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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well here it is, the end of the GFWC 2014-2015 year. Looking back at our accomplishments it is quite overwhelming to think about it. First, while many members vacationed during the summer, our club did not take a break - we continued to volunteer during the summer months. Throughout the year, we made a difference in our community, near and far by working in our community. I'd like to thank each co-chairmen of the community service programs and committee chairmen who spent countless hours preparing for projects. I'd like to also thank each member who served on committees, volunteered time, set-up for monthly meetings, and members who could not attend meetings but often contacted me and wished us well and looking forward to joining us in the future.

In September I mentioned my goal was to produce a procedures manual. The manual, which would be periodically updated, would serve as a guide for future leaders of our club. Thank you to our second vice president, with the assistance of all CSP co-chairmen who completed the manual. We couldn't communicate with our members if not for our network of media specialists, thank you, for time and expertise in developing something wonderful. In fact, because of our weekly digest, our members will continue to hear from us throughout the summer.

It was fun getting together at our book club meetings and social gathering. Both activities gave us an opportunity to get to know each other in a relaxed setting.

Enjoy your summer and I look forward to another year working with a group of grand ladies!

Judine B. Heard

LEADERSHIP QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Leadership is diving for a loose ball, getting the crowd involved and getting other players involved. It's being able to take it as well as dish it out. That the only way you are going to get respect from the players."
-Larry Joe Bird, NBA player and coach

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ARTS

WORKS OF ART: The Arts Community Service Program recently sponsored our first AWC painting class at The Wimbish House. Thanks to Arts Committee member, Ginger Foshee, for acquiring and arranging our instructor, Gail Wynens. Gail provided our materials and brought her knowledge and her patience to guide and direct us in creating our own individual paintings. We all look forward to continuing bi-monthly classes beginning in July. Watch for dates and times to be announced.

Peachtree Women's Writers' Alliance, sponsored by the Arts Community Service Program, meets the first Monday of every month at 7pm at the Club. Our Writer's Group seeks to be a supportive, comfortable environment for sharing work of our writing members and educating ourselves about writing. We look forward to seeing you on Monday, June 1, to share in light refreshments and interesting discussions and dialogue with our guest writers. We are currently exploring a program location for a mid-summer outing. Details will be announced soon. For more information about the Peachtree Women's Writers' Alliance, please contact Karen Johnson at goodmoviesent@aol.com.

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BRIDGE CLUB

Bridge Club meets on the first Thursday of every month at 10:00am. Breakfast is provided by a member each month. Bridge usually lasts about 3hrs and we go to lunch afterwards.

If you are interested in learning how to play bridge or if you already know how to play, we would love to see you on Thursday, May 7th!

Please RSVP to Ginger Foshee

At gingerfo@bellsouth.net or 770-775-6230....see you there!!



ESO BOOK CLUB

Thank you Karen Bacheller and Penny for hosting our most recent Atlanta Woman's Club bookclub - a lovely, lovely evening with a Spanish theme - the menu, the wines! As always Karen, you open your home with warm hospitality.

It was a pleasure to meet author John Cressler and discuss his book *Emeralds of the Alhambra* as well as the period in Spain's history where different religions lived in tolerance. John said that he enjoyed meeting with us and being in Karen's home.

Thank you all for another year of reading and supporting Georgia's authors as we break for summer. Enjoy summer and happy reading!!!

We will meet in September, reading our own member Laura Templeton's new book, *Summer of the Oak Moon*. Please note any books that you would like the group to consider.

Melodie Rogers

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TALLULAH FALLS SCHOOL

Lucy Willard-Chair

Tallulah Falls School eighth graders celebrated a successful academic year and conclusion to their middle school experience as 55 students received diplomas during a commencement ceremony held May 21 immediately following the middle school awards program.

Fifty-seven students from Tallulah Falls School received their diplomas on May 16 at the commencement exercise. This year's valedictorian is Linden Pederson and its salutatorian is Hannah Gulle. The class earned more than \$6.7 million in scholarships excluding the Georgia HOPE scholarship.



HOME LIFE

Home Life CSP Takes Action Against Child Hunger

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Nearly 16 million kids in America today are at risk of hunger—that's enough to fill nearly 8,000 playgrounds. How can you make difference? It's easy. Just look for the red pushpin on specially marked packages of ConAgra Foods® brands and Kings Hawaiian® breads—at the grocery or in your pantry—and bring them to the club each month. One of our members, Linda Birkhoff will enter in all of our codes for us and report to us periodically. For every code entered one meal is provided to a child in the United States. This is a great way for all of us to get involved in the fight against hunger in the United States.



ConAgra Foods® has been committed to ending child hunger in America for nearly 20 years. This year, it's their goal is to put 3 million meals on the table for kids who are food insecure, one code and one meal at a time. Be a part of the movement! Simply look for the red pushpin on specially marked packages, and bring them in!—it's that easy.

Look to Your Favorite Brands to Find the Code

You'll find our trademark red pushpin and the code you need to enter on these ConAgra Foods brands, and on specially marked packages of King's Hawaiian® buns. You may not be able to feed everyone, but you can help feed one more.

