



Atlanta Woman's Club



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President's Message

Spring has finally come to Atlanta! The dogwoods and azaleas are in bloom. As the ground warms up, seeds start to sprout, flowers begin to bloom and there is a sense of renewal and new life all around us. During the winter months we tend to conserve energy and reduce activity. But the spring is a time of regeneration and a renewal of spirit. In fact, there are several definitions for the word "Spring." One definition that I liked was "any period of beginning." Resilience was another -- "being able to return to normal after being stretched or pulled out of shape." The last few months at the Atlanta Woman's Club have been pretty hectic and certainly very busy for all of us. Our fiscal year ends and we want to make sure our Community Service Program donations are completed. We participated in Phoenix Flies, hosted the 5th District meeting and had our wonderful Tea. This was followed up by attending GFWC Georgia State Convention and a delightful ESO book club meeting. I am sure that many of you are feeling stretched or pulled out of shape at this point!

As the days get longer and warmer, I hope you will all be
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Success Spotlight

A couple of months ago the "vision" for the Tea was born. And it exceeded all expectations. The ballroom looked beautiful, the food was delicious, the music was perfect and everyone all looked fetching in their hats! A special thanks goes out to Judith Behrens and her committee who spent Saturday afternoon preparing to make this the best Tea ever. It was a perfectly lovely afternoon. The Atlanta Woman's Club has been one of the best kept secrets in the city of Atlanta but I think the word is getting out!



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President's Message continued...

able to take some time to stroll through your garden and enjoy the view, to ride your bike or hike a trail, to take a yoga class or visit with a friend or simply sit in those patio chairs and enjoy the sunset. As members of the AWC we never really take time off. It is our mission to sow seeds of hope and inspiration, of motivation and encouragement in the lives of others. We need to remember to take time to renew our own bodies, minds and spirits. We need to regenerate ourselves and Spring is the perfect time to do it. As you awake to the birds singing and smell the jasmine blooming, renew yourself at a nice easy pace and enjoy this season we call Spring!

Karen Clydesdale, President
GFWC Atlanta Woman's Club

Next luncheon date:
May 13, 2013
Please R.S.V.P. to Judith Behrens!
judithmbehrens@gmail.com

Another Success Spotlight

The Atlanta Woman's Club won several awards at the GFWC GA State Convention! The awards will be on display at the May meeting, including the First Place Photography win by Pat Walsh! Congratulations team!



Arts Program News

By Carrie Montagna,
Interim Arts Chair



Last month we congratulated Beth Jetha on her first place award for her poem entitled *The Gifts That Keep on Giving*. We are so proud of Beth and wanted to share her brilliant piece.

The Gifts That Keep on Giving

Shock and outrage pour out
as a town scrambles to understand
the slaughter of innocents.
International community asks,
What are they feeling?
and *Can they do something?*
while families seek
refuge from the spotlight
to bury their dead.

Newtown first graders
join the Amish school girls,
the Columbine high schoolers
and the Virginia Tech students.
Getting educated in America
now carries the same danger

Student Recital

On May 21 at 7:30pm, students of Daisy Luckey Aukerman will be playing in our very own ballroom. All of our members are invited to come show their support!

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. Contact Carrie Montagna at ccmontagna@gmail.com for more information.

International Program News

By Pat Walsh



International will provide dessert for the May meeting. This will also be a fundraiser for Operation Smile. Also, if you have a dress for Little Dresses for Africa please bring it with you for the May or June meeting. We are also collecting neck ties for Ties that Matter, and used eye glasses for World Vision. Thank you for all of your contributions to the International Program.

Public Issues Program News

By Lisa Banes



Georgia Justice Project

Thank you to all who attended the Georgia Justice Project's Grass Roots Justice Awards on April 11. AWC was a table sponsor and our Club was well represented. In addition to honoring Teri P. McClure, UPS General Counsel, and Governor Nathan Deal and the Special Council on Criminal Justice Reform, the event raised more than \$100,000 for Georgia Justice Project's innovative programs on behalf of those caught up in the criminal justice system.

In addition, we were treated to the premier of GJP's new video, which tells a powerful story. Watch the video here: <http://www.gjp.org/featured/gjp-new-video/> and feel free to share it with friends and associates.

