



Atlanta Woman's Club



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President's Message

For the past two years you have heard Myra and I talk about applying and eventually receiving a designation as a 501c3 Charitable Non-Profit Organization from the federal, state and local government. The process has been very long and tedious. We were fortunate to have the experience of our member Donna Foland who is very knowledgeable about local tax and real estate issues and an attorney, George Prothro who worked diligently to obtain these designations for the AWC. We are very grateful to both of them. There were many challenges along the way, not least of which included a beautiful historic building which was impossible to appraise due to its uniqueness and restrictions. The hard work paid off and the Atlanta Woman's Club is officially listed as a 501c3 Charity.

I am sure that many of you are now asking, "Why did we need this and what comes next?"

When I first read our history book, A Light on Peachtree: The History of the Atlanta Woman's Club, I was so impressed and inspired by our founders' commitment to

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Speaker Spotlight



Sandra Huey

Sandra has been a member of the GFWC Carrollton Junior Woman's Club for 28 years. Currently she serves Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs as the Director of Junior Clubs 2012-2014. Sandra moved up the ladder, serving some positions more than once. She has been a Club President, District President and now Jr. Director. She is a Charter Member of the GFWC Bremen Junior Woman's Club and has served as their Club President as well.

Sandra is also employed by CertusBank, based out of Greenville, SC. She is the Human Resource Director and for the Georgia Region. She has been married to Gilbert Huey for 29 years and they have two 4-legged children, Bella and Lily.

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success and all that they accomplished. As I read through the book I noticed that as society and the environment changed, so did our club. As women went back to work and Midtown was not a very safe place to be, our membership declined. Several fires, preserving and maintaining the Wimbish House and continuing federation work with a diminished membership and funds were only some of the new challenges. These challenges were very real and very threatening to the survival of our organization. Tough decisions were made by those members. Our founders created our heritage but these ladies preserved our heritage against some pretty tough odds. They are all heroes in my book.

Today we face our own unique challenges. Charitable institutions comprise the bulk of America's nonprofit organizations. We are all involved with nonprofits on a daily basis from our child's school foundation to our church and the many other nonprofits from universities to homeless shelters. The unique advantages of being a 501c3 charitable organization include being exempt from certain taxes both federal and local. The property taxes on the Wimbish House skyrocketed over the past few years. This designation will provide us with a significant savings. As a result, we will be expected to open and share our club with the community just as our founders did those many years ago.

Another advantage to this designation is that an individual's or company's charitable contribution to the AWC is now tax deductible. We have all been giving money to the club in many ways for many years and now we can claim those donations as a tax deduction. We are also able to solicit charitable donations from the public. This becomes important when we look at the responsibilities of our new designation.

The advantages of a 501c3 are significant and the responsibilities are as well. Technically, a nonprofit organization is one that does not declare a profit, but instead allocates all net revenue (after normal operating expenses) to the public interest furthered by the organizations' mission. As you know, our mission is to "foster mutual counsel and helpfulness and to unite the influence and service of women in promoting the educational, civic, economic, social and moral advancement of our community and the world." We

have been doing this from the funds we receive from our event facility and rental income. We can still use some funds from this unrelated business income to give back to the community but as a 501c3 we will also be required to raise funds to support our charity. This is a new challenge and one we are ready to embrace.

As we move forward and discuss the world of possibilities available to us, we will continue to support our mission, grow our membership, educate the community and share our club with the city and country that has placed this trust in the Atlanta Woman's Club. We will meet the challenges and continue to preserve and enhance our heritage.

As Thanksgiving approaches I am grateful to all of you for the support, kind words and encouragement that you have given me and I wish you and your family a wonderful holiday.

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

Next luncheon date:
November 11, 2013
Please R.S.V.P. to Judith Behrens!
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Conservation Program News
By Karen Johnson



Hike and Seek Event

AWC President Karen Clydesdale presented a check to the National Wildlife Federation on behalf of the Conservation CSP at the Hike and Seek event at Piedmont Park on Saturday, November 2nd.



Penny Blackford also enjoyed the company of some young hikers and the crocodile snapping turtle at this event!



