



Atlanta Woman's Club



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President's Message

Every year in March our Treasurer, the Budget Committee Chair, calls a meeting of the Budget Committee. This committee consists of the Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Club President, 1st Vice President and a member of the Board of Trustees. So while everyone else is involved in March Madness or enjoying the awakening Spring landscape, this group of ladies gathers in the board room to review our past budget and create a financial plan for the upcoming year. Our fiscal year goes from May 1 to April 30. The new budget will be presented to the Executive Board in May for its approval and then to the Membership at our business meeting in June.

Creating an effective budget is a difficult task, especially for small organizations like ours that do not really have a lot of financial expertise, experience and resources. And yet a well thought out budget is one of the keys to financial stability, growth and fulfillment of our mission. A budget helps an organization focus on short and long term goals, which are generally connected to the availability and timing of financial resources.

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Success Spotlight

AWC Awarded for Contributions

At the March 7th District meeting, our club received many precious awards. Our club received:

Conservation: Best General, Best Overall General, 1st place 51+

Education: Best General, Best Overall General, 1st place 51+

Home Life: Best General, Best Overall General, 1st place 51+

Public Issues: Best General, Best Overall General, 1st place 51+

International Outreach: Best General, Best Overall General, 1st place 51+

Member Poetry, 5th District: Best General - Beth Jetha

Tallulah Falls School Award: Best General - Lucy Willard

Membership Award: Best increase in membership

Best Overall General: Best overall club



5th District Flag

*Silver equals success
with this crowd!*



*Pat Walsh
with her
award
stocking*

When the BOT meets for its monthly meetings it uses the budget in its oversight of operations. When a budget is approved by the membership, it is approving the use of money for the specific purposes outlined in the new budget. When the Budget Committee meets we are very much aware that it is going to take time and effort to develop and implement this financial plan. In order to create an effective budget we must be realistic about our circumstances. We must be consistent with our mission and yet flexible enough to amend the budget should shortfalls, windfalls or unexpected expenses arise.

One of the most difficult and time consuming parts of creating a budget is reviewing the historical data -- what has happened in the past and then making assumptions of what is likely to happen in the upcoming year. Differences in previously budgeted amounts and actual amounts come in to play as well as a realistic view of the impact of the economic conditions on revenue and the demand for our service. We are an event facility and a good portion of our income comes from that. Each year we have to anticipate whether or not our income will increase due to an increase in rentals or whether we will remain the same or worse have fewer rentals. Our beautiful clubhouse is an historical building and requires a great deal of maintenance and upkeep. A healthy reserve and realistic financial expectations are necessary to be sure we have what we need to maintain this landmark.

Once we have determined what it will cost to run our business, maintain our building and plan for the future, we then decide how much money we have remaining to fulfill our mission. Specific amounts are then assigned to our six Community Service Projects and Tallulah Falls School. The Chairs of these committees will have from May 1 until the following March 31 to disburse those funds to various organizations throughout the community, nation and world.

I want to assure all of you that our budgeting process is never rushed. By sharing our budget with our accountant and our attorney we are adding a level of expertise and objectivity to the process. This also serves as a safeguard against conflicts of interest and fraud. Our budget is flexible and has contingency plans for when things do not go as well as expected or better

than expected. This is simply good management and stewardship of your money and a major step toward fulfilling our mission. For a copy of the budget, please contact Barbara Ilaw, Treasurer.

Karen Clydesdale, President
GFWC Atlanta Woman's Club

**Don't forget our tea!
Sunday, April 7th from 2pm-5pm.
Please R.S.V.P. to Judith Behrens!
judithmbehrens@gmail.com**

Another Success -- Phoenix Flies!

On two separate days in March, our members dressed in period costume from early 1900 to present day to support the Atlanta city program Phoenix Flies. This event gave the public an opportunity to learn about the history of the Wimbish House.



Conservation Community Service Program News

By Penny Blackford

Southeastern Flower Show

Several of us attended the Southeastern Flower Show on March 15, 16, and 17 at the Cobb Galleria Centre. Enjoying these flowers really got us ready for Spring!



Conservation continued...



Other Upcoming Events

1) Free Flowers from the City of Atlanta Greenhouse to beautify Atlanta neighborhoods. Contact Mr. Eric Boswell, 1115 Bankhead Hwy NW at 404 205-3039 or 404 658-7919 or elboswell@AtlantaGa.Gov.

