



Atlanta Woman's Club



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President's Message

The Atlanta Woman's Club does not rest on its laurels! After a spring of receiving awards and recognition for our hard work we continued through the summer months doing what we do best...helping others and our community. The CSP Chairs will give details in their individual reports but a few activities included eating barbeque to support the USO, packing backpacks, organizing games for the Georgia Justice Project "Back to School" program and painting faces at the Nature Center Flying Colors Butterfly Festival. The ESO Book Club met twice during the summer. In June we hosted author Pamela Bauer Mueller, author of *Water to my Soul: The Story of Eliza Lucas Pinckney* and in August we discussed *Dunaway's Crossing* by author Nancy Brandon. Many of us attended the Georgia Author of the Year banquet with our own author Anne Jones who was one of the nominees for her book, *A Light on Peachtree: the History of the Atlanta Woman's Club*.

One of the highlights of our summer schedule occurred on the evening of July 11 when we hosted our evening session.

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Speaker Spotlight



Jennifer Swain; sponsored by Public Issues CSP

The speaker for our September meeting will deliver a disturbing yet vitally important message: We must all work together to STOP commercial sexual exploitation of children.

Jennifer Swain, STOP CSEC program manager at youthSpark (formerly the Juvenile Justice Fund), leads efforts to stop the demand for prostituted youth and to prevent "high risk" youth from becoming child sex trafficking victims.

It's a timely and local subject. In July, an FBI sweep of 76 US cities resulted in the arrest of 150 adults on charges of trafficking children for prostitution and 105 children were rescued. Nineteen of those arrests were in Georgia. Two children were recovered.

According to the FBI, Atlanta is one of 14 US cities with the highest incidence of prostitution involving children. Today, a growing number of children are exploited for

About 40 ladies gathered at the Wimbish House and enjoyed light refreshments before gathering in the main parlor to begin our meeting. The format was more casual than our weekday luncheon meeting but we still followed the protocol of pledging allegiance and introducing special guests. A brief history of our club and our house was given and CSP Chairs gave reports on their activities. A question and answer session followed and the meeting was concluded in a little bit over an hour. It was wonderful to see and meet members who are unable to attend a weekday meeting and to meet so many potential new members. The response was overwhelmingly positive and we will conduct another evening session this fall.

Recruiting new members and educating the community about our mission is always at the top of our list of things to do. As a result we will participate in the fall "Streets Alive" program on Sunday September 8. The Wimbish House is again on the route and since this was such a success and so much fun for our members...we will again offer cookies and lemonade on the porch AND tours of our house! It is a fun and interesting afternoon and we hope many members will turn out and support this. We will also be setting up for our meeting that day and will have a video running about our club for visitors to enjoy. Stop by, enjoy the fun and enjoy sharing our home with the community.

Myra Carmon and the Board of Trustees were also very busy this summer. When you return you will notice that the limestone on our building has been cleaned and repaired, the walkways have been restored and the new handicap ramp is now accessible from the parking lot. The main project of replacing the porch should also be completed, as well as the soundproofing in the ballroom. If any of you have worked with contractors you know it can be a challenge but Myra stayed on top of everything and made sure that we would return to a beautiful clubhouse. Thanks to the wise decisions of the BOT, the AWC received for the third consecutive time the "Best of Atlanta" award in the banquet category. This award was given by the U.S. Commerce Association.

Our Social Outreach Chair, Chaundra Luckett, has also been busy. In addition to helping set up the barbeque for the USO, she organized a member social on August

13 at Zocala Mexican restaurant in Midtown. It was a really fun evening of getting caught up with members and hearing about their wonderful summer activities. If you missed any of the activities that have been mentioned above you can go to our Facebook page and see photos of everything that AWC members did this summer. Be sure to "like" us while you are there as Chaundra still has her goal of 100 likes before we return to our regular meeting schedule on September 9.

It has been a very busy, fun and productive summer but I am looking forward to returning to our regular schedule and to seeing all of our members gathered in the ballroom as we begin another year of working together to make our community and the world a better place for all.

