



# Atlanta Woman's Club



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## President's Message

I am not very scientifically inclined as some of you may have noticed (it's that right brain-left brain thing!). But I recently read about a finding of the Human Genome Project. It stated that human beings are more than 99% the same. All of our differences occur in less than 1% of our genetic make-up. I am all for being unique and different. I am glad that we offer different perspectives and opinions. Some choose to wear high heels and hats while some prefer flats and a fancy hair-do. Some prefer salmon more than steak and some are more vociferous while others prefer to remain quiet. These differences are good, especially when we can learn from, appreciate and respect the differences.

It is the fact that we are 99% the same that really fascinates me, especially since we seem to focus on the differences far more than the similarities. If we took the time to focus on that 99%, I believe that people would be kinder to each other. I believe that people would be more tolerant of the differences in our lives and the circumstances in how we live our lives. I believe that

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## Speaker Spotlight



***Preston Marshall***

Preston N. Marshall is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of The Society of Government Meeting Professionals, Senior Sales Manager with the DoubleTree by Hilton Atlanta Buckhead and Block Pastor with Adopt a Block Ministry. Born in Niagara Falls, N.Y., he attended Alabama State University in Montgomery, AL and graduated in 1986 with a degree in Sociology.

In 1986, Mr. Marshall relocated to Atlanta and has worked in the Hospitality/Hotel field for over 20 plus years in Management. He has earned several awards for his involvement in community service: Alice Marriott Award Nominee 2004, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 Marriott Leadership Excellence Special Award.

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that people would spend less time in getting caught up in rumors and activities that hurt other people. I believe that if people thought more about how we are the same rather than focusing on how we are different, people would be more helpful and supportive of each other. I believe that people would put the interest of others ahead of their own ambitions if they focused on the fact that we are all humans and we are all in this together. Being unique brings variety and spice to this world but being the same brings love, sensitivity and caring to this world.

As I look back over the past year I can see how each of you has focused on the similarities we possess. I can see how you have respected the differences in each of us and how you have given so much of your time, talents and treasure to your community, your country and the world. I am both humbled and proud of all that the Atlanta Woman's Club has accomplished. Danny Thomas once said "Success in life has nothing to do with what you gain in life or accomplish for yourself. It's what you do for others." The AWC has certainly made a difference in the lives of so many others in our community. I know that as the days and weeks progress and you are out there quietly working for others you sometimes wonder if anyone has noticed. I want to reassure you I have noticed and that I do appreciate what you do. I do value it and I am very grateful for it. Without the dedication and commitment that you have shown, the AWC would not be where it is today.

Thank you all for your dedication, your imagination, your friendship and for delivering another successful year. We will move into the New Year together with the strength and compassion to build upon our accomplishments and to consolidate our position in the community. Someone once said "The best of all gifts....is the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other." No matter what holiday you are celebrating this month, I wish you, my AWC family, peace, love, joy and a happy family all wrapped up together.

**Karen Clydesdale, President 2012-2014**  
**GFWC Atlanta Woman's Club**

**Next luncheon date:**  
**December 9, 2013**  
**Please R.S.V.P. to Judith Behrens!**  
**judithmbehrens@gmail.com**

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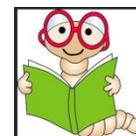
Mr. Marshall is a member of numerous professional, civic, and social organizations: Metro Atlanta Chapter of the Alabama State University Alumni Chapter, Georgia Society of Association Executives and currently sits on the board of The Society of Government Meeting Professionals as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Mr. Marshall serves as a Block Pastor with the Atlanta Dream Center Church on in the Forth Ward Community.

Mr. Marshall derives great joy from dealing with Atlanta's youth. He has served as a volunteer at the old Butler Park Recreation Center, MLK Recreation Center and Hope Hill Elementary School as a mentor/father figure for several young African American males. He is an ardent career day supporter of local high school students interested in attending Alabama State University. Mr. Marshall has participated on a Community leaders panel through Communities in Schools of Atlanta "Real Men, Real Talk" event at Inman Middle School (2/24/2010). Through the power of networking he heads up two Fourth Ward community projects in December. The one is called Adopt a Senior for the holiday and the other is Adopt A Kid for Christmas.

Mr. Marshall's hobbies include collecting 205 shoe boxes for United Way of Greater Atlanta for homeless women and children, weight training, jump-roping, and relaxing. He and his wife, Jacquelyn, reside in Atlanta, GA and have no children but mentor plenty!