2) Dead Tree Removal in City of Atlanta right of ways. Contact City of Atlanta Parks Customer Service at 404 817-6813 or parkscustomerservice@AtlantaGa.Gov.

Arts Community Service Program News

By Carrie Montagna, Interim Arts Chair

Dear AWC Members,

I am grateful to those of you who sent their good wishes and their prayers. Most of all, I'm indebted to the members who've helped and/or taken responsibility for the work in the Arts CSP: Bentley Christopher, Karen Clydesdale, Janecia Heard, Carrie Montagna, Reba Morrison, and Madelyn Surriel-Pavon. Special thanks to Carrie for stepping in as Arts Chair and everyone who helped organize the March meeting. When the time comes, I hope I can be there for you when you.

Sincerely, Beth Jetha



March Meeting Wrap-Up

The Arts Committee was honored to sponsor the March luncheon. We had a fabulous speaker, Melissa Wyllie, who traveled from Nashville, TN to share her best practices in club engagement, supporting the arts, and getting the community excited about history again! We had some nice raffle items and some gorgeous flower arrangements!

Speaker Melissa Wyllie gives us tips on how to increase member engagement.



Winner of a beautiful raffle basket donated by the Arts Committee!



Beautiful Spring-colored flower arrangements donated by Jill McElhannon

Art Contest Update

The art contest judging at the 5th District meeting on March 21 was performed by Emily Harmans, Coordinator of School Programs at the High Museum of Art. There were 4 student art entries, from high school seniors sponsored by the Old Campbell County Woman's Club and the Sandy Springs Woman's Club, that won at the District level. Emily reminded all the attendees at the 5th District meeting that our clubs ought to continue supporting student art competitions which foster participation and promote art education.

Pat Walsh, who submitted entries in at least 3 categories for the Member Art Competition, will be representing our District and the Atlanta Woman's Club at the April Convention when she presents her quilt piece for judging at the state level. Her photograph entry will be judged also at the April convention.

The Writing Contest entries were judged in February. Beth Jetha's poem was awarded first place at District level and will be judged at the April Convention for the state competition.

Arts continued...

High Museum News

The current exhibit, "Frida & Diego: Passion, Politics and Painting," will be shown until May 12 at the High Museum of Art. It is a unique exhibit consisting of more than 120 paintings, drawings and photographs by and about Mexican artists, Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera.

Staff at the High Museum are very proud to be part of the collaborative efforts that organized the Mexican art exhibit. After the close of the Frida & Diego Exhibit, they look forward to the another display in the summer which will include "Girl With a Pearl Earring" by Johannes Vermeer. This painting, sometimes referred to as the "Dutch Mona Lisa," is rarely put on tour. The Mauritshuis Royal Picture Gallery at the Hague, where the painting is usually displayed, will be undergoing renovations while the painting goes on tour in North America.

Several other programs are already well underway in 2013 to support the arts in our communities: the Downtown Arts Walk and Atlanta Symphony Showcase House are on our plate for April. The Arts Committee will also be awarding their annual arts scholarships to local high school students and other organizations that support the arts in April. Contact Carrie Montagna at ccmontagna@gmail.com for more information.



Cat, Dog, or Warrior Princess? AWC To Host Yoga Classes

Believe it or not, these are all names of yoga stretches! Come participate in a class that leaves you feeling relaxed, refreshed, and peaceful. Experience yoga breathing and stretching and feel the wonderful difference yoga makes in your life with the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual benefits long associated with the practice of yoga: stress reduction, greater flexibility, strength, balance, deeper relaxation, yet a heightened awareness and increased ability to focus and concentrate. All levels are welcome, with a

special welcome to beginners. Please join our Yoga Classes for AWC Members and their Guests at the Wimbish House following AWC General Meetings.

Time & Dates: May 13, and June 10 from 1:15-2:00 pm

Cost: No charge

Instructor: Karen M. Thomson, Ph.D., a certified and registered yoga teacher, RYT 200, holds certification as an Advanced Yoga Teacher, with special training & certification at the Sivananda Yoga Center in the Bahamas. Teaching yoga as a graduate student at Georgia State University, she has taught yoga to hundreds of students for over 30 years through Continuing Education at Kennesaw State University, on-site corporate programs for employees, retreats, workshops, and in her own studio, The Buckhead Yoga Room located in her home.

Bring workout clothes to AWC to change into immediately following our luncheon meeting. Bring your yoga mat or you may borrow one from the instructor.



Public Issues Program News

By Lisa Banes

Who needs money?

The Public Issue community service program is now setting priorities and making donation decisions for next year. Do you know of charitable organizations that are having positive impacts on the lives of women and children in our city or state? Remember, donations can be made only to groups that are non-partisan and non-denominational. If you have suggestions you'd like us to consider (or if you'd like to work with Public Issues), please email lisa@nolossforwords.com. We appreciate your input.

Here's to our health!

The Jan/Feb 2013 issue of *GFWC Clubwoman* magazine included a list of facts on the Affordable Health Care Act,

which largely takes effect in 2014. Acknowledging that the law is “one of the most controversial pieces of legislation ever enacted,” it concluded that many people who find the law objectionable are basing their opinions on incorrect or incomplete information. Here are just a few of the Affordable Health Care Act’s advantages:

- **It will reduce the deficit** by \$210 billion by 2012 and even more in its second decade.
- **Coverage for pre-existing conditions** can no longer be denied.
- **Actual healthcare costs** must account for more of insurance companies’ expenditures.
- **Women cannot be discriminated against** because of gender. This is the part of the law that will impact virtually all of us. Insurance companies will no longer be able to charge higher premiums to women than they do to men. Well-woman visits will also be covered.

Want to read the whole article but don’t still have the magazine? You can order another copy (\$3) at <http://marketplace.gfwc.org/clubwoman-magazine-janfeb-13-p482.aspx>.

BBQ for USO

GFWC Clubs around the country will soon transform backyards into BBQs to support service members and their families – and the Atlanta Woman’s Club is no exception. GFWC’s goal is for 100 clubs to participate in support of GFWC partner USO, so AWC plans to host a backyard barbecue for the troops sometime this summer. Stay tuned for more details!

Home Life News

By Judine Heard, Chair

Genesis – A New Life

Don’t forget that the second Tuesday of each month we volunteer at Genesis from 10:00 to Noon. If you are interested in joining us, please call Judine at 404-768-8376. A binder will be placed at the front desk specifically for the Atlanta Woman’s Club members to sign-in. For more information on Genesis go to: <http://www.genesisanewlife.org/>.



Hunger Walk 2013 A Success

Our club raised \$400 for this cause! But our members not only raised money but walked to success!



Club members and their family walk to support a great cause!

Special Olympics

We have an opportunity this year to provide our Special Olympians with more than funding. We can become line judges, timers and etc. during the Aquatic Events. Most of all we can be all around cheerleaders. The summer Olympic will be held on the Emory University campus.

Volunteers are needed:

Friday, May 17, 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm
(best day for NM the organization to accommodate the most Woman's Club Volunteers)
Saturday, May 18, 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Sunday, May 19, 7:15 am - 12:00 pm

Please contact Carol Boaz at carol.steve.boaz@gmail.com as soon as possible if you are interested. (Volunteer slots are not guaranteed). She will need application information by April 10, in order for us to be able to participate. Be sure to pay close attention to required orientation and online training information.

Project Share (Georgia Power)

How easy it is to assist with someone's electric bill! If you are a Georgia Power customer, simply check the box of the amount you would like to donate. Georgia Power matches the contribution made through its electric bill dollar-for-dollar. The money is forwarded to Salvation Army Corps community Centers.

H.E.A.T.

As summer approaches, the need is still great to assist with gas bills as well. As a Scanna Energy customer you can make your donation through your utility bill. the money is forwarded to H.E.A.T to assist families in need of utility assistance. If you are not a customer of Scanna Energy but would like to make a donation you can do it on-line at www.heatga.org. H.E.A.T. sends the money to a local agency for distribution.

April is National Financial Literacy Month

This is a good time to not only order your credit report but to request one on each child. Children are given Social Security numbers immediately after birth. Thieves will use these unblemished numbers to open accounts, apply for loans and lease properties. Further, school forms require personal information. In 2004 over 400,000 children were victims of identity theft. Talk to your children about:

- ❖ Keeping their information private and never sharing personal information over the Internet.
- ❖ Checking their credit history annually.
- ❖ Watching the credit card offers by mail or bills in their name and report any suspicious activity to credit bureaus and businesses immediately.

