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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Atlanta Woman's Club's Spread the Love Challenge!

Kindness. Is it contagious? Well The Atlanta Woman's Club thinks it is! What if we lived each day with the purpose of making a difference in someone's life? Would it be contagious? Could we start a domino effect of spreading peace, love and kindness within our communities? I believe it will.

As you know June will be our last general meeting before our summer break and I'd like for all of us to consider taking AWC's Spread the Love Challenge throughout the summer. Each week, AWC will challenge our members and Facebook friends to do ONE RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS that week. Each week we will post a Random Act of Kindness and we'd like you to consider putting it into action. Some challenges will be easy and some will force you to dig a little deeper. Whether you choose to participate in the challenge that week or choose your own random act of kindness, what's important is that we attempt to find ways to spread love and kindness in the communities we live in. If you accomplish the task, we'd love for you to share your experience by commenting on our Facebook post!

Most of us will never be involved in solving the big world problems, so... **what CAN we do?** It's easy. We spread the love to one person at a time, one project at a time. We're not going to end war or poverty, but little random acts of kindness can make a big difference. It only takes a minute of effort on your part, but it can have lasting results for the people around us – people we may never see again, but who will remember the gesture and some will even pass it on.

At the June meeting, we will hand out an item that will hopefully be a constant reminder to pay it forward and spread the love throughout the summer.

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So are you up for the challenge? We hope so!
Hope to see all of you at the June 12th meeting!
Spread the Love!

Cimi Douglass
President 2016-2018
The Atlanta Woman's Club



CONGRATULATIONS MEMBERS!

Congratulations to all of the CSP, Advancement Area and Special Committees who received recognition at the District and State Level. Below is a list of awards our Club received at District and State Conventions. Thank you to all of the members who joined in and participated in these committees and their service activities.

District Level

Conservation – 1st Place Recognition Citation and Best Overall Conservation Silver Award
Women’s History – 1st Place Recognition Citation and Best Overall Women’s History Silver Award

Arts, Education, Home Life, International Outreach, Public Issues – 2nd Place Citation
Member Crafts Recognition at District Level – Catherine Smith, Jamilla Porter, Anita Jansen and Linda Birkhoff

State Level

Conservation – 1st Place Conservation Community Service Award, Outstanding Conservation Community Service Project and 2nd Place “Go Native” Award

Arts – Outstanding Arts Community Service Project Citation

Membership Masterpiece Puzzle Award

Leadership – Dunwoody Leadership Citation and Silver Award

Leadership – Leadership Award

Communications – Stevens-Youles Communications Citation and Silver Award

Communications - Clubwoman Magazine Award

Communications – Facebook and Other Social Media Award

Communications – Newsletter Award

1734 Society The Lucy Willard Citation and Silver Award

The Goal Gavel Award

Tallulah Falls Award – The Endeavor TFS Citation and Silver Award

Tallulah Falls Award - Martha McElhannon Extra Mile Fund Citation and Silver Award

Tallulah Falls Award - Pat Swan/Lilburn Woman’s Club Extra Mile Fund Citation and Silver Award

Tallulah Falls Award - Training for Success State President’s Special Project Citation and Silver Award

Tallulah Falls Award - Score 1 for TFS Junior Conference Citation and Silver Award

Tallulah Falls Award - Elaine Singley Chandler Memorial Scholarship Citation and Silver Award

Member Arts

Catherine Smith – 1st Place Mixed Media Art

Jamila Porter – 1st Place Short Story

Anita Jansen – 2nd Place Crochet & Stitchery

Nancy Cleave – 2nd Place Photography

JoDee Gonzalez – 2nd Place Photography Still Life

Leadership - Karen Clydesdale Selected to Represent GFWC Georgia at the International Leads Seminar

MEMBERSHIP

Tonya S. Watson

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Welcome New Members! AWC welcomed three (3) new members in May. 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!"

Norma Center



Norma Center is the Director of Development with one of Atlanta's top 501c3 nonprofits, Easter Seals North Georgia. She has been with ENSG in various positions since 2008. In that timeframe, she has worked with executive staff, managed relationships with donors, marketing, and the community. She has had fun sharing Easter Seals message through speaking engagements, and social media. She has helped build multiple creative events, a volunteer program and grown the company into a rich digital content and data outcome driven nonprofit. Norma loves sharing her success stories about the children at Easter Seals and looks forward to getting to know everyone and be a part of The Atlanta Woman's Club.