Trees Atlanta Updates

The Atlanta City Council recently approved a contract that enables local tree planting non-profit TREES ATLANTA, www.treesatlanta.org, to plant and maintain 4,000 trees over the next two years! The contract combines tree planting and forest restoration to improve Atlanta's urban tree canopy. The mission of Trees Atlanta is to protect and improve Atlanta's urban forest by planting, conserving, and educating, and this contract significantly furthers that mission. The funding is an important part of the City of Atlanta's 10,000 tree initiative, of which Trees Atlanta is a key partner. Since the City began working with Trees Atlanta as a planting partner in 2004, over 11,484 large trees and thousands of saplings have been funded and planted through the City's Tree Trust Fund.

In addition to tree planting, Trees Atlanta will address the problem of invasive plants in the city by hiring a herd of sheep to eat kudzu, English ivy, and other non-native and proliferating plants. Trees Atlanta brings the sheep to various greenspaces in Atlanta – such as

Chastain Park and Morningside Nature Preserve – so the sheep can provide an environmentally-friendly method of invasive plant control. These forest restoration efforts not only improve the aesthetic of the city, they also allow existing trees to do their jobs (create oxygen, sequester carbon dioxide, provide shade from the sun, absorb heat, etc.) without being smothered by invasive plants. These efforts also clear the way for Trees Atlanta to plant more trees in the city.

The AWC Conservation CSP will put together a volunteer group in the upcoming months to join the effort of planting trees. Watch the newsletter for updates.

Donation Opportunity from Atlanta Humane Society Donate A Kuranda Bed!

Just imagine lying on a cold, hard, concrete floor 24 hours a day. Add the stress of an unfamiliar place with sights and sounds feeling nothing like home, and you can understand the stress a dog feels in an animal shelter. Your donation of a comfortable raised bed will provide a soft and dry place for a dog to have a good night's sleep. Beds are offered at special discount, come with a 1 year warranty and are sent directly to the shelter in your name. Please go to the Atlanta Humane Society website to donate a bed so Atlanta Humane Society dogs can have a soft place to relax. A shelter dog will be grateful!

November Conservation Events Around Atlanta

November 8: TREES ATLANTA WALK

An expertly trained Trees Atlanta docent will conduct the approximately 2 mile tour. Attendees will learn about the BeltLine including design and history, the horticultural collections of the Atlanta BeltLine Arboretum, and experience first-hand the positive changes the project is having on Atlanta's communities. A walking tour is the best way to see the progress and be active at the same time! Learn more about the tour on the website: www.treesatlanta.org.

November 10: CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER KEEPER,

Their Annual Member Celebration on Sunday, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. is at Riverview Landing in Mableton. At the Member Celebration, they will share recent success stories and honor the work of our dedicated volunteers.

Attendees will also enjoy live music from the [Apostles of](#)

[Bluegrass](#) (pictured), catered food from [DBA BBQ](#), [SweetWater](#) brews, and hear from a guest speaker about the transformation of the Riverview Road corridor in Cobb County.

CRK's staff will offer a number of activities that afternoon including boat rides along the Chattahoochee River in the river patrol jet boat and kids' art activities. Attendance is free for all current members. All others are welcome to join or renew their membership at a special rate.

Membership and registration is available on the website. Riverview Landing is located along the Chattahoochee River only 10 minutes from the Cobb-Galleria I-75 and I-285 interchange at [6269 Riverview Road, SE, Mableton, GA](#).

Learn more here: www.chattahoochee.org,

November 14: ATLANTA BOTANICAL GARDEN
Garden Members are invited to explore [Garden Lights](#) with friends and family before it opens to the public! Be among the first to stroll the Garden immersed in one million lights, sing along with carolers, journey around the holiday model train garden, and roast s'mores over a toasty fire. The premiere night also includes fun family activities and an ice-carving demo.

To Attend: Call [404-591-1539](tel:404-591-1539) or email membership@atlantabotanicalgarden.org or visit www.atlantabotanicalgarden.org to learn more.

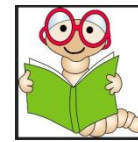
November 17: CHATTAHOOCHEE NATURE CENTER
Celebrate National Take a Hike Day with these adventures:

- Join a Naturalist for a guided hike on one of CNCs trails at 1 & 3pm
- Take our Scavenger Hunt Challenge. Hike all of CNCs trails, stamp your hike card and earn prizes as you go.
- Find all 10 geocaches on this fun GPS hunt. (Be sure to bring your GSP unit or download a

Geocaching app for your smart phone.) To learn more: www.chattnaturecenter.org,

Go, Bookworms, Go!

By Melodie Rogers



Thank you to Page for hosting the lovely October book club evening. We all enjoyed the warmth of your home, delicious food, lively conversation with the author Anne B. Jones, and sharing among members. It was a perfect way to end our first year of reading with the Atlanta Woman's Club. Our next meeting will be in January!