**Go, Bookworms, Go!**

By Melodie Rogers



Don't forget our next meeting will be in January!

## Arts Program News

By Rita McGregor and  
Jo Dee Gonzalez



### Grady High School

Rita McGregor and Jo Dee Gonzalez met with the Arts Department head at Grady High School, Mr. John Brandhorst. He was very gracious and explained to us the history that our club has had with the school in the past and voiced his enthusiasm in continuing that relationship in the coming year. Grady is currently in the middle of renovating multiple areas of the school, one of which includes a much needed permanent art gallery. This gallery will not only be used for student art shows but will also provide a space to display projects from all departments throughout the school, including science, fashion and music. They want to build it as a "real" gallery, with dry wall as opposed to typical school concrete, recessed and can lighting, proper insulation, etc. It is a very exciting time for these students and we will be planning a donation opportunity for their efforts very soon. We will also be scheduling a group tour as soon as work on the gallery is finalized in order to share our enthusiasm and support for this wonderful project.

### Oglethorpe University Outing

On November 14, seven club members enjoyed a wonderful afternoon together at the Oglethorpe University Museum of Art. Anne B. Jones, Ginger Foshee, Penny Blackford, Billie Harris, Rita McGregor, Azam Nemat and Jo Dee Gonzalez met at Terra Terroir Kitchen and Bar in Brookhaven for lunch, then we went to the museum where we met the curator, Mr. Reilly Rhodes. Mr. Rhodes led an intimate tour of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Modern Masters Exhibit which is a beautiful and inspiring show of works from Picasso, Braque and Leger. Works created by a number of other artists celebrating the life of Victor Hugo were also exhibited and were on loan from the collection of Dr. and Mrs. Michael Schlossberg. As an additional special treat, our members were delighted with the showing of original Santa paintings by Haddon Sundblom, courtesy of the Coca Cola Company.

### Student Art Competition

A monetary donation was made to the GFWC Student Art Competition Award. We must encourage our local

students to participate in the Student Art Scholarship Program of the GFWC/GAFWC in order to recognize these student's individual achievements and expression. The deadline for submission is April 1, 2014. In addition to students, all members may participate in various art contests. These must be completed before December 31, 2013, and the categories include:

#### Photography

This contest encourages artistic expression while recognizing achievement in photography. Members have 3 opportunities to enter:

1. The World in Pictures- captures the beauty in the world around us.
2. Volunteers in Action- provides members with the opportunity to demonstrate their volunteer activities through photography.
3. A Year in Pictures- also known as the GFWC Calendar Contest- features photographs depicting the twelve months of the year.

Writing Contest – Seeks to provide an avenue for members to freely express themselves and draw upon their experiences through writing short stories and poetry (This contest is also available to the youth of our community).

Member Craft Competition- This competition is open to members who are non-professional craftsmen. Categories include Stitchery, Sewing, Needlework, Quilting, Nature Crafts, Jewelry, Miscellaneous (basket weaving, pottery), or Painting.

For further information regarding specific contest rules and to obtain official entry forms, contact either of your Arts CSP Co-Chairs. Entries must be received by their respective Arts Chairmen by February 1, 2014.

Rita McGregor- 404-558-7167

Jo Dee Gonzalez- 770-605-1303

### 2013 Holiday Party Silent Auction

The Arts Committee has been working hard to prepare for our Holiday Party's Silent Auction on Tuesday evening, benefitting "Hope for Heroes." We are especially appreciative of Anne Jones' efforts in working with authors, publishers and the community to accumulate an amazing group of items for the auction.

And we also thank Ginger Foshee, Rita McGregor and Jo Dee Gonzalez for their contributions and talents in getting these items ready to go!

## Public Issues Program News

By Lisa Banes



### Toy Safety

According to US PIRG (Public Interest Research Group) more than a quarter of a million children had to be rushed to the ER with toy-related injuries. Many toys pose choking and strangulation hazards to small children and many more contain dangerous levels of lead, phthalates, and other toxic chemicals. The organization's Education Fund has put together an easy-to-read-and-remember list of tips to help identify potentially unsafe toys. Be sure to check it out before you choose holiday gifts and toys:

[https://secure3.convio.net/engage/site/SPageServer/?pagename=USP\\_TS14\\_tipspage](https://secure3.convio.net/engage/site/SPageServer/?pagename=USP_TS14_tipspage)

### Get Combat Ready (skincare) to spread comfort and joy!

The Atlanta Woman's Club gave \$500 to support Operation Sand Flea, which donates specialized skin care products to overseas soldiers. Our donation sent 20 Combat-Ready Care Kits to soldiers serving in Afghanistan. This holiday season, why not stock up on great products for yourself at the same time you donate? (<http://www.skincando.com/donations/>) With just one quick, easy transaction, you can show your appreciation for our soldiers' service while you protect your own skin.

