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President's Message

Each year local clubs are responsible for reporting its activities from the previous year to GFWC Georgia. These reports must be postmarked by February 1.

Our CSP co-chairmen, committee chairmen and officers spent December and January writing reports. In order to complete their reports, some chairmen ask committee members to write reports. Our membership even assisted by sending time and funds donated throughout the year to various chairmen.

The chairmen totaled time and money donated from different sources. They wrote narratives to describe the projects on report forms. Many reports included supporting material to further enhance reports.

As you can imagine, many hours were spent organizing and documenting last year's activities. Thank you for your generosity of time and the seriousness in completing the reports.

The official call for Fifth District meeting is included in the newsletter. Please join me at the meeting on March 19, 2015.

Judine B. Heard
President 2014-2016

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Next Luncheon: February 9th
Kindly RSVP to Judith Behrens

Speaker Spotlight



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

President Larry Peevy has served students for over 40 years as a middle and high school math teacher, Director of Admissions and Records at The University of Montevallo, Associate Vice President at Georgia College and State University, as Vice President of Georgia Military College and currently serves as the President and Head of School at Tallulah Falls School. During his professional years of service in the University System of Georgia, he was called on by the Chancellor to serve on many major Board of Regents committees which helped shape the university system that is in place today.

President Peevy was recognized, upon his retirement from higher education, for his extraordinary contributions to and leadership in his profession by his peers. He has also been named the top administrator in six counties. He is known throughout the nation and especially here in Georgia as being a great motivational speaker. His desire is to help all students reach their highest potential.

President Peevy and his wife Dinah have been married for over 41 years. Dinah is an experienced Biology instructor who has taught at the High School and College levels. She is currently teaching Biology at Tallulah Falls School. President and Mrs. Peevy have two children and four beautiful grandchildren.

Cimi Douglass
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Please renew your membership now! One more reminder before I close the books on the renewal process. If you haven't already sent in your renewal dues – please do so as soon as possible. You can mail your check to the Club, or you can go to the Atlanta Woman's Club website – www.atlwc.org, then click on the Events calendar to the January 5th date. There you can pay your dues online via credit card. *Renewal fees are \$55. 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. You can bring your check to the February 9th meeting. Note: According to our bylaws, if you joined our Club in November, you do not have to renew.*

New Member Service Project – February 21, 2015 at Gigi's Playhouse. AWC new member, Connie Morris has confirmed the date and the details and our new members are volunteering at Gigi's Playhouse on February 21st, 2015. Gigi's Playhouse is an established series of Down Syndrome Achievement Centers, serving children and adults of all ages, each Playhouse provides educational and therapeutic programs at no charge to families; and in a format that individuals with Down syndrome learn best. All programs aim to maximize self-confidence and empower individuals to achieve their greatest potential. Gigi's Playhouse is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt charitable organization. To learn more: <http://gigisplayhouse.org/atlanta/>

Tallulah Falls School

A group of educators from China visited the Tallulah Falls School campus Tuesday, January 20 for an annual sharing of ideas and information.

Lucy Willard
TFS Chairman

Welcome New Members! AWC 2 new members to the Club at the January Meeting! Please read their brief bios attached to this newsletter. It is 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!" Please welcome:



Naomi Alvis is a native Georgian with a BS in math from UGA. She has 2 sons and 3 grandchildren. She recently retired from Coca-Cola after working in IT for 30 years and now looks forward to becoming involved in community activities, "spending time with my grandchildren, and traveling."



Cheryl Schuster is relatively new to the Atlanta area, having moved here in 2010 from the Wisconsin/Illinois area. For almost 30 years she has been a practicing speech-language pathologist for the public school system in varying capacities. Her daughter, Jessica, also lives in the Atlanta area while her son, Logan, and his wife, Chelsie, live in the Denver area. In December, she welcomed a new grandbaby!

She is also active in volunteering and fostering for the Atlanta Pet Rescue in Smyrna but while in Illinois fostered for National Brittany Rescue. Her hobbies are walking and hanging out with her two Brittannies and making hand made lampworked beads. She looks forward to volunteering with AWC and helping make our community stronger

ARTS COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

The Peachtree Women's Writers Alliance, sponsored by the Atlanta Woman's Club will meet on Monday, February 2, 2014, from 7 to 8:30 PM at the Wimbish House. This month will be a planning meeting for the year and will focus on talking with our authors within the Club, and how to best support and nurture their development.

The Membership is invited to attend the Callanwolde Arts Festival on January 23-25, 2014. This is the second annual indoor Arts Festival of this nature at Callanwolde. It is a festival for artists by artists, allowing them to have a voice in the creation and operations of the festival. Whether it is attended individually or with other friends or members, think about sharing a short description of your experience to share with the Atlanta Woman's Club members. It is always a joy to share stories of some of the programs and events supported with fellow members. Please email any description or composition to your Arts CSP co-chairs and these will be forwarded to the membership.

