



Atlanta Woman's Club



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ask any member why they got involved with our club and you will hear many reasons. However, one reason that stands out and it is a desire to volunteer and serve our community. GFWC Atlanta Woman's Club has a long history of servicing the needs our community. Most of our volunteer time is a result of our Community Service Program committees. It is in the committees that programs are planned for the year. A lot of time and effort put into preparing programs. I cannot emphasize enough the importance of joining one or more committees.

Our May meeting, as in the past, is our business meeting. At this month's meeting, our committee chairmen will highlight activities and funds we donated last year. Please make plans to attend the meeting. I'm sure you will be pleased to hear what we accomplished last year.

Judine B. Heard

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LEADERSHIP QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“The secret of a leader lies in the tests she has faced over the whole course of her life, and the habit of action she develops in meeting those tests. To be tested is good. The challenged life may be the best therapist. “ –Gail Sheeny, Author

ARTS

At April's meeting of the Peachtree Women's Writer's Alliance, member Lexa King read an article she had just written tentatively titled "Transformation" to the group for feedback. Everyone was extremely moved by Lexa's powerful writing and offered her encouragement and ideas for the next step toward having it published. At the next meeting, member Karen Johnson will share her writing with the group. Our Writer's Group seeks to be a supportive, comfortable environment for sharing work of our writing members and educating ourselves about writing. We meet the first Monday of every month at 7 pm

Ginger Foshee's wonderful painting teacher has graciously agreed to hold a class for all interested members at the Wimbish House. The class will be on Thursday, May 14th from 9am-1pm. If you are interested in participating please contact one of your co-chairs. The price will be \$25.00 plus \$5.00 for the paint and \$8.00 for the canvas. Also if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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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

Please plan to join us for our last meeting before summer break. We will welcome author Jon Cressler, Georgia Tech professor and author. Let us give John a warm welcome as he comes to discuss his book *Emeralds of Alhambra*. John will be just returning from Spain where he is doing further research on his trilogy of inter faith, history, and relationships. There should be much to discuss.

Meeting: **Monday May 18th, 6:30pm** at Karen Bacheller's home.
Address: **1821 Meadowdale Ave NE** 404-875-4015.

Thank you, Karen for graciously volunteering to host. **Please RSVP to Karen at karenbacheller@gmail.com**

I can pick up books one last time on Friday May 8th and bring them to our general meeting Monday May 11th. **Please let me know by this Thursday May 7 if you would like to purchase a book for \$10.**

I look forward to seeing you all!

Melodie Rogers

PUBLIC ISSUES

Beth Jetha, CSP Co-Chair
Judith Behrens, CSP Co-Chair

The warm, sunny days of May inspires us all to plan many outdoor activities such as boating, motorcycle, bicycle and car rides. The National Highway and Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the National Safe Boating Council (NSBC) are campaigning for safety in May.

May 16 is "Ready, Set, Wear It" Day, which is a worldwide event that encourages boating enthusiasts to wear their life vests on that day. May is also Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month and Bicycle Safety Month.

May 18-24, Buckle Up America Week: Statistics show that the majority of car occupants wear seat belts in the day, but after 6 p.m., they are less likely to remember to buckle up. Between May 16 and 31, law enforcement officials will be cracking down on car occupants that do not wear seat belts.

May 16 is also Armed Forces Day, when we honor and thank military members for their service. One way we can show our support for our veterans is helping out the organization, Pets for Vets. They provide companion dogs for veterans that need them. As soon as we find out more about their work, we will let you know about volunteer opportunities with the local chapter of Pets for Vets.

HOME LIFE

Carol Boaz, CSP Co-Chair

Betty Daniels, CSP Co-Chair

Carol Boaz and Betty Daniels attended part or all of the GFWC Convention in Macon, Ga. Home Life Committee has two major events coming up in May. First a group of seven or eight members will be preparing and serving dinner for residents at the Ronald McDonald House on Wed. May 20th. Then on Fri. May 29th several members will be volunteering at The Summer Special Olympics on the Emory Univ. Campus. A special thanks to our wonderful volunteers. As we observe Memorial Day on May 25th, may we all recognize and express our gratitude for all the brave Military Members that gave their lives to protect our Freedom. The June AWC luncheon meeting will feature Cat Lewis, the new Volunteer Service Manager at The Ronald McDonald House.

TALLULAH FALLS SCHOOL

Lucy Willard, Committee Chair

May is a busy month for the students at Tallulah Falls School. Both school will have an awards ceremony and graduation, and the high school will have its baccalaureate service. The last day of school is May 22nd, 2015. We wish each student a safe journey home.

EDUCATION

Kedra Gotel, CSP Co-Chair

Donna Foland, CSP Co-Chair

Speakers at Hope-Hill Elementary. On Friday, April 3rd the Education CSP hosted Dr. Louis Sullivan and April McConnell at Hope-Hill Elementary School. Dr. Sullivan began the fireside chat by giving the fourth and fifth graders insight about his personal and professional life. Dr. Sullivan shared fond memories of his childhood in Atlanta and South Georgia. He gave inspiring words and a chronological timeline about his humble beginnings and the dedication required to complete medical school, his residency in Boston, Massachusetts and his commitment to becoming one of the founding members of Morehouse School of Medicine. Dr. Sullivan's book, "Breaking Ground" was given to the students as prizes for correct answers to trivia questions about his life. In honor of Dr. Sullivan, Hope-Hill Elementary received a generous donation to support its educational efforts. In addition, the Education CSP expressed its gratitude for the staff by giving 53 staff members a personal, handwritten thank you card. They also received gift cards with a value of \$10.00.

