



# Atlanta Woman's Club



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## President's Message

We have all heard the phrase "When life gives you lemons...make lemonade!" That is exactly what members of the Atlanta Woman's Club did on a very stormy Sunday morning as we prepared for the Streets Alive Festival in Midtown.

The morning dawned with thunder, lightning and sheets of rain. We were told that the show would go on so we immediately sprung into action to bake more cookies (Thank you, Judith!). Supplies were gathered (Thank you, Cimi!), balloons were blown up (Thank you, Page!) and we headed on down to the Wimbish House to set up. Upon arrival, Arkeah and her two friends, Charmelle and Therese greeted us with smiling faces and got to work setting up tables and moving wicker furniture out to the porch. All the while the rain continued to fall and the skies remained threatening.

While I checked us in at the headquarters, the ladies proceeded to the kitchen where pitchers of lemonade were made, poured into beautiful glass containers and

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## Speaker Spotlight



As Executive Director of **Crossroads Community Ministries (CCM)** in Atlanta, Stan is dedicated to improving the plight of the homeless in Atlanta.

CCM has strong roots to St. Luke's Episcopal Church, which began as St. Luke's Soup Kitchen 30 years ago. Today CCM is an entirely separate, non-sectarian organization. CCM is staffed by full and part-time staff and hundreds of volunteers. CCM serves some 3,500 homeless people every year, about 20% of them women. CCM is located in Midtown Atlanta, at 420 Courtland Street--just behind St. Luke's Episcopal Church, which is on Peachtree Street.

CCM's mission is to empower people who are homeless to move to economic and personal self sufficiency. CCM is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

We look forward to hearing Stan speak this month!

*President's Message continued...*

placed on the porch table with cookies carefully arranged on platters and a lovely centerpiece. Yellow and white balloons were tied to the fence and the sign was placed in the yard announcing free lemonade and house tours. We were officially ready.

Peachtree Street was closed at 2:00pm. The rain was tapering off but there was still a drizzle. There were a few people walking along the street and a few bikers passed by. We greeted them all and invited them to join us on the porch. Our spirits remained high despite the dismal day. At about 3:00pm the sun broke through the clouds and the crowds appeared along Peachtree. Before I knew it, members and friends were rushing back and forth refilling the pitchers and cookies. People were gathering on the porch enjoying the refreshments and looking forward to the tours. Judith and Alexa King along with some help from Keely Douglass remained on the porch greeting the people and monitoring the lemonade. The rest of us, including Cimi, Page, Judine, Penny, Karen Johnson and Pat Walsh moved inside and were stationed on various floors, welcoming the community and sharing our knowledge and love for the Atlanta Woman's Club and our beautiful home -- The Wimbish House.

Not only were the streets alive but the Wimbish House was alive! People were so excited to be inside the building and were amazed at its beauty. They learned all about The AWC and our history. More than once we all had the question "So...whatever happened to the Atlanta Woman's Club?" They were surprised to learn that we are alive and well and still giving back to our community since 1896. Brochures with information on the club were scooped up as were the brochures on the Wimbish House as an event facility. As the 6:00pm hour approached, everyone was exhausted but so excited to have shared our home with an enthusiastic and appreciative community...just as our founders did so many years ago. Jim Behrens and Wynn Douglass helped us break down the event and remain supportive throughout the entire evening.

Before I left, as I passed through the hall of Presidents, glancing at those lovely photographs, I could have sworn that their smiles were a little brighter and there was a twinkle in their eyes. Was it the lemonade?

*Karen Clydesdale, President 2012-2014*  
GFWC Atlanta Woman's Club

**Next luncheon date:**  
**June 10, 2013**  
**Please R.S.V.P. to Judith Behrens!**  
**judithmbehrens@gmail.com**



### **Arts Program News**

By Carrie Montagna,  
Interim Arts Chair

#### **Donations Help the Arts**

Last month we mailed our donation checks to several amazing organizations in the city of Atlanta who fully support the Arts. Using our budgeted funds, we are going to be making a difference all across the city. Congratulations to our selected organizations:

- C4 Atlanta**
- Full Radius Dance Company**
- Georgia Artists with DisAbilities**
- Grady High School Arts Dept.**
- Grady High School Seniors:**
  - Henry Petete
  - Sophia Economou
  - Sophia Smith
  - McKenzie Taylor
- Sutton Middle School**

#### **Student Recital**

On May 21 at 7:30pm, students of Daisy Luckey Aukerman held a recital in our ballroom. It was a beautiful experience.



