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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fifth District meeting was last month, and I hope you are as proud as I am of our club's accomplishments at the district level. We won in all categories for clubs pf 51 or more members. Arts, Conservation, Education, Home Life, International, Outreach, and Public Issues each took first place and best overall general/junior club. Thank you to all CSP co-chairmen for your dedicated work. We also won the Tallulah Falls School Award and Best General Club. Hats off to our members in the craft competition. They are:

Short Story: **Betty Daniels**

Painting 1: (on canvas) 1st place to Ginger Foshee, 2nd place to Billie Harris

Painting 2: (on wood) 1st place to Ginger Foshee

Knitting, crocheting: 1st place to Anita Jansen (crocheted from recycled

plastic bags

2nd place to Judith Behrens (knitted child's

sweater)

Speaking of hats, let's not forget our tea is April 12. If you have not informed the committee of your intentions, please do so immediately.

Finally, don't forget the GFWC Georgia State convention from May 1 - May 3 in Macon. If you plan to attend and have not made me aware of it, please let me know. I'll compile a list of members attending and send it to those members by April 20. If you have a healthy recipe or healthy tip and would like it to be considered in our state president's handbook, please send to president@atlwc.org by April 28th, 2015. Only one item/recipe per club will be published submitted.

Judine B. Heard

LEADERSHIP QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Leadership is intangible, hard to measure and difficult to describe...it must include a measure of inherent ability to control and direct self confidence based upon expert knowledge, initiative, loyalty, pride and sense of responsibility. Inherent ability cannot be instilled but that which is latent or dormant can be developed. They are not easily learned. But leaders can be and are made. " -Unknown

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ATLANTA WOMAN'S CLUB ANNUAL SPRING MEMBERSHIP TEA



SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH, 2015

2:00PM-5:00PM

THE WIMBISH HOUSE

1150 PEACHTREE ST NE

ATLANTA, GA 30309

RSVP BY APRIL 8TH, 2015

TO JUDITH BEHRENS @ JUDITHMBEHRENS@GMAIL.COM

BRIDGE CLUB

Bridge Club meets on the first Thursday of every month at 10:00am. Breakfast is provided by a member each month. Bridge usually lasts about 3hrs and we go to lunch afterwards.

If you are interested in learning how to play bridge or if you already know how to play, we would love to see you on Thursday, April 2nd!

Please RSVP to Ginger Foshee

At gingerfo@bellsouth.net or 770-775-6230....see you there!!



ESO BOOK CLUB

Our March 30th Book Club meeting hosted at Karen Clydesdale's beautiful home with author Karen White was truly inspiring. For all who were fortunate to be present, we were touched by Karen Clydesdale's warm hospitality and wonderful southern dinner including desserts by Karen and Penny. Karen White was very open and friendly. She shared her life as a writer and we all enjoyed discussing her book *A Long Time Gone*. Friendship, conversation, learning..., our Atlanta Woman's Book Club has become a strong and vibrant community. Thank you - everyone - for all you do that help make our book club evenings even better each time. Our next meeting will be May 18. Please mark your calendars. We will host John Cressler, a professor at Georgia Tech who has written a book on interfaith: The Emeralds of Alhambra. I will send information about how to purchase John's book after Easter.

Melodie Rogers-

MEMBERSHIP

Cimi Douglass 1st Vice President, Membership Email: cimi.douglass@gmail.com

Formal Orientations was well attended! Thank you!!

The Membership Committee hosted two formal orientations which was attended by a total of 26 members. Thank you to all that attended and a huge thank you to our President, Judine Heard, 2nd VP Ellen Milholland, and BOT President, Karen Bacheller for lending us their time, knowledge and expertise to our group. For those who wish to learn more detailed information about leadership information, committees and GFWC reporting this will be a Level 2 orientation, we plan to host another event on May 15th

Membership – Speed Dating with our CSP's! Our Members went Speed Dating on March 19th and had a great time in spite of the ugly weather. On the night of the event, each CSP station had specific colored balloons at their tables. When members and guests arrived, everyone was given a specific colored Compass with an inspiring note "Life is like a compass. When you set your goals correctly, it will take you to the right direction." After the Membership Chair welcomed guests and members, instructions regarding the Speed Dating format were given. Members and guests were instructed to report to the CSP table that matched the color of their Compass when she rang the bell. Once everyone reported to their first station the CSP's flew into action to pitch their program, discussed their projects and initiatives, and answered questions. After 5 minutes, our 2nd VP of Programs, Ellen Milholland took great pleasure in ringing the bell rang and the groups moved to the next station.

This was a wonderful educational opportunity for both our members, guests and CSPS chairs. Our Chairs were able to practice their pitch and talk with our members and newer members. And our guests and newer members had the opportunity to talk to CSP chairs to learn about what they do, who they support and how they can get more involved. A fun time was had by all! There are many ladies I'd like to thank: Arts: JoDee Gonzalez & Rita McGregor; Education: Donna Foland & Kedra Gotel; Representing Conservation: Penny Blackford; Representing Public Issues: Judith Behrens; Representing Home Life: Miss Betty Daniels; and International Outreach, Pat Walsh. Thank you to Ellen Milholland, without our conversation after an orientation meeting discussing how to get more members involved and her comment that we should do something similar to Speed Dating – that's all it took. Great idea Ellen, thank you! And last but not least, I would like to thank Judine Heard, Karen Bacheller and Karen Clydesdale for their support and Karen C's special touch with the floral décor.

New Member Service Event at Gigi's Playhouse

Our rescheduled New Member Service event at Gigi's took place on March 28th. GiGi's Playhouse is an established series of Down Syndrome Achievement Centers. Serving children and adults of all ages, each Playhouse provides educational and therapeutic programs at no charge to families; and in a format that individuals with Down syndrome learn best. All programs aim to maximize self-confidence and empower individuals to achieve their greatest potential. Our members will assist and work with the children on the featured lesson of the day. We are very fortunate to have beautiful opportunities to learn more about local charities and to assist them with hands on projects in addition to our financial contributions. My sincerest thank you goes to new member, Connie Morris who organized this activity for the Membership Committee. Team work makes the dream work.

MEMBERSHIP-CONT'D

Welcome New Members! In March we welcome 4 new members to the Club! Please read their brief bios. It is very important to learn as much as you can about our wonderful new additions in an effort to get them involved in AWC service projects right away. "Involve, Engage & Connect!" Please welcome:



Susan Fagan is originally from Lebanon TN which is in the greater Nashville area. She graduated from TN Tech University with a Marketing degree and later received her accounting degree from MTSU. She and her husband moved to Atlanta in 2000. She is currently the Property and Benefits Manager at Peachtree Road United Methodist Church. Her interests include reading, attending teas, traveling and history.



Amy Howard has lived in the Atlanta area since 1994 when she moved to take a computer programming job with Scientific Atlanta. She grew up in Huntsville, AL, the fourth of six children, played piano, flute, and bassoon in high school, and worked her way through college in Alabama getting a degree in Math and Computer Science. Amy now works as Sr. Production Database Administrator for Telular, a wireless alarm manufacturer, in Vinings. She is active in various Atlanta technical user groups. Amy also has a real estate license and owns a Queen Anne style home in Smyrna built in 1902. She is an active member of The Church of the Apostles on Northside Dr. In her spare time she enjoys cooking, gardening, Shakespeare and classic old movies, sailing, scuba diving, and travel. Volunteer work:

American Cancer Society .NET programmer volunteer in Research/Extramural Grants, Church of the Apostles support group Assistant Leader and Treasurer, Connecting Points charity board member. Volunteer book editor and workbook designer for Connecting Points publications. Awards: Henry Jackson Memorial Scholarship - Awarded to two students per year based on academic achievement, community involvement, and financial need. Calhoun Jazz Band Scholarship - Awarded to primary musicians in good academic standing for excellence in musical achievement.



Darlene Kimes is a retiree of the City of Atlanta. She began her career in the Office of the Mayor as Deputy Director of the City's Comprehensive Employment & Training Title VI Program under the late Mayor Maynard Jackson. In that capacity, she created thousands of jobs for the unemployed and underemployed. She was instrumental in creating the City's Neighborhood Planning Unit. As a community advocate, she served on the Greenbriar Mall Merchant's Assn. for 10 years, advocating for the retention of Macy's store and new changes in the Southwest Community.

Her community outreach includes service on Butler Street YMCA Board of Mgt. and worked extensively raising funds for United Way programs. In 2010, she joined the Atlanta Public Schools

MEMBERSHIP-CONT'D

Support for the Good Atlanta Public Schools Planning Team to create a positive image of APS, locally and nationally. Darlene currently serves on the American Red Cross Minority Recruitment Board and the Board of Directors of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, NW Ga. Chapter. She is also a Diamond Life member of the Atlanta Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. where she serves on the Executive Board.

