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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Changes and Transitions for 2018-2020

Over the past several months, GaFWC has seen transitions on many levels in the state, district and clubs within the districts including the change in leadership at the AWC. At state convention, Tina Daniel Reasey began her leadership as GaFWC President. Also, the newly elected Junior Club Director Becky Bolden and officer's transition into 2018-2020 club work for the Georgia Juniors. In each of the six districts, officers were installed for the 2018-2020 years.

We are particularly interested in the Northwest District since this is the AWC's district, our members Karen Clydesdale and Cimi Douglas are President and First Vice President for the Northwest District, and other AWC members are in appointed positions and /or on committees.

Then we get to the AWC's transitions. The 2016-2018 administrative team's accomplishments were outstanding with Cimi Douglass as President, as evidenced by the awards presented at convention, successful business aspects of the club, the community outreach recognitions, and funds generated for nonprofit organizations. Cimi will now serve as presidential advisor to guide me as I share leadership with a new team to accomplish the many faceted endeavors of the AWC. This team officially includes all elected officers, Board of Trustees, and all appointed CSPs and committees. While it takes a team to accomplish a successful transition and take care of club business, administrative team members are only a part: AWC's membership plays a vital role by attending functions scheduled by the Community Service Programs and officers. Support of all members is essential for a successful transition.

Proud to Serve. Please support the new officers, BOT, appointed members and committees.

In the Volunteer Spirit,

Myra Carmon, President, AWC 2018-2020



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2018 GFWC ANNUAL CONVENTION

International Convention is this Summer! June 22-26, 2018

We invite you to join us at the St. Louis Union Station Hotel, located in downtown St. Louis, Missouri, June 22-26, for the 2018 GFWC Annual Convention as we celebrate accomplishments, learn about new initiatives, and participate in the advancement of the organization.

GFWC's Group Rate of \$159/night opens on Thursday, March 1. The room block closes on Monday, May 28, at midnight. The best way to reserve a room is online at <http://group.curriocollection.com/GeneralFederationOfWomensClubs>. You may also call for reservations at 855-271-3620; press 1 to make a new reservation.

The Call to Convention is also now available online! Online registration officially opens on March 1 and can be accessed using this link <http://www.cvent.com/d/ytqrfx>, but you may want to first read the Call for a complete understanding of Convention activities.

To help with flight and hotel booking, here is a quick summary of Convention highlights:

Thursday, June 21 – AM and PM tours – *Basilica and Brews* and *Gateway Arch and Beautiful Blooms*

Friday, June 22 – AM tours (*Architecture of St. Louis, Basilica and Brews, and Gateway Arch and Beautiful Blooms*) 2016-2018 Board of Directors meetings, LEADS, Mississippi Valley Region Hosts “Winter Wonderland” Welcome Banquet

Saturday, June 23 – Opening Ceremony, Partner Awards Luncheon, Junior Awards Banquet and “Speakeasy Soiree” Fun Night

Sunday, June 24 – Partner Workshops, GFWC Workshops, Region Banquets

Monday, June 25 – Elections, Service Project, Awards Lunch, GFWC Style Project Runway Conservation Challenge, “A Celebration of Volunteer Spirit” Gala Banquet

Tuesday, June 26 – Education and ESO Awards Brunch, Installation Banquet, Installation

Wednesday, June 27 – 2018-2020 Board of Directors Meeting

We are very excited about the venue, the activities, and the speakers we have in store. We hope you make plans to attend!

<https://www.gfwc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/MarchApril2018.pdf>

PUBLIC ISSUES



The speaker for our June 11th meeting is Marcus Neville, Director of Public Safety and Operations, Midtown Blue (special thanks to Beth Jetha for smoothing the CSP transition!), accompanied by Lt. Chris Tiernan of Atlanta Police Department/Midtown Blue. Neville will discuss Midtown Blue's role in promoting public safety in Midtown and will present multi-year crime statistics to demonstrate how Zone 5 APD and MTB are contributing to a safer Midtown for residents, businesses and visitors. He and Tiernan will also answer any questions we have about crime prevention and safety precautions in our AWC neighborhood.

Marcus Neville's career spans almost three decades of advanced experience in law enforcement, security and related operations and management. Before joining Midtown Blue, he served as Captain with the Hall County Sheriff's Department, where he held a variety of leadership roles including Commander of the Criminal Investigations Division, Crime Scene Unit, Public Information Officers and Hall County Detention Center. During his tenure with Hall County, he focused on strengthening community relationships with law enforcement, with emphasis on engaging diverse communities that have traditionally not been at the table.