*Daisy Luckey Aukerman*  
*hosts recital.*

## International Program News

By Pat Walsh



The International Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's donations for Operation Smile. We collected \$103.00! I hope that everyone enjoyed the delicious strawberry cake.

If you are donating a dress for Little Dresses for Africa, please bring it to the June meeting. Very simple, no zippers or decorations or buttons. You can make one or buy one at Target, K-Mart, Wal-Mart. We will ship them and pay for the shipping costs from our budget.

We will be doing our donations for Haiti's School of Nursing.

The committee will also collect eye glasses, sun glasses that you are not able to use.

In September, we will receive our UNICEF boxes for October! Wow, the year does go quickly!

Anyone who would like to participate on International Committee please see me at the June meeting. You can also call me on my phone, [770-642-0230](tel:770-642-0230). Have a great summer!



### REMINDER: Yoga Classes

**Time & Dates:** June 10 from 1:15-2:00 pm

**Cost:** No charge

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.

## Membership Program News

By Cimi Douglass



### Welcome New Member Billie Harris!

Ladies, it is my pleasure to introduce to you Billie Harris. Billie was officially announced and welcomed as a new member at our May meeting. In an effort to learn more about our new members, we ask each new member to provide a brief biography. She looks forward to becoming more active within our club and within the Arts, Home Life and Public Issues community service programs. Below please find Billie's bio, and please give her a warm welcome when you see her at the June meeting.

**Billie Harris** was born and raised in Woodville, MS. She grew up helping her Grandmother run their family grocery store. She worked alongside her Grandmother until she graduated high school in 1998. That year, when her Grandmother passed, Arbuthnot's Grocery closed its doors after serving the community for 53 years. She then accepted a full academic scholarship to Tuskegee University where she majored in Architecture and minored in English.

After studying at Tuskegee for 2yrs, she decided to venture into a new major as well as a new school. She then transferred to the Art Institute of Atlanta where she majored in Multimedia and Graphic Design, and finished with a Bachelor of Fine Arts. Billie began working for ConAlliance Inc., a technology consulting firm, as an Information Tech from 2006-2009. After the company dissolved, Billie began working for Delta Airlines as a Customer Service Associate in May 2009. During that time she began to volunteer at charitable organizations. The first was Hands on Atlanta, as an academic tutor for elementary school children with Sickle Cell Anemia who missed time away from school. She also worked with Hosea Feed the Hungry Foundation during the holiday seasons.

While working at Delta, she met her husband, Flavius, and was married April 3rd, 2010. At that time Billie became the mother of 4 -- 3 sons and 1 daughter. Billie loved helping others and found herself dedicating more and more time to her volunteer work. With a suggestion from her husband that she pursue her passion rather than her occupation, she resigned from Delta to become an Event Coordinator and Philanthropist. Billie has

organized several clothing, toy, and food drives over the past 4 years and donated her collections to such organizations as the Atlanta Community Food Bank, Atlanta Children's Shelter, Toys for Tots, and Coats for Kids to name a few.

In 2010, she also independently formed What's The Plan, LLC, an event planning company. With the support of her husband, she recently incorporated a non-profit organization called Helping All Women and Children Inc. (HAWC) in September 2012. Under HAWC, she organized a Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Fundraiser in October 2012, as well as planned the Atlanta Children's Shelter's Annual Fall Festival in November 2012. A bouncy house, cotton candy machine, and 100 healthy snack bags were donated to the fall festival on behalf of her non-profit, HAWC Inc. Billie continues to dedicate her life to her family, as well as her community, because as she sees it "If I'm able to help, then why not?"

#### **AWC Launches 1<sup>st</sup> After Hours Program**

To continue to be effective within the community with our charitable and philanthropic efforts, we need to continue to build our membership. Our club's ability to serve the community, and develop leaders capable of serving AWC in the future and beyond the Club level (GFWC) is directly related to the size and strength of our membership base. Good preparation and assistance will lead to a productive year. In May, our President Karen Clydesdale announced the creation/formation of the Membership Committee to assist in recruiting of new members and retention of current members. This Committee is chaired by Cimi Douglass, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of Membership, along with the wonderful guidance and assistance of Wendy Gill, Pamela Ashe and Judine Heard as membership committee members. The role of the membership committee is to develop and implement an action plan for the Atlanta Woman's Club's membership development. The obvious goals are: Continue with recruitment of new members, Retention of existing members, Greeting new members, Introducing new members to AWC membership during meetings, New member packet, Membership Directory, Organize AWC After hour programs, GFWC Orientation.