Natasha Foreman



Natasha L. Foreman is the CEO and Managing Consultant for Foreman & Associates, LLC, a management consulting and business support services firm. Natasha is the Co-Founder and Chief Global Strategist at Storiboard Nation LLC , a tech startup focused on connecting teens and young adults to positive role models around the world. She is also honored to serve as an Adjunct Professor at Kaplan University and Atlanta Technical College, where she teaches business courses.

MEMBERSHIP CONT'D

Mariana McCready



Mariana McCready is a native of West Virginia who has proudly called Atlanta home for the last 6 years. She attended college at the University of South Carolina where she obtained a degree in business and marketing. She finished her studies with an international MBA from Thunderbird School of Global Management. For the last twelve years, she has worked in the technology sector helping companies and organizations understand how to transform their workplace processes with cloud software. Today, she has her own business, combining her education and work experience called SmartScribe, where she helps tech companies create marketing content.

Mariana has always had a passion for travel and a curiosity for other cultures and languages. In her travels, she studied or lived places like Colombia, Argentina, Brazil, Panama and Spain. She is always amazed with the people she meets and the places she sees, but returns home feeling a tremendous gratitude for having been raised in such a wonderful country with so many opportunities. For that reason, she has a strong motivation to give back to society and help those in need where ever they may be.

PUBLIC ISSUES

The Atlanta Woman's Club members have a standing invitation from the USO to tour a USO Center here in Georgia. Time, date and location are yet to be determined but there were a few ladies who expressed interest at last meeting. If you want to include your name on a list, please email me at beth.jetha@gmail.com or call and leave a detailed message at 770.331.0933.

Seats are still available for of the Atlanta Beltline Project on Sunday, June 25. Be at the Inman Park MARTA station for pick up at 12.30 pm. Ideally, you would park your vehicle for free at any MARTA station and take the train to the Inman Park stop. The tour is free for AWC members. After June 15, if there are extra seats on the bus, they will be open to friends and family for \$25 each (check payable to Atlanta Woman's Club). Please email me at beth.jetha@gmail.com or call and leave a detailed message at 770.331.0933.

The Georgia Justice Project Back to School event will be held on Saturday, July 22 at the Dunbar Recreation Center at around 11 am. Volunteers will be needed to help set up, supervise games, take down tents and help with clean up. Sign up sheet will be available at the June general meeting.

Beth Jetha
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SPEAKER SPOTLIGHT

This month, the Public Issues Community Service Program committee will feature Rehabilitation Enables Dreams Inc., a 501 c 3 non-profit organization that was founded in 2015 by David Windecher, an Atlanta lawyer who served prison time in his youth, obtained his G.E.D. and went on to college. Public Issues CSP will support RED Inc. and our Club's donation will fund their efforts to further anti-recidivism research.



Manny Arora, a board member of RED Inc., is one of Atlanta's successful criminal defense attorneys. His early accomplishments include a bachelor's degree in nuclear engineering from Georgia Tech. and a law degree from Georgia State University. He served in the US Air Force and was an adjunct professor at GSU's School of Law. He is currently a partner at Arora & La Scala, a law firm that specializes in trial law, criminal defense, and sports law.

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CONSERVATION

MLK, Jr. World Peace Rose Garden:

Conservation celebrated the 25th Anniversary of the Martin Luther King, Jr. "I Have a Dream" World Peace Rose Garden On May 10 and 11. AWC member volunteers attended a dinner reception Wednesday evening at the MLK Visitor Center and then lent a hand at an Award Ceremony in the Garden and the old Ebenezer Baptist Church on Thursday. T.J. David and Sylvia Villalobos Co-Creators of the International World Peace Rose Gardens coordinated the celebration with Rebecca Karcher, Chief of Education and Cultural Resources for the National Park Service which administers the Garden. Guest speakers were Martin Luther King III and Andrea Waters King. Each year an annual contest is held and children from local, national, and global schools submit poems of peace inspired by the memory and messages of MLK, Jr. The 2017 celebration recognized the 30 winners whose poems are now displayed on plaques in the Garden. There were 12,322 entries and 160 finalists who submitted poems from China, India, Mexico, Gaza, California, Washington DC and Atlanta. A special delegation of Chinese students also came over for the celebration. There were 20 finalists and 3 winners selected from China's 9000 entries. Special guests Sandy Huber and Poet Laureate Tama Brisbane attended from Stockton California where a new International World Peace Rose Garden is being developed. The Garden is one of five major World Peace Rose Gardens established around the world at cultural, historical and sacred centers of the world. The Garden has been a successful multi-year project of Conservation CSP coordinated by Penny Blackford and supported by group of regular volunteer "MLK Garden Angels" who snip the roses and help maintain the Garden on a regular basis to keep it looking its best. T.J. and Sylvia recognized the work of AWC's volunteers at the festivities with special awards. A winning poem and pictures from the event are below. The roses are thriving and AWC volunteers are needed now for the 2017 Garden growing season. Snipping happens on Saturday mornings in the Garden. Please contact Penny Blackford to volunteer.

