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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Congratulations to our newly elected officers!

Ladies, last month our membership participated in the election of the 2018-2020 officers and BOT members. As a member driven organization I am pleased to announce the following 2018-2020 officers:

President – Myra Carmon

1st VP – Jo Dee Gonzalez

2nd VP – Connie Morris

Treasurer – LaTonya Jordan

Asst. Treasurer – Penny Blackford

Recording Secretary – Judy Reece

BOT Members – Karen Clydesdale and Cimi Douglass

I wish to personally congratulate and thank all of you for choosing to lead our organization for the next two years. Leading this organization is truly an honor and privilege. You will have the opportunity to grow as a person in every way, and it was truly one of the best experiences I have had during my lifetime. I am so thankful to have been able to “shine the light” for two years and to carry on the legacy of AWC. I am also extremely excited to see all of you do the same. I wish you all the best of luck during your administration. Congratulations!!

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In addition to the above, I'd like to thank our Nominating Committee - A huge thank you to Rita McGregor, Chair of the Nominating Committee, Johanna Bunch, Connie Morris, Judy Reece and our alternates, Page Henry and Jamila Porter. Ladies your hard work on this very important task is appreciated.

Next, I'd like to remind everyone that we will not have a general meeting in April. Instead we will be hosting our Annual Membership Tea on April 8th, followed by our Spring Fling on April 18th. I hope to see all of you there! Also, our State Convention is scheduled for April 20-22 in Athens, Georgia – all details can be found on our State's website at www.gfwcgeorgia.org.

See you soon!

Cimi Douglass

Atlanta Woman's Club President 2016-2018



CALL TO CONVENTION

Call to Convention – April 20-22nd in Athens, Georgia

Ladies, our State President sent out the Call to the 2018 GFWC Georgia Annual Convention, which will take place April 20-22, 2018 at the Classic Center in Athens. The hotel will be the Hilton Garden Inn, located across the street from the Classic Center. Like last year, the Convention will not begin until Friday. Convention will open on Friday Night with a Junior General Dinner and Fun Night, where the Junior Conference Officers will be installed. Saturday morning will be busy, as we will be conducting all of our business at the morning session. Our Convention business will include proposed Bylaws amendments. If you choose to attend convention, please look these over in advance and bring your copy to Convention. Also on Saturday morning, we will give out the Standing and Special Committee Awards. During Saturday's lunch, we will hear from a speaker and will present the awards for TFS and Education, Conservation and International Outreach. The State will be formally presenting all the monies raised for the Elaine Singley Chandler scholarship to TFS. Lunch will be followed by a service project, which involves collecting specific items for use at the Athens Nurses Clinic. Saturday evening we will hear from Jolie Frankforth and will present the awards for Family of the Year, Home Life, Public Issues, and Art. On Sunday morning we will hold our annual Memorial Service and will present the Silver Awards, including the Georgia Federation Cup. Most importantly on Sunday, we will install the officers for the 2018-2020 Administration. Dress for the meeting will be business or business casual, with the exception of Saturday night, when we ask that you wear your cocktail or formal attire as we celebrate the end of this administration at both the State and District Level and the beginning of the next administration.

For more details, schedules and additional convention specifics, please visit our State website at www.gfwcgeorgia.org. If you plan to attend convention, please let me know.

Thank you!

Cimi Douglass, GFWC AWC President 2016-2018

MEMBERSHIP

Tonya S. Watson

1st Vice President, Membership

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Welcome New Members! AWC welcomed five (5) new members in March. Below please find their bios. As always, it's very important to learn as much as you can about AWC's new members in an effort to get them involved in AWC service projects right away. "Involve, Engage & Connect!"

MEMBERSHIP CONT'D

Joanne Kenna

I recently retired from my twenty-plus year practice of law in Florida and have relocated to Atlanta to be nearer family. Atlanta is now my home. I want to be involved in activities that support the community and make it a great place to live.

My professional career began as a cardiac critical care nurse at the University of Chicago, and then evolved to supervision and cardiac intensive care nursing education. I married and took a hiatus of several years to devote time to raising a family (five stepchildren and a son). This period was also focused on extensive community volunteer work including: The American Heart Association; PACES (Parent and Childbirth Education Society (Chicago); The Child Abuse Council (Tampa, FL); independent Day School (n/k/a Corbett Preparatory School of IDS, a pre-K through eighth grade fully accredited private school in Tampa), where I served in various board offices, including president); and Carrollwood Service League (Tampa), where I held various offices.

Educationally, I have a diploma in nursing from St. Anne's Hospital School of Nursing, an undergraduate degree in business management from National-Louis University, a certificate in advanced management from The University of Chicago industrial Relations Center, and a juris doctorate from Stetson University College of Law.

My law degree was earned after my husband's premature death. I began practicing law as a medical malpractice defense attorney and later transitioned to health law. Throughout this time, I maintained significant involvement in professional organizations and community homeowner associations.

Debbie Harris



Debbie Harris, Manager Supply Chain Strategy, Modalgistics, Norfolk Southern Corporation.