To request a free annual credit report, go to the Federal Trade Commission Web site:
<http://www.ftc.gov/credit/>

Source: US. Federal Trade Commission



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GFWC, GFWC Georgia, and AWC's Important Links!

Here are a few links we think you may be interested in. Feel free to click on the links and "Like" Facebook pages, sign up for newsletters, and read additional information about GFWC and GFWC Georgia's new initiatives on a National level and on a State level. Our own Facebook page is growing every day, Chaundra Luckett, our Social Outreach Chair posts new photos

and inspirational quotes every week. Please "Like" our page, you'll be glad you did!!

AWC's Facebook Page:

<http://www.facebook.com/TheAtlantaWomansClubEst1895>

AWC's LinkedIN Page:

<http://www.linkedin.com/groups/Atlanta-Womans-Club-4384622/about>

GFWC Georgia's Facebook Page:

www.facebook.com/GaFWC

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www.facebook.com/GFWCMembers

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New Membership News

By Cimi Douglass



Ladies, it is my pleasure to introduce and welcome two more new members to our Club. Please welcome Ms. Jo Dee Gonzalez, referred and sponsored by Ms. Rita McGregor and Ms. Ginger Foshee, who was referred and sponsored by Ms. Lucy Willard. Below please find bios for both of these ladies and please give them a warm AWC welcome when you see them at our Tea or our next meeting.

Joe Dee Gonzalez is originally from Baltimore, MD where she lived until she attended Virginia Commonwealth Univ. in Richmond, VA from 1966-1970. She received a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree with a major in Interior Design, and was also introduced to her future husband, a Communication Arts major, during her freshman year.



Upon graduating, she moved to Washington, DC. to start her career as an Interior Designer with a prominent design firm, and shortly thereafter, became a

professional member of the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID). During the following 17 years, she worked mostly in residential design, but was also accomplished in commercial and government contract design.

She moved to the South to start a new life when her husband accepted an opportunity to move to Atlanta with his advertising firm. With two young daughters to raise, Jo Dee continued her work in design with occasional freelance projects, both in DC and in Atlanta. She became a very active participant in the PTA and Cobb County Board of Education as a substitute teacher.

Now retired, she remains in East Cobb with her husband, and sees her children, who both live in Atlanta, as often as possible.



Ginger Foshee is a native Atlanta woman raised and educated in DeKalb County. As a youngster, she took piano lessons from Miss Daisy Luckey Auckerman.

After earning a Bachelor's Degree in Art Education from West Georgia College, she attended Mercer University in Atlanta and added Elementary Education to her certification. Ginger worked in advertising and marketing when she met her husband of nearly 35 years, Ralph (Butch) Foshee, from Macon, Georgia. They have two sons, Gary and Peyton.

Ginger taught in DeKalb County and also went to Georgia State University to add to her Special Education to her certification. She taught school for 11 years until they moved to Henry County to fulfill Butch's dream of owning and operating a restaurant. They enjoyed that journey for five years.

Ginger is now able to enjoy all of her outside interests such as oil painting, bridge, book clubs, bunko, jewelry making and she is currently enjoying a little business that she help start in her neighborhood, making

scarves and accessories in her spare time with friends. Anne Jones is one of those friends.

She is extremely proud of her children and grandchildren. Her older son, Gary is a Captain in the U.S. Air Force who is married to his high school sweetheart. They have two adorable daughters and reside in Panama City, Florida at Tyndall Air Force Base. Gary has been deployed to the Middle East two times. Her younger son, Peyton is a professional golfer. He joined the PGA nearly 3 years ago as an apprentice and he works at a golf club and teaches golf lessons full time as he continues his PGA studies. He is going to be a Class "A" PGA member soon.

Welcome ladies, you're great additions to our Club and we look forward to getting to know more about you in person! A special thanks goes to Ms. Rita McGregor and Miss Lucy for bringing these wonderful women to our Club! I hope to meet more of your friends and guests at the Membership Tea on April 7th!

Tallulah Falls School News

By Lucy Willard,
Tallulah Falls School Committee Chair



A tour of the school was held for club members on March 8th. Club members got to see the many activities that students are engaged in such as conservation, preservation, physical endurance, and team work. Please enjoy these pictures from our trip!



Miss Lucy & her cousin at Tallulah Falls School



Group photo of visit to Tallulah Falls



Our club members' love knows no bounds!

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