Annual CNC Butterfly Festival:

The Chattahoochee Nature Center is again hosting the annual Butterfly Festival on Saturday June 3 and Sunday, June 4. Conservation volunteers at this event every summer and we always have a lot of fun painting the faces of children who attend the festival. This year we need 6 AWC volunteers to face paint on Sunday, June 4th from noon to 5 pm.

The Nature Center will provide us with a light lunch and will have some snacks and water available for all day. Plan to wear cool clothing, and bring sunscreen and a hat. There will be a variety of other activities that day for children to teach them about butterflies and conservation so please tell you friends and family about the event! Please contact Karen Johnson to volunteer.

Karen Johnson, Conservation CSP Chair

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ESO BOOK CLUB

Hello all,

Thank you for all who have supported the Atlanta Woman's Club Book Club this year. We have read some great books that allowed the experience of reading to enrich us and learn from. Along the way we have had fun, enjoyed good company, shared meaningful conversation, creative food, and maintained our book community within the Atlanta Woman's Club.

Those at last Monday's meeting looked at books for next year. I will be contacting authors over the summer who may want to visit our special group.

We enjoyed a very special evening at our last meeting of the season, Monday May 15th at Anne Valgoi's home. We discussed Karen White's book *The Night the Lights Went Out*. The evening was ideal in allowing everyone the opportunity to talk and share experiences. Thank you Anne for your hospitality and creative details from the book such as sweet tea, cookies on silver trays and dinner. We all left with surprising and fun gift bags, just like at a birthday party in Sweet Apple - and lipstick, too - always love lipstick.

Coming up . . .

Our next Atlanta Woman's Book Club will meet Monday September 18th at 6:30pm. We will host author Wendy Wax. I have asked Wendy what book she would like us to read, and will try to sell her paperback at our June General meeting for reading over the summer - details to come.

As always let me know if you would like to host, share hosting - lots of creative ways to be involved in hosting.



ARTS



AWC members attended The Power Lines Exhibit, sponsored by the Atlanta Woman's Club Arts CSP, on Sunday, May 21st at the Atlanta Artists Center (AAC) in Buckhead. AWC members photographed with local artist, E. Richard Clark, AAC Power Lines Exhibit winner. AAC's mission is to promote and support the visual arts in the local community and assist in the development and advancement of artists.

ARTS CONT'D

AWC Art CSP has been invited to attend an exclusive reception celebrating SCAD FASH's senior and 2017 graduate student's fashion collections. The reception will be held on **Thursday, June 1st from 5p-7p at Sak's Fifth Avenue in Phipps Plaza (3440 Peachtree Rd.)** Please RSVP to tgilstra@scad.edu and bcc hawcinc@live.com prior to attending.

The Castleberry Hill Art Stroll is coming up on **Friday, June 9th at 7pm** and AWC Arts CSP will be attending. The art stroll is a free self-guided tour. Please come and stroll with us through one of the top 10 Arts Districts in the country. We will be meeting in the parking lot of No Mas Cantina (180 Walker St.) at 6:30pm and begin our stroll at 7pm visiting Besharat Gallery, Liana Delgado Art Studio and Gallery, the Granite Room, Zucot Gallery, and ending at the Escape Gallery inside No Mas with dinner following for all who would like to attend. **Please RVSP** for the stroll by **Thursday, June 8th** to Billie Harris at 678-617-8511 or by email at hawcinc@live.com. Let's support our local arts community and celebrate the many talented artists in and near Atlanta.

Arts CSP will continue our ongoing volunteer project with drawchange throughout the summer, beginning on **Monday, June 19th from 4-5:30pm**. We will be assisting the children at the local shelter with their art therapy projects. 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.

The AWC Arts CSP has a new partner! I'd like to introduce you to Paint Love! Founded in 2013 by Aaron and Julie Ann McKevitt, Paint Love is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to connect artists and nonprofits for a positive impact on youth through art. Paint Love brings art classes and donations to nonprofit organizations throughout metro Atlanta. The Arts CSP will be partnering with Paint Love on a volunteer project with Kate's Club on **Sunday, June 25th from 12p-4p**. All interested members are encouraged to contact Billie Harris for more details at hawcinc@live.com. There will also be a sign up sheet at our general meeting.

Billie Harris, Art CSP Chair

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