Author Anne B. Jones standing proudly beside a banner promoting her new book!

Arts Program News

By Rita McGregor and
Jo Dee Gonzalez



Oglethorpe University Outing

On Thursday, November 14th at 2 PM members are offered the unique opportunity to experience the "Picasso, Braque and Leger: 20th Century Modern Masters" exhibition at the Oglethorpe University Museum of Art. It is the only small liberal arts university museum in the entire Southeast which regularly shows nationally and internationally recognized exhibitions. This exhibition includes more than 80 works that introduce viewers to lithographs, etchings and aquatints

by three of the 20th century's modernist leaders. These fine prints were the result of collaborations or interpretations of major literary works by post WWII writers and poets such as *Le Cocu Magnifique* by Fernand Crommelynck and illustrated by Pablo Picasso; *Le tir a l'arc* published by Louis Broder, Paris, and illustrated by Georges Braque; and Arthur Rimbaud's poem *Fetes de la Faim* illustrated by Fernand Leger. Tickets are \$5 each. We currently have a number of members on the list to attend. All others interested may sign up at our scheduled meeting on November 11 or email one of your Arts CSP Co-Chairs. There are plans to assemble as a group for lunch prior to the exhibition at a restaurant with proximity to the museum. Location will be determined based on the number of participants and announced via email after the November general meeting.

Callanwolde Needs Our Help

There is great need for our organization to support the Callanwolde Community Outreach Program at the Callanwolde Fine Arts Center, <http://callanwolde.org/about/outreach/>, by offering your time, talents and skills in your areas of expertise. The mission of the program is to bring visual and performing arts to disadvantaged and deserving communities in Metro Atlanta through ongoing workshops, classes, tours and special events in the historic Callanwolde facility. Formed in 2001, the projects have enriched the lives of children and adults across Metro Atlanta collaborating with schools and community organizations to promote the arts to underserved populations. If you have an interest in participating in some capacity to offer your time and any special talents or skills, please indicate by signing the "Callanwolde" Volunteer sheet at the November meeting. Please give your name and, if any, include any special skills or area of expertise that you may bring to the projects. We will be sharing this with the Program director at Callanwolde to determine where we may best serve the Program.

It's Submission Time!

A reminder to members who would like to participate in the various Arts Contests, in all categories, entries must be created and completed during the contest year (January 1 – December 31, 2013). The categories include:

Photography Contest – encourages artistic expression while recognizing achievement in photography. Members have 3 opportunities (subcategories) to participate;

1. The World in Pictures – captures the beauty of the world and people around us.
2. Volunteers in Action – provides members with the opportunity to demonstrate their volunteer activities through photography.
3. A Year in Pictures – also known as the GFWC Calendar Contest – features photographs depicting the twelve months of the year.

Writing Contest - seeks to provide an avenue for members to freely express themselves and draw upon their experiences through writing short stories and poetry. (This contest is available also to our community youth).

Member Craft Competition – This competition is open to members who are non-professional craftsmen. Categories include Stitchery, Sewing, Needlework, Quilting, Nature Crafts, Jewelry, Miscellaneous (basket weaving or pottery, for example) and Painting.

In all of the above, for further information regarding specific contest rules and to obtain official entry forms, contact either of your Arts CSP Co-Chairs. Entries must be received by their respective Arts Chairmen by February 1, 2014.

Rita McGregor – 404-558-7167- rtmcg23@gmail.com
Arts Community Service Project Co-Chair

JoDee Gonzalez – 770-605-1303 – sayitfast@comcast.net
Arts Community Service Project Co-Chair

International Program News

By Pat Walsh

October was a big success for this committee!



The International CSP would like to thank all the members who contributed to UNICEF. We collected \$234.77!

We also sent three dresses to the organization Little Dresses for Africa.

Thirteen pounds of food was delivered to the Atlanta Community Food Bank, as well as a check for \$500.00 to acknowledge World Food Day.

The Operation Christmas Child Shoe boxes need to be brought back for our November meeting. International CSP will pay the \$7.00 per box to cover shipping. I know that we all received some good ideas and packing tips from our speaker.

I appreciate all of the participation from our members, the world-wide efforts to bring relief, medicine, and joy to the children of the world.

