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President's Message

I am grateful for

Being privileged to represent our club for the past two years
At Community events which presented some fears
District and State meetings I was honored to attend
And met so many wonderful ladies I now call friends

I am grateful for

A Board of Trustees that was determined, and dedicated
Working hard each month they were always educated
Tax issues, Improvements, Maintenance, and more
The tasks were completed but were never a chore

I am grateful for

An Executive Board that was so strong with their support.
Each month they delivered an excellent report
Working with these ladies was truly unique
A more diligent group of women I could not seek.

May 12 Meeting is our Business Meeting!

Our May meeting is designated as our Business Meeting for the year, we normally do not host a speaker this month. Instead we will take a look back at the wonderful successes and accomplishments we have achieved as a collective team of wonderful women working together throughout the past year.

We will also induct and install our new Officers, they are as follows:

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Congratulations ladies! We look forward to seeing the installation ceremony.

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I am grateful for

Those special ladies who stepped up to the plate
Always ready with an event to create
The meetings, the parties and Membership Tea
Were beautifully done for everyone to see.

I am grateful for

Our willingness to embrace things that are new
Facebook and Pinterest are things we now do
Instagram we've mastered and some of us tweet
The AWC ladies cannot be beat.

I am grateful

For all the new members who bring so much
knowledge
Your thoughts and contributions we will always
acknowledge.
Our mission in the community is to be a volunteer
In this endeavor I know you will most certainly
persevere

I am grateful for

The history and legacy of those who came before
Their accomplishments and achievements we could
never ignore
We are reminded each day of what we must do
And to that legacy and history we will always be true.

I am grateful for

Most importantly, each and every one of you
The kind words that were given when I wasn't sure of
what to do
The words of encouragement and compliments you
shared
Kept me moving forward knowing I had a membership
that cared.

I am grateful for

This final message to tell you of my appreciation
For letting me serve as your President, in this
wonderful federation
As my term comes to its conclusion, I am feeling
content
And am privileged to become a member of that
distinguished group of ladies
called "Past President!"

Karen Clydesdale, AWC President 2012-2014



AWC Brings Home More Silver from State Meeting!

What an exciting year we have had! Hard work pays off in many ways. We have been so proud of the work we have done in the community as well as the funds we have donated to the community in 2013. This year our Club was recognized at the District level as well as the State level. We won more awards this year at the State level than any other year in the past. As our membership grows with active and engaged women we are able to do more and give more. We thank you all for your hard work and service within our Club and communities.





an activity with CHOA, again a sign-up form will be on the activity table, please sign up if you're interested.

Lastly, the Membership Committee is hosting an After Hours Event on June 25, 2014 at the Club, which will be a mix of recruiting and orientation. We would like to invite all of you to attend and ask that everyone bring a guest or invite a guest to this event. We will have plenty of socializing time and then jump into our program to educate everyone on Atlanta Woman's Club and GFWC. Last time we hosted this after hours, our guests and newer members really enjoyed having the time to socialize and talk with one another as it is sometimes hard to do at our general meetings. Please start thinking about women that you think would be interested in learning more about our club and are eager to get involved within the community. An email invite will be sent soon.

Arts Community Service Program



The *Atlanta Symphony Associates Decorators' Show House and Gardens* tour has begun. The Atlanta Woman's Club will staff the tour as Docents (guides who conduct visitors through the house and provide information about the exhibition) on **Friday, May 16** with opportunities to volunteer in either the morning or afternoon shift; **Morning from 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM** and **Afternoon from 12:30 - 4:30 PM.** We currently have a few volunteers for both shifts but need at least 6 more in each shift in order to staff the majority of the shift, allowing the Atlanta Woman's Club to be recognized and posted as the organization staffing the tour on that day. Please consider this an opportunity to serve both the community to assist with this worthy effort to support the Atlanta Symphony and to support our Atlanta Woman's Club by increasing awareness of our organization to the public. You may respond to either of us at our email addresses or call our cell phones listed below if you can participate on May 16. All volunteers who attend to help oversee the rooms as docents and talk about the decor will have descriptive texts to provide information about the areas to which you will be assigned. It's fun, offers great comraderie with your fellow members and such an experience to see the



Membership News!

By Cimi Douglass, 1st VP

The Membership Committee is seeking smiling faces to join its committee.

There are a lot of opportunities to meet new people either online or in person. If you're interested in helping and becoming a part of the group, please let me know, I'll teach you everything I know. I know I've pressured a few of you into helping out on various things of which I am thankful.



