



# Atlanta Woman's Club



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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Clubwomen,

It's February and if you were a member this time last year you know what that means - the reports are in the mail to the State office. Our CSP and committee chairmen spent many hours crunching numbers and writing narratives documenting our projects for 2015. Thank you for your dedication to this time-consuming yet important task.

By now you know one of the service projects during GFWC's annual convention will be volunteering to the Weinberg Housing and Resource Center. The center provides fundamental shelter and food to 275 people each day. Clubs asked to get involved by collecting and sending toiletry items to GFWC's headquarter by June.

Between now and our May meeting, I would like to ask you to bring any item on the list to the meeting. While there are a number of toiletry items listed, I'd like our club to fulfill the feminine hygiene needs and ask you to consider purchasing products in that category.

After the meeting in May, we will ship all donations to GFWC's office. If you would like to make a cash donation, please follow the [instructions](#) and mail directly to GFWC.

Finally, the official call for Fifth District meeting is included in the newsletter. I look forward to you joining me on March 17, 2016.

Judine B. Heard  
President, 2014-2016

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## LEADERSHIP QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“The single biggest way to impact an organization is to focus on leadership development. There is almost no limit to the potential of an organization that recruits good people, raises them up as leaders and continually develops them.”  
-John Maxwell

## A SEEDED EVENT

The Atlanta Woman’s Club will be hosting several upcoming fundraising events as part of the Seeded Event Program.

On April 28, 2016, the Atlanta Woman’s Club will host a fundraising event for the Bettie Brand Mother’s Empowerment Fund.

On May 7, 2016, the Atlanta Woman’s Club will host a fundraising event for the Georgia Ballet, entitled *Pas das Chavel*.

On July 14, 2016, the Atlanta Woman’s Club will host a fundraising event for FitWit Foundation.

Tonya S. Watson  
Communications Coordinator for A Seeded Event Program (Arts)  
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## TALLULAH FALLS SCHOOL

Lucy Willard, Chair

Our annual trip to Tallulah Falls School is scheduled for Friday, March 18, 2016. We will meet in the parking lot of Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church located at 2715 Peachtree Road, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia. Make plans to arrive from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. The bus will leave promptly at 9:30 a.m. If you are interested in going, please contact Lucy Willard.



## MEMBERSHIP

Cimi Douglass

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Membership

Email: [cimi.douglass@gmail.com](mailto:cimi.douglass@gmail.com)

**Reminder Membership Deadline!** Reminder the deadline is Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, for membership renewals. If dues are not received unfortunately we will have to remove your name from our roster effective March 1. The renewal dues are \$65 per year. *If you would like to renew your membership please visit: [www.atlwc.org](http://www.atlwc.org) and go to the event calendar date of January 1 - click that date to pay your \$65 renewal fee online by credit card. If you want to mail your membership dues, please send your check to Atlanta Woman's Club, ATTN: Cimi Douglass, 1150 Peachtree Street, NE, Atlanta, Ga. 30309. Note New Members: According to our bylaws, if you joined our Club in November, you do not have to renew. Thank you!*

**Welcome New Members!** AWC welcomed three (3) new members in January. Below please find their bios, 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!" Welcome to The Atlanta Woman's Club Elizabeth, Beverly and Mia!!



Elizabeth Jeffress Thorsteinson, originally from Virginia, has lived in Atlanta for six years. She moved to Atlanta to complete her graduate work in Neuroscience. After recently buying a house in Midtown with her husband, Ryan, Elizabeth finally came to terms with Atlanta being "home" and that she should begin to set down roots. Her mom, a thirty-year Clubwoman in Virginia suggested she visit the Woman's Club in Atlanta. Elizabeth was excited to meet the women of the Atlanta Woman's Club and looks forward to joining the club. Elizabeth has fond memories of clubwork with her mother and wishes to begin giving back to the local community, especially now that her schedule is more predictable as an Adjunct Professor at GSU and Agnes Scott College.



Mia McCaskill born April 9, 1986, in Jacksonville, Florida. I am married to my best friend David McCaskill. We have two great children Maria Bella 9 and David Maximus 6. My life in Atlanta began when I enrolled in Bauder College to obtain a degree in Fashion Design. I graduated with an AA in Fashion in 2006.

Although my artistic passion was strong I was not yet established enough to provide for my family. Through various friendships and opportunities I was connected to a job with Fulton County Superior Court Clerks Office in 2008. I begin in the Real Estate department (which connected me to Phoenix Flies then connecting me to AWC). I have always enjoyed

challenges which encouraged me to transfer to the Courts department.

## MEMBERSHIP CONT'D

Working with the Superior Court Clerks Office changed my life and goals for the better. Having such negative documented papers was very disturbing to me; especially because these were local people. I begin to inquiry of how to get involved with changing these issues that plague the city I live in. I got involved from establishing gardens with inmates, volunteering with Clerk opportunities. I resigned from my job with the Clerks Office to regain my focus and goals in 2013. With I time off I continued to connect and be involved with community sustaining efforts. With almost 2 years regrouping I've accepted a position with Fulton County State Court. My bio is incomplete and I like to keep it that way. I believe my life is an incomplete art that is ever unfolding.



Belinda Allen

Belinda Allen is a native of Rock Island, Illinois, but have now lived in Atlanta, Georgia longer than I did in my home town. My favorite things about moving to the South include sweet tea, collard greens and southern literature. My appreciation for Atlanta was deepened by my early involvement in the Atlanta Preservation Center and Atlanta History Center – Current Historians, including helping develop the APC Ansley Park Walking tour and training the initial volunteers.

I am an active patron of the Arts, including the High Museum of Art, the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, Michael C. Carlos Museum @ Emory, and the Theatrical Outfit, among others.

I work for AT&T as a Legislative and Regulatory Compliance Manager.

I am married and have 2 children and 2 stepchildren, all in high school or college. I stay very busy outside of work through tennis, volunteering for the Everybody Wins reading program, and attending every concert I possibly can by the ATLCollective and The Shadowboxers. (Please ask me about them!).

Welcome Ladies, we look forward to you working with you and sharing your talents with us!

### **Membership Orientation – Sunday, March 13th, 2016**

You are invited to attend our next Membership Orientation scheduled for Sunday, March 13th, 2016, noon at the Club. A casual lunch and beverages will be provided. This orientation will hopefully provide you the information you need to become more active within our organization. We will review our history, our affiliations, procedures, bylaws, standing rules, etc. Upon receipt of your rsvp, we will send you a copy of our handbook, bylaws and standing rules. Please review them if you have time and we welcome your questions. I'd like this orientation to be informative and interactive.

RSVP by clicking this link or copying it onto your browser: <http://awc-membership-orientation-march-13.eventbrite.com>. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact [cimi.douglass@gmail.com](mailto:cimi.douglass@gmail.com).

I look forward to seeing some of you on Sunday, March 13, 2016 at noon!

Cimi Douglass, Membership Chair

## PHOENIX FLIES

Plans for the March 8 and 15 Phoenix Flies Tours, at the historic Wimbish House, are progressing nicely. This year's Phoenix Flies event is again being coordinated by AWC members, Elvina Calland and Penny Blackford and new member Adam Leigh. Atlanta Preservation Center (APC) who is the creator and sponsor of the Phoenix Flies Tours began this event in 2003. This will be the AWC's sixth consecutive year as a site host.

This event opens the Wimbish House to the public and shares the Atlanta Woman's Clubs' history through the decades from 1895 to the present.

Last year's volunteers are being contacted first to see if they wish to participate again this year. To date, the following members in addition to the coordinators have signed up to participate in this exciting event: Judine Heard, Cimi Douglass, Karen Bacheller, Vanessa Lauren Massie, Page Henry, Judith Behrens, Barbara Culmer-Ilaw, Pat Walsh, Billie Harris, Lisa Banes, Morgan Foster, Tonya Watson and Carol Boaz..

A newsletter article was submitted for January's newsletter and arrangements are being made for volunteers to be fitted for period costumes and for costumes to be picked up and returned as well as volunteers confirming last year's room assignments for both days of the tour.

If all room assignments cannot be filled by last year's participant's members will be notified. If interested in a possible vacancy please contact Penny Blackford at [blackforp@bellsouth.net](mailto:blackforp@bellsouth.net) or Elvina Calland at [ecalland@bellsouth.net](mailto:ecalland@bellsouth.net).



## OPERATION P.E.A.C.E.

For more than 20 years, Operation PEACE Inc. has served Old Fourth Ward (O4W) residents living in the Village of Bedford Pine community. This in-town neighborhood has one of the highest concentrations of Section 8 subsidized housing in the Southeastern United States. There are over 1,300 residents in the Village of Bedford Pine; statistics reveal that 96% of households are female-headed; 48% of the population is under the age of 18 and 99% of the households have an annual income of below \$10,000. In addition, local schools continue to underperform and therefore there is a need to ensure students get additional academic enrichment and families get additional support to overcome extraordinary challenges and obstacles to success and self-sufficiency.

Operation PEACE is seeking support for their annual signature fundraiser **The Mardi Gras @ the Masquerade. The event will be held on Saturday, February 6, 2016 at Masquerade, 695 North Avenue N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30308 from 9:00 p.m. to 12 a.m.** Early bird tickets can be purchased by January 15, 2016 for \$60, and sell for \$75 thereafter. This annual fundraiser is loads of fun, guests dance the night away to the sounds of a live band; A Pryor View Experience will play a variety of genres including Rhythm & Blues and New Orleans Jazz. The event features a silent auction, great food and signature. Get your tickets today at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mardi-gras-masquerade-2016-tickets-19225781831?aff=es2>.



## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

An election will be held at the **March 14th** general meeting to fill the positions of President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and two Board of Trustees members for the 2016-18 term (June to June). Our Club membership is graced by many talented and professional women, and the Nominating Committee appreciates the suggestions for candidates for these positions and the willingness of those who have agreed to serve our Club upon election.

**This election is not a popularity contest. Please give careful consideration to the skill sets that each candidate has described.** Review Article V (Officers) and Article VII of the AWC Bylaws to familiarize yourself with the important responsibilities of each position to be filled. As you elect new Officers and Trustees, please consider the interest, availability, expertise, and collaboration skills necessary to serve effectively in these positions.

Here is the proposed slate of candidates for each office, listed alphabetically:

**President:**

Cimi Douglass

Judine Heard

**First Vice President:** Tonya S. Watson

**Second Vice President:** Jo Dee Gonzalez

**Recording Secretary:** Sara June McDavid

**Treasurer:**

Page Henry

Latonya Jordan

**Assistant Treasurer:** Penny Blackford

**Board of Trustees Nominations (2 positions)**

Karen Bacheller

Karen Clydesdale

Barbara Culter-Ilaw

Karen Johnson

Each nominee has signed the Consent-to-Serve form and supplied a bio as included here as received, listed alphabetically and position sought in parenthesis.

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**Karen Bacheller (BOT)**

Karen is a licensed professional nurse who has worked and held leadership roles in both hospital and home care settings. Karen joined the Atlanta Woman's Club in 1999 and has held several elected and appointed positions. These positions include 1st Vice-President, President, Co-Chair

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of the Board of Trustees as well as the AWC History Book Committee and participation in Phoenix Flies.

Currently Karen serves as the Chair of the Board of Trustees, Treasurer of the 5th District and Chair of the 1734 Society at the local, district and state levels.

She would welcome and be honored to continue service on the Board of Trustees

### **Penny Blackford** (Assistant Treasurer)

Bachelor of Arts degree was received from Stetson University, DeLand, Florida and Master of Social Work was received from Florida State University. Held jobs with: the Department of Child Welfare in Fort Lauderdale Florida, performing Adoption Studies and Foster Care Home finding and Supervision of Foster Care Placements; Economic Opportunity Atlanta as School Social Worker, Social Worker with Youth and Community Organizer; 43 years with State of Ga, Department of Human Resources as Manager of the Adult Programs Contract Services Unit, Program Operations Manager for the Older American's Act, and Community Care Service Program, Consultant for the Division of Aging Services.

Belong to and/ or hold offices in the following organizations: USCPFA-Atlanta Treasurer, and Chinese New Year Banquet coordinator: Recording Secretary of the Atlanta Woman's Club (AWC) and co-chair of the Conservation Community Service Program with the AWC ; Treasurer of the Adams Park Residents Association and participant of the Beautification Committee of the Adams Park Residents Association, Board member of the Adams Park Foundation and member of Trees Alive an organization that teaches ways to remove English Ivy and other invasive from trees.

### **Karen Clydesdale** (BOT)

I was elected as a Trustee in 2014. Good leadership requires one to serve their club where they are most needed. Last year I was elected as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President to fill a vacancy. This required me to vacate my BOT seat. It has been an honor to serve and work with the CSP Chairs. We now have members who qualify and are willing to serve as 2<sup>nd</sup> VP. I would like to return to the BOT as a trustee. In 1941 the Board of Trustees was formed to maintain economic and membership stability and to guide the club business affairs. I have owned my own successful business for more than 20 years. This experience along with my extensive service at the Club, District and State level qualifies me to serve on the Board of Trustees. As with all of my service to the Federation it is an honor and a privilege and I would very much appreciate your vote.

**2015- Northwest District 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Elect**

**2015 -GFWC Georgia State and District LEADS Co- Chair.** Organize and conduct Leadership Education and Development Seminar for state participants. Judge reports from throughout the state.

**2015 AWC 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President-** Serve as Dean of Community Service Project Chairs

**2012-2015 AWC Trustee and Fundraising Committee Chair** –Seeded Event Committee, Chair, which raised more than \$65,000

**2012-2014 President, GFWC AWC-** Established Strategic membership Committee, expanded social media presence, assisted with creation of new web site and obtained greater community recognition.

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**2009-2011 Chairman of the Board of Trustees-** Instrumental in obtaining 501c3 status

**2008-2009 Assistant Treasurer-** Managed Club finances to include collecting, writing and recording checks and served on the Budget Committee

**2007- Present various positions-** Nominating Committee Chair, Decorating/ Luncheon Chair, Bylaw Revisions Committee, Chair, Parliamentary Advisor. I have actively participated in all 6 CSP's, Advancement Areas and Tallulah Falls School projects.

### **Related Personal and Business Achievements**

**1972- Present** Married 44 years, mother of three children, and proud grandmother of five

**1976- Present** Licensed Real Estate Agent in three states. Agent with Dorsey Alston, ABR member, Fundraising Committee

**1988- Present Owner** and President of Design Fabrique Company, an Interior Design Firm

### **Volunteer Experience**

Homeowners Association, President, Membership Chair, Social Chair

Sandy Springs Garden Club, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Flower Show Chair, Flower Show participant and judge

Leukemia Lymphoma Society, Marathon and Half Marathon Coach for Team in Training

### **Barbara Culmer-Ilaw (BOT)**

During my eleven year membership in the Atlanta Women's Club I have been chair of the Public Affairs committee, was a member of the bylaws committee (1996) a member of the Home Life committee, asst. Treasurer and currently serve as Treasurer. I participate in numerous special club projects i.e. Phoenix Flies etc.

I attend Institute regularly and have participated in the Leeds program.

I am active in a number community outreach programs especially those programs relating to woman, children and the homeless.

I am a member of the Architectural Control committee for my homeowner's association. I am active in my church holding leadership positions.

For eighteen years I was a senior executive for a multinational engineering firm. I successfully owned and operated a management consulting practice specializing in HR and Diversity management.

### **Cimi Douglass (President)**

I would like to begin with why I would like to become President. As most of you know, AWC is my hobby and my great passion. It gives me a sincere sense of purpose in my life to know that I am contributing to an organization that does so much for so many. I love the possibilities of continuing to grow this organization and challenge to make it better. I love the fact that I can lend my talents to assist this organization in making a difference not only by attempting to make our club more efficient which impacts the charities financially, but how we can also impact our members and the guests who visit us. AWC is a constant reminder to those that are stuck in the day to day rat race that they can squeeze out a little time and give back in some way—that's our mission, to encourage our members to become active within the community. I'm extremely proud to say that we fulfill that mission each month by offering service opportunities and by inviting

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speakers to educate us various issues impacting the community and society. I'm proud to be a part of a club that works so hard to do their part in making the world a better place and with our affiliations of GFWC and GFWC GA, our reach is widespread. I am honored to be nominated. I have served as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President for two terms (4 years) and have seen/experienced firsthand the duties and responsibilities of (4) AWC Presidents. I feel that I am very capable of leading this organization, but most importantly I am looking forward to supporting and assisting its members to become better leaders within our club and our community. I feel that every President must have knowledge/experience with GFWC/GFWC Ga.) which is why I accepted the nomination for 2<sup>nd</sup> VP of the new North West District. We have a new incoming State President which I suspect will make some positive changes within the State. AWC should have a representative involved within GFWC Ga in order to gain firsthand knowledge of all proposed changes. During my (7) years here, I made every effort to become involved with all committees/CSPS's in an effort to learn how things are done and how we can improve our club.

2016-2018 – GFWC Ga. North West District 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

2015 – GFWC Georgia State Transition Team Representative for the 5th District

Elected by the 5th District to represent its interest with regard to the reorganization of the State's Districts as the 5th District transitions to the North West District. Transition Team Representatives also serve on the Nominating Committee for the North West District.

2012 – Present 5th District Newsletter/Clubwoman representative

2012-Present Atlanta Woman's Club 1st Vice President: As 1st VP, I created new membership processes for our Club which increased our membership from 46 members to over 100 members. Created new After 5 programs to meet the needs of our growing membership who work during the day. Organize & host new member service events specifically for our new members and formal orientations. AWC has won District since 2012 and at the State level since 2013 in the membership category.

2012-Present Board of Trustees Member; 2014 BOT Secretary

2013 Graduate/Attendee of State LEADS Seminar

2014 –Present Fundraising Committee Member - Created “A Seeded Event Program”

Fundraising concept to include the drafting of initial documents & application materials for our President's review

2013-2015 - Webmaster/Communications - Instrumental and responsible for the creation of our new interactive website for our membership and the general public. Previously maintained the website, newsletter, weekly updates; Created AWC's logo; draft articles for submission to State and National levels in addition to general media

2012 Social Media - Created the Club's first social media presence: 2012 I sought approval to obtain a social media presence. Once approved, I created our initial Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, and LinkedIn platforms. In addition I created AWC's first Vimeo videos and continue to create yearly video which is presented at our May meetings.

