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President's Message

After a particularly long and harsh winter I was so happy to wake up one morning and hear the chirping of birds as they returned from their winter solstice. It reminded me that spring is on the way. It has to be! The daffodils slowly poked their way through the ground as the pink Okame trees, yellow forsythia and prickly Quince bushes bloomed in profusion. I love the change of seasons but there is something about Spring that makes me slow down and enjoy the view as the various trees, plants and vines put on their glorious display. As I watch this rebirth take place I am forced to look at myself and my life...where I have come from and where I am going. It is a mental spring cleaning of my mind and my heart.

The New Year's resolutions that I made back in January have pretty much faded into the woodwork. I still think about them and every once in a while I give them an attempt but for me Spring is not about resolutions but about cleaning.... cleaning out the clutter in my mind and getting rid of things that are dragging me down and sapping my energy. I try to renew my mental vitality by letting go of excuses and making decisions and choices that challenge me.

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Annual Spring Tea – April 6th – Last Chance to RSVP!



The Atlanta Woman's Club

Cordially invites you to our

Annual Membership Spring Tea!

Please join us as we enjoy a light refreshments, tea and friendship.

Sunday, April 6, 2014
2:00—4:00 p.m.

The Wimbish House
1150 Peachtree Street, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30309

Please RSVP with Judith Behrens
judithbehrens@gmail.com /404-305-5545
Proper Attire Please (no jeans)

Please view our invitation at this link or copy paste onto your browser

<http://us3.campaign-archive1.com/?u=90f272ec1547c0e8bbbd1f932&id=f4ce816c2e&e=962a4f0974>



I try to think positively and commit to new rituals by taking on a behavior or activity that takes me out of my daily routine. I find that if I allow myself to let go of the past I can make room for new things to come into my life. Just like when I take something I have not worn and donate to someone else. You then get to go buy something new and exciting to fill that spot!

As I write this in late March we are expecting another freeze tonight, so even though there is still a little way to go to really enjoy the warmth and light that spring brings, we can all begin to think about what we can do to better balance our lives. As volunteers we are very accustomed to thinking and doing for others. All of our accomplishments and awards show that we are a very generous and dedicated group of women who give selflessly. As our fiscal year winds down and our donations have been sent it is a good time to reflect on what we have done in the past and commit to making decisions that we have put off because we haven't had the time or energy. It is a good time for us to be a little bit selfish and think about re-prioritizing or maybe even re-inventing ourselves and our lives. Renewing your heart and your mind is a little spring gift that you can give to yourself. The regrowth that will come from it is as beautiful as the flowering trees and flowers bursting forth in their magnificent glory!

Karen Clydesdale, AWC President 2012-2014

The Silver Returns to Atlanta Woman's Club!

At the March 20th District meeting, our club once again brought home district awards and silver!

Our club received:

Conservation: Best General, Best Overall General, 1st place 51+

Education: Best General, Best Overall General, 1st place 51+

Home Life: Best General, Best Overall General, 1st place 51+

Public Issues: Best General, Best Overall General, 1st place 51+

International Outreach: Best General, Best Overall General, 1st place 51+

Arts: Best General, Best Overall General, 1st place 51+

Tallulah Falls School Award: Best General - Lucy Willard

Membership Award: Best increase in membership

District Craft Competition – Ginger Foshee

Best Overall General: Best overall club

16 AWC Members attended District Meeting!



Atlanta Woman's Club in the news!

Once again our Phoenix Flies tour was filled to capacity as we hosted 30-40 people during each tour. We met two guests who had a history with our Club. One used to swim in the AWC pool during the 40's and the other helped rebuild our stage for play that took place at what is now known as Opera. We had a great time and I think our guests did as well. Thank you to Page, Barbara, Judith, Miss Penny, Judine, Pat, Cimi and Karen B and our fearless leader, Karen C. and we must also give a very special thanks to a few brave new members who volunteered to participate in costume with us - it takes courage and it should be acknowledged - a special thank you goes to Billie Harris, Vanessa Lauren Jones and Christina Castillo! As always we need to thank Chaundra Lockett for taking the photos and Beth Beery for coordinating the guest list.



Another Success - - Phoenix Flies!

