



# Atlanta Woman's Club



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## President's Message

This time of the year inspires many people to give back to their communities. As I read the latest issue of *Clubwoman* it was very apparent GFWC members were busy throughout the year. GFWC members volunteered 4,501,491.2 hours in their communities, which AWC members' hours are included.

As we make plans to enjoy time with our family and friends, our members are still taking time to give to those less fortunate. We will be volunteering at Georgia Justice Project's annual event, acting as docents at Callanwolde Fine Arts Center and while out shopping, many of us will purchase pajamas for patients at The Ronald McDonald House. If that is not enough, our annual holiday party is always a party with a cause. This year A Seeded Event Committee has planned a wonderful evening with proceeds going to Synchronicity Theatre.

I want to thank you for your time, talent and treasures you have given throughout the year and I look forward to working with you in the upcoming year. May you and your family have a joyous and safe holiday season.

Judine B. Heard

## Speaker Spotlight



### Meria Joel Carstarphen, Ed.D. Superintendent Atlanta Public Schools

Meria Joel Carstarphen, Ed.D., is superintendent of Atlanta Public Schools. She brings to Atlanta an impressive record in transformative educational leadership that has led to significant student performance gains. Dr. Carstarphen has nearly 20 years of education and experience in diverse, major metropolitan public school districts.

Before coming to Atlanta, Dr. Carstarphen was superintendent of the Austin Independent School District. She was also superintendent of the Saint Paul Public Schools in Minnesota and has worked in other area of public school systems including district level administrative positions and as a teacher at the middle and elementary schools level.

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Next Luncheon: December 8th  
Kindly RSVP to Judith Behrens, Member Events  
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# Membership Committee News

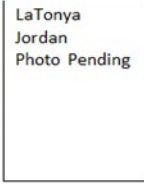
AWC welcomed 8 new members to our Club at the November Meeting!



Elizabeth Santry Watts



Jennifer Scott



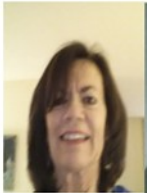
LaTonya Jordan



Nancy Cleave



Kimberly Gordon



Dorothy Garrett



Elizabeth Byrd



Amaryllis Alexander

If you have the time, please read their bios attached to this newsletter. It's important to learn as much as you can about AWC's new member in an effort to get them involved in AWC service projects right away. "Involve, Engage & Connect!"



**New Member Service Event a Huge Success!** On November 9<sup>th</sup>, The Membership Committee hosted a New Member Service Event. New Members, Tonya Watson, Jennifer Scott, Vanessa Jones, Elizabeth Watts, Connie Morris, Judy Reece, Anne Valgoi, Elizabeth Byrd, Billie Harris, Cimi Douglass and Judine Heard volunteered at CHO at Scottish Rite in the Zone Area. Our AWC new members hosted 5 craft tables for 2 hours while children and parents stopped in to talk and craft with us. We

also enjoyed a surprise visit from a Star Wars Storm Trooper and Darth Vader himself! Thank you to Billie Harris who organized the event and who was able to take a few photos with permission from their parents. Our new members are looking forward to another volunteer event!

Cimi Douglass  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Membership  
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*Living  
the  
Volunteer Spirit*



*New Member  
Service Project*

## Art Community Service Program

The Peachtree Women's Writers Alliance will meet on December 1, 2014 at 7 PM featuring Robyn Bartlett and Amaryllis Alexander, Atlanta Woman's Club members and contributing authors in the book, *Behind the Mask; The Many Faces of Bullying*. They will share the challenges of working with 13 other authors to create a collection of stories centered around a common theme as well as their experiences working with the publisher.

Following the December meeting, on January 5, our guest speaker will be Estelle Ford-Williamson, an Atlanta area literary and historical fiction writer and former writing program staff member at Clayton State University. More details will come in December, but mark your calendar for a very special evening to kick off the New Year.

Also coming up in January, 2015, for our monthly membership meeting, the Arts Community Service Program is looking forward to having members from the Atlanta Artists Center as our guests. The Center is a non-profit organization which supports the growth and development of their member artists by providing opportunities to increase their skills and share their understanding and knowledge of visual arts through exhibition experience, a variety of educational programs and networking with other artists. This effort also supports and expands the visual arts in the community to targeted outreach audiences through education, exhibitions and special programming. We will coordinate this program with some of our own artists who will be entering the GFWC Georgia Arts Contests in Photography, Writing and various crafts and submitting their 2014 works prior to the February 1 deadline. Please remember to notify your Arts CSP co-chairmen if you are preparing a work to submit for the contest and need more information regarding rules for participation. The Arts Community Service Program has also contributed \$250 to the Student Art Award Fund. We are able to sponsor local high school graduating seniors that may participate in the Student Art Scholarship program of the GFWC/GaFWC.

Remember January 15, 2015 for our four hour painting class at The Wimbish House from 9 am-1 pm. The fee for the class is \$25, plus \$5 for the supplies. Please notify Ginger Foshee if you plan to attend and have not already signed up. (gingerfo@bellsouth.net)

Rita McGregor, Co-Chair, Arts Community Service Program; rtmcg23@gmail.com

Jo Dee Gonzalez, Co-Chair, Arts Community Service Program; Jodee.gonzalez12@gmail.com

## International Outreach Community Service Program

The International Committee would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and to thank all of the members who have participated in our activities this year.