We need your help in achieving our goals. Developing our club's membership requires identifying and

attracting potential members. New members bring fresh ideas and new energy to a club. Our current members are crucial to continuing our club's service and contribution to the community. **With that said, we would like to announce AWC's 1<sup>st</sup> After Hours Program held on Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup> doors will open at 5:30 at the Club, program will begin at 6:15 p.m.** We enthusiastically encourage all of you to invite your female friends, co-workers, and family to this program.

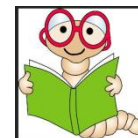
Our thoughts for the program will focus on informing guests about our overall mission, what we do, who we are, etc. and getting to know each other a little bit better. We will mingle on the front porch, giving us some visibility to the traffic, place highboys in the foyer along with chairs in the foyer and piano room. In-House speakers will present in the Piano/foyer. We'll serve light snacks, lemonade/iced tea in the sun room, self-serve. Our President will welcome guests, introductions, etc., Membership Chair will speak about the purpose of the afterhours gatherings, AWC brief history, our current mission, who we are and our affiliations with Federations, etc. and why we joined the club, what we enjoy most about the club. Our in-house speakers will be CSP Chairs. We plan to have Q&A and then ask folks to please mingle and get to know our members, etc. Everyone will leave with a postcard containing a Save the Date for the next general meeting, the next After Hours meeting, and blood drive date and any other event happening during a three month period, along with our Social Media verbiage and buttons, contact info etc.

We certainly hope you are not only able to attend, but you bring a guest with you. The reason people are attracted to the Club is because of our rich history, mission and community focus, but the real reason why people join and remain members is because of YOU, our welcoming AWC Members.

Thank you for your support!

#### **Go, Bookworms, Go!**

By Melodie Rogers



The next ESO book club is meeting June 17th and the author is making a personal appearance! The book is: Water To My Soul, the story of Eliza Pickney. Contact Melodie at 678-974-5854 for more information.

## Home Life Program News

By Judine Heard, Chair



### Genesis

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/>.

### June is Cancer from the Sun Month

According to the CDC, skin can be damaged by the sun's ultraviolet rays in as little as 15 minutes but it can take up to 12 hours for skin to show the full effect of exposure to sun. Protect yourself from the sun's rays by seeking shade, wearing sunglasses, a hat, and sun-protective clothing and using sunscreen while out even on cloudy days. To learn risk factors and how to protect you and your family visit CDC: <http://www.cdc.gov/Features/SkinCancer>.

### H.E.A.T.

For several years members have assisted H.E.A.T. staff during its annual board meeting. We were featured in H.E.A.T.'s Spring/Summer 2013 newsletter. To read the article go to: <http://www.heatga.org/about-heat/newsletter>.

### Collections

- Pop Tops - Ronald McDonald House, a delivery will be made during the summer months.
- Cell phones - A shipment will be sent to Verizon Wireless in July.

### Special Olympics Georgia

Members spent one Saturday afternoon in May volunteering at the Special Olympics. You can continue to show your support by participating in its Duck Derby on June 21 at Six Flags White Water park. Making a \$5 donation, your duck will race with other ducks. Prizes will be awarded to ducks coming in first through fifth places, but more importantly 24,470 Special Olympics Athletics will benefit from your generosity. To adopt: <http://www.specialolympicsga.org/adopt-your-duck-for-5/>



*Volunteers worked hard to cheer the Special Olympics athletes on at a May event!*

## Tallulah Falls School News

By Lucy Willard,

Tallulah Falls School Committee Chair



Students graduated on Saturday, May 18. Ninety-one upper school students earned Presidents Commendation Honors. We are very proud of these students.



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### GFWC, GFWC Georgia, and AWC's Important News!

#### GFWC Georgia News

Institute will be held in Macon on Friday, August 16 through Sunday, August 18. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. This is an opportunity to gather information and great ideas for our Community Service programs. More information will be forthcoming once the official call is sent. As a fundraiser, GFWC Georgia will be publishing an inspirational, Devotional, Installations and Inductions Booklet. Club members across Georgia are encouraged to participate in this project by submitting articles for the booklet. All entries need to be typed in word and emailed to Peggy Wilson and Elaine Chandler. Please include the type of entry you are submitting.

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LEAD is a program for members who have held positions of authority in a GFWC club, i.e. President, Officer, CSP Chair and have a desire to serve in the organization at a level higher than the club level. If you feel you are qualified and would like to be eligible to be nominated to serve in the LEAD program representing GFWC AWC, please contact Karen Clydesdale ASAP. The Leads Program will take place in Macon on Friday August 16.

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**Helpful Links**

**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](http://www.facebook.com/GaFwc)

**GFWC's Facebook Page:**

[www.facebook.com/GFWCMembers](http://www.facebook.com/GFWCMembers)

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