This event gave the public an opportunity to learn about the history of the Atlanta Woman's Club, GFWC history, our clubhouse and Women's History in general.



Peachtree Women's Writers Alliance – Spectacular Writing Group Session

The March meeting of the Atlanta Woman's Club Peachtree Women's Writers Alliance was a spectacular success. The well-attended gathering featured Peter Bowerman, a top commercial writer and author. Bowerman gave pointers related to writing and marketing. His enthusiastic audience held him overtime, enthralled by his every word. (Photo of Peter Bowerman by Debbie Walker-Lass)



On April 7th Anne B. Jones will discuss "The Heart and Soul of Fiction and Non-Fiction Characters." Topics include "Interviewing for Features," "Non-Fiction Character Development," and "Character Building."

Handouts will be distributed. Jones is the author of seven books and has published over 500 magazine and newspaper articles. She has been a columnist for seven newspapers.

Membership News! By Cimi Douglass, 1st VP

Our second orientation was attended by eight ladies, two of which are eligible for membership and will be on the Executive Agenda for May. I'm excited to have so many members and new faces not only join our club, but genuinely interested in learning more about our history, procedures and GFWC and AWC initiatives.

Please welcome 3 wonderful new members Emma Loggins, Shirlynn Brownell and Wynnette Cheek. (L-R)



Emma Loggins is a designer, entertainment blogger, social media coach, and speaker. She runs the marketing and design firm LNP Studios where she specializes in Web Design & Development / UI/UX Design and Social Media Marketing for her clients who are both inside and outside of the entertainment industry - helping them to develop a loyal following as well. She is also the founder and editor of the popular entertainment news site FanBolt.com, a site she designed and developed from scratch. Emma writes daily on the entertainment happenings of the industry. With a focus on television and movies, FanBolt currently has over 165,000 members. She has also been a contributing writer for CNN's Geek Out Blog which launched in 2011.

Shirlynn Brownell is an International Affairs graduate of the University of Georgia. Upon graduation she was offered a full-time position at her then internship with the Georgia Department of Economic Development. She currently works there as a Project Analyst. Our job as an agency is to attract new business and investment to the state of Georgia, as well as support existing industry. In addition to working full-time, she is also enrolled full-time at Troy University's Global Online campus, pursuing a Master's degree in Strategic Communications.

Wynnette Cheek - reared on a South Georgia farm in Faceville, Ga. She is married to Bill Creek, together they have a daughter with 11 year old twin grandsons. Wynnette attended Georgia State University and worked in the banking industry for 25 years, as well as owned a Tax Free Exchange business for 14 years after her banking career. Today, Wynnette is a Financial Advisor for Edward Jones Investments and holds a Series 7 securities license and an Insurance License. She has worked in various community based organizations in Atlanta and a past member of the Women's Chamber of Commerce of Atlanta during which time she coordinated the calendar of events for the Atlanta Dogwood Festival. She is currently a board member of the Midtown Powercore group and an active member of Wicua Road Baptist Church.



ESO Book Club

On March 24th our Book club welcomed local Georgia author Laura Templeton and discussed her book *Something Yellow* at Melodie Rogers' home. Melodie was a gracious hostess and served us a delicious dinner that related to the book with added touches to her table decorations and home with yellow daffodils. A great time was had by all as we discussed Laura's book and asked her questions about the formation of her characters and story.



Arts Community Service Program

The Arts CSP planned and hosted the monthly meeting on March 10, where Henry W. Grady High School was in the spotlight. Mr.



John Brandhorst, Chair of Fine and performing Arts, was presented with a \$2000 check to go toward his efforts in building the school's new permanent art gallery. Besides teaching advanced art classes, Mr. Brandhorst teaches theater and set design. Currently the classes are busy working on the set designs for their new production of "Rent". All members are invited to the program, playing March 26-28, at the Grady Theater, at 7PM. General admission is \$10.00. If you attend the show, please notify either Rita McGregor or JoDee Gonzalez, so that we may keep this information for our records.

In addition, four extraordinary and multi-talented students attended our meeting with Mr. Brandhorst, each showing a small sampling of their talents. They were individually introduced and presented with a \$500 scholarship to help further their future in the arts.