A supplemental donation of \$275.00 is being sent to UNICEF. We donated \$1,000.00 to the Haitian Nursing Foundation which supports the four year BS in Nursing degree for students in Haiti.

We will be doing our Holiday donation to Heifer in December. International will also be participating in the Holiday party and benefit for Synchronicity Theatre.

As you give Thanks this season, please remember our International neighbors who are facing illness, strife, a lack of clean water, housing and natural disasters. Thank you for your support and continuing interest and please join our committee!

Patricia Walsh, Co-Chair

## A Seeded Event

As part of the Atlanta Woman's Club "Seeded Event Program," the club is hosting a fundraising event for the Georgia Center for Child Advocacy. The event, Works of HeART, will be held at The Wimbish House on Saturday, February 7, 2014 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm EST and is being sponsored by The Duncan Family Foundation. This event will include a wine bar, light refreshments, and a special silent auction featuring one-of-a-kind heart themed artwork from Atlanta artists. Tickets to the event are \$75 and can be purchased online by clicking here.

Tonya S. Watson  
Communications Coordinator for A Seeded Event Program (Arts) [tonyaswatson@gmail.com](mailto:tonyaswatson@gmail.com)

## Tallulah Falls School

Students at Tallulah Falls School will begin their two-week winter break following the Christmas Program on December 19th. Students will return to school on January 4, 2015.

Lucy Willard, Chairman

## Public Issues Community Service Program

December is National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month. Awareness of the effects of alcohol and drugs on your driving ability are important during the holiday season. Please arrange for a designated driver to provide your ride before you start partying. Remember that if you are on medication, drugs may impact your driving ability. Discuss with your physician the effects of drugs and any possible interaction of those drugs with certain foods you eat.

Did you remember to change the batteries on your smoke alarm? If you cannot climb a ladder and need help with changing batteries, please call Judith Behrens at 404-812-0780. Leave a specific message if you get the voice mail. Judith and her husband have generously volunteered to assist Club members with changing their smoke alarm batteries.

Plans are under way for members to get ready for the Public Issues Community Service Program committee work for the new year. Judith and Beth plan to meet with interested members after the January 12, 2015 General Meeting and discuss the Public Issues CSP work for 2015.

### Save These Dates:

January 12, 2015 - Public Issues CSP meeting after the Club luncheon meeting

February 3, 2015 - Stop Violence Against Women Day at the Georgia Capitol, 8:30 am - 1:30 pm, meet at the Central Presbyterian Church (breakfast provided). Watch for sign up sheet at meetings.

Beth Jetha, Co-Chairman

## CONSERVATION COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

**HAPPY GREEN HOLIDAYS! KEEPING WITH THE SPIRIT OF CONSERVATION THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, THE AWC CONSERVATION COMMITTEE OFFER THE FOLLOWING PLACES TO VISIT**

**THE ATLANTA BOTANICAL GARDEN'S "GARDEN LIGHTS, HOLIDAY NIGHTS" CELEBRATION.**

From November 18 to January 2, Atlanta's favorite holiday tradition returns bigger and brighter this year! Stroll through the transformed twinkling wonderland with more than a million lights. Connect with your inner kid, ride a train or visit the holiday model train center. Have a cocktail or a cozy dinner at the new Café at Linton in the Garden. Visit <https://tickets.atlantabotanicalgarden.org/> for more details.

## TRULY LIVING WELL'S (TLW) LIGHTS OF SERVICE FESTIVAL IN OLD FOURTH WARD

Dates: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday December 12-14th

Times: Friday, Market-12-noon to Dusk, Lights of Services-Dusk-10pm

Saturday and Sunday Holiday Bizarre, 12 noon-Dusk and Lights of Service - Dusk to 10pm

Cost: \$5.00

Address: Truly Living Well Wheat Street Garden, 75 Hilliard Street NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30312

Contact Persons: Lin Hetherington at 706-258-8925 or Kai Dean at 678-614-8896

The proceeds from the festival will help TLW to continue its healthy food summer camp, urban farming entrepreneur training and create more jobs in the community.

**ATLANTA HOMES & LIFESTYLES Home for the Holidays 2014**

Dates: Wednesday, November 19 - Sunday December 7, 2014

Wednesdays-Saturday, 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM; Sundays, 1:00-5:00

Closed Mondays, Tuesdays and Thanksgiving Day

Cost: General Admission \$25.00 (Tickets are good for any day)

Address: 2865 Habersham Road (Please note there is no parking on Habersham or at the House. Shuttles are available from ADAC (Atlanta Decorative Arts Center)

This year's English-style Buckhead home is filled with rooms designed by over 20 of the top designers in the Southeast. This year's beneficiary is the Children's Learning Gardens and Farms of the Southeastern Horticultural Society.

Contact: Atlanta Homes & Lifestyles Home for the Holiday 2014-Evenbrite

## Bridge

The Bridge Club will meet on Friday, December 5th (one day later than usual due to the Big Holiday Party on Wednesday night). We will begin at 10:00 and each lady has been asked to bring a breakfast/brunch type item to share for our "Cover Dish Christmas Brunch". If you would like to join our group, we can teach you how to play Bridge at 9:30. Please call me and let me know if you are interested in learning the game. We welcome all members to join the group! Merry Christmas! Ginger Foshee 770-775-6230

## ATLANTA WOMAN'S CLUB ROSTER OF OFFICERS & EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

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