Darlene is a native of Fort Valley, Ga. And received her B.A. in Business from Fort Valley State University. When she is not trying to influence change, you can find her passionately raising money for Clark Atlanta University in memory of her late husband Dr. Larry Kimes, and for their alma mater, Fort Valley State University.

Darlene lives in Douglasville and enjoys presiding over Douglasville/Douglas County Connection Cultural Arts and Planning Hydrangea Festivals. Darlene takes pleasure in international travel and spending time with her daughter and granddaughter.



Alex Hague is so excited to be a part of the esteemed Atlanta Woman's Club, and looks forward to contributing her skills and energy to furthering the mission of the Club! Alex grew up in Marietta, GA with her parents, Alison and Gerald Hague, and brother, Adam Hague. After graduating from Georgia Tech with a B.S. in Business Management, Alex began working for C&S Wholesale Grocers where she has held many leadership roles in both Transportation and Warehouse Operations. Most recently, Alex leads projects and manages operations for Target stores across the country! In addition, Alex is attending Emory University where she is earning her MBA. In her free time, Alex loves to travel, spend time with her friends, sing, play lacrosse, and spend time outdoors!

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

Pat Walsh, International CSP Chair

AWC's International CSP is organizing a volunteer event for MedShare International. Committee member, Vanessa Massie is heading up this initiative with this volunteer event with MedShare International on May 16 at 9 am. Below please find the details, we hope you're able to attend.

MedShare International Volunteer Event Saturday May 16, 9 am-12 pm 3240 Clifton Springs Rd, Decatur, GA 30034

MedShare is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving healthcare and the environment through the efficient recovery and redistribution of the surplus of medical supplies and equipment to those most in need. We collect surplus medical supplies and equipment from hospitals, distributors and manufacturers, and then redistributes it to qualified healthcare facilities in the developing world. Please join us for a tour of the MedShare facility and a few hours of sorting medical supplies for shipment. Spouses, significant others and children over 13 years old welcome as well, great event for a high schooler! For Questions and to RSVP, please call or email Vanessa-Lauren Massie at 813-260-5834 or vanessalauren @outlook.com.

PUBLIC ISSUES

Beth Jetha, CSP Co-Chair Judith Behrens, CSP Co-Chair

My co-chair, Judith Behrens, and I are proud to report that the Atlanta Woman's Club has successfully supported several good causes through the Public Issues Community Service Program Committee during this current fiscal year that ends this month.

Through our donations of Club funds and member volunteer time, these are the organizations you have helped: the Georgia Justice Project, the Child Sex Trafficking Division of Georgia Cares, Youth Spark, the Wounded Warrior Project, the local Georgia Chapter of Pets for Vets Inc., the USO's United Through Reading Military Program, and the National Crime Prevention Council.

With your continued participation, the Public Issues CSP Committee will, during the next fiscal year, again seek out volunteer opportunities and support organizations that are indispensable to the community.

HOME LIFE



Carol Boaz, CSP Co-Chair Betty Daniels, CSP Co-Chair

Our club in so fortunate to have our beautiful house to rent out and have funds from our budget designated for each CSP to donate to charities. The Home Life Chair, Carol Boaz, has been busy requesting checks for donations to 22 charities before the next fiscal year begins. There are so many worthwhile agencies that can use help. Deciding

on a few was a wonderful task. It is <u>fun</u> to give away money. Both Betty Daniels and Carol attended the 5th District meeting on March 19 and watch the Atlanta Woman's Club receive certificates of recognition. Never-mind that we are the only club with over100 members, we make a difference in the community! Betty Daniels also participated in Cimi's "Speed dating" orientation to the CSP programs. I hope it sparked an interest in all AWC has to offer.

The sponsored activities for March were The Hunger Walk for the Atlanta Community Food Bank and Phoenix Flies. Upcoming events will be In May with serving dinner at the Ronald McDonald House and the Special Olympics. Sign-up sheets will be available at the next meeting.



TALLULAH FALLS SCHOOL

Lucy Willard, Committee Chair

On March 26, eighteen members of Atlanta Woman's Club visited Tallulah Falls School. They had a delightful time. Members toured the campus, lunched and concluded with tea at President and Mrs. Peevy's home at which time they were updated on the latest school projects.

ARTS

Rita McGregor, CSP Co-Chair JoDee Gonzales, CSP Co-Chair

On April 14, 2015, the Arts CSP will sponsor the Tour of the Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport's permanent art collection. This tour has been rescheduled from a previous date that we were unable to work out due to inclement weather. Because we will be touring behind the security gates, it is required that we send our birth dates so that the officials will be able to check for security clearance. They need extra time for that process, so if you would still like to sign up to attend, please do so no later than March 27, 2015. We will tour the exhibit from 10:30- 12:30 p.m. and plan to wrap up with a quick lunch at the airport. All attendees should plan to meet at the Wimbish House at 9:30 AM to carpool to the airport unless you plan to drive yourself there and back. If so, please notify your CSP Co-Chairs. The tour will begin in the Atrium of the main terminal, move through the T Gate installations and then end at the "Walk through Atlanta History".

The Atlanta Symphony Associates 45th Annual Decorators' Show House and Gardens is in need of volunteer docents to lead tours and provide information to Show House guests as they visit this venue. We are planning as a club group to manage shifts on Friday, April 24 in the morning (9:30-12:45) and afternoon (12:15-3:30). We have had several sign up for these shifts and they have been reported to the Show House representatives. If you have not signed up and would still like to sign up, we have extended the deadline to sign up until Friday, March 27, 2015. Also, several have indicated they would like to volunteer but cannot do so during the week, so we have also added a morning (9:30-12:45) and afternoon(12:15-3:30) shift on Saturday (4/25)-, and a Sunday afternoon shift.(12:30-4:30) on 4/26. The Show House is located at 4701 Northside Drive, "Chateau Soleil" and was designed by architect William T. Baker and built in 1998

on two beautifully landscaped acres. Please contact your Arts CSP Co-Chairs if you would like to add your name to the list for any of the times indicated.

Congratulations to the winners of our Arts Contests recently judged at the 5th District meeting. For painting on canvas, first place was awarded to Ginger Foshee and second place to Billie Harris. Ginger also won first place for her painting on wood entry. Anita Jansen won first place for her crochet entry, a handbag made from used plastic shopping bags and Judith Behrens took the second place prize for her knitted child's sweater. Also, in the short story category, Betty Daniels was awarded the Best Short Story prize. All of these members' works will go on to be judged at the State level. We are so proud of our members who have taken the time to create works of art to submit for the various contests at the district and state level. We will have their work on display at the Wimbish House so that you may view their work at the Spring Tea in April.

The Peachtree Women's Writers Alliance. sponsored by the Atlanta Woman's Club, will meet on Monday, April 6, 2015, from 7 to 8:30 PM at the Wimbish House. This month will focus on a work in progress by "Author-in-waiting", Lexa King. Lexa will be reading from a current work in progress and we look forward to an open discussion from all in attendance allowing for guestions. critiques and commentaries. Please join us whether you are currently writing or have aspirations to explore the process as well as just to spend some time getting to know some of our members more fully in a small group atmosphere. We look forward to seeing you there.

Rita-rtmcg23@gmail.com

JoDee-jodee.gonzalez12@gmail.com

EDUCATION

Kedra Gotel, CSP Co-Chair

Donna Foland, CSP Co-Chair

On April 3, 2015, the Education CSP will host Dr. Louis Sullivan at Hope-Hill Elementary School for a "fireside chat" to 4th and 5 graders from 10 am to 11:30 am. After his presentation the students can ask Dr. Sullivan questions and perhaps win a copy of one of the several books he has written.

Dr. Sullivan is the founding Dean of Morehouse School of Medicine, serving from 1975 to 1989. During his administration Morehouse School of Medicine became a fully accredited school of medical science. Dr. Sullivan was appointed the Director of U.S. Health and Human Services by President George H.W. Bush in 1989, serving until 1989 to 1993 when he returned to Morehouse School of Medicine as its President until 2002. Dr. Sullivan was the first Republican appointed African American Director of U.S. Health and Human Services

Dr. Sullivan has authored and co-authored two books namely, "The Morehouse Mystique: Becoming a Doctor at the Nation's Newest African American Medical School" and "Breaking Ground: My Life in Medicine".

CONSERVATION



Karen Johnson, CSP Co-Chair

Penny Blackford, CSP Co-Chair

The Conservation CSP met with representatives of the World Peace Rose Garden and the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site on March 11, 2015 and again on March 14, 2015 for the installation of the World Peace Rose Garden. AWC members present in addition to the CSP cochairs at the installation were Judine Heard, President AWC and Karen Bacheller, BOT chair.

The purpose of these meetings were to meet with TJ David of the World Peace Rose Garden and the National Park Service Staff and the Secretary of the Interior, Sally Jewel to express the AWC's wish to help maintain the new rose garden after it was installed on March 14, 2015.

The outcome of these meetings is that Karen Johnson and Penny Blackford co-chairs of the Conservation CSP and any other members wishing to volunteer will be meeting with Dr. Reggie Tiller of the MLK Jr., National Historic Site to discuss plans about volunteer training and scheduling "snip the blooms" and ongoing maintenance of the garden on Monday April 13, 2015 at 1:30 PM at the MLK Visitors Center located at 450 Auburn Ave NE Atlanta, Ga., 30312. Members are welcome to join the Conservation CSP if able.

Please contact Karen Johnson <u>GoodmoviesEnt@aol.com</u> or Penny Blackford <u>blackfordp@bellsouth.net</u> if you can attend this planning meeting on Monday April 13, 2015.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION

Lisa Banes, Nominating Committee Chair

Two Trustees Elected

Lisa Banes and Karen Thomson were elected to the Atlanta Woman's Club Board of Trustees for the 2015-2017 term at the March general meeting. As of June 2015, members of the Board of Trustees are:

Karen Bacheller, Chair

Lisa Banes

Myra Carmon, Parliamentarian

Karen Clydesdale

Barbara Culmer-Ilaw, Treasurer

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Members of the Nominating Committee were:

Lisa Banes, Chair

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Ruth Yurchuck

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Billie Harris, Alternate

Myra Carmon, Parliamentarian

An additional alternate will be elected to fill the remainder of Lisa Banes' term on the Nominating Committee.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Club is growing and our CSP's are busy planning service events and wonderful opportunities for you to learn more and serve the community more while having a little fun in the process. To streamline the many emails we receive, AWC will start sending out weekly updates on an as needed basis. The Club Weekly update will contain upcoming events and information about what is happening at our club! This will not replace our monthly newsletter. Some events will have contact email addresses, please contact that person for more information or to RSVP for the event, and some will require online registration. In order for us to plan accurately, we need you to RSVP please.

Message from our Social Media Chair, Chaundra Luckett: When submitting photos for our social media outlets, please submit photos and other items to Chaundra via email (bnttbell@yahoo.com) with a caption about the photo. Chaundra may edit caption accordingly. Please do not send photos or other items via text message. One method of submitting articles is always best.

<u>Message from Cimi</u> – CSP's or members, please send in photos of AWC members volunteering/in action for our May photo show. Selected photos will be used. <u>cimi.douglass@gmail.com</u>

AWC Events & Opportunities

Please check our website for detailed information! Please confirm your attendance to all events, but especially to those that are happening within the next 2 weeks – our committees need your headcount.

Coming up soon!

April 12 2:00PM April Membership Tea – **RSVP NOW**.

April 24 Need Volunteers: 2015 ASO Decorators Show House & Gardens: Volunteer as Docents for the Decorators' Show House. Available shifts for Fri., April 24 and Sat., April 25: 9:30-12:45 a.m. and 12:15-3:30. Afternoon shift available on Sun., 12:30-4:30. The Show House this year is being held at "Chateau Soleil", 4701 Northside Drive. Sign up with Arts CSP Co-Chairs, Rita McGregor arts@atlwc.org OR jodee.gonzalez12@gmail.com as soon as reasonably possible so they can get you on the schedule.

April 14 at 10:30 a.m. <u>Hartsfield-Jackson Airport tour</u>. Meet in the Atrium by the Clock Tower, between N and S Terminal Baggage claim. Tour will feature a portion of the world-class art exhibits, beginning at the Atrium, moving through the T gate installations, and completing the tour at the "Walk Through Atlanta History". Afterwards, please join us at one of the restaurants at the airport for lunch. Contact: Arts CSP Co-Chairs, Rita McGregor arts@atlwc.org OR jodee.gonzalez12@gmail.com

<u>May 16 at 9:00 a.m.</u> <u>MedShare Service Project</u> (International CSP) Please join us for a tour of the MedShare facility and a few hours of sorting medical supplies for shipment to Africa. Volunteers and Children over 13 years old welcome! This would be a great event for your high schooler! To learn more about MedShare, visit their website at: http://www.medshare.org/ . To sign up, contact Vanessa Massie at vanessalauren@outlook.com

Participation Needed

Public Issues CSP encourages members to sign up for the updates. You can sign up by

- 1. Going to georgiavoices.org
- 2. Click the Take Action tab
- 3. Click the Join our email list tab

The Board of Trustees would like you to participate in our luncheon survey - please participate, responses are anonymous.

Cimi Douglass

Atlanta Woman's Club Membership Chair

Next Luncheon: April 13th, 2015 Kindly RSVP to Judith Behrens judithmbehrens@gmail.com

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