2013 Created AWC's Wikipedia Page

2009-2013 Newsletter Editor – Refreshed AWC's newsletter. Our newsletter has won State awards since 2010.

2008- Present various other positions held:

Began as Greeter in 2008, since then served as past ESO coordinator, Nominating Committee, member of all 6 CSPs committee, Fundraising Committee, drafted various reports to State including Communications, website, Leads, newsletter, recently created Club Weekly updates which is sent out every Monday, worked with Phoenix Flies public tours to include dressing in period dress 1895 to discuss the history of GFWC AWC.

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### **Jo Dee Gonzalez** (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President)

I joined the Atlanta Woman's Club in March, 2013, anxious to become an active member of an organization with hardworking, professional and dedicated women, and with a desire to support the mission of the AWC. I am proud to run for the office of the Second Vice President and to have the opportunity to work closely with the CSP chairs and their committees. I believe that my experience on the Executive Board and as an Arts CSP co-chair for almost 3 years will enable me to do the work required and to assist and support the CSPs in developing their programs, assisting with District and State reports, and coordinating GFWC plans of work with regular monthly meetings.

#### **CSP Experience:**

##### **Co-Chair Arts CSP, 2013 - present-**

**Objective:** To assist in creating projects with co-chair that would inspire the membership and encourage creativity. Through support of the arts and with education, lasting relationships with the community are developed.

**Projects:** Atlanta Artists Center juried exhibit and Reception; Sheltering Arms art project for children; collection of art supplies for Hope Hill ES; donation to Grady HS for student scholarships and student development; Atlanta Hartsfield International Airport Tour; member painting class; volunteer as docent for the Atlanta Symphony Decorator's Show House and Callanwolde Holiday Show House; Peachtree Women's Writers Alliance meetings and evening reception, promote GFWC Member Art Competition; multiple donations to GFWC recognized organizations.

**Duties:** Executive Board member; write annual reports for District and State; develop appropriate projects through research and discussion; attend Reporting workshops and Executive Board meetings

#### **AWC Experience:**

**Leadership Education and Development Seminar (LEADS):** appointed by President Judine Heard to represent the AWC .

**120th Birthday Celebration:** the LEADS committee developed and executed all aspects of this event; included meal selections, flowers and décor, champagne toast, specially designed glasses, printed napkins, and surprise musical piece by Synchronicity Theater; 6 pole banners and one large banner were designed and installed on Peachtree Street, announcing the 120th Anniversary.

**Proclamation:** arranged for a reception to honor the women of the AWC following the Proclamation at City Hall, held at the Wimbish House; refreshments were served, planning by LEADS committee

**Streets Alive:** Coordinated this event; scheduled 8 AWC members to staff the building, provided tours to the community and refreshments were served on the porch.

#### **AWC Participation:**

Attended and participated in the following: Membership Orientation, Reporting Workshops, Georgia Justice Project, Butterfly Festival at the Chattahoochee Nature Center for Conservation CSP, Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO) Reading Program, Education CSP, the Ronald McDonald House (Home Life CSP), Tallulah Falls School, Seeded events, all Art CSP projects, and other CSP events offered to the membership; Bridge Club; Nominating Committee alternate 2015.

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### **Judine Heard** (President)

Judine joined the Atlanta Woman's Club in 2005 and is honored to serve as our current President. Since joining the club, she has held various positions, including secretary of the Board of Trustees and Home Life Chairman. She is also Home Life Chairman of GFWC Georgia 5<sup>th</sup> District.

During Judine's first year as President, a Standard Operating Procedure was written. A Club Weekly, also established while in office, is now being emailed each week to remind members of upcoming events and important dates.

Judine considers her leadership style as that of a facilitator. The members elect competent officers. She appoints smart, confident ladies whom are trustworthy and passionate in carrying out the mission of our club. When asked what word best describes her as President, she responded "diplomatic."

Judine considers it an honor to be nominated. If you entrust her to this position for a second term, one of her many goals will be to provide a leadership training for all members while continuing to promote our legacy of volunteerism.

### **Page Henry** (Treasurer)

Atlanta Woman's Club member since 2010

Assistant Treasurer 2012-2-14, 2014-2016

Active member of the Board of Trustees 2012-2014. 2014-2016

CSP Conservation 1 year

Domestic Violence Chair 2014-2016

5<sup>th</sup> District Chair Education CSP 2014-2016

Mission team leader for short term mission trips to Estonia 2001-2015. Responsible for trip planning, budgeting and executing trip plans and objectives. Sponsored by Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church, Marietta.