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

**Next luncheon date:
September 9, 2013
Please R.S.V.P. to Judith Behrens!
judithmbehrens@gmail.com**

Speaker Spotlight cont'd

profit or for basic needs of life: food, shelter or clothing. The commercial sexual exploitation of children is something that affects every community and knows no gender, race or socioeconomic limitations.

Prior to joining the non-profit world, Swain worked in communications for FOX5/WZDX in Alabama where she also served as a longtime volunteer with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Alabama. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Communication at Alabama A&M University and has continued with specialized child sex trafficking training and education from the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, Girls Educating & Mentoring Services, and Immigration & Customs Enforcement. She is a Member of the Governor's Office for Children & Families CSEC Task Force and serves on the Protection and Demand sub-committees. She is also a member of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children Family Advocacy & Outreach Network and works to link trafficking victims and their families to resources.

Arts Program News

By Carrie Montagna



Over the summer, the Arts Department delivered checks to several deserving groups. We are excited to see how these funds are utilized throughout the year.

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

Public Issues Program News

By Lisa Banes



GA Congressman John Lewis speaks out against Supreme Court ruling on Voting Rights Act of 1965

In a June 25 Op-Ed in *The Washington Post*, Representative Lewis said, "The Supreme Court has stuck a dagger into the heart of the Voting Rights Act."

The veteran of the civil rights movement, who is the sole surviving speaker from the March on Washington 50 years ago, brought his personal experiences to bear as he weighed in with his opinion: "Although the court did not deny that voter discrimination still exists, it gutted the most powerful tool this nation has ever had to stop discriminatory voting practices from becoming law. Those justices were never beaten or jailed for trying to register to vote. They have no friends who gave their lives for the right to vote. I want to say to them, Come and walk in my shoes. I disagree that because the incidence of voter discrimination is not as 'pervasive, widespread or rampant' as it was in 1965 that the contemporary problems are not a valid basis for scrutiny. In a democracy, one act of voter discrimination should be too much."

On August 13, *The New York Times* published a feature article on Lewis, titled "Still Marching on Washington, 50 Years Later," detailing many of our congressman's accomplishments and struggles. Read the full story [here](#).

Last year, the Atlanta Police Department responded to 65,000 alarm system activations.

More than 6% of the total 911 dispatches are in response to alarm calls. Yet 95% of those are false alarms or alarms that are cancelled en route. With every call taking an average of 20-30 minutes, responding to these false alarms requires the equivalent of 8-12 full-time police officers each year, wasting valuable public safety resources that are vitally needed elsewhere.

A series of amendments to the existing False Alarm Ordinance takes effect on September 15, 2013 that requires City of Atlanta residents and businesses to register their security and burglar alarm systems. Residents have until **February 1, 2014** to register without incurring an unregistered alarm penalty (\$150). For registered alarms, false alarm penalties are:

- 1st False Alarm: no fine
- 2nd False Alarm: \$50 fine*
- 3rd False Alarm: \$100
- 4th - 6th False Alarms: \$200
- 7+ False Alarms: \$500

* may be waived upon successful completion of an online alarm awareness class (limit one per 365-day period)

Residents can register an alarm system for free online at www.crywolf.us/atlantaga or by calling 1.855.725.7102. *Make a note of your permit # upon successful registration. You will need to give your permit # to your alarm company.*

Membership Program News

By Cimi Douglass



AWC's 1st After Hours

Meeting/Program – A Success!

Ladies, I'm happy to announce that our 1st After Hours Program held on July 11th went extremely well in spite of the terrible rush hour traffic that night. I learned a lesson from that.... start a little later. We'll host our next After Hours Program at 6:30 p.m. instead of 6:00 p.m.

giving traffic some time to wind down and ladies a few more minutes to get to our meeting. But all in all, everyone that attended had a wonderful time. Our guests really enjoyed the extra time they had to socialize with our members, and our new members really enjoyed the meeting as it served as a nice orientation to the Club. Initially we had 42 ladies RSVP, but 33 ladies attended that night. Not too bad for our first after hour meeting!

