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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

If you're like me, you may have already started asking yourself where the year has gone as you enjoy the last days of summer. As long as I can recall, ever since my now-adult daughter was a little girl, my activities have revolved around an academic calendar. Such is the case for many people and organizations, including the Atlanta Woman's Club. Most of our activities and meetings occur from September to June.

Much has been planned for the 2014-2015 AWC year. The Fundraising Committee is working on a new project entitled "A Seeded Event," whereby members select a non-profit organization to host and sponsor its fundraising event. This year's choice was Synchronicity Theater. What better way to share our financial resources than to assist other organizations in raising money? Arts is planning more hands-on activities such as volunteering at Callanwolde's Nutcracker production. Conservation will be hosting a Youth Leadership Conservation Summit. Education has planned notable guests to speak to the students at Hope-Hill School. Home Life continues with Special Olympics, and International is still working with CARE. Public Issues continues with Georgia Justice Project. These are only a few of the activities planned.

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SPEAKER SPOTLIGHT

The International Community Service Program will be sponsoring the September luncheon speaker, Mrs. Laura Martin, a co-founder of Ties that Matter. For those unfamiliar with this wonderful organization, Ties that Matter empowers low-income women through employment by teaching them to turn old neckties into marketable products like beautiful dolls, handbags, wallets, and other fashion items. While the program started right here in Atlanta, Ties that Matter has now expanded to remote areas of Haiti, and it will be a pleasure to have Mrs. Martin return to the Atlanta Woman's Club and provide an update on how well the organization is progressing there with new products and new areas of distribution. Though the AWC is no longer collecting neckties for Ties that Matter (the group has secured a new source), members can show their support by shopping for Ties that Matter products on Etsy (www.etsy.com/shop/TiesThatMatter).

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Next Luncheon: September 8th
Kindly RSVP to Judith Behrens
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(President's Message continued)

The new AWC logo t-shirts are at the clubhouse! Wearing the t-shirts while working together will show our AWC unity. T-shirts will be distributed to members as they volunteer at group activities. Thanks to everyone who worked on the project.

As membership increases, there has become a need for a procedures manual. Our second vice president has began work on a section of it and will continue to completion with the assistance of our Executive Board. The manual is not intended to replace our bylaws, rather to serve as a guide to standard practices.

We have much to be proud of as members; our service to the community is longstanding. While awards are not the goal, they demonstrate the work we do. So, as we start the 2014-2015 AWC year, review the calendar for activities that might interest you.

Judine Heard
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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

The AWC welcomed six new members at the June Meeting:



Stacy Mattei Connie Morris Sharon Bramlett



Angela LaCoste Chiasson Janth English Laura Templeton

Please read their brief bios (attached to this newsletter) as it is very important to learn as much as possible about AWC's new members in an effort to get them involved in service projects right away (remember—"Involve, Engage & Connect!").

The Membership Committee will host its next **After-Hours Program on September 24th at 6:30 p.m.** (doors open at 5:30 p.m.) At this meeting, members will get to enjoy "fireside chats" with some of the AWC's seasoned and distinguished members, following the theme of GFWC Georgia's new President, Elaine Chandler: "Learning from Yesterday, Living Today, Leading Tomorrow." The Membership Committee invites everyone to attend as it is always a great opportunity to socialize with fellow members while learning more about the AWC. Stay tuned to hear about the great lineup of fireside chat stars.

Cimi Douglass, Membership Chair
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HOME LIFE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM NEWS

Members interested in the Home Life CSP should plan to meet briefly immediately after the General Meeting on **Monday, Sept. 8, 2014**. The committee will discuss planning for the 2014-2015 AWC year, specifically activities and allocated fund expenditures. Co-chair Carol Boaz will be out of town, but the meeting will go on as planned. Both Betty Daniels and Carol Boaz attended the GFWC Institute in Athens, Ga. on Aug. 16th and came away with lots of new ideas. The Home Life CSP looks forward to meeting interested members.