Realtor with Harry Norman Realtors from 2003-2016. Assisted buyers and sellers in the purchase and sale of homes. Ranked in the top 5% of a company of 1,100 realtors each year. Heavy emphasis on the understanding of real estate values and in negotiations for the purchase and sale of real estate. Average transaction of \$540,000. Assist many clients in the purchase of property and in arrangement of financing packages to enable the execution of the purchase.

Chairman of Advisory Board for Harry Norman Realtors Senior Marketing Consultants for 2 years. Currently active member of this board representing the 1,100 in meetings with corporate management.

### **Karen Johnson** (BOT)

**Producer, Karen Johnson, Goodmovies Entertainment** began her career as a corporate attorney with the international law firm Jones Day and later got an MFA in film production from the Peter Stark Producers Program at the University of Southern California School of Cinematic Arts. Karen produces film, television and web media, both fiction and non-fiction. Her award-winning productions have been distributed and broadcast throughout the world. She has a special interest in projects by, for and/or about women. Karen originated and produced the award-winning feature documentary *Double Dare (2005)*, about Hollywood stuntwomen directed by Oscar-nominated director Amanda Micheli. *Double Dare* was an official

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selection of the Toronto International Film Festival and won numerous film festival audience awards worldwide, screened theatrically in the U.S., was broadcast on PBS's Independent Lens, and was distributed worldwide by NBC/Universal. Through her prior partnership, Wild Rose Productions, Karen co-produced the romantic comedy *Twice Upon A Yesterday* (1998), starring Penelope Cruz and Lena Heady and directed by Maria Ripoll, which was nominated for an Imagen Award and a Goya Award. Recently, Karen was the executive producer of the feature documentary *Wanda the Wonderful* (2014), by writer/producer/director Carolyn Macartney, about Macartney's grandmother, a Wild West sharpshooter. The film is playing the festival circuit and will be broadcast on PBS. Karen is currently producing two feature documentaries that are in post-production: *Yayoi Kusama: A Life in Polka Dots*, by award-winning director/producer Heather Lenz about the world famous avant-garde Japanese artist whose career has spanned over 60 years despite her mental illness. The film is being produced in partnership with Submarine and Dakota.

Films who have been involved in a number of successful art documentaries. Karen is also producing *Making Waves: The Art of Cinematic Sound* about the history and artistry of sound design in the movies. *Making Waves* is being directed by 20 year sound veteran and USC's Head of Sound Midge Costin, and written by Bobette Buster, international story consultant and author of *DO Story: How to Tell Your Story So The World Listens*. Karen is also working with Oscar-nominated producer/director Paola DiFlorio and President's Award winning educator Dr. Karen Panetta on a webseries based on Dr. Panetta's highly regarded Nerd Girls educational program which supported by the IEEE Disruptive Innovators Initiative. Karen has developed feature films with Brillstein Grey Entertainment, Original Films, Universal Pictures and Sony Pictures. Her documentaries have been supported by numerous grants and foundations.

### **Latonya Jordan** (Treasurer)

I am highly motivated and have a solid background in accounting. My entire career has been in the accounting and financial industry. I received my Masters at Troy State and Bachelor of Science, Accounting from The University of Alabama. Currently I serve as a Senior Financial Analyst at McKesson. I am confident that I can perform the duties of Treasurer and handle AWC's accounting/treasurer needs. I am willing to create, draft and implement accounting strategies if there are none. Please review my resume below which outlines my specific skill set. Not only do I feel qualified for this position, but I would be honored to lend my talents to the Atlanta Woman's Club. I have been a member of the Seeded Event Committee and currently handle the Seeded Event financials along Vanessa Massie. The committee meets every Friday and I have been well informed of GFWC and AWC's standards and procedures. Structured and detailed accounting policies are vital to 501(c)3 organizations and I realize the importance to maintain that status.

### EXPERIENCE

McKesson Provider Technologies, Relay Health  
Atlanta, GA

### **Senior Financial Analyst** **10/10-Present**

Participate in the long-term financial analysis and strategic planning, setting budget targets and coordinating the budget process.

Analyze and communicate the key metrics and drivers of the division's performance (against history, budget, forecast, and strategic plan).

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Perform month end close process in collaboration with the shared accounting services organization.

Provide financial support and analysis to the Product Management and Operational areas.

### **Senior Accountant**

**06/08-10/10**

Completed the month-end revenue accrual process (billing, credit memos, and deferred revenue) related to the Pharmacy transaction activity going through the Customer Profile System.

Preliminary contract reviews and interface on revenue recognition issues with MPT Technical Accounting.

Prepared supplemental monthly and quarterly financial schedules with variance analysis.

Sarbanes-Oxley Act self-assessment control testing including periodic controls documentation updates.

Monthly reviewed and approved selected balance sheet accounts and payment approvals to various aggregators.

