Information, Insight, and Inspiration*: **"We [Georgia Clubwomen] provided the tools, spirit, and funds for clubwomen and women in our state to *empower* themselves to be the best they can be"** (p. 16).

Certainly as we use our time, talents, and other resources in volunteer service, we *are* at our best and *are* "empowered and empowering." As our International President 2006-2008 Jacquelyn Pierce said in the same issue of *Clubwoman*, **"I have discovered that *empowerment cannot be given away without being renewed in oneself*"** (p. 5). As former officers and leaders in AWC assist new officers and new members, we all benefit from such "empowerment."

Part of our service, as our founder and first president described above, is clearly social, which I see in part as service to each other as we mentor one another and as we also actively care for those of us who face challenges that come with the vicissitudes of life. It becomes, then, our joy and honor to be able to uplift and be uplifted at such times when we reach out to assist or be assisted by one another: *empowering others means we have empowered ourselves, a social "gift" and service in itself.*

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*"...all who work toward the same goal of bettering lives in our community and our world through volunteer service, acts of empowerment..."*

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Another part of our "social" involvement with each other includes our meetings the second Monday of each month, from September through June. Besides sharing the humanitarian work taking place in each of the Club's Departments, we also have time to visit with each other during the lunch portion of our General Meeting. Additionally, this year, we're having a **Christmas Party for members, husbands, and other such significant others, a festive, celebratory social occasion!**

This month's *President's Message* deals with the first of our "threefold objectives--social." Future *Messages* will discuss the other two objectives, those Mrs. Douglas designated as "literary and humanitarian."

I'm so glad we're back and meeting on a regular basis. I look forward to seeing you all in September!

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

**BRIDGE CLUB** continues to meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, from 10 am to 3 pm. We welcome all new members to come join us for a friendly game and lunch—Maxine Parker, Chairman

## ZOOMA Atlanta Half Marathon & 5K

ZOOMA Women's Race Series ([www.zoomarun.com](http://www.zoomarun.com)) is hosting a half marathon & 5K in Atlanta on November 16 – and the Atlanta-based humanitarian organization CARE ([www.care.org](http://www.care.org)) is its charity partner!

ZOOMA Atlanta Half Marathon & 5K is a unique fitness event for women designed to inspire them to lead healthy and active lifestyles. ZOOMA Atlanta will take place on November 16, 2008, with runners starting and finishing the race at Atlantic Station. Upon crossing the finish line, runners will enter an extravagant Post-Race Expo with mini-spa treatments, food, shopping, entertainment and more, tailored for women to celebrate their accomplishments with family and friends.

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

The ZOOMA 2008 National Charity Partner is CARE, the Atlanta-based humanitarian organization that places a special focus on working with marginalized women and girls to bring lasting change to their communities. ZOOMA runners will continue the mission to inspire women around the country to get fit, celebrate their own fitness achievements and the power of women around the world. At least \$3 of every entry fee goes directly to CARE.

To register for Zooma Atlanta please visit [www.zoomarun.com](http://www.zoomarun.com)

*Helen Robinson,*  
*Marketing Alliance Manager for CARE*  
[hrobinson@care.org](mailto:hrobinson@care.org)

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*Remember that any volunteer hours you earn as an AWC member should be turned into one of our officers so volunteer time can be included in our annual report. So, if you are running in this half marathon & 5K event, please notify the AWC so that your participation can be recorded in the club volunteer hours for the AWC.*

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