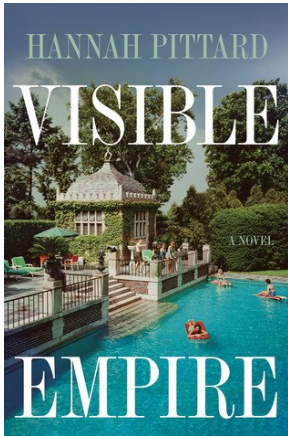
Neville spent 11 years prior to 2014 managing security and operations under contract to the US State Department in Iraq and the US State Department and United Nations in Kosovo. In doing so, he managed more than forty high-risk security and protection teams and supported a staff of more than 1,000 to ensure the safe movement of dignitaries and VIP personnel across high-threat areas. Managers under his direction were responsible for programs ranging from emergency preparedness, healthcare and intelligence analysis to training, facilities, equipment and logistics services.

Prior to his work overseas, Neville spent 13 years with the Hall County Sheriff's office. He began his law enforcement career in 1988 with the University of Georgia Police Department.

Neville holds a Master of Public Safety Administration from Columbus State University, a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice from Brenau University, and an Associates of Science degree from Young Harris College.

Lisa Banes, Public Issues Chair

ESO BOOK CLUB



Coming up! For the next book club meeting (September 17th), I will be selling our next book at the June general meeting. We are reading Hannah Pittard's *Visible Empire*.

I am bringing copies, \$25 cash or check. Leigh Reynolds heard the author speak on NPR this morning and said the book sounds wonderful. Chris at Acapella Books had this to say: "Wow! This book has become really popular fast." We are lucky to have Hannah join us in September.

Thank you. Happy reading and stay cool as summer approaches.

Melodie Rogers, ESO Book Club

WOMEN'S HISTORY

The History Committee invites members to gather for Juneteenth marking the end of slavery at the Atlanta History Center on Saturday, June 17th at 12:30 in the Kennedy Theatre for "The Order of Freedom" by the Meet the Past Museum Theatre group. This play explores the impact of the issuance of General Order No. 3 on June 19, 1865. These events occurred just before the formation of the Atlanta Woman's Club in 1868. Please arrive early to allow plenty of time to park. Carpooling and ride-sharing are also highly recommended, as parking fills up quickly. Seating is on a first-come/first-served basis, so I will attempt to save a block of seats. You may text or call me upon arrival at 404-431-3726 to connect so that we can share this event together. This event is free to all.

Leigh Reynolds, Women's History Chair

ARTS

Arts CSP will continue our ongoing volunteer project with drawchange on **Monday, June 18th from 3-4pm**, which will repeat on every 3rd Monday each month. We will assist children at a local shelter in southwest Atlanta with their art therapy projects. You don't have to be artistic to volunteer, your love and support is all they need. If this project is of interest to you, please contact Billie Harris via email to schedule the month you'd like to volunteer. Only 3 volunteer spaces are available for AWC per month.

The Arts CSP encourages members to visit the "Power Lines" exhibit at the Atlanta Artists Center (2979 Grandview Ave.) featured now until July 27th. This AWC Arts CSP sponsored exhibit features works of local Atlanta artists. Please contact the Arts CSP Chair if you'd like more info about the exhibit.

Join the Arts CSP on **Friday, June 15th from 8p-10p** at Zoo Atlanta (800 Cherokee Ave SE) for the "Art Gone Wild" Kickoff at the Conservation Action Resource Center (inside Zoo Atlanta). Enjoy an evening with the participating local artists of this awesome and unique event. Be one of the first to view the 2018 art collection of the Art Gone Wild exhibit, and meet and greet the 40 artists who've created these original works of art while stationed throughout the Zoo. All art work was inspired by Zoo Atlanta's very own animals, and will be available for sale on this special evening. Entry is free and open to the public. Enter through the Conservation Education Gate, located in the Cherokee Ave. parking lot. A sign up sheet for this event will be at the June General Meeting.

ART AROUND ATLANTA:

- * Aziza Andre is an Atlanta-based Illustrator who graduated from SCAD in 2018 with a BFA in Illustration. Her technique is based off incorporating realism with stylization using a variety of traditional inking methods and translating it to the digital world. Come see her work at "Magnify", an exhibit presented by Raw Atlanta on Thursday, June 7th @ 7pm @ The Masquerade. Tickets and info can be found at www.rawartists.org.
- * The High Museum of Art offers free admission for all visitors every 2nd Sunday of the month from 12noon-5pm. Come enjoy fun, family programming which includes art-making workshops, performances, docent guided tours through the museum, and storytelling. For more info visit www.high.org.

Billie Harris, Arts CSP Chair

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