In February, plans will be finalized for a tour of the Hartsfield-Jackson Airport Arts program. The program develops and integrates art, exhibits and performances into the fabric of the airport environment for the benefit of passengers and employees. It has 3 major components: commissioning artists to create site-specific work, presenting rotating exhibitions and scheduling performing arts series. Dates and times will be announced at the February membership meeting and will likely be scheduled the last week of February. Look for details also in upcoming email messages.

Rita McGregor, Arts CSP Co-Chair, rtmcg23@gmail.com
Jo Dee Gonzalez, Arts CSP Co-Chair,
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Public Issues Community Service Program By Beth Jetha

Feb. 1-7, 2015 is Burn Awareness Week. Eighty percent of burns occur at home. Please take steps to make your house a safe environment and prevent burning or scalding. Set the water heater to a maximum of 120 degrees Fahrenheit. It will be hot enough to wash clothes and dishes but will not burn you. Practice safe kitchen habits to prevent scalding accidents—keep children away from stoves, ovens and electric appliances, keep hot drinks or food from the edge of tables, move sauce pan handles away from the edge of the stove, and use insulated pot-holders, not towels, to handle hot saucepans.

Last year, the Public Issues Community Service Program committee donated more than \$6,000 in Atlanta Woman's Club funds to various organizations to promote

and support social justice, civic service, and our military families. We had club members who volunteered on Voter Registration Day and a polling station on Election Day. We are all very proud of the volunteer hours contributed by members to the Georgia Justice Project. AWC members served more than 300 volunteer hours to the GJP last year.

Beth Jetha, Public Issues CSP Co-chairman

Judith Behrens, Public Issues CSP Co-Chairman

A SEEDED EVENT

The Atlanta Woman's Club will be hosting its second fundraising event as part of the Seeded Event Program. This event will benefit the Georgia Center for Child Advocacy and will feature a silent auction with unique heart shaped artwork. The Atlanta Woman's Club and the Georgia Center for Child Advocacy would like to thank several members who have donated artwork for the event, Karen Thomson and Azam Zadeh. Members that would like to donate artwork to the event or purchase tickets may still do so by visiting <http://conta.cc/1xNKhBk>.

Synchronicity Theatre, the first recipient of the Seeded Event Program, has extended an invitation to our members to attend its open house on January 28, 2015. The open house will feature a happy hour, cabaret, and karaoke. Members may RSVP to the open house by visiting <http://howdyneighbor.bpt.me>.

The Atlanta Woman's Club is already looking into future fundraising events as well and are encouraging members to nominate non-profit organizations. Applications for a spring/summer fundraising event are currently being forwarded to the Georgia Ballet, the Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and the USO.

Tonya S. Watson
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Program (Arts)
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Phoenix Flies Update

Plans for the March 10 and 17 Phoenix Flies Tours, at the historic Wimbish House, are progressing nicely. This year's Phoenix Flies event is being coordinated by AWC members, Elvina Calland and Penny Blackford and was created and is sponsored by the Atlanta Preservation Center (APC). Atlanta Preservation Center started the Phoenix Flies Tours in 2003 and this is the AWC's fifth 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.

To date, the following members in addition to the coordinators have signed up to participate in this exciting event: Karen Bacheller, Carol Boaz, Judith Behrens, Lisa Banes, Vanessa Lauren Jones, Karen Clydesdale, Barbara Culmer-Illaw, Cimi Douglass, Dorothy Garrett, Billie Harris, Page Henry, Ellen Milholland, Pat Walsh and Tonya Watson.

Judith Behrens volunteered to embellish scripts for each decade, Elvina Calland wrote last month's newsletter article and is making appointments for volunteers to be fitted for period costumes and will be picking up and returning costumes. Penny Blackford communicated to volunteers tentative room assignments for both days of the tour and will be making arrangements for an article in the AJC.

If members were unable to attend January's meeting or forgot to sign up, it is not too late. Volunteers are still needed for Tuesday March 17, 2015. If interested please contact Penny Blackford at blackforp@bellsouth.net or Elvina Calland at ecalland@bellsouth.net.

Phoenix Flies



Bridge

BEGINNERS WANTED!!!!

The Bridge Club will meet at 9:30 (for the beginners) and at 10:00 for the regular members on Thursday, February 5, 2015 at the Wimbish House. We regularly meet on the first Thursday of each month. Breakfast is brought in by a member each month and after 3 hours of Bridge we always go out to eat lunch together....COME JOIN THE FUN!!!!

