



# Atlanta Woman's Club



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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Clubwomen,

Last year was a busy year for our club as evidenced by the 8,900 hours we volunteered in our community. It is a privilege to work with you and I appreciate each of you for what you do as members. As I review our calendar there is no slowing down in 2016. March is coming in like a lion, in that we have many activities planned for the month. Be sure to check the calendar and sign up for one or all projects.

I'd like to encourage you to attend 5th District meeting on March 17. If you have not registered, please do. As previously mentioned, it is our last meeting in 5th District before joining North West District. If you are like me, I have enjoyed getting to know the ladies in 5th District and hearing about their projects. However, it will be equally enjoyable meeting ladies from other parts of our state and hearing about their projects. It reminds me of the song many of us sang as children, "Make new friends but keep the old, one is silver and the other is gold...."

Whether it's the district meeting, our March meeting, reading to the students at Thomasville Heights School, or any other activity, I look forward to seeing you soon.

Judine Heard

President

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## LEADERSHIP QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“Leadership has a harder job to do than just choose sides. It must bring sides together.”

-Jesse Jackson

## 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.

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## TALLULAH FALLS SCHOOL

Lucy Willard, Chair

If you’ve signed up, and it has been confirmed, for the annual trip to Tallulah Falls School on Friday, March 18, 2016 the bus will leave promptly at 9:30 a.m. from 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 9:15 a.m.



## MEMBERSHIP

Cimi Douglass

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**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!"



Deb Robinson was raised in Cobb County and attended Osborne High School. She graduated with an A.B. in English from the University of Georgia and a Masters of Librarianship from Emory University. After a few years working in the academic libraries of Georgia Tech and Mercer University, she spent the rest of her career in the corporate libraries of accounting firm Ernst & Young (Library Manager), management consulting firm McKinsey & Co. (Senior Information Analyst), and Alston & Bird (Law Librarian). She retired in 2010. Deb loves to read, and she has been a member of the same book club for over 20 years. She also collects Blenko art glass and enjoys taking classes at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Emory. Deb has volunteered with Literacy Volunteers of America,

the Atlanta Community Food Bank, Habitat for Humanity, and Central Presbyterian Church. Five years ago, Deb started making loans through Kiva, a non-profit microfinance organization, to honor her grandparents; she has made 17 loans in 14 countries. She lives in the Morningside neighborhood with Michael, her husband of 33 years. They are avid theater goers and love to travel.



Juanita McCarter Bryan is vice president of On Track Management, Inc. and Authorized Athlete Representative (Agent) for the sport of Track and Field, sanctioned by the International Association of Athletics Federation (IAAF) and USA Track & Field (USATF). She is also Chief Planning Officer of Juanita Bryan, Inc., a wedding and event planning company she formed in 2003 after planning her best friend's wedding. Due to her current position and curiosity of people from other cultures, Juanita has traveled to over 35 countries since 2005.

Her former career as Key Account Executive at Sony Corporation of America is where she developed a broad knowledge of sales/marketing and business relations. She is considered an entrepreneur mentor who has had the opportunity to consult with first-time entrepreneurs and is best known for her creative ideas and exquisite attention to detail. These qualities, along with a desire to encourage

others, and a passion for writing, inspired her to write her first book of a series of children's books entitled "Vanessa-Fei, *The Girl Who Could Touch The Sky*". A mother of five children (all attending college) and a native of Dothan, Alabama, Juanita resides in Atlanta with her loving husband/business partner, Claude.

## MEMBERSHIP CONT'D



Sandy Marshall Paik - I was born and raised in Chicago, and after graduating from college with a degree in education, I decided to postpone teaching and became a flight attendant with Eastern Airlines. During my six wonderful years with Eastern in the 1980's I was stationed in San Juan, Atlanta and New York. I returned to the Chicago suburbs later to teach, received my M.Ed, and married my husband of 24 years. We have two daughters currently in college, our oldest in Boston and our youngest in Northern California.

We have recently relocated to Atlanta after many years in the San Diego suburbs where I was an Education Specialist for two middle schools in the Dan Diego Unified School District. I hope to have the opportunity to work in Atlanta this fall in the university system as a mentor to special education student teachers. In my community I am currently a member of the Alliance Theatre Guild, a volunteer at the Atlanta Shakespeare Tavern, and an Educational

Outreach Volunteer with the Atlanta Botanical Garden.

My interests include travel, book clubs, bike riding on the Beltline, performance arts, English Country Dance and Tap Dance. I am also the newest member of the Atlanta Dream Supremes, a senior dance team that performs at the Atlanta Dream WNBA games.