Scroll to see which brands are participating.



CONSERVATION

World Peace Rose Garden at MLK Jr. National Park

AWC had the honor of participating in the 23 Anniversary Celebration of the “I have a Dream World Peace Rose Garden,” held Thursday May 14, 2015 at the MLK Jr. National Park Historic site. Conservation CSP provided medallions for the winners and will maintain the rose garden. Pat Walsh, co-chair of International Outreach CSP donated funds and Page Henry’s daughter Trisha Gaffney who worked at CNN obtained discounted tickets which enabled the winning Chinese student delegation to tour CNN.

This was a most inspirational event where 30 student finalists, from all over the world, read their 35 words or fewer messages about peace. The winning entries were engraved on plaques and can be read in the World Peace Rose Garden. As manifested in two of the winning entries below the future of the world is in good hands and will be a better place.

WE CHOOSE OUR FUTURE
All around you hear that sound,
Of people fighting and hurting.
People must learn to get along,
And not blame others for being wrong.
We just need to open our hearts,
That where the peace clearly starts.
It’s not that difficult to embrace and find,
With caring heart and open mind.

By Laura Keve, Grade 9, Georgia Cyber Academy, Atlanta.

PEACE
We must see that peace
Represents a sweeter music,
A cosmic melody
Far superior to the discords of war.
We must transform the Dynamics of the world.

By Gabrielle Hall, Grade 7, St. Peter Claver Regional Catholic School, Decatur.

Judine Heard-President, Karen Bacheller-BOT chair, Elvina Calland, Lexa King and Penny Blackford attended the event and were recognized for our contributions by both the National Park Service , TJ David, and Sylvia Villalobos, co-creators of the International World Peace Rose Garden.



Volunteer for “The Annual Flying Colors Butterfly Festival on June 6, 2015 at the Chattahoochee Nature Center. Contact Karen Johnson or Penny Blackford if interested.

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MEMBERSHIP

Cimi Douglass

1st Vice President, Membership

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MEMBERS IN ACTION VIDEO! For those of you who were not at the May meeting - here's our 8 minute May video showing just a small fraction of the events we participated with since last May. I see some of your smiling faces and I'd like to thank all of you for being a vital and active part of our membership. Let's do more and give more!!! <https://vimeo.com/127610904>

Welcome New Members! AWC 2 new members to the Club at the May 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:



Erin Tatham has lived in the Atlanta area for over 25 years, growing up in Marietta and currently living in Smyrna with her husband and almost two year old daughter. Erin graduated from Clemson University in 2005 and spent several years working in marketing and advertising for various corporations and advertising agencies. In 2011, she co-founded a private wealth management firm, Meridian Investment Partners. Erin currently works full time for this firm and manages marketing, business development and client service tasks. Erin is an avid Clemson fan and enjoys traveling, doing activities with her family and being outdoors.



Jacqueline Grund has been a resident of Georgia for the past 15 years. Currently she resides in Buckhead with her husband Jason who recently retired from the cellular phone industry. She is from the great State of New York and has two wonderful adult children. Her son, Bret is an executive at UPS and her daughter Carly, who is soon to be married, is a special education teacher with Fulton County.

Jackie has enjoyed being in the women's apparel industry for the past 20 years. She is currently a stylist for Carol Anderson Designs out of Los Angeles. She enjoys reading, working out, and traveling.

MEMBERSHIP CONT'D

NEW MEMBER AND MEMBER VOLUNTEER EVENT

Ladies, Connie Morris is our liaison for GiGi's Playhouse and received this call from GiGi's Playhouse...Some of our new members volunteered with the kiddos one Saturday at the playhouse and it was a lot of fun. GiGi's is hosting a gala on June 6th at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens and they need volunteers. Connie and I, along with my husband are volunteering for this event. Below are timeframes and duties. Please let me know if you are interested in volunteering and which timeframe and we can all carpool or convoy to the gardens. Here's the link: <http://gigisatlanta.com/calendar/>

Gigi's Playhouse is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing free therapeutic programming, resources, and support to families of individuals with T21/ Trisomy 21/Down syndrome. GiGi's addresses the special needs of our families by offering, for free, a literacy tutoring program, a math tutoring program, physical-, occupational-, and speech-based therapeutic classes, family support, social events and a vast referrals network. It is the only one of its kind in Georgia that is specific to this need.

As you can imagine, they rely heavily on volunteers and at the moment they are in dire need of volunteers to help on Gala Night (June 6 at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens) go smoothly.

Please consider volunteering at Gigi's Gala – They have one gala each year and this is where most of the annual fund raising is conducted. This event allows them to keep their doors open. It is also the event that allows them to help their kids and families, by providing FREE programming. In order to ensure that everything flows smoothly for the attendees, they need our help.