Please RSVP to Ginger Foshee gingerfo@bellsouth.net or call 770-775-6230....see ya at the Bridge table!

Seeking nominations for two Board of Trustees positions

The Atlanta Woman's Club is seeking to fill 2 Board of Trustees positions for the 2015-17 term (June to June). We are fortunate to have an organization made up of so many talented and professional women, so it's exciting to be able to put their skills to use for the benefit of our Club.

The current BOT members are:

Karen Bacheller, Chair

Judith Behrens (*rotating off this term*)

Karen Clydesdale

Judine Heard, AWC President

Barbara Culmer-Illaw, AWC Treasurer

Donna Foland (*rotating off this term*)

Cimi Douglass, AWC First VP

Page Henry, AWC Assistant Treasurer

Myra Carmon, Parliamentarian

**The two rotating off are Judith and Donna*

Nominations may be given to any of the Nominating Committee, listed below. We must present the slate at the March 9 general meeting, as well as post it in the Club and publish it in the newsletter prior, so please make your nominations as soon as possible.

Here are some FAQ about the process and requirements for the BOT position:

Who can be nominated?

A candidate for the Board of Trustees shall have been a member of the club for at least one year with regular attendance (Article VII Section 2).

Do I need to get permission from someone before I nominate her?

Once a name has been given to the committee, a member of the committee will contact the candidate to discuss the duties of the office with her. Nominees will then complete a form confirming their willingness to serve if elected.

What if I nominate someone and her name does not appear on the slate?

If someone is nominated and her name does not appear on the slate it is either because she chose not to serve or did not meet all of the qualifications.

Can members of the Nominating Committee be nominated?

Yes, but they must remove themselves from discussion of their candidacy.

Can an officer of the club run for another office?

Yes, but if elected to another office that officer must resign her position before assuming the new position (Article V Section 2 "No officer may serve in two elected positions at the same time").

Will nominations be taken from the floor?

Yes, however the Nominating Committee requests that you provide that name to the committee prior to the election so that we can verify the qualifications of the candidate. The name will remain confidential until nominated from the floor.

Can any member of AWC nominate someone?

Yes.

Nominating Committee Members

Lisa Banes: lisa@nolossforwards.com (chair)

Tonya Watson: tonyaswatson@gmail.com

Ruth Yurchuck: ry@abraxis.com

Renee Sanders: rdsander@comcast.net

Madelyn Pavon Suriel: mpsurielesq@gmail.com (alternate)

Billie Harris: whatstheplan-llc@live.com (alternate)

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

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Judine Heard, *President*
Cimi Douglass, *1st Vice President*
Ellen Milholland, *2nd Vice President*
Penny Blackford, *Recording Secretary*
Ruth Yurchuck, *Corresponding Secretary*
Barbara Culmer-Illaw, *Treasurer*
Page Henry, *Assistant Treasurer*
Ruth Yurchuck, *Corresponding Secretary*
Myra Carmon, *Parliamentarian*

Board of Trustees

Karen Bacheller, *Chair (2014-2016)*
Donna Foland, *Co-Chair (2013-2015)*
Judine Heard, *AWC President (2014-2016)*
Barbara Culmer-Illaw, *AWC Treasurer (2014-2016)*
Page Henry, *AWC Assist. Treasurer (2014-2016)*
Cimi Douglass, *Corresponding Secretary (2014-2016)*
Karen Clydesdale, *Trustee (2014-2016)*
Judith Behrens, *Trustee (2015)*
Myron Carmon, *Parliamentarian (2014-2016)*

Community Service Program Chairs

Ellen Milholland, *2nd Vice President & Dean of Community Service Programs*
Jo Dee Gonzalez and Rita McGregor, *Arts*
Karen Johnson and Penny Blackford, *Conservation*
Donna Foland and Kedra Gotel, *Education*
Betty Daniels and Carol Boaz, *Home Life*
Pat Walsh, *International Outreach*
Beth Jetha and Darlene Childers, *Public Issues*

Committee Chairs

Daisy Luckey Aukerman, *Advisory*
Sarah Helen Kilgore, *Historian/Women's History*
Lucy Willard, *Tallulah Falls School*
Karen Thomson, *Past Presidents*
Karen Bacheller, *1734 Society*
Karen Clydesdale, *A Seeded Event*
Melodie Rogers, *ESO and Book Club*
Barbara Culmer-Illaw, *Budget*
Anne Jones, *Nominating Committee*
Lisa Banes, *Marketing, Logo, and Website Design*
Donna Foland, *Publicity & Public Relations*
Judith Behrens, *Member Events*
Chaundra Lockett, *Social Outreach & Social Media*
Lisa Banes, *Marketing, Logo and Website Design*
Peyton Chambers, *Newsletter*