



Atlanta Woman's Club



Member, Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC)
General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC)

1150 Peachtree Street, N.E., Atlanta, GA 30309 Telephone 404-870-8833
Website: www.atlwc.org
Editor: Billie Harris

April 2017 Issue

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On March 25th our club hosted the North West District meeting in which we had 79 ladies from 18 clubs within our district attend. Our members were gracious hostesses as we welcomed our sisters in federation to our Club. I'd like to thank a few ladies that helped make this event such a success... Judy Reece and Karin Holben for assisting with setup; Karen Clydesdale for creating the centerpieces and our takeaways; Judith Behrens, Marilyn Morton, Naomi Alvis and the Northside Woman's Club for creating the table favors; Britton Rogers for singing our National Anthem and God Bless America, and to all of the ladies who attended and volunteered during this meeting. Thank you all! I think we represented our Club well and I have been receiving thank you notes from women across our district thanking us for the hospitality.

At the District meeting we received recognition and awards, and once again The Atlanta Woman's Club shined bright. I'd like to congratulate our Community Service Program Chairs for their hard work and outstanding reporting. It is with great pride and my privilege to announce that The Atlanta Woman's Club received recognition in all CSP areas we reported in. Our Arts, Education, Home Life, Public Issues/Domestic Violence and International CSPs placed second in the District, while Conservation and Women's History came in first place in the District. In the Member Art categories, Catherine Smith, Anita Jansen and Linda Birkhoff's art pieces also placed and their pieces will be judged at the State level – congratulations ladies!

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Membership.....	3
Arts.....	4
AWC History.....	4
Tallulah Falls School.....	5
Home Life.....	5
Conservation.....	5

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONT'D

I'd like to personally congratulate and thank Jo Dee Gonzalez, Dean of Community Service Programs; Billie Harris, Arts; Karen Johnson and Penny Blackford, Conservation; Donna Foland, Education; Connie Morris, Home Life; Pat Walsh, International Outreach; Beth Jetha, Public Issues; Leigh Adams, Women's History and Lucy Willard and Dinah Peevy, Tallulah Falls School for their hard work and outstanding reports. These ladies gave it their all and represented us well!

On April 28-30th our State will host GFWC Georgia's 2017 Convention at the Atlanta Marriott Century Center. The deadline to register is April 15th. Convention is where clubs are recognized at the State level for their accomplishments. All top performing CSPs, Special Committees and Advancement will be recognized at this time. We will also learn about new initiatives, and participate in the advancement of the organization such as voting on proposed bylaw changes, etc. The official Call was sent out on March 20th inviting all GFWC clubwoman to attend. Please let me know if you are interested in attending.

Thanks again to all of our CSP's who received recognition at the District level, I'm sincerely proud to serve side by side with all of you within our club and community. Today, like every day, is a great day to be an Atlanta Woman's Club member!

I hope to see all of you at our Annual Membership Tea scheduled for April 9th from 2-4. Please RSVP if you haven't done so already to Judy Reece at events@atlwc.org

Thank you!

Cimi Douglass

GFWC AWC President (2016-2018)



MEMBERSHIP

Tonya S. Watson

1st Vice President, Membership

Email: tonyaswatson@gmail.com

Welcome New Members! AWC welcomed one (1) new member in March. Please find her bio below. As always, it's very important to learn as much as you can about AWC's new members in an effort to get them involved in AWC service projects right away. "Involve, Engage & Connect!"



Amber Hahn was born and raised in North Carolina, moving to Atlanta in 2009. She attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she was a member of Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity, and in 2005 earned a bachelor of science in Nursing. Amber worked as a registered nurse on post surgical units until the birth of her son, Axel. She enjoys running, hiking, cheering on the Tar Heels, and spending time with her family.

MEMBERSHIP EVENT: ROLL THE DICE -BREAK THE ICE

The Atlanta Woman's Club hosted a Membership event called Roll the Dice - Break the Ice. Roll the Dice - Break the Ice is a Membership game that allows newer and existing members to get to know each other better by rolling the dice to obtain a question that they must answer. The Atlanta Woman's Club had 14 members that participated in this wonderful event, and another event will be held in the upcoming months.



ARTS

The GFWC AWC Arts CSP will volunteer with drawchange on **Monday, April 24th**. We will be assisting the children at the local shelter with their art therapy projects. It's all about the journey through their art projects, not the outcome. An art background is not required to volunteer. The only requirements are care and encouragement. If this project is of interest to you, please contact me via email to schedule the month you'd like to volunteer. Only 3 volunteer spaces are available for AWC per month. There will also be a sign up sheet at our general meeting.

Arts CSP will host a Spring Egg-Stravaganza at Hillside Hospital on Saturday, April 15th, 1p-3p. Volunteers will assist the children at Hillside with decorating the eggs, as well as hide the eggs for the hunt. There will also be arts and crafts provided for the kids to do while they wait on the eggs to be hidden. We are currently accepting donations of the following "individually wrapped" items: jelly beans, skittles, starburst, gummy (bears, worms, sours), Hershey's kisses (no nuts), and plain m&m's (no nuts). These are all items that have been approved by Hillside and will be greatly appreciated. I will be attending our Annual Membership Tea if anyone would like to bring their donations at that time. If you would like to volunteer or would like more details, please contact Billie Harris at hawcinc@live.com or 678-617-8511.