Born and raised in Salem, VA, Debbie became an "encourager" early in life. She sang and shared her faith as she grew. After receiving a Bachelors of Music Education from James Madison University (Harrisonburg, VA), she taught public and private school music.

Hired by the Norfolk & Western Railway (now Norfolk Southern Corporation) as a programmer trainee, she's enjoyed her career working in IT, Marketing, Logistics, National Customer Service Center, Intermodal, Human Resources, Operations Service & Support and currently in Modalgistics.

She is married to Rick and they celebrate every day of their honeymoon. Her passion is music and she loves teaching, reading, walking, and having fun. Debbie looks forward to becoming a member of Atlanta Woman's Club as a faithful servant and encourager.

MEMBERSHIP CONT'D

Lidia Angelatos



I'm Lidia Angelatos and I'm married with 2 adult children. I'm originally from Montreal, Canada and I'm proficient in 3 languages, English, French, and Italian.

I worked as a controller for 15 years in Montreal until we moved to Central Jersey in 2006 and became an American citizen in 2012. We lived there for 11 years where I volunteered at my children's high school for 6 years as treasurer.

In September of last year, we moved to Atlanta as my husband was transferred once again. I have joined the Atlanta Woman's Club for many reasons, to put my free time to good use, my enjoyment of helping others, and meeting like-minded people.

Genevieve Pitturo



For many underprivileged children, nighttime often means a hard end to an equally hard day. Many go to bed wearing their street clothes or wearing nothing at all. That's where Genevieve Pitturo and the Pajama Program step in. This year, with 63 chapters serving all 50 States, Pajama Program celebrates its 16th year.

Genevieve founded Pajama Program in 2001 to help create a warm and nurturing bedtime environment for youngsters living under difficult circumstances. Pajama Program, a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit organization targets children in need ranging in age from newborn to 17, many who are without parents and/or permanent homes. It is through her dedication and commitment that to date, the organization has been able to provide more than 5 MILLION new pajamas and new books to children in need in the U.S.

Most recently Genevieve has been interviewed on TODAY (Dec 25, 2017), OPRAH (which aired 3 times), OWN's "Where are they Now" series, Good Morning America (ABC), The Early Show (CBS). CNN, Fox & Friends, and in O-The Oprah Magazine, Forbes, The Wall Street Journal, Glamour Magazine, SELF Magazine, American Baby, Parenting Magazine, Parents Magazine, Redbook, Woman's World and hundreds of local media outlets.

Genevieve's entrepreneurial spirit was fueled by her extensive background in marketing, first in the television syndication arena for many years and then for an event planning company with offices in London and NYC. She started Genevieve Unlimited in 1993 to service entertainment companies in their efforts to gain a competitive edge in the world of promotion. Clients included ABC-TV, Bravo Cable Network, Sport Magazine and Broadway and London productions of "Crazy For You" and "Grease."

MEMBERSHIP CONT'D

A professional speaker, Genevieve writes a blog for The Huffington Post, and THRIVE GLOBAL, and is writing a book about Pajama Program and her personal journey to find her purpose. She is a recipient of the Edith C. Macy Distinguished Service Award by the Westchester Children's Association; the Heart for Children's Award bestowed by ANDRUS in Westchester County, NY; Friend of Abbott House award/Abbott House/Westchester County, and The Thomas Caramadre Humanitarian Award given by the Yonkers Chamber of Commerce. Genevieve has been named one of Westchester's Most Enterprising Women by 914INC magazine published by Westchester magazine. Genevieve is a founding board member of the Spirit of Hope Scholarship Foundation, a non-profit inspired by Pajama Program which offers college scholarships to High School seniors in foster care. A Yonkers, New York native, she received a Bachelor's of Art Degree from Fordham University. She resides in Irvington, N.Y. with her husband, Demo DiMartile.

Ursula Reynolds



Ursula Reynolds is Associate Director of Graduate Programs at Georgia Institute of Technology. In this role Ursula provides leadership and strategic direction for the doctoral program in the Business School. In 2016, she was offered the role of instructor for the first Women and Leadership freshman seminar course at Georgia Tech! She continues to encourage women to speak up, use their voice to advocate for themselves and others, and to become leaders in their respective fields. She will teach the course for the third time this upcoming fall. She was also awarded the 2018 Outstanding Woman of Distinction during Georgia Tech's Women's Leadership Conference.

Ursula Reynolds passion for serving others has led her to serve in leadership positions on several nonprofit boards and committees throughout Atlanta. She serves on the board of directors for Ferst Foundation for Childhood Literacy, a nonprofit organization that provides books for local communities to prepare preschool children for reading and learning success. She also serves on the board of directors for Whitefoord Community Programs, an organization that connects quality healthcare and education services for children and families in and around Southeast Atlanta. She is a Georgia native and a University of Georgia graduate. She is married with three boys ages 16, 7, and 3.