Breaking GJP News

The Atlanta Woman's Club and Public Issues Chair Lisa Banes are to be honored as part of GJP's quarterly Community Conversation on May 14. Details to come!

GFWC Action Alert: Gun Control

Our national organization has issued an Action Alert, asking members to "Take A Stand On Gun Control: Come Together as an Organization and a Country". GFWC endorses the 23 proposals President Obama asked Congress to consider, including:

- Require background checks for all gun sales
- Strengthen the background check system for gun sales
- Pass a new, stronger ban on assault weapons
- Limit ammunition magazines to 10 rounds
- Finish the job of getting armor-piercing bullets off the streets
- Give law enforcement additional tools to prevent and prosecute gun crime
- Make our schools safer with new resource officers and counselors, better emergency response plans, and more nurturing school climates
- Ensure quality coverage of mental health treatment, particularly for young people

Unfortunately, on April 17, the Senate rejected these proposals, even though they are supported by more than 90% of Americans. Both of Georgia's senators (senators Saxby Chambliss and Johnny Isakson) voted against these bipartisan proposals.

On April 18, Georgia Congressman John Lewis went to the House floor to express disappointment with the Senate's inability to pass bipartisan efforts to make firearms less available to dangerous people, saying, "leaders should be headlights, not taillights." To hear his speech:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1eYzjzPXfrw&feature=youtu.be>

GFWC recognizes that no single law – or even set of laws – can prevent every act of violence in our country. But the fact that this problem is complex cannot be an excuse for inaction. To better understand GFWC's stance

on this important national issue, refer to GFWC Resolutions on **Gun Control (015-240)** and **Mental Health Parity (013-300)** on the GFWC site.

BBQ for USO

Our backyard barbecue to support the troops is in the early planning stages. Stay tuned for details!

Education Program News

By Donna Foland



POP Programs

The Anti-Prejudice Consortium is pleased to announce the dates of the **2013 Power Over Prejudice (POP) Summit on October 29, 30, and 31st** being hosted again on the Georgia Tech campus. POP Programs rely on passionate and committed volunteers to achieve its mission each year. Volunteer involvement during the 2012 POP Summit enabled them to impact 750+ Atlanta middle school student leaders, equipping them with skills for creating an environment where everyone feels supported, heard and included. To volunteer or sponsor:

<http://poweroverprejudice.org/pop-summit-registration>.



REMINDER: Yoga Classes

Time & Dates: May 13, and 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.

Go, Bookworms, Go!

By Melodie Rogers



Hello ESO Book Club readers,

I am still thinking about and enjoying the wonderful evening at Penny's home in May. We experienced Penny's lovely garden, home, and gracious hospitality. I also enjoyed meeting author Mary Torre Kelly - Mary added a very creative touch.

Much gratitude to the Atlanta Women's Club for being open to reading and opening their homes for books, discussion and friendship. In February Karen Bacheller got us off to a wonderful start with her hosting a beautiful evening in her home.

In keeping with local authors and areas, **for our June 17 meeting we will read *Water to My Soul, the Story of Eliza Lucas Pinkney* by Pamela Bauer Mueller.** I am trying to get Pamela to join us and I just learned that my good friend, Maureen, a Pinkney, will join us on June 17!

Page Henry has graciously offered to host. Her address is 1408 Waterford Green Way, Marietta 30068.

Email: Page.Henry@harryNorman.com, H-770-642-7842

Cell: [770-366-1747](tel:770-366-1747) **Please let Page know if you will be able to make it.**



All are Welcome!
Happy Reading!

Home Life Program 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/>.

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.



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GFWC, GFWC Georgia, and AWC's Important 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

GFWC's Facebook Page:

www.facebook.com/GFWCMembers

To receive the GFWC's's **News & Notes Weekly Bulletins**, please sign up at:

www.gfwc.org/gfwc/Join_Our_Mailing_List.asp

Notice: Bylaws Committee

The newly appointed Bylaws Committee of Ellen Milholland, Chair, Cimi Douglass, First Vice-President, Penny Blackford, Carol Boaz, and Rita McGregor will be presenting amendments and technical corrections to the GFWC AWC Bylaws at the May meeting for discussion.

Copies of the proposed amendments will be emailed to members before the meeting and distributed at the May meeting.

Amendments that are approved for a vote will be distributed after the May meeting and voted on by the General Membership at the June meeting.

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