### **Focus Brands, Inc, Cinnabon, Inc. Atlanta, GA**

#### **Senior Accountant**

**06/04-06/08**

Prepared ad hoc, monthly financials, and consolidated reports for presentation to Senior management.

Assisted Controller with day-to-day financial accounting and routine closing activities.

Responsible for monthly, quarterly, and yearly audit adjustments entries identified through the reconciliation process and review.

Provided financial support and analysis to the Finance and Operational areas.

### **MCI Alpharetta, GA**

#### **Senior Accountant (Contractor)**

**02/04-04/04**

Supported General Accounting by creating reconciliation templates to include descriptions, procedures, and process improvements for balance sheet accounts.

Monthly reviewed and reconciled selected balance sheet accounts as assigned by the General Accounting Manager.

Balanced and posted daily XRT activity to various Sun Trust Bank accounts.

Responsible for month-end and audit adjustments entries identified through the reconciliation process and review.

### **inCode Telecom Group, Inc. Atlanta, GA**

#### **General Ledger Accountant**

**10/03-02/04**

Installed and implemented recent General Ledger System-Lawson 8.03.

Responsible for the maintenance and support of Lawson General Ledger system as it related to

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the Finance Group.

Performed monthly financial analysis and prepared balance sheet, income statement, and statement of cash flows.

Monthly reviewed and reconciled balance sheet accounts.

Supported and performed month-end, quarter-end, and year-end closing duties relating to the accounting cycle.

### EDUCATION

Troy State University, Atlanta, GA Masters of Business Administration 2001

The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL Bachelor of Science, Accounting 1995

### COMPUTER SKILLS

SAP, PeopleSoft, TM1, Hyperion, Lawson 8.03, Oracle Discoverer, Oracle Financial Analyzer, Microsoft Office, QuickBooks, CSS (Customer Service System), Document Direct

### **Sara June McDavid** (Recording Secretary)

Sara June McDavid is an Atlanta native with degrees from Mercer and Emory universities. She spent the first half of her career as the director of several traditional libraries, including Fernbank Science Center and the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta. The last half of her career she managed business research at several international consulting firms. She retired from the Boston Consulting Group in 2010 as Lead Researcher within their global travel practice.

Over the years Sara June has been active in numerous professional organizations and local nonprofits. She served on the board of the Atlanta Humane Society and also held the post of President and other board offices with the Atlanta Humane Society Auxiliary. She was a board member and Vice Chairman of the Southeastern Library Network (SOLINET). Sara June was Vice President of the Georgia Library Association and served three terms on the GLA board. She was also president of the Georgia chapter of the Special Libraries Association. Sara June was editor of *Library Management Quarterly* for 5 years and also served as editor of four professional newsletters.

In retirement, Sara June is an active volunteer and student at Emory's Osher Life Long Learning Institute. Since joining the Atlanta Woman's Club she has been active in the projects of the Arts CSP and projects such as Streets Alive, Christmas at Callanwolde, Atlanta Botanical Garden Scarecrow and the ESO Book Club. She feels that her experiences with other boards and editorial experience have qualified her to record and provide accurate, edited minutes to the AWC board and membership.

### **Tonya Watson** (1st Vice President)

As soon as I joined the Atlanta Woman's Club, I instantly wanted to be part of its endeavors and community service. I have lived in Atlanta, Georgia for 15 years, with a three year hiatus in Kentucky while attending law school. I received my J.D. in 2011 from Northern Kentucky University - Chase College of Law. Currently, I am a Senior Legal Specialist with McKesson Corporation. In this role, I provide legal guidance on various health related topics and track industry trends in order to assess the immediate and long-term impact of health care reform on the industry. I personally feel my legal experience and skills can be an asset as First Vice President.

June 2014 - Present – Fundraising Committee Member: I have assisted with A Seeded Event

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Program as the Communications Coordinator since the inception of the Program. In carrying out my responsibilities as Communications Coordinator, I work within the Constant Contact and Propay platforms to create invitations, mass mailings, handle registration, and collect payment from fundraising donors. In addition to these responsibilities, I also attend weekly meetings with the fundraising committee, document meeting minutes, create task lists, greet guests at the fundraising events, and draft and negotiate contracts/agreements between the Club and selected non-profit organizations, always keeping in mind the best interests of the Club. I was Co-Chair of the Stand Luncheon, which was a fundraising event benefitting the Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence whereby I oversaw all aspects of the fundraising event and acted as the liaison between the Club and the Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

**March 2015 – Elected by the membership to be on the Nominating Committee:** As a member of the Nominating committee, I review qualifications of candidates seeking to run for leadership positions within the Club to ensure the candidates are qualified to hold such positions and ensure nominated candidates and elections comply with the Club's bylaws. I also collect nominations on behalf of members that wish to nominate someone to a leadership position and submit that nomination to the remainder of the Nominating Committee. Additionally, when called upon by the Committee, I may nominate another member to be considered by the Club for a leadership position.