Please consider these tasks and let us know where you can help. You can sign up here or by emailing fwebster@gigisplayhouse.org

Early set up (20 volunteers) -Arrive 11:30-1:30 and or 2:30-4:30

Choice of

- 1) Pick up all gear at Playhouse (min 3 people)
- 2) Table centers, easels with photography, photography center (photo printer, step and repeat, cords etc)
- 3) Registration table set up
- 4) General placement of materials and photos in Mershon Hall, the 'courtyard' walk, and Day Hall

Event helpers -6:00 -8:00 (dressed all black & fresh greens corsage, magnet volunteer button, both provided)

- 1) Handlers (15) - One to one, assigned to a kid regardless if parents are present . Keeping kiddos happy (thirsty, need a snack etc), helping introduce themselves, and escorting everywhere they go like movie stars (background checks needed for this)
- 2) Raffle Ticket sales and seating help (20) Sell raffle tickets and help with seating

7:00-11:30 (20) Tasks:

- 1) Deliver photos to tables
- 2) Accept bid cards and donations
- 3) Walk around with auction bump/photos
- 4) Understand all 12 "didja know?" Facts (two sides card with T21 and GiGi's bullet points, provided)

11:30pm-12:30am (5) -Take down and return packed boxes to Playhouse

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Special election to be held at June meeting

A special election will be held at the general meeting on June 8 to fill the position of Second Vice President, which has been vacated by the resignation of Ellen Milholland. The Nominating Committee presents Karen Clydesdale as candidate to fill this important position:

Karen M. Clydesdale
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Community Service Program Chairs are the organizational structure that determines the projects that our club members participate in. Almost every activity and every project that our club undertakes falls under one of the categories of CSP's. As Dean of the CSP's my goal is to work closely with them, the Executive Committee, and GFWC Georgia to assist, educate and support AWCs mission and the CSP's plan of work. As the former President of AWC, I attended numerous CSP meetings and events, working closely with them to achieve their goals. In addition to writing reports for Special Projects I also reviewed all CSP reports submitted to the State by our club. As the current State Leadership "LEADS" Co- Chair, I read, evaluated and judged Leadership reports from Clubs all over the State of Georgia for awards recognition. I believe this experience and these skills make me uniquely qualified to perform the tasks of the Second Vice President. I will work diligently to help guide our CSP's towards another successful year by building a stronger club and stronger communities through volunteer service. Below are my club experience and credentials.

Objective: Second Vice President, GFWC Atlanta Woman's Club

2015 - GFWC Georgia State LEADS Co- Chair

Organize and conduct Leadership Education and Development Seminar for state participants. To include conflict resolution training, time management, parliamentary procedure, mediation and techniques for pursuing leadership opportunities.

Judge State reports for awards

Conduct mini-LEADS workshops for clubs throughout the district and state

2012-2015 AWC Trustee and Fundraising Committee Chair –

Seeded Event Committee, Chair, which raised more than \$50,000 in the first six months. Coordinated with CSP Chairs for potential recipients.

Successful negotiation of a \$1.5 million dollar multi year lease of AWC real estate.

2012-2014 President, GFWC AWC-

Established a Strategic Membership Committee to expand our membership base.

Approved and assisted with the creation of a new interactive website for our membership and the general public.

Expanded our social media presence.

Increased our community presence by signing up our club to participate in more community events such as Streets Alive.

Worked with Phoenix Flies public tours to include scripts and period dress which resulted in an article in the AJC.

Developed ad campaign and branding for club t-shirts and marketing

Assisted with and wrote Reports for State which resulted in awards.

Worked with all CSP Committees to innovate and support their community projects.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE, CONT'D

2009-2011 Chairman of the Board of Trustees-

Instrumental in obtaining a 501c3 Status for AWC

Directed significant amount of assets toward supporting the community while preserving a historic building.

Negotiated contracts and agreements pertaining to the maintenance and operation of the Wimbish House

Served on the Budget Committee

2008-2009 Assistant Treasurer-

Managed Club finances to include collecting, writing and recording checks.

Assist with preparation of the budget.

2007- Present various positions

Nominating Committee Chair, Decorating/ Luncheon Chair, Bylaw Revisions Committee, Chair, Parliamentary Advisor and have actively participated in all 6 CSP's as well as Tallulah Falls School projects.

Related Personal and Business Achievements

1972- Present Married 44 years, mother of three children, and proud grandmother of four.

1976- Present Licensed Real Estate Agent in three states

1988- Present Owner and President of Design Fabrique Company

1996-1997 President, Homeowners Association

2010-2012 1st VP Sandy Springs Garden Club

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June 7 – The Flying Colors Butterfly Festival delights everyone all weekend at the Chattahoochee Nature Center when the air fills with the beating wings of hundreds of beautiful butterflies! Conservation needs volunteers to help face paint at the Flying Colors Butterfly Festival on Sunday June 7 from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. We will need to be there a bit early to pick up supplies and get set up, and they will provide beverages and lunch for us. If you want to bring your child or grandchild and they are over 12 years they can also volunteer. We have done this event in the past and the kiddos are a lot of fun and enjoy their faces painted. If interested please contact Penny Blackford at conservation@atlwc.org or blackforp@bellsouth.net.

Next Luncheon: Monday, June 8th, 2015

Kindly RSVP to Judith Behrens

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SPEAKER HIGHLIGHTS

On behalf of Home Life, this month's speaker is Cat Lewis, Volunteer Service Manager from Ronald McDonald House Charities.

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