Billie Harris, Art CSP Chair

hawcinc@live.com

GFWC AWC HISTORY

Sign up to tour SCAD's Ivy Hall - Wimbish House's historical "neighbor", where Chelsea Tench will guide us through the property and we will learn what the Wimbish neighbors were up to in their day. Tour time is 10:30am-11:30am on Friday, April 28th. If members are interested, we will continue on to lunch together nearby at Mary Mac's Tea Room (historical in its own right).

SCAD's Ivy Hall

179 Ponce de Leon Ave.*
Atlanta, GA 30308

At the top of the cobblestone drive, there is a small parking lot. Carpooling is encouraged; though street parking is available along Ponce and Myrtle Street.

****Please note, though Ivy Hall is at the corner of Ponce and Piedmont Aves., the cobblestone drive is accessible only via Piedmont Ave (one-way).***

RSVP by phone to Leigh Reynolds at 404-431-3726 no later than Friday, April 21.

Leigh Reynolds, AWC History Chair

TALLULAH FALLS SCHOOL

Lucy Willard, Tallulah Falls School Chair

Tallulah Falls Closet – Each year the boys and girls are beaming with excitement about their end of school year Prom. GFWC Georgia has created an initiative called Tallulah's Closet – wherein we collect gently used prom, cocktail or formal attire for the boys and girls of Tallulah Falls School who may not have the funds to purchase formal wear. If you or any one of your friends, neighbors or family members have dresses, dressy handbags, shoes or jewelry that you'd like to donate to Tallulah's Closet, please bring them to the Club. Amy Atkinson, Board Member of Tallulah Falls School, will collect and deliver them to the school. If you'd like to donate to the cause, please make out your check to the TFS Extra Mile club with a memo to be used for Tallulah's Closet.

HOME LIFE

A big thank you to the walkers and contributors to the Atlanta Community Food Bank, annual Hunger/Walk. Our team the Wimbish Walkers raised \$300.00. Anne Valgoi, Judine Heard, Myra Carmon, and Connie Morris walked the 5k on March 5. Judy Reece, Ellen Milholland, and Kimberly Gordon contributed to the team funding. Thanks to all for the support.

Please continue to collect pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Our goal is 10 pounds which require a lot of tabs. Coloring books being collected for the patients at CHOA at the Hughes Spalding location. Please bring to the May meeting.

Don't forget that April is National Autism Awareness Month.

Connie Morris, Home Life CSP Chair

momconnie@bellsouth.net

CONSERVATION

The Conservation Committee has arranged a private tour of the African American grave sites at Historic Oakland Cemetery on April 22, 2017 at 12:00 pm. The tour will last for one hour to an hour and a half. The tour will discuss African American history in Atlanta and the cemetery's restoration plan for the more than 8,000 unmarked graves. If you would like to sign up, please contact Penny Blackford at blackfordp@bellsouth.net or Britton Rogers at berogers@crimson.ua.edu."

On Saturday April 8th from 9am to 1 pm, is the Historic Oakland Foundation's Spring Plant Sale at Historic Oakland Cemetery. Oakland garden's teams will be on hand to answer your garden questions and help you find the best plant for your garden or home. Choose from a variety of perennials, tender houseplants, heirloom tomatoes, veggies, herbs and more. Also a **Free Demonstration: Gardening in Containers**, will take place at 10:30 am with Gardener Andrew Johnson who creates the garden containers around the Cemetery. It will include tips and how to's for potted herbs, patio flowers, balcony flowers and more!

Karen Johnson, Conservation CSP Chair

ATLANTA WOMAN'S CLUB ROSTER OF OFFICERS & EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Officers

Cimi Douglass, President
Tonya Watson, 1st Vice President
Jo Dee Gonzalez, 2nd Vice President
Sarah June McDavid, Recording Secretary
LaTonya Jordan, Treasurer
Penny Blackford, Assistant Treasurer
Ruth Yurchuck, Corresponding Secretary
Donna Foland, Parliamentarian

Board of Trustees

Karen Bacheller, Chair (2016-2018)
Karen Clydesdale, Co-Chair (2016-2018)
Cimi Douglass, President/Budget Committee (2016-2018)
Tonya Watson, 1st VP (2016-2018)
LaTonya Jordan, Treasurer/Budget Committee (2016-2018)
Penny Blackford, Asst. Treasurer/Budget Committee (2016-2018)
Lisa Banes, Secretary (2015-2017)
Karen Thomson (2015-2017)
Donna Foland, Parliamentarian (2016-2018)

Community Service Program Chairs

Jo Dee Gonzalez, Dean of Community Service Programs
Billie Harris, Arts
Karen Johnson, Conservation
Donna Foland, Education
Connie Morris, Home Life
Pat Walsh, International Outreach
Beth Jetha, Public Issues

Committee Chairs

Judine Heard, President's Advisor
Sarah Helen Kilgore, Historian
Leigh Reynolds, Women's History
Lucy Willard, Tallulah Falls School
Myra Carmon, 1734 Society/GFWC Liaison
Karen Clydesdale, A Seeded Event/LEADS
Melodie Rogers, ESO Book Club
Karen Johnson, Peachtree Women's Writers Alliance
Page Henry, Domestic Violence (GFWC & GFWC GA Special Project)
Rita McGregor, Nominating Committee
Elizabeth Byrd, Website
Lisa Banes, Marketing/Public Relations
Judy Reece, Member Events/Communications/Bridge
Britton Rogers, Social Media
Judy Reece, Weekly Bulletin
Billie Harris, Newsletter Editor