Secondly, the Membership Committee would like to host two service events this summer. One will be held at Global Soap's warehouse, this is the best smelling service project you'll ever volunteer with. A sign-up sheet will be on the Member Activity Table, please sign up we need to have a certain number of volunteers before a date is given. Pamela Ashe will be taking charge of organizing this event. For more info about Global Soap, please visit: <http://www.globalsoap.org/>. The second service event would be a children's tea or craft/activity at Children's Hospital of Atlanta. We are in the process of scheduling

beautiful talented designers' creations. You will also be able to tour the Showhouse for free on the day of your assignment. All proceeds go to the [Atlanta Symphony Orchestra](#)!

When you respond, please mention the ASO Show House and also to which shift you wish to be assigned - Morning or Afternoon. Thank you for continuing to prove you are a membership who continues to serve your community in so many selfless ways and makes us so proud to be a part of our great Atlanta Woman's Club. More information on the house and tour can be found at: decoratorshowhouse.org.

Jo Dee Gonzalez. co-chair, sayitfast@comcast.net
Rita McGregor. co-chair, rtmcg23@gmail.com

The Peachtree Women's Writers Alliance sponsored by the Atlanta Woman's Club hosted its May 5th meeting with music! The meeting opened with a short talk given by The Atlanta Press Club Executive Director Lauri Strauss. She presented a general overview of the organization, including benefits of joining.



The main feature included a performance by singer Mike O'Quinn, who discussed songwriting. Mike has experience in studio work, recording and performing with members of the Allman Brothers Band, Cameo, The Outlaws, The Reddings and others. He continued his work in Memphis and Nashville evolving as a songwriter before moving back to Georgia. He later became a solo performer on Carnival Cruise Lines and the Holland America Line.

Aside from music he has been active in writing and producing plays and feature stories, and working on an array of novels and other various forms of fiction, including comics.

**Peachtree Women's Writer's Alliance (PWWA).* In 2013, the development of this writing alliance came to fruition by some of female authors in the Atlanta Woman's Club. We're a flexible group that seeks to meet the needs of our

members who have an interest in writing. We have members who are very new at writing, experienced technical writers, journalists, novelists, poets and short story authors. To learn more about our group, please email Anne B. Jones at annebjones@msn.com.

Home Life Community Service Program, Judine Heard, CSP Chair



Once again The Atlanta Woman's Club will volunteer at the upcoming summer games for the Special Olympics held on Saturday, May 31st from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Emory University. The event is free to anyone that wants to watch the games. As volunteers, we are asked to fill a 2 hour shift. Last year we had several members volunteer who truly enjoyed seeing the smiles on their faces of the Special Olympic Athletes when they participate in the games. It was a wonderful heart-warming experience. We hope more of you will be able to join us this year. Details will be provided once you sign up. We will be notified by May 9th of where you will be working. Thank you so much for your participation in helping the Special Olympics have successful State Summer Games this year.

Here is another way the Atlanta Woman's Club members can help the Special Olympics. **KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS®** makes supporting SOGA super easy...all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Plus Card! Sign up with your 12 digit Kroger Plus Card number at <https://customer.kroger.com/communityrewards.aspx>, and in the Community Rewards section, select Special Olympics Georgia (code 57973) as the organization you wish to support. Once you're enrolled, you'll earn rewards for SOGA every time you shop and use your Plus Card, and you'll keep earning rewards points for yourself! [Enroll now for the Kroger Community Rewards Program](#) (you must re-enroll each year to continue earning rewards for SOGA). If your Kroger Plus Card is not already registered online, you will need to create an account. If you already have an account, simply sign in, find the Community Rewards section, and select Special Olympics Georgia. Questions or problems, contact [Susan Skolnickor 770-414-9390 x111](#). Thank you, Carol Boaz - carol.steve.boaz@gmail.com

Conservation Community

Service Program, Karen Johnson,
CSP



Summer is going to be busy for Conservation. See below for two important volunteer events:

June 8:

Conservation [Volunteers Needed](#) for Chattahoochee Nature Center's Annual Flying Colors Butterfly Festival.

We had a great time last year face painting the children who attended this fun event, so much so that we're being asked to give a command performance! CNC would like to us to have a group of 12 volunteers to help with face painting on Sunday June 8 from 11:30-5:30. More information about this fun and worthwhile event can be found on the CNC's website (link below). This is a perfect event to bring kids over 12 who can volunteer with us. There will be a sign up at the May meeting and more details to follow in next month's newsletter.

