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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's that time of the year when many ask - where has the year gone? Without a doubt when you are busy with family, work and volunteering in the community time does seem to fly.

If that is not enough, we begin to see and hear the bell ringers at our local stores before Thanksgiving having some people ask - is it too early to give! It's never too early to give to any organization, and our clubwomen demonstrate this throughout the year. Perhaps the red kettle brings us to the realization that the year is nearing an end, we have parties to host and anything else that needs to be completed before December 31st.

I enjoy this time of the year. I enjoy seeing and hearing local schools' students performing throughout the city. I enjoy seeing adult carolers. I enjoy seeing parents with their children who are dressed for the season. And, yes I enjoy hearing the bell ringers. Think about what you enjoy during the season and share it with your family and friends.

One thing that makes me think "is it that time of the year" is recording of our hours and money donated throughout 2015. I'd like to ask if you have not sent your hours and money donated to CSP co-chairmen, please email as soon as possible. If you are unsure whether if it can be included, send to the CSP and they will determine if it is eligible.

Thank you for all you have done to make this an outstanding year for our club. I'd like to wish you and your family a joyous and safe holiday season. I look forward to working with you in 2016.

Judine B. Heard

President, 2014-2016

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LEADERSHIP QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way and shows the way."

-John Maxwell

INTERNATIONAL

Patricia Walsh, International CSP Co-Chair

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The International CSP thanks everyone for the final donations of UNICEF monies and also for food donations for World Food Day. We will do another food collection in February. We donated 26 pounds of food and \$500 to the Atlanta Community Food Bank. I would like to be able to increase the weight of the food in February. Also, we will do a collection of small toys for Operation Smile, this will take place during February and March. Also, Little Dresses for Africa does continue. International will also be donating a basket for the silent auction for the annual Christmas Party. We wish you well and safe and happy holidays with family and friends. Please think of the thousands of people who are in dire circumstances. Disease and horrific experiences are overwhelming the refugees of the World. There is much to be done and I hope that we can all look beyond the strife and help the innocent people caught in the confines of conflict.

TALLULAH FALLS SCHOOL

Lucy Willard, Chair

Happy Holidays to the students and staff of Tallulah Falls School. The students will be leaving December 18 returning January 4, 2016. Safe travels to everyone near and far.



MEMBERSHIP

Cimi Douglass

1st Vice President, Membership

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It's Membership Renewal time! The holidays are quickly approaching and I wanted to remind everyone that our renewal period ends on January 1, 2016. I wanted to make sure everyone was notified now so you can plan your finances accordingly. If you recall, the Board and General Membership voted to increase membership dues by \$10, therefore the annual renewal dues for returning members is now \$65.00 per year. *If you would like to renew your membership (and I sincerely hope that you do), please visit: www.atlwc.org and go to the event calendar date of January 1 - click that date to pay your \$65 renewal fee online by credit card. If you want to mail your membership dues, please send your check to Atlanta Woman's Club, ATTN: Cimi Douglass, 1150 Peachtree Street, NE, Atlanta, Ga. 30309. As always you can bring in your check or cash to the December or January 12th meetings. Note New Members: According to our bylaws, if you joined our Club in November, you do not have to renew. Thank you!*

Welcome New Members! AWC welcomed new member, Diana Sauvigne' (*pronounced: so vin yea*) to our club in November. Below please find her bio, 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!" Welcome to The Atlanta Woman's Club Diana!



Diana was born in Atlanta, but raised on Long Island, NY until the age of 13. Her family moved to West TN, when her mother inherited a cattle farm and spent the remainder of her childhood in West Tennessee. She then graduated from University of Tennessee in Knoxville. In her early years, she was employed for 15 years as a Buyer at Rich's Department store. Currently, she is employed with Berkshire Hathaway Home Services for approximately 15 years. Diana is active with the Leukemia Society, Botanical Gardens, Piedmont Park, High Museum, ASO, Rