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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As you might know by now, our GFWC Georgia state president, Elaine Chandler, passed last month. I was able to attend Elaine's funeral. Our current state first vice president, Ida Dorvee, spoke and provided a very nice tribute to Elaine. She described Elaine through her work as a clubwoman. As Ida closed her remarks, she told the gathering that most clubs end meetings reciting the Collect. In unison, all clubwomen recited the Collect. It was a very powerful moment. I am not going to include the Collect here but if you have never given any thought to, I encourage you to it review the Collect, it is a wonderful petition.

On a happier note, we celebrate our 120th anniversary this year. I am continuously proud of our members of their desire to serve our community. One of the benefits of being an AWC clubwoman is we are not required to donate a minimum numbers of hours or funds to be a member. Our contribution can simply be offering support. I'd like to continue to encourage you to do what you can to be the clubwoman we seek to be as described in the Collect.

Judine Heard

GFWC AWC President

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LEADERSHIP QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“A noble leader answers not to the trumpet calls of self-promotion, but to the hushed whispers of necessity.”

-Mollie Marti

STREETS ALIVE

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 25, and join your fellow members and the communities of Atlanta in participating in the “Atlanta Streets Alive... Open Streets for All”. Now in its sixth year, Atlanta Streets Alive will take over Peachtree Street for an afternoon of car-free community fun, activity and engagement. Atlanta Streets Alive encourages both active and healthy living, and celebrates people-oriented streets by removing vehicular traffic from the equation. Peachtree Street will be closed to traffic from 17th Street all the way to Edgewood Avenue from 12:30pm to 7:30pm.

The Atlanta Bicycle Coalition and its partners invite the Atlanta community to walk, bike, dance and play along and in the street, while creating a shared, active and safe environment.

The Wimbish House will open its doors from 1pm to 6pm, and we will be serving cookies and lemonade on the porch. In addition, we will be offering frequent tours to visitors who would like to see our magnificent house as they meander down the street. Bring your friends and your family, and explore the community in a way that is just not possible from a moving car!

We are in need of a few volunteers that day to help in hosting this event, which promises to be a most exciting and fun afternoon! And what a great way to learn a little more about the Wimbish House and to get a closer look at the neighborhood.

Please contact Jo Dee Gonzalez, jodee.gonzalez12@gmail.com; #770-605-1303 if you would like to participate.

LEADS Committee:

Jo Dee Gonzalez, Penny Blackford, Billie Harris and Judith Behrens

TALLULAH FALLS SCHOOL

The Light in the Mountains Perpetual Scholarship is going to change its name to honor Elaine Chandler. It will be known as the Elaine Chandler Scholarship. If you would like to make a donation to it, send your check to GFWC Georgia, P. O. Box 39, Tallulah Falls, Ga. 30573. Write "Elaine Chandler Scholarship" in the memo area.

Lucy Willard

Tallulah Falls School Chair

ESO BOOK CLUB

We had a wonderful evening at last Monday's Book Club! We celebrated summer's end as we sat outside at Karen Johnson's beautiful home and then went inside to enjoy Karen's and Page's scrumptious dinner - followed by Penny's delicious rhubarb pie. We were honored to have local author Laura Templeton and her second book, *Summer of the Oak Moon*. It opened up conversations about important issues we all face today.

Many thanks to all who devote time and energy to make our book club engaging, lively, and meaningful, while supporting our local authors.

Upcoming: Next meeting is Monday November 16th. Dr. Sheri Joseph, a local author and creative writing professor (Georgia State U.) will join us and discuss her book, ***Where You Can Find Me***. More details soon.

Thank you, and Happy Reading!

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HOME LIFE

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Flu shots will be given after our General AWC Meeting on October 12, 2015. Myra Cameron has generously offered to give the shots.

The costs for the two types of dosages are as follows:

High dose (for those over 65) - \$45.00

Regular dose - \$25.00

Please make all checks payable to GSU.