Betty Daniels, Co-Chair, bdaniels30@att.net

TALLULAH FALLS SCHOOL NEWS

The sounds of excited chatter echoed the halls of Tallulah Falls School as the first day of classes began on August 11, 2014. There were 425 students from grades 6-12, the largest enrollment in its history.

Lucy Willard, Chair



ARTS COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM NEWS

The Arts CSP is currently in the process of developing programs and activities to be enjoyed by the membership, which will promote artistic awareness and also encourage the members to connect with the Atlanta community. As plans are finalized, the co-chairs will notify all members through email or future newsletters, giving everyone the opportunity to participate.

Because the arts are such an integral part of our everyday lives, and to recognize the artistic talents of its members, the GFWC sponsors several contests and competitions in various genres of art throughout the state. The categories include Photography, Writing (poetry and short stories), Student Art Competitions, and Member Craft Competitions. The Member Craft category encompasses areas of art such as stitching, sewing, needlework, quilting, creating with nature, jewelry, pottery, basket weaving, and painting. **Submissions will be due in January 2015**, and awards are presented in the spring. The AWC has notably accumulated quite a lot of "silver" awards over the past years thanks to the hard work and dedication of the many active women involved.

Our members are strongly encouraged to pick up that pen, paintbrush, fabric, jewel, bead, etc., and start creating a piece that will represent the talent of the AWC in one of these contests when

Join us for Bridge!

Beginning Bridge Club members will meet at **9:30 a.m.** on **Thursday, September 4, 2014** at the Wimbish House, and **regular members** will meet at **10:00 a.m.** Many thanks in advance to Judine Heard for providing the breakfast for our gathering.

Ginger Foshee, gingerfo@bellsouth.net

2015 arrives. At the January 2015 General Meeting, the Arts CSP would like to showcase poetry and short stories, and it would be perfect to highlight some of these competition entries.

For further information and specific rules and regulations, please contact one of your co-chairs by email or phone.

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CONSERVATION COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM NEWS

Conservation CSP members had a lot of fun at Institute in Athens, Georgia this summer. Reading material provided at the conservation workshop provided all sorts of tips and advice for creating a healthier environment. With all the negative information out there, it can be tough to know where to start. One way is to reduce chemical usage. Here are two easy, natural recipes for eliminating weeds and cleaning windows:

- For weeds, use 1 gallon of white vinegar, 2 cups of Epsom Salts, and ¼ cup of Dawn dish detergent (original blue one). Put all ingredients into a spray bottle, spray directly onto weeds, and watch those weeds disappear!
- For clean windows, mix in a bucket 1 pint of distilled vinegar and 4 pints of water. Dip a sponge into the bucket and rub the solution

across the entire surface of the window. Work as quickly as possible and dry the window with a squeegee.

Conserving water, disposing of toxic waste properly, helping to identify water pollutants, using less electricity, producing less waste, composting, planting native plants and trees, and joining a group working to protect Georgia from industrial waste are additional ways to help preserve the planet.

Besides attending the Institute, the Conservation CSP has other exciting events coming up, and they are looking for volunteers!

The **AWC/National Wildlife Federation (NWF) Youth Leadership Summit** is planned for the week of **October 6, 2014** at the **Wimbish House**, and 35 high school student leaders are needed to help out. Please keep in mind, however, that the dates are dependent upon speaker availability and may change.

The **2014 Halloween Hikes** sponsored by and held at the **Chattahoochee Nature Center** will take place on **Oct 17-18** and **Oct 24-25** from **6:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.** 20 trail guides (per night) are needed to hike several half-mile loops on lighted trails.

Penny Blackford, Co-Chair

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AWC's Facebook Page:

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TheAtlantaWomansClubEst1895](http://www.facebook.com/TheAtlantaWomansClubEst1895)

AWC's LinkedIN Page:

[http://www.linkedin.com/groups/Atlanta-Womans-
Club-4384622/about](http://www.linkedin.com/groups/Atlanta-Womans-Club-4384622/about)

AWC's Pinterest Page:

www.pinterest.com/atlwc/

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www.facebook.com/GaFWC

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NEW MEMBER BIOGRAPHIES

Connie Morris is a resident of Atlanta since 1976, living in the Ansley/Morningside neighborhoods. She is originally from Montgomery, AL, but moved to Birmingham to attend nursing school. She has been a nurse since 1973, working in pediatrics and dementia care most of her career. She is currently retired and loves to travel. Connie enjoys bridge, gardening, reading, and playing golf. Connie has been married to Danny since 1976, and they have two sons, two daughter-in-laws, and one grandson, all living within 15 minutes from her. Connie and her husband are active members at Haygood United Methodist Church. She has spent countless hours volunteering with many area organizations, including Children's at Egleston, Woodward Academy, Dress for Success, Buckhead Community Ministry, Atlanta Community Ministry, Intown Community Ministry, and local public schools. Connie served 6 years on the Board at Campbellstone Retirement Community, has led several area garden clubs, and hopes to find a place to serve and meet new friends at the Atlanta Woman's Club.

Janth English received her undergraduate degree in Mathematics from Tennessee State University and her Masters of Science in Computer Science degree from Clark Atlanta University, where she managed the design and implementation of multi-million dollar projects and became one of their leading systems analysts. After taking an early retirement, Janth came to Clark Atlanta University in 1996 to pursue her second career as a teacher. She is currently a research associate and adjunct faculty member for the Computer & Information Science Department. Janth has taught Java programming (CS1), Data Structures (CS2), and Information Systems classes, and she supervises student research under the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics and Army Center for Research in Information Science projects at CAU. Her current research interests include Distributed Collaboration and Knowledge Management. Janth now serves as the Computer software/Program Director at Clark Atlanta University.

Angela Chiasson was born in Louisiana and grew up in Saudi Arabia, Scotland, and Singapore. Angela attended college in Louisiana and then lived in Mississippi, Tennessee, Arkansas, and Georgia with her husband and two children. Angela and her family moved to Peachtree City in 2004 and she received her real estate license in 2005. Angela's primary focus was Fayette and Coweta counties until the summer of 2013, when she and her husband decided to give city living a try and moved to Midtown, Atlanta. Angela has since increased her area of real estate expertise to areas inside the perimeter. Her devotion to self-improvement and her desire to continuously learn have resulted in her obtaining a broker's license and earning several professional designations. Angela considers herself a "real estate concierge," helping her clients with all aspects of moving after having gone through such a huge transition herself.

Stacy Mattei truly has a passion for volleyball. She began playing in the 7th grade went on to win a volleyball scholarship to East Texas State University (now known as Texas A&M Commerce), where she graduated with a degree in Education. While in college, she was captain of her volleyball team, which became Conference Champs after an undefeated season during Stacy's senior year (1986). Stacy has spent the better part of 20 years educating children of all ages as a teacher in private and public schools and in religious education. Since 2012, Stacy has immersed herself in her position as A5's Recruiting Coordinator. Stacy lives in Alpharetta and is married to Lulo. They have two children, Cecilia and Antonio, who are also accomplished athletes.

Sharon Bramlett was born and raised in Nashville, TN. She received her BA in English from Miles College. Sharon spent more than 20 years at a major corporation before transitioning to the classroom. After deciding to move to greener pastures, she accepted a teaching position with the federal government. Sharon has taught in the K-6 environment and has more than 10 years experience in training adult learners. On June 30, 2013, she retired and relocated to Georgia.

Laura Templeton lives near the Athens area. She is currently the VP of Operations at LW Scientific and a published author whose second novel is scheduled to be available in the Spring of 2015. Her novels explore the sometimes exciting, sometimes tragic events that shape and define the lives of contemporary women. Home, family, and nature are the threads that bind her characters to place... and to each other.

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