Education Program News

By Donna Foland and
Kedra M. Gotel



The Education Committee has voted to support and sponsor four identifiable areas within Hope-Hill Elementary School. A total of \$3,945 will be provided to Hope-Hill Elementary to support the following programs:

- \$2,000 to the Leveled Readers Program for the 1st and 2nd grades
- \$1,000 for goodie bags for Fun Friday
- \$700 for the Student Token Machine -- The token rewards system incentivizes students to exemplify character traits known as "Eagle Expectations" including proven traits of being respectful, prepared, safe and proud.
- \$245 to support the Flash Masters program which strengthens the math skills of K-5 students.

The decision to support only four areas was difficult. Hope-Hill Elementary currently has a tremendous need in specific areas including but not limited to Teacher Appreciation Week Breakfast and Lunch, Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets for Families in Need, Trophies and Medals for Awards Ceremonies and a Field Trip to the Theatre for K-5 students who have consistently demonstrated the Eagle Expectations. The Committee expects to allocate some of its funds from the 2014 budget to support some of these programs in the future.

There are also various opportunities to donate our time as volunteers to Hope-Hill both in and out of the classroom. We encourage all members of the Club to get involved with the school.

We are excited about our support of this wonderful school and look forward to its growth of both teachers and students alike!

Home Life Program News

By Judine Heard



National Alzheimer's Disease Month

Alzheimer's disease is a progressive, degenerative disorder that attacks the brain's nerve cells, or neurons, resulting in loss in memory, thinking and language skills, and behavior changes. Alzheimer's disease not a normal part of aging, and it is important to look for signs that might indicate Alzheimer's disease versus basic forgetfulness.

Typical warning signs include:

- Memory loss, especially of recent events, names, placement of objects, and other new information
- Confusion about time and place
- Struggling to complete familiar actions, such as brushing teeth or getting dressed
- Trouble finding the appropriate words, completing sentences, and following directions and conversations
- Poor judgment when making decisions
- Changes in mood and personality, such as increased suspicion, rapid and persistent mood swings, withdrawal, and disinterest in usual activities
- Difficulty with complex mental assignments, such as balancing a checkbook or other tasks involving numbers

For more information visit the Alzheimer's Foundation's site at <http://www.alzhdn.org> or call 866.232.8484.

Tallulah Falls School News

By Lucy Willard



October was a busy month at TFS!

The Tallulah Falls School volleyball program once again participated in the "Play for the Cure" effort to benefit the American Cancer Society. To show support for the cause the varsity volleyball team donned pink jerseys during their October 3 matches with Lumpkin County and Rabun County. The team raised over \$250!

The participants of this year's Leadership Habersham Class spent the day at TFS where they heard about how TFS makes a positive impact on the local economy and they were able to tour the campus and see firsthand some of the unique attributes Tallulah Falls School has to offer!

This year's Fall Festival was held on Friday, October 25. The event is planned and run by members of the TFS senior class as a means of raising money for the school's spring prom.

On November 1 students participated in a Top Chef Competition! We bet our students were very proud to share those homemade dishes!

We're very proud of our students!

Sign Up for the AWC Blood Drive!



The AWC will be hosting a blood drive at the Wimbish House from 10am-3pm on Friday, January 3, 2014. Please talk this up with your family and friends and encourage them to sign up.

Please visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: **atlwc** to register. If you are not accessible to the internet, call Judine at 404-768-8376 and she can register you. She can also register you after October's meeting.

A New Partnership: AWC + Midtown Women's Writer's Alliance

The daytime Midtown Women's Writer's Alliance, sponsored by the Atlanta Woman's Club, will gather in the first floor Club dining room immediately after our November 11th meeting. We will have a brief "Around the Table" introductory discussion followed by an overview of the mission and goals of the group. Future meetings will include programs, speakers and critique groups. All are invited.

The nighttime Midtown Women's Writer's Alliance, sponsored by the Atlanta Woman's Club, will have its first meeting at The Wimbish House, Monday, January 6th, 2014. The meeting will last from 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm. Author Anne B. Jones and Producer/Writer Karen Johnson will host an introductory discussion, followed by an overview of the mission and goals of the group. All are invited. For more information, contact:

Karen Johnson

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Anne B Jones

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**The holiday party will be on
December 3rd at 6pm.**

Cost is \$30.

**Invitation will be mailed out soon.
If you are interested in helping to
plan this event, please email
judithmbehrens@gmail.com**



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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

GFWC's Facebook Page:

www.facebook.com/GFWCMembers

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After Hours Membership Meeting



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