Please let Carol Boaz or Betty Daniels know as soon as possible if you would like the Flu Shot as well as the type of dosage needed. Myra will need this information prior to the meeting.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. In order to raise money for the Susan G. Komen Foundation, Home Life will be selling cupcakes for dessert during the October AWC Meeting. Thank you.

A SEEDED EVENT

The Atlanta Woman's Club will be hosting its third fundraising event as part of the Seeded Event Program. The event will be a luncheon, benefiting the Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence. The fundraiser will be held on October 11, 2015 from 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. Ira Dorvee, First Vice President of GFWC Georgia, will be the keynote speaker for the event. Ira will be followed by two additional speakers, Kit Gruelle, a domestic violence survivor and the subject of HBO's Private Violence which premiered at the 2014 Sundance Film Festival, and April McConnell, domestic violence survivor and the Fulton County Assistant District Attorney - Domestic. The fundraiser will feature a silent auction with high-end handbags and accessories. Members who would like to purchase a ticket to the event and/or donate a handbag or accessory, may do so by visiting: <http://contregistera.cc/1RcX7DV>.

Tonya S. Watson
Communications Coordinator for A Seeded Event Program (Arts)
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Sponsored by Arts CSP

"An Evening at the Wimbish House"

The Arts CSP supported Peachtree Women Writer's Alliance, sponsored by the GFWC Atlanta Woman's Club presented "An Evening at the Wimbish House" on August 25 which featured member writers Billie Harris, Karen Johnson, Lexa King and Jamila-Negesti Porter, reading excerpts from their works currently in progress. The evening began with a buffet offering delicious hors d'oeuvres, canapes, champagne punch, and musical entertainment provided by an outstanding quartet of strings from the Grady High School Orchestra. Following this opening prologue, the "Grady Knights String Quartet" accepted a \$500 donation from our Club to benefit the Grady Orchestra and Music Department. Karen Johnson, one of the founders of the Alliance, shared a short history of the writers' group and details of its origination. The writers were introduced one at the time reading from their works with an opportunity after each for open discussion, questions and comments from a lively and very engaged audience. We are fortunate to have such talented and creative members who thrilled us with their stories. Please plan to join us on the first Monday of each month, 7-9 PM, to continue to hear more about these works as they unfold and develop. The Peachtree Women Writers' Alliance provides both the AWC members and the general public with opportunities to share their writing experiences, relative to the art and mechanics of the writing and publishing process. We welcome those who wish to explore their own creativity as well as all who would like to support the group, enjoy the camaraderie and share ideas.

BRIDGE CLUB

The Bridge Club meets at 10:00 a.m. on the first THURSDAY of each month. If there are any members who would like to learn how to play, please contact Ginger Foshee for arrangements of early arrival (9:30 a.m.). There will be coffee and light breakfast refreshments during play, and afterwards all interested players are invited to have lunch nearby. Please RSVP to Ginger Foshee at gingerfo@bellsouth.net.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The GFWC Atlanta Woman's Club Nominating Committee appreciates the participation of members in the election of Karen Johnson to serve a one-year term on the Board of Trustees and the election of Jo Dee Gonzalez as an alternate member of the Nominating Committee, also a one-year term.

Thank You,
Ruth Yurchuck, Chair

Nominating Committee Members: Ruth Yurchuck - Chair, Tonya Watson, Renee Sanders, Madelyn Pavon Suriel, Billie Harris, Jo Dee Gonzalez - Alternate

ARTS

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Sheltering Arms Early Education Day Care Center

The Arts CSP, in partnership with the Atlanta Artists Center, recently collected old shoes to be used for an art project at the Sheltering Arms Early Education Day Care Center. Sheltering Arms is Atlanta's oldest nonprofit child care provider, and one very well respected. Their mission is to "serve working families with high quality, affordable child care and education and comprehensive support services, as well as to provide professional development for early childhood educators and community outreach". It is our pleasure to assist the Atlanta Artists Center with this program which is an ongoing community outreach program for their organization. This month, volunteers from our club will enjoy the opportunity to be a part of the painting experiences with these children in their classrooms to watch their artistic creations come to life.