**PS. Watch for a selection of this company's products in our silent auction too!**

### Save the Date for DMST Lobby Day 2014

We were all shocked and touched by the presentation by youthSpark's Jennifer Swain as well as Kedra Gotel's talk about the Tool Kit. Another way to support youthSpark's efforts to end child sex trafficking by taking a stand at the Capitol on **Thursday, February 13, 2014**. DMST (Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking) Lobby Day is a collaborative effort among Street Grace, Wellspring Living, and youthSpark, local organizations with the goal of stopping the sexual exploitation of women and girls in Georgia. More details will be

available soon but go ahead and put it on your calendar now.

### Georgia Justice Project Holiday Party

A big thank you to those who've signed up to participate on Saturday, December 7, 11 am-3 pm. There's still time to get involved – just email me at [lisa@nolosforwords.com](mailto:lisa@nolosforwords.com) if you'd like to help or need more details. Party photos will be released soon after!

Even if you have to miss the fun event, you can still support GJP this season by donating \$25 Kroger gift cards or making a cash donation at <http://www.gjp.org/ways-to-support/donations/one-time-donation/>.

## Member Program News

By Cimi Douglass



### Please Welcome our New Members!

Please join in me in welcoming a few members that have joined us since our summer break. In an effort to learn more about our new members, we ask each new member to provide a brief biography.

*In September we welcomed two new members: Charmelle Scott and Therese Mangham.*

**Charmelle Scott** is Executive of BusiNeighbor Inc. BusiNeighbor Inc. is a Georgia-based 501(c)(3) organization. BusiNeighbor Inc.'s philanthropic efforts include assistance to people and organizations in need. As an accountant with an MBA in Taxation for more than eighteen years, Charmelle has held a number of senior accountant positions with companies like Hanson Aggregates, Mirant, and Compbenefits, Inc., as well as with the U.S. Army, where she received a Commendation Medal for her positive attitude and energetic personality. It was during her military and corporate tenures that she adopted the philosophies that teamwork makes the dream work, and that learning never exhausts the mind. In her spare time, she provides tutoring for after-school programs sponsored by the Africa's Children Fund and volunteers with various programs teaching math, English, and taxes. Charmelle is a native of Detroit Michigan. She received her undergraduate education at Georgia State and received

an MBA from Mercer University. She and her family reside in Atlanta. Charmelle is an active member of the National Coalition of a Hundred Black Women and Gwinnett Chapter 90 Disabled American Veterans and participates and hosts a number of community events: feeding the homeless, domestic violence and multiple community events. She truly believes in the quote by Margaret Mead "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever does."

**Therese Mangham** is a war veteran, serving our country for 22 years. She has been a Logistics Specialist with over 23 years of strategic development and project management services in the military and private sector. Therese was referred to us by Arkeah Jacobs and from our first Streets Alive event. She's extremely proactive within the community and sincerely inspiring.

*In October we welcomed two new members: Peyton Chambers and Linda Birkhoff*

**Peyton** grew up in Tallahassee, Fla. After attending college at the University of Alabama, she went on to pursue a master degree in English at Auburn University and taught composition and literature courses to college freshmen. She is married to Jonathan Chambers, and they have a 2 year old, Russell. Peyton said that it was her grandmother, Carol Martin Kennelly, who inspired her to apply for membership in the Atlanta Woman's Club. Growing up, she remembers her grandmother talking about the many wonderful experiences she had as a member (and later president) of the Woman's Club of Jacksonville, Fla. In addition to the joy her grandmother found in giving back to the community through the Club's many service projects, she often spoke about the lifelong friends she made within the organization which made quite an impression on Peyton. After 60 years of membership, her grandmother is still an active member at the age of 89 years old. Peyton looks forward to getting involved within our organization, please make her feel welcome and active within our club.