**Volunteer Activities with the Atlanta Woman's Club:** Since joining the Atlanta Woman's Club in 2014, I have been involved in many Club-sponsored volunteer activities, including participating in the Atlanta Community Food Bank Hunger Walk, visiting and engaging in activities with kids at Children's Health Care of Atlanta Fun Factory, participating in the ESO book club, and providing tours of The Wimbish House for Phoenix Flies. Additionally, as the Communications Coordinator for A Seeded Event Program, I've spent over 100 hours volunteering to assist in ensuring the Club's fundraising events are successful in order for the Club to maintain its 501(c)(3) status.

## EDUCATION

### **Northern Kentucky University - Chase College of Law**

Juris Doctor May 2011

### **Georgia State University**

Bachelor of Arts May 2008

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**-----McKesson (Regulatory Law Group), Senior Legal Specialist**  
**01/2013 - Current**

Conduct research and advise business unit attorneys and other key stakeholders on a variety of issues.

**Coventry Health Care of Georgia, Inc., Regulatory Compliance Analyst**  
**4/12 - 01/13**

Negotiated and drafted Business Associate Agreements, Data Service Agreements, and Non-

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Disclosure Agreements from third-party vendors.

**O'Hara, Ruberg, Taylor, Sloan & Sergent, P.C.**, *Law Clerk*  
**01/10-05/11**

Conducted research on a variety of legal issues for a general litigation law firm.

### **MEMBERSHIPS**

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State Bar of Georgia

Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Georgia

Georgia Association of Women Lawyers

American Health Lawyers Association

American Bar Association

Atlanta Woman's Club

## SPEAKER SPOTLIGHT

**Larry A. Peevy**  
**President and Head of School**  
**Tallulah Falls School**

Larry A. Peevy is President and Head of School at Tallulah Falls School. Tallulah Falls School is a well respected college preparatory school with an enrollment, Fall term of 2016, of 460 students in grades 5-12.

President Peevy spent most of his previous 40 year professional career in college and university administration serving most recently as vice-president for Enrollment and Retention Services at Georgia Military College in Milledgeville, Georgia.

Prior to that he served at Georgia College and State University for 20 years, and was a member of or chaired most major University System of Georgia committees related to enrollment management and information systems.

Since serving as President at TFS he has been honored as “The Outstanding Educator in Six Counties,” and, the school has been named “The Outstanding School” in six counties. Most recently, TFS was named by an independent evaluation agency as #7 out of the top 100 college prep schools in Georgia.

During his 9 years as President of TFS, he has more than tripled enrollment, increased revenue by over 3 million dollars, developed and implemented a strong strategic plan, completed a 9 million dollar academic building renovation of the upper school, created a new middle school, upgraded the curriculum to include 18 college courses taught on campus for the students and has completed many building renovation projects throughout the campus totaling over 20 million dollars without increasing debt to the school. Currently under construction is a new gymnasium for the middle school with an indoor walking track, weight room, performance stage, rock climbing wall and other special advantages.

Larry also served his country as an Army Infantry and Transportation officer for 23 years.

President Peevy is currently President-elect of the Habersham County Chamber of Commerce.

He and his wife Dinah have been married for 43 years and have two children and four grandchildren.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Monday, Feb. 1st, 7:00pm -Peachtree Women's Writers Alliance**

Our Peachtree Women's Writer's Alliance, sponsored by the AWC Arts Community Service Program, meet at the Wimbish every 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month. We focus on nurturing our writers by rotating readings of their works in progress, and offering support in sharing ideas and having discussions that will help bring their writing projects in fruition. Please join us, whether you are currently writing, or just enjoy the creative process that leads to a great read!

### **Thursday, Feb. 4th, 10:00am - Bridge**

Bridge Club meets every 1st Thursday of the month. If you are interested in learning how to play please contact Judith Behrens for arrangements for early arrival (9:30am). There will be coffee and light breakfast refreshments during play. Afterwards, all interested players are invited to have lunch nearby. Please RSVP to Judith Behrens at [judithmbehrens@gmail.com](mailto:judithmbehrens@gmail.com).

### **Monday, Feb. 8th, 11:15 a.m. - AWC General Meeting**

Please RSVP by clicking this link or copying it onto your browser <https://awc-february-8-general-meeting.eventbrite.com>. You may also RSVP to Judith Behrens by email at [judithmbehrens@gmail.com](mailto:judithmbehrens@gmail.com) or by phone at 404-304-5545.

As always, please let us know how we can help you get involved, engaged and connected!  
[www.atlwc.org](http://www.atlwc.org)

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