October Painting Class

The AWC painting class will be held on Thursday, October 15, 10 AM-12 PM at the Wimbish House. Our instructor, Gail Wynens, travels to Atlanta to teach the class, so to reserve a spot in the class, members should notify your Arts Co-Chairs and pay your fees (\$38.00 for the class, paint and the prepared canvas) prior to **October 4** (Email or call one of us to receive a mailing address to send your check). A minimum of 8 students will be required for the class and members may also bring a friend. Checks should be made payable to Gail Wynens. (**Bring a shirt box top to carry your painting home safely since it will still be wet when class is finished and paper towels for cleaning brushes during class.**) Please note you are welcome to bring snacks for the morning and it is customary for those who are available to go out for lunch in the neighborhood after class. We have had such great experiences sharing this time together in previous classes and are always amazed at Gail's skills in bringing out the "artist" in each of us. We hope you will join us! Rita (rtmcg23@gmail.com – 404-558-7167) Jo Dee (jodee.gonzalez12@gmail.com – 770-605-1303)

MEMBERSHIP

Cimi Douglass

1st Vice President, Membership

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Welcome New Members! AWC welcomed new member, Beverly Williams to our club in September. Below please find her bio, 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!" Welcome to The Atlanta Woman's Club Beverly!



Beverly Williams was born in Ft. Eustis Virginia, a military base outside of Newport News, Virginia. Her father was an army sergeant, who retired after a 22 year military career. Beverly, her parents, and seven siblings lived in various cities, including Fort Knox, Kentucky, until moving to Savannah, GA, upon her father's retirement from the army.

Beverly attended school in Savannah, and completed her college education at Armstrong State and Savannah Stat University, earning a bachelor's degree in Accounting, and a minor in Business Administration.

After graduation, Beverly worked for Savannah Bank and Trust, a subsidiary of First Atlanta Corporation. She later transferred to the corporate office in Atlanta, where she worked for several years. She later began her career with MARTA in the accounting department, followed by several promotions leading to a management position in the Office of Contracts and Procurement. Beverly retired in July 2014 from MARTA after 25 years. She currently works for the Georgia Dept. of Driver Services as a Procurement Officer and Purchasing Card Administrator.

Beverly has a heart for charitable giving, and assisting others in need. While at MARTA, she was a generous supporter of the MARTA Charity Club, and she also helped build a Habitat for Humanity house.

She has also volunteered and donated goods to homeless shelters, and participated in other volunteer activities within the community, including fundraising activities. For the last 9 years, she and her husband John have participated in the annual Sunday in the Park family event at Oakland Cemetery. John owns a private currency collection that is showcased at this event.

Beverly and her husband John are the proud parents of one adult daughter, and two beautiful grandchildren. They enjoy travelling, going to movies, and spending time with family and friends. They are planning to go on a Caribbean cruise this winter.

NORTH WEST DISTRICT

A Personal Invitation from your North West District Transition Team

Ladies,

On behalf of the North West Transition Team we simply can't say it enough, we are all so excited about this transition and the new friends we've already met and will meet. Our Transition Team has worked so well together, and the new enthusiasm and energy we receive from each other is contagious. The energy is so contagious that the Fall Meeting can't come soon enough, we can't wait to share it with all of you!

The North West Transition Team would like to personally invite you to attend this meeting and we attach our personal call/meeting announcement along with the proposed Slate of District Officers, Standing Rules, Budget, and District Awards. We have also been informed that we will vote on State Delegates and Alternates for the State Nominating Committee at this meeting.