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

You are invited to attend our next Membership Orientation scheduled for Sunday, March 13, 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 8th and 15th** 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 were contacted first to see if they wished 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, Sandy Paik, Page Henry, Judith Behrens, Barbara Culmer-Ilaw, Pat Walsh, Billie Harris, Lisa Banes, Morgan Foster, Tonya Watson, Carol Boaz, as well as coordinators Penny Blackford and Elvina Calland.

All volunteers were fitted for period costumes and room assignments have been designated. We look forward to seeing you all at this exciting event.

For any information about Phoenix Flies, please contact Penny Blackford at [blackforp@bellsouth.net](mailto:blackforp@bellsouth.net) or Elvina Calland at [ecalland@bellsouth.net](mailto:ecalland@bellsouth.net).



## ESO BOOKCLUB

Hello All,

For March we are reading the recipient of the Georgia Author of the Year Award 2013 - Kimberly Brock's book ***The River Witch***. This book was recommended by Atlanta Woman's Club book club members and Kimberly will join us. Joshilyn Jackson who we hosted and enjoyed last year, highly endorses Kimberly as a wonderful choice to be with our group. Kimberly suggested we purchase her book online at Amazon or Barnes and Noble. Her book is in paperback and should be easy to find.

Karen Bacheller graciously offered to host our March book club meeting at her home, **Monday March 21st at 6:30**. Her address is 1821 Meadowdale Avenue NE, Atlanta. Phone: 404-875-4015 (home), 404-788-5476(cell)

Thank you Karen for opening your home. **Please RSVP to Karen at [karenbacheller@gmail.com](mailto:karenbacheller@gmail.com)**

I will be meeting a local Southern author, Pat Dunlap in Austin. She has written a debut book set in Atlanta about a retired history professor at Emory. Her book is titled *To Leave a Memory*. I became aware of the Pat Dunlap and her book when I recently received an email about her interest in the Atlanta Woman's Club and our book club. I look forward to meeting her, sharing information about The Atlanta Woman's Club and our book club which has read and supported local authors since the beginning. I am planning to bring back some copies of Pat's book, and ask her if she is planning to visit Atlanta. Please let me know if you have an interest in Pat's book.

Happy Reading!

Melodie Rogers

## SOCIALLY YOURS.....

The Social Engagement Committee is exited about the participation from the Clubwomen who have attended the last two gatherings. January's social was held at No Mas Cantina and a great time was had by all. February's social allowed us to bring out our inner "Artiste" at Dip and Dab, a painting studio where everyone walks away with their very own masterpiece! We enjoyed sharing laughs and making memories that will last a lifetime. It has certainly been a pleasure reconnecting and getting acquainted with new and current members. Details for March's social will follow soon!

"I am not what you see. I am what time and effort and interaction unveils."

-Richelle E. Goodrich



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Wednesday, Mar. 2, 9:00am - Dr. Seuss Birthday Reading**

Oh the Places You Will Go can include Thomasville Heights Elementary. Club members have volunteered to read to the students .

RSVP: Donna Foland - [donna@dgfprop.com](mailto:donna@dgfprop.com)

Carpool: Barbara Culmer-Ilaw - [Barbara@culmer-ilaw.com](mailto:Barbara@culmer-ilaw.com)

### **Thursday, Mar. 3rd, 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, Mar. 7th, 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!

### **Monday, Mar. 14th, 11:15 a.m. - AWC General Meeting**

GFWC AWC Arts CSP would like to welcome guest speaker, Judith Sconbank, of the Atlanta Artists Center. Judith is presenting a program featuring the top 5 American women flag makers in the United States since Betsy Ross, in honor of Women's History Month. The AWC will be sponsoring their next juried exhibit on March 13th at their gallery.

Please RSVP by clicking this link or copying it onto your browser <http://atlanta-womans-club-march-14-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.

### **Thursday, Mar. 17th, 9:30 a.m. - 5th District GFWC GA Federation Meeting**

All Clubwomen are encouraged to attend the district meeting.

Hilton Atlanta Perimeter Suites  
Pavilion Room  
6120 Peachtree Dunwoody Road  
Atlanta, GA

## ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT'D

Cost: \$20 check payable to Fifth District GFWC GA

Mail to: Karen Bacheller  
1821 Meadowdale Ave, NE  
Atlanta, GA 30306

**Deadline: March 10th**

Bring to share with the Homeless Children's Shelter - My Sister's House

- formula
- diapers sizes 3, 4 and 5 or pullups
- wipes
- bottles
- clothes for babies or young children
- toys

As always, please let us know how we can help you get involved, engaged and connected!  
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