Jo Dee and Rita also delivered donation checks to the following organizations:

***C4 Atlanta:** This is a business development organization that connects arts entrepreneurs to the community, so that they can learn to make a living with their art. Two \$500 scholarships were awarded to enable two of their artists to participate in one of their many educational programs. <http://c4atlanta.org/>

***VSA Arts of Georgia:** A network member of the Education Program at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC, this group strives to encourage everyone to become involved and enjoy the arts, including the disabled and disadvantaged artists in the state of Georgia. The \$500 donation from AWC will go toward their Arts for All Gallery, which is open to the public and is free to the public. It is a wonderful gallery, and we encourage all of you to visit. <http://www.vsaartsga.org/>

***Creative Circus:** Founded in 1995 by a young group of professional designers, Creative Circus is an accredited portfolio building educational program for Creative Advertising (Copywriting and Art Direction), Interactive Development, Design, and Photography. Students, mostly having already graduated from college, learn the elements of concept, craft, and execution through an intensive 2 year program that leaves them ready for a professional career. Many of their graduate's works can be seen on television ads that you would recognize, some from the Super Bowl, such as the Budweiser "man and pony" commercial and the "Darth Vader kid" commercial.

This particular scholarship will be named as the Atlanta Women's Club Scholarship.
<http://www.creativecircus.edu/>

At the District Meeting on March 20, one of our Arts committee members Ginger Foshee, was awarded first place in the Crafts competition with her painting, and will now go on to the State Convention in April. Congrats and good luck to Ginger!



Upcoming Events:

Thursday, April 10, the Atlanta Symphony will perform "Metamorphosis" by Richard Strauss. We have been offered an opportunity to enjoy seats on the main floor for a discounted price of \$25 for the 8pm concert, and a backstage tour. Special thanks to Vanessa-Lauren Jones, one of our newer members, for arranging this opportunity. Please contact either of the co-chairs or Vanessa-Lauren if you would like to attend. For further information, please see the following link:

<http://www.atlantasymphony.org/ConcertsAndTickets/Calendar/2013-2014/Koch-Tiscione-Strauss.aspx>

Jo Dee Gonzalez. co-chair, sayitfast@comcast.net

Rita McGregor. co-chair, rtmcg23@gmail.com

May 16th AWC will be staffing the Atlanta Symphony Association Decorator's Show House and Gardens on May 16. Please remember to sign up to volunteer as a docent. The shifts are either from 9:30am - 1pm, or from 12:30pm-4:30pm. You will also have the opportunity to tour the house for free on the day that you volunteer. It is great fun and offers camaraderie with your fellow members. Please contact either Jo Dee or Rita. More information on the house and tour can be found at:



decoratorsshowhouse.org.

Sitting on 3.5 acres in Buckhead, this 16,000-square-foot mansion is located at the corner of West Paces Ferry and Tuxedo. There are more than 30 of Atlanta's top designers bringing breathtaking beauty to this 88 year old home.

Conservation Community Service Program



On March 19 an enthusiastic group of seven (and one grandbaby), met at the Botanical Gardens to enjoy the amazing display entitled "Orchid Daze: Lasting Impressions." It is a celebration of three artists who found inspiration in the beauty of landscapes and gardens, Claude Monet, Paul Gauguin, and Vincent Van Gogh. The orchids were breathtaking, with unimaginable coloring, beauty and design, and so many different varieties that we were seeing for the very first time. As Claude Monet once said, "More than anything I must have flowers, always, always."

Home Life Community Service Program, Judine Heard, CSP Chair



The Wimbish Walkers participated in the Hunger Walk, which benefits various community food banks, specifically the Atlanta Food Bank. We couldn't have asked for a better day to walk. Thanks to Miss Penny, the newscaster announced that the Atlanta Woman's Club was a half a dozen strong as we cross the finish line! AWC raised and contributed over \$260 to this initiative.



The Wimbish Walkers!

Once again The Atlanta Woman's Club will volunteer at the upcoming summer games for the Special Olympics held on Saturday, May 31st from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Emory University. The event is free to anyone that wants to watch the games. As volunteers, we are asked to fill a 2 hour shift. Last year we had several members volunteer who truly enjoyed seeing the smiles on their faces of the Special Olympic Athletes when they participate in the games. It was a wonderful heart-warming experience. We hope more of you will be able to join us this year. Details will be provided once you sign up. We will be notified by May 9th of where you will be working. Thank you so much for your participation in helping the Special Olympics have successful State Summer Games this year.