Ladies, we realize this is a lot to review, but we have an important task ahead of us as we transition into new Districts. We need your input and vote now more than ever. It's an important time for GFWC Georgia and the Transition Team wants to make sure all of you are aware of what will happen on October 17th, and how important it is to have you attend this First Meeting for the North West District. Please know we will review and vote on the documents attached and vote on the new Board Members at this meeting - we need you. Please RSVP to your Club President as soon as you can so we can make sure we have enough space for everyone. When all of this is said and done, you can be proud that you took an active part of formulating these new districts from the very beginning.

We are thrilled to work with all of you and can't wait to finally come together at the October 17th Fall Meeting.

Yours in service and GFWC spirit,

North West Transition Team,

4th District: Kathy Hanna and Linda Mote

5th District: Cimi Douglass and Ruth Yurchuck

7th District: Ales Campbell and Patty Hosea

*All documents mentioned above are attached to the newsletter for your review.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 7 - The Dunwoody Woman's Club has been very supportive of the AWC Seeded Event program by purchasing a table for 8 and donating a beautiful necklace and designer purse for the silent auction for our October 11 event to benefit the Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence. The major fundraising event for the DWC is a tour of 5 beautiful homes. In an effort to support our fellow GFWC members we would like to get a group together to attend the tour and have lunch together. It should be a very fun day. If you are interested in attending please contact karenclydesdale@bellsouth.net who will organize ticket purchases and where to meet the day of the event. Please rsvp soon, Karen Clydesdale will purchase tickets on Sept. 30. Tickets are \$25.00 in advance and \$30.00 the day of the event. <http://www.thecrier.net/news/articlee3a69fac-274411e4-93d4-0019bb2963f4.html>

Oct. 12 - 11:15 a.m. - AWC General Meeting. Please RSVP by clicking this link: <https://awc-october-meeting.eventbrite.com>. Please RSVP by deadline of Oct. 7; any RSVP's received after that date will be subject to an increase of \$5.00 per meal. We need to do a better job on RSVP'ing,. Our caterer needs an accurate headcount. Please help us. Thank you.

Saturday, Nov. 7 - A reporting workshop will be held for all CSP Co-Chairs on Saturday November 7 from 10-2 at the Wimbish House. All Chairs are asked to bring a report for activities completed from Jan 1-June 30. Tips and techniques for successful reporting will be discussed. RSVP to karenclydesdale@bellsouth.net.

November 11- In honor of GFWC AWC 120th Anniversary Celebration and our founder Rebecca D. Lowe, who is buried at Oakland Cemetery, AWC has arranged for a tour of Oakland Cemetery on our actual birthday which is Veterans Day November 11, 2015 from 10:30 AM to Noon. The tour will include a stop at our founder, Rebecca D. Lowe's grave site. For those that can we will lunch at Six Feet Under Restaurant afterwards. Please mark your calendars and RSVP to JoDee Gonzalez, Penny Blackford, Judith Behrens or Billie Harris or sign up at the General Meeting.

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

Cimi Douglass, 1st VP of Membership

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ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT'D

It is with much sadness that we report that our GFWC Georgia State President, **Elaine Chandler** passed away on September 25 in her home town of Macon.

The funeral service for Elaine took place on Tuesday, September 29 at the First Baptist Church of Forsyth, located at 95 W. Morse St., Forsyth, 31029. Visitation was from 10:00-11:00 a.m. and the service began at 11:00. Burial followed at the cemetery in Jackson. Afterwards, the family received friends at Elaine's house at 6080 Highway 42, Forsyth.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the perpetual scholarship fund Elaine established as her special project for the Tallulah Falls School. Checks should be made payable to GFWC Georgia, with "Elaine Chandler Scholarship" in the memo line. They should go to the state office:

Elaine Chandler Scholarship
c/o GFWC Georgia
P. O. Box 39
Tallulah Falls, GA 30573

If you would like to send a card to Elaine's niece, Heather, and her family, the address is:

Heather Jones and Family
8970 Ridgemont Drive
Sandy Springs, GA 30359



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