We hosted the program in the living room with chairs placed theatre styled. We had an abundance of snacks and sweet tea to serve in the sunroom and the program was filled with information and education. As always, we started our program similar to our day format with a welcome from Karen Clydesdale, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, introduction of Past Presidents, etc. Karen Clydesdale then presented AWC facts and history, Dinah Peevy presented GFWC history and fun facts, while Cimi Douglass, spoke about membership recruiting, eligibility and the history of the Wimbish House. Last but certainly not least, all of our wonderful CSP Chairs, Lisa Banes, Donna Foland, Judine Heard, Pat Walsh spoke about their Community Service Programs and the organizations they supported. Additionally, Karen spoke about Conservation on behalf of Karen Johnson, and Cimi spoke to the group about Social Outreach on behalf of Chaundra Lockett. Don't worry Chaundra -- I made sure to tell everyone to LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!!! On behalf of the membership committee, consisting of Judine Heard, Wendy Gill, Pamela Ashe, and Alex Hanson, we THANK all you and our amazing AWC members who came out to support us and our Club. Please accept my sincere appreciation as well for all of your willingness to help and support our growth.

AWC's Mission

As you read this newsletter and our President's message, you will see that AWC is definitely carrying out our overall mission which is *"to encourage our members to become interested, involved citizens of the community by engaging in charitable activities that benefit the community as a whole."* We promise to provide inspired volunteer opportunities with heart-warming and rewarding benefits throughout the year. Our CSP's are always working hard behind the scenes to provide you volunteer opportunities that inspire you to give back to our community. We hope you have

time to join us at future events. Now with that said, please don't feel guilty if you're unable to join us for some of our events, we realize that we all have very busy lives balancing work, family, kids, etc. which is why we provide some very simple ways you can contribute to our Club efforts such as the following:

- ✓ Monetary donations to Club or GFWC sponsored partners/charities – Heifer Foundation, Unicef, Operation Shoebox to name a few.
- ✓ Collection of pop top tabs for Ronald McDonald, empty prescription bottles for the Atlanta Humane Society, used Cell Phones for Hopeline.
- ✓ Lend your talents to our club, such as scrapbooking our events (Need help here); typing; writing articles; possibly make phone calls on occasion, etc.
- ✓ Donating items to our holiday silent auction; participating in our holiday silent auction
- ✓ Welcoming our new guests and members at our general meetings.
- ✓ Participate in ESO, recycle, support the arts, exercise your right to vote, read to children
- ✓ Recruiting, referring new guests to our club, and spreading the word about our wonderful club and members

Whatever you do, whether it's onsite or offsite with our Club, at an event, or from home – we thank you! Please remember to report your service hours, donations, and financial contributions, etc. to your CSP or Mrs. Dinah Peevy, 2nd VP of Community Service Programs. As you know, it's necessary for AWC to report our work, service and monetary donations to the State – the Georgia General Federation of Women's Clubs.

We'd like to remind you that the most important part of being a member of the Atlanta Woman's Club and the GFWC is realizing that more can be accomplished when there are many working together in the same interest and belief than when trying to act as an individual. And more importantly, **YOU** are a vital and special part of our Club! We appreciate you. Thanks for being a member of our Club!

Welcome New Member, Lexa King!

Please join in me in welcoming Ms. Lexa King. Lexa first found us came to us during the Phoenix Flies tour, she then attended our membership Tea as well as our May meeting. We are happy to announce that in June, Lexa

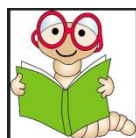
was voted in as a new member!! She has been very active in our club events since our initial meeting at the Phoenix Flies Tour. We are fortunate to have her join us! Please welcome Lexa when you see her in September.