Here is another way the Atlanta Woman's Club members can help the Special Olympics. **KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS®** makes supporting SOGA super easy...all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Plus Card! Sign up with your 12 digit Kroger Plus Card number at <https://customer.kroger.com/communityrewards.aspx>, and in the Community Rewards section, select Special Olympics Georgia (code 57973) as the organization you wish to support. Once you're enrolled, you'll earn rewards for SOGA every time you shop and use your Plus Card, and you'll keep earning rewards points for yourself! [Enroll now for the Kroger Community Rewards Program](#) (you must re-enroll each year to continue earning rewards for SOGA). If your Kroger Plus Card is not already registered online, you will need to create an account. If you already have an account, simply sign in, find the Community Rewards section, and select Special Olympics

Georgia. Questions or problems, contact [Susan Skolnick](#) or [770-414-9390 x111](tel:770-414-9390).

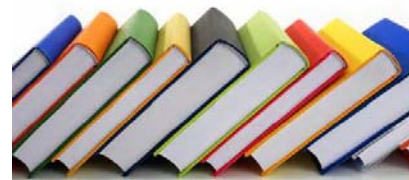
Thank you, Carol Boaz - carol.steve.boaz@gmail.com

International Outreach Community Service

Program, Pat Walsh CSP Chair



Please consider bringing extra money to the May meeting as the International CSP will provide desserts to purchase at the May meeting. This is one of International's fundraisers to benefit Operation Smile. Operation Smile provides free surgeries to repair cleft lip, cleft palate and other facial deformities for children around the globe. For more information please visit: <http://www.operationsmile.org/>



Education Community Service Program,

Donna Foland, CSP Chair

Congratulations to our Education CSP Chair, Donna Foland and her committee on an outstanding program at Hope Hill Elementary School. Ambassador Andrew Young was the guest speaker and delivered a beautiful message of hope, love and life to the students and adults. Donna Foland presented roses to each teacher in appreciation for their many efforts and surprised Ambassador Young with a birthday cake shared by all. Many members of the community were there, including APS Board members and city council members. Everyone thanked and recognized our Club. Our light continues to shine brightly!!!



Tallulah Falls School News

A tour of the school was held for club members on March 14th. Miss Lucy organized this wonderful trip on a beautiful spring day – we had 19 Club members attend.



We toured the school, visited the new media center, the stables, shopped at the Tallulah Falls Gallery which was followed by a nice Tea at President Peevy and Dinah's campus home. Thank you Miss Lucy and thank you President Peevy and Dinah – we look forward to this annual trip and tea every year!

From Donna Foland - Beautiful Mother's Day Opportunity -- by Candace Kaspers, Ph.D.

Mother's Day is fast approaching and it's time to do something lovely for someone special in your life. The like-minded non-profit YWCA of Greater Atlanta extends you an invitation to take part in their annual Mothers' Day card campaign. Donate \$25 to the Bettie Brand Mothers' Endowment Fund at <http://www.ywcaatlanta.org/bettie-brand-mothers-endowment-fund> and your honoree/s will receive a beautiful lavender ribbon embellished card of Italian paper from you with your personal message on it for



Mother's Day. This is a unique way to honor your mother, grandmother, sister, daughter, aunt, or best friend while, at the same time, contributing to a fund that is set up to help less fortunate women live lives of independence and dignity. Join the fun. Be a great daughter or friend to someone you know-and greatly enhance someone else's life while doing so. And happy Mother's Day!



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GFWC, GFWC Georgia, and AWC's Important Links!

Here are a few links we think you may be interested in. Feel free to click on the links and "Like" Facebook pages, sign up for newsletters, and read additional information about GFWC and GFWC Georgia's new initiatives on a National level and on a State level. Our Facebook page is growing every day, Chaundra Lockett, our Social Outreach Chair posts new photos and inspirational quotes every week. Please "Like" our page, you'll be glad you did!!

AWC's Facebook Page:

<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

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