[Click here: Flying Colors Butterfly Festival | Chattahoochee Nature Center](#)

All Summer Long:

Conservation Volunteers Needed to Organize a New Conservation CSP Special Event:

Conservation is undertaking a big new challenge: to create a Conservation Youth Leadership summit to be sponsored by AWC and hosted at The Wimbish House later this Fall. The goal of this program is to create and promote new leaders in Conservation who will have a long-term impact on helping to effect Conservation's mission. We also hope heighten the profile of the AWC in this area. We will be working with a major non-profit partner -- National Wildlife Federation under the leadership of Na'Taki Osborne Jelks, their Director of Education and Advocacy Programs. Na'Taki spoke to our group in January and has under her NWF umbrella a group called Earth Tomorrow, which is for teen environmental leaders of color. We hope to involve her group as well as a diverse group of student environmental and leadership clubs from around the City in a day-long summit event to be held at Wimbish House. We will be seeking a variety of community environmental and conservation related organizational leaders as speakers at the event. We need your help getting speakers, getting the participant organizations, and then organizing the event. There will

be break sessions to plan where the students can choose a project or organization they'd like to learn more about. We'll be seeking sponsors for catering and give always. There are lots of roles to fill and many membership volunteers are needed! An introductory organizational meeting will take place for 30 minutes just after our May 12 membership meeting. Contact Karen Johnson, Page Henry or Penny Blackford to volunteer or sign up at the May meeting.



AWC Bridge Club Meets

1st Thursday of the Month

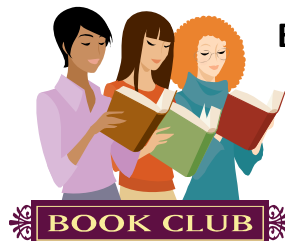
It's not too late to learn how to play the greatest, most intelligent card game ever!!! Bridge! If you'd like to come and observe and see if you'd like to learn how to play, we can "buddy you up" with someone and get you started. We usually have a lite breakfast with coffee and then we play Bridge for a few hours. Afterwards, the Bridge Club Ladies love to venture around the area and pick out a fun place to have lunch together!!!! Come and Join Us ...I think you will LOVE it!!! We meet at our Wimbish House at 10:00 the first Thursday of each month. Come join the fun! Contact Ginger Foshee or Judith Behrens for more information.

International Outreach Community Service Program,

Pat Walsh CSP Chair



Please consider bringing extra money to the May meeting as the International CSP will provide desserts to purchase at the May meeting. This is one of International's fundraisers to benefit Operation Smile. Operation Smile provides free surgeries to repair cleft lip, cleft palate and other facial deformities for children around the globe. For more information please visit: <http://www.operationsmile.org/>



ESO Book Club, Melodie Rogers

Thank you for all who were able to attend March's book club meeting, it was a special evening with author Laura Templeton. Laura has shared what a nice time she had meeting all of you and is very appreciative of the Atlanta

Woman Club's support. Thank you for creating a night of friendship and discussion.

Please be reminded that all members are welcome to attend our book club meetings. The next book club meeting will be on June 16 at Karen Clydesdale's home. She lives near 400 at the Northridge Exit. We always have a dinner prepared by the hostess and a wonderful book discussion so we hope many of you will plan to attend. Just RSVP to Melodie or Karen C. so that we know how many will be attending.

Below are two suggestions for our next book. The first suggestion Karen C. read several years ago and loved. Tayari Jones is a Georgia author although she now lives in New York. The second suggestion was made by Pam Wood our former District president and said it was a book that her GFWC book club read and enjoyed very much.

Please feel free to offer your suggestions and we will have very brief meeting following our May meeting to make a final decision.

Keep Reading!

Melodie mrogers1717@gmail.com and Karen C. karenclydesdale@bellsouth.net

<http://www.npr.org/2011/05/19/136466056/silver-sparrow-tayari-joness-tale-of-secret-sisters>

<http://www.joshilynjackson.com/jj/books/between-georgia/>



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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 Facebook page is growing every day, Chaundra Lockett, our Social Outreach Chair posts new photos and inspirational quotes every week. Please "Like" our page, you'll be glad you did!!

GFWC Georgia's Facebook Page:

www.facebook.com/GaFWC

GFWC's Facebook Page:

www.facebook.com/GFWCMembers

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

www.gfwc.org/gfwc/Join_Our_Mailing_List.asp



Atlanta Streets Alive - Atlanta Woman's Club will not participate in the May 18th event. We have a scheduled wedding event taking place at the Wimbish House.



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