Membership Orientation

Ladies, the information provided at our After Hours Program went extremely well, which left some of our newer members wanting to learn more about the Club. As you know the goals of the Membership Committee is to "Recruit, Retain, Educate, Engage and Involve" our members. It's important to all of you and to our Club that you learn about our rich history, GFWC, GFWC Georgia, reporting process, proper AWC procedures, protocols, etc. The After Hours Program serves the Membership Committee's recruiting and retention purpose, which leaves us to work on the education aspect. Therefore, we will host various lunch & learns throughout the year. Our first lunch & learn is currently scheduled for Thursday, October 10th at Noon in the Club. We'll have a bite to eat and discuss proper and appropriate GFWC/GFWC Georgia and AWC's policies and procedures, as well as their history. I welcome and encourage each of you to join us on October 10th to learn more about our wonderful Club and its affiliations. A signup sheet will be on the Activity Table at the September 9th meeting. If you have any questions, please contact cimi.douglass@gmail.com. Thank you.

Go, Bookworms, Go!

By Melodie Rogers



Hi lovely ladies. Here is one picture of our book club that was held at Karen Bacheller's house on Monday, August 19. We "wined and dined" and discussed Nancy Brandon's book *Dunnaway's Crossing*. The story was about the Spanish Influenza epidemic in 1918 in middle GA and Savannah. We are highlighting Georgia authors and plan to read Our own Anne Jones book *Tides of Fear*, at our next book club on October 21. Place to be determined.



Home Life Program News

By Judine Heard



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/>.

Vaccines

It's that time of the year when we need to get our annual vaccine. Myra Carmon will make available the influenza vaccine for members after the September general meeting. The cost of the general vaccine is \$20 and for people who are over 65 and considered a high risk is \$40. So that Myra is prepared, email Judine at heardjudine@hotmail.com if you are interested in getting the vaccine.

Hunger Action Month

September is Hunger Action Month! Be sure to bring a bag of canned food to the September meeting. It will be donated to The Atlanta Community Food Bank following the meeting.

Want to do more? Consider skipping eating out and donating the money to the Atlanta Community Food Bank or your local food pantry. Why not have family and friends over for a simple meal and discuss hunger?

Want to learn more? Attend the screening of "A Place at the Table" on September 10 or September 22, from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm at the Atlanta community Food Bank office. A discussion will follow the film. If you are

interested in attending, go [online:](http://www.acfb.org/hunger-action-month)
<http://www.acfb.org/hunger-action-month> make reservation.

Walk to End Alzheimer's

AWC has been asked to take part in the *upcoming Walk to End Alzheimer's* event Saturday, September 28, 2013 at Atlantic Station. Registration is from 7:00-8:00 am with the walk starting at 9:00 a.m. This is a family event so I encourage everyone in your family to come out and walk for a good cause. To register, go to <http://www.alz.org> and search for *Wimbish Walkers* at the Atlanta walk location. AWC team participants will be supporting the efforts of making a special Living Legend's wish come true. Mr. William " Billy" Sarris, surviving business partner and lifetime friend of the late Mr. William "Billy" Travilla ("The Man Who Dressed Marilyn Monroe"), is currently living with Alzheimers. His wish is to make Travilla the household name he deserves. Mr. Sarris is joyous and grateful to AWC for walking in his honor and supporting the efforts of making his wish come true. For more information about Travilla's Legacy: <http://www.travillalegacy.wordpress.com/>

Collections

We continue to collect pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House and cell phones for victims of domestic violence.

Meeting

There will be a meeting following the September general meeting. There are several projects we are planning for 2013-14. If you are on the committee or interested in servicing on it, join us in the Sunroom.

IMPORTANT! Remember any activity or donation you make to organizations we support, send Judine details of the activity and the time and amount you donated.

Tallulah Falls School News

By Lucy Willard



Classes began on August 12th at the school. And fun events for both the staff and students are already taking place!

Mallory Hagan, the current reigning Miss America, made a very special appearance at Tallulah Falls School. Since being crowned Miss America in January 2013 Hagan has traveled thousands of miles and made hundreds of appearances promoting her platform of child sexual abuse. Hagan's visit to TFS was the first time as Miss America that she has presented her platform to a school audience.

The school has also been designated a "Patriotic Employer" by the Georgia Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR). Congratulations!

HELP WANTED



AWC Blood Drive

Several years ago when a close family member was preparing for surgery I was asked to donate blood which would be available should they need it during the surgery. My blood was a match but other family members were not; however, everyone was asked to donate and we very willingly did.

Very simply, donating blood could save a life. Not just the life of your family member but maybe a friend or even a stranger. The truth is you really do not need a special reason to give blood. You just need your own reason. The need for blood is constant. The contributions of individuals are necessary to maintain a healthy and reliable blood supply.

As members of the AWC we work hard for our community because it is the right thing to do and not for the rewards we might receive. Donating blood has its own reward: You will know that your gift has helped to change a life or, better yet, save a life.

If you have never given blood, the process is very easy and you will receive a mini physical for free. Certified volunteers will check your pulse, blood pressure, body

temperature and hemoglobin. There will be a brief interview from a volunteer about your health history which will remain private and confidential. The actual donation process takes about 8-10 minutes. You will be comfortably seated and the process is safe and sterile.

Many years ago when I lived in a very small town in western Massachusetts with three young children my "relaxation "time was to go to the local library when they had their blood drive. After donating blood I so looked forward to the refreshment area (which you must attend!) and being given juice and cookies...someone was waiting on me for a change! You really only need to stay there for 10 or 15 minutes but I must admit I usually tried to stretch that out with an extra cookie or two. There was no greater feeling when I returned home and looked at my children to know that I had spent that time wisely and possibly saved a life.

The AWC will be hosting a blood drive at the Wimbish House in the near future. We need a commitment from at least 30 people to donate blood. It does not have to be just our club members. We will have a signup sheet at the September meeting. Please talk this up with your family and friends and encourage them to sign up. I have no doubt that we will have a great turnout. We will also let the businesses in the Midtown area know about this drive and encourage them to attend. Once we have those names to submit to the American Red Cross, the process will get started and the date will be determined.

Opening our clubhouse to the community to provide such a necessary service is exactly what those brave and courageous ladies who founded this club would encourage us to do. We will continue to make them proud of the legacy they have given us.

CLUB OPPORTUNITIES

Women's History Chair

Are you the type of person who loves History? Are you particularly interested in women's history? The AWC is looking for someone who can share, celebrate and voice women's history in meaningful ways throughout the year. This can be by submitting interesting

historical facts about our club or other significant facts about women to the newsletter or simply providing a quote on the agenda each month. March is Women's History Month and we always participate in the Phoenix Flies event. The Women's History Chair would be responsible for organizing this event , which has been a great success for our club. The GFWC Handbooks provides a wealth of ideas on page 228.

Sarah Helen Kilgore is our club Historian and has been instrumental in providing us with information about the history of our club. Sarah Helen will remain as the Historian. The new position of Women's History Chair will provide information not just about our club but women's History in general.

Please contact me if you have an interest in this and I will be happy to provide you with any additional information.

Public Relations

As I have stated before, the AWC does not like to brag about its accomplishments. We work very hard to make our community, country and world a better place. We do it because we love what we do and we do it without fanfare. Today's world is a world of instant communication and we at the AWC have embraced the social media technology to remain current and vibrant. As part of that, we need to promote our club and our accomplishments. We are doing this on our Facebook page but we are not doing it within our larger organization. I am looking for someone who will be responsible for coordinating with GFWC and GFWC GA to keep them informed about the activities of the AWC. Every Saturday you all should get a copy of News and Notes in your email. There are so many activities listed here that we do but never get to promote because we do not have one person responsible. If you are interested in coordinating this information please let me know.



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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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Please enjoy some photos of our summer activities!



Flying Colors Butterfly Festival



Social Night Out

After Hours Membership Meeting



Georgia Justice Project: Back-to-School Bash



2013 GFWC GA LEADS graduates



BBQ for the USO!

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