April McConnell, the Assistant District Attorney seriously injured by her late husband, came and shared her views on education with the fourth and fifth graders as well. Ms. McConnell encouraged the children to pursue their dreams but more importantly to complete their education. She reminded them that education is the foundation to success and that each of them is responsible for their own level of success. In addition to her motivating words, April signed books as well. Overall, the children were happy to receive such awesome insight about both Dr. Sullivan and Ms. McConnell's lives. At the close of the ceremony, all of the children were provided healthy snacks with an AWC insignia. A total of five club members were in attendance.

Upcoming Events. We will sponsor a summer reading event at the Martin Luther King, Jr. library located at 409 John Wesley Dobbs Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia 30312. The Education CSP anticipates donating \$300.00 to the summer program which will directly benefit the children who reside in the Historic Old Fourth Ward District. We will continue to volunteer time and resources to Operation Peace. Operation Peace is another summer reading program which receives strong support from Councilman Kwanza Hall as well.

CONSERVATION

Karen Johnson, CSP Co-Chair

Penny Blackford, CSP Co-Chair

World Peace Rose Garden at MLK Jr. National Park, Update

AWC will be participating in the 23 Anniversary Celebration of the "I have a Dream World Peace Rose Garden," to be held on Thursday May 14, 2015. Times TBA. This will be an inspirational event where 30 student finalists, from all over the world, read their 35 words or less messages about peace with others or their environment; a remembrance of Martin Luther King, Jr. and/or Coretta Scott King; or the special meaning of the World Peace Rose Garden and unveil their engraved plaques in the World Peace Rose Garden.

The Inspirational Messages of Peace Contest was created in 1993 to involve youth in the anniversary celebrations and students range in age from Kindergarten - 11th grade. The contest has grown tremendously and this year alone, there were more than 2200 students who participated in the contest from the Greater Atlanta area and California in the United States, and international students from China, India, Gaza and Mexico. Please contact Karen Johnson GoodmoviesEnt@aol.com or Penny Blackford blackfordp@bellsouth.net to attend.

Volunteer Opportunities at Chattahoochee Nature Center

Remove Privet and other invasives to promote native plant growth on Sunday May 23, 2015 from 10:00 AM - 1:00PM Ages 5-Adult. Contact [Libby Lintel](mailto:LibbyLintel) 770-992-2055 ext. 223 with questions or to register.

Mark your calendars for the Butterfly Festival on June 6 & 7, 2015.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to GFWC Atlanta Woman's Club. We received many awards at the State and District Levels and plan to announce them at our next May 11th meeting.

Home Life CSP needs committee members: If anyone is interested in joining Home Life Committee – please contact: homelife@atlwc.org or Carol Boaz, carol.steve.boaz@gmail.com

Coming up this week Please check our website for detailed information.

May 7th Bridge Club meets at 10:00 – if interested, please contact: Ginger Foshee – gingerfo@bellsouth.net

May 11th – 11:15 a.m. General Meeting – This will be our business meeting. The cost of our casual lunch is \$12.00. As always you are welcome to pay for lunch at the door by cash, check or by credit card. If you choose to pay by credit card, you can do so by visiting our website: www.atlwc.org Please click on the March 9th date and follow the prompts. Also, we are always looking for help in setting up our ballroom on Sunday. If you are free to help us with Sunday Setup, please send Judith an email judithmbehrens@gmail.com. To RSVP for meeting click: **RSVP NOW**

May 14 – 9:00 -1:00 p.m. The Atlanta Woman's Club Painting class that was originally scheduled for January 15 and had to be postponed, has been rescheduled for Thursday, May 14, 2015. It will be held at the Wimbish House from 9am to 1 pm., and those who are interested will go to lunch afterwards somewhere in the area. The instructor, Gail Wynens, graduated from Florida State University and has conducted painting classes and seminars in Nashville and Florida for 40 years. The fee is \$25.00 for the class, \$5.00 for paint that the teacher will provide, and \$8.00 for the canvas, also provided by the instructor. Please mark your calendars and notify Jo Dee or Rita if you would like to attend. If you had already signed up for the previous class (January), it is important that you let us know that you are still interested, or if you have any questions.

Also if you have participated in any art related activities this month, please notify one of us so that we may record your hours for April Rita at arts@atlwc.com or Jo Dee jodee.gonzalez12@gmail.com

May 15th – CSP Meeting at the Club.

May 16 at 9:00 a.m. MedShare Service Project (International CSP) Please join us for a tour of the MedShare facility and a few hours of sorting medical supplies for shipment to Africa. Volunteers and Children over 13 years old welcome! This would be a great event for your high schooler! To learn more about MedShare, visit their website at: <http://www.medshare.org/> . To sign up, contact Vanessa Massie at vanessalauren@outlook.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS-CONT'D

Friday, May 29th, from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM: Home Life needs volunteers at the Special Olympics Summer Games. If available, please contact Carol Boaz, carol.steve.boaz@gmail.com

April thru May 30th - Members may enjoy the following Oglethorpe University Museum of Art Exhibit through April 30th: (1) The 2015 Annual "Georgia Watercolor Society Signature and National Exhibition" collection, and (2) "Azadi va Edalat: Stories Retold by Contemporary Iranian Women Artists", showing contemporary interpretations of traditional Persian painting and storytelling. Admission to the Museum is \$5 for adults, Open Noon-5 PM, Tuesday-Sunday. OUMA is located at 4484 Peachtree Rd., Atlanta, GA 30319. Please notify your Arts CSPs of your attendance if you visit the Museum so that we can record your visit and hours for the month of April. Rita (rtmcg23@gmail.com) and JoDee (jodee.gonzalez12@gmail.com).

Next Luncheon: Monday, May 11th, 2015
Kindly RSVP to Judith Behrens
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