**Linda Birkhoff** is the mother of Cimi Douglass. She moved to Atlanta 15 years ago from New Orleans, La. She worked as a bookkeeper/controller of one of the largest HVAC companies in Georgia. She is now retired

and lives in Ellijay, Georgia. She loves crafting, sewing, and volunteering alongside her daughter and granddaughter, Keely.

*In November we welcomed three new members: Robyn Bartlett, Shauna Marie Williams and Darlene Childers*

**Shauna Marie Williams** received her MBA at Master of Business Administration from Phoenix University, and attended undergrad at Clark Atlanta University, with a B.A. in Psychology. Currently she works as an Applied Behavior Analysis Therapist at All Kids First Early Intervention Services, LLC.

**Darlene Childers** is originally from Mississippi and now lives in Alpharetta, GA with her two children, Isa (6) and Rhyse (4). She completed her B.S. in Social Science Education ('05) and M.Ed. in Adolescent Education ('06) at Kennesaw State University. She taught at Holcomb Bridge Middle School for two years and then made the decision to stay home with her family for the next several years. She is currently enrolled at Georgia State University School of Law ('16) and works as a Legal Intern for The Hon. Shawn Ellen LaGrua of the Superior Court of Fulton County. She enjoys running, playing the piano, and exploring Atlanta with her kids.

**Robyn Bartlett** is a native Atlantan with over 20 years of marketing, sales and executive administration experience, and more recently, over 10 years experience as a Transition Coach, trainer and facilitator, professional writer and editor, university instructor, and learning and development professional. A life learner, **Robyn** has an AA in French, BA in psychology, MA in sociology, and currently completing her PhD in organizational psychology. **Robyn** is a strong proponent of Strengths-Based Leadership and Servant Leadership philosophies and is a published researcher in these areas.

Please welcome all of these ladies at our next meeting!

## Tallulah Falls School News

By Lucy Willard



Advanced art students at Tallulah Falls School work hard each year to have their artwork adorn the cover of the annual TFS Christmas card. Winners were chosen in November and we congratulate them all!

# EVENTS

## Sign Up for the AWC Blood Drive!

The AWC will be hosting a blood drive at the Wimbish House from 10am-3pm on **Friday, January 3, 2014**. January is also National Please talk this up with your family and friends and encourage them to sign up.

Please visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code: **atlwc** to register. If you are not accessible to the internet, call Judine at 404-768-8376 and she can register you. She can also register you after October's meeting.

## Peachtree Woman's Writer's Alliance

The Peachtree Women's Writers' Alliance sponsored by the Atlanta Woman's Club will be having their day meeting right after our **Monday, December 9, 2013** regular meeting. Our special guest will be Patricia Sprinkle, author of a wide assortment of novels and nonfiction works. She is perhaps best known for her southern mysteries, including *A Mystery Bred in Buckhead* and *Death of a Dunwoody Matron*. Her latest release is *Our Cherished Things*, a book that allows the reader to become author as they fill in questions related to family heirlooms and stories. The meeting will be informal and attendees may ask questions about writing and the publishing world.

The writer's alliance will also have its first night meeting at The Wimbish House, **Monday, January 6, 2014**. The meeting will last from 7:00pm until 8:30pm. Author Anne B. Jones and Producer/Writer Karen Johnson will host an introductory discussion, followed by an overview of the mission and goals of the group. Among the group's guests will be local fiction and nonfiction writer Patricia Sprinkle, who will informally answer questions about the publishing world. Future meetings will include programs, speakers and critique groups. All are invited. For more information, contact:

**Anne B Jones**

770-775-7151 | [annebjones@msn.com](mailto:annebjones@msn.com)

## Queen of Hearts!

We are inviting ladies with an interest or with experience in playing Bridge to join us on **Thursday, December 5, 2013** at 10:00am at the Wimbish House for some card playing and then we will go down the street and have lunch at Taps after we are finished. Please contact Ginger Foshee if you plan to join us:  
**Ginger Foshee**

770-775-6320 | [gingerfo@bellsouth.net](mailto:gingerfo@bellsouth.net)



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<http://www.facebook.com/TheAtlantaWomansClubEst1895>

#### AWC's LinkedIN Page:

<http://www.linkedin.com/groups/Atlanta-Womans-Club-4384622/about>

#### GFWC Georgia's Facebook Page:

[www.facebook.com/GaFwc](http://www.facebook.com/GaFwc)

#### GFWC's Facebook Page:

[www.facebook.com/GFWCMembers](http://www.facebook.com/GFWCMembers)

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