MEMBERSHIP SPRING FLING

Tonya S. Watson

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At the recent Atlanta Woman's Club strategic visioning meeting, it was proposed that the Club should hold an after-hours meeting geared towards club members and guests, who work during the day. As a result of this proposal, on April 18, 2018, the Atlanta Woman's Club will hold a Spring Fling Mixer, which will begin at 6:30 p.m. at our clubhouse, the Wimbish House. At the Spring Fling Mixer, we will host a guest speaker from the Nicholas House, an organization that provides housing programs along with supportive services to meet the various levels of need for homeless families in Atlanta. All club members and guests are invited to attend this event, so feel free to bring a friend to learn more about the Atlanta Woman's Club and the Nicholas House in a fun and friendly environment, at the beautiful and historic Wimbish House. For those that are interested in attending, please email Cimi Douglass, Atlanta Woman's Club President, at cimi.douglass@gmail.com.

LEADERSHIP

Leadership Committee

Congratulations to our new officers and trustees. Our club is blessed with great leadership and strong women who are smart, confident and caring. The ability to motivate and inspire is a big part of leadership. A recent survey of leaders found these were the most desired traits. Sometimes it can be hard to put "motivate" and "inspire" into your schedule. Inspirational leadership is about making your members feel valued and creating enthusiasm. This starts by facing challenges. Regular communication with your members will go a long way toward making members feel like you trust them. Take an interest in your members beyond the clubhouse. Ask about their families and what is going on in their lives. Be authentic. Use your personal traits to develop your leadership style. When you model yourself in an ethical way and model the traits you want to see in others, you earn the respect of those around you. Women Leaders today exemplify a new model of leadership. They have the ability to influence a wide range of groups without having actual power over them. They do this through effective communication, listening and taking action when needed. We wish all of our leaders great success and look forward to working with you. We are grateful for the outstanding service of our officers and trustees who have served our club over the past years and appreciate you all very much.



Karen Clydesdale, LEADS/Leadership Chair

TALLULAH FALLS SCHOOL

Lucy Willard, Chair



Tallulah Falls School Field Trip

It was a great trip to Tallulah Falls School on Friday March 24. After touring the Middle School named after our Past President, Lucy Willard, we enjoyed a delicious lunch with the students. We saw the plans for the upcoming project, the TFS Natatorium which will bring the school to the next level of competitive swimming. We drove through the school grounds to see all of the

improvements and preparations for the construction. It is a very impressive school and one that we all can be proud of.

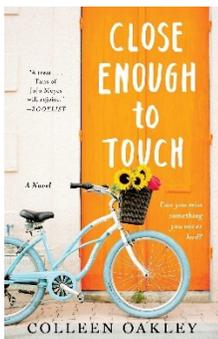


ESO BOOK CLUB

Coming up.....

For our last meeting of the year we will be reading *Close Enough to Touch* by local author **Colleen Oakley**. She will join us, and to my surprise Kimberly Belle knows her and is very positive about our selection for May.

Monday, May 21 Book Club: *Close Enough to Touch* by **Colleen Oakley**. Please purchase books at A Capella Books, Amazon, or Barnes and Noble.



Thank you all who read with our Atlanta Woman's Club book club and continue to make the reading experience and our community special.

Happy Reading

Melodie Rogers, ESO Book Club Chair

HOME LIFE

Home Life have donated to these organizations since June 2017.

The Giving Kitchen which provides emergency assistance to restaurant workers through financial support.

Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta which builds girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place.

Experience Camp are free one week camps for grieving children. A new one has been started in Blue Ridge, GA.

H.E.A.T. Helps low-income families pay their energy bills.

Press On Fund invests in medical research focused on novel and less toxic therapies for pediatric cancer.

Marcus Autism Center cares for children with Autism and aims to give them the brightest future.

Canine Companions for Independence provides assistance dogs free of charge to adults, children and veterans with disabilities.

Easter Seals North Georgia provides exceptional services, education, outreach and advocacy so that people with disabilities can live, learn, work and play in our communities.

Ronald McDonald House which works to keep families together and near the care they need.

A. G. Rhodes Home provides the highest standard of care to seniors.

Connie Morris, Home Life CSP Chair

ARTS

How can I get involved?.....Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities:

Arts CSP will continue our ongoing volunteer project with drawchange on **Monday, April 16th from 3-4pm**, which will repeat on every 3rd Monday each month. We will assist children at a local shelter in southwest Atlanta with their art therapy projects. You don't have to be artistic to volunteer, your love and support is all they need. If this project is of interest to you, please contact Billie Harris via email to schedule the month you'd like to volunteer. Only 3 volunteer spaces are available for AWC per month.



It's time to design our "Love Train" for GFWC GA Day of Service on Saturday, April 28th in support of Domestic Violence. The Arts CSP will design and create the collection bin for donors to place the items in that we are collecting to give to a local domestic violence related charity. There will be a meeting to discuss details for this project on **Wednesday, April 11th** at Starbucks (21 14th St NE) at **6:30pm**. Anyone interested in participating in this project, please contact Billie Harris via email at hawcinc@live.com or via phone at 678-617-8511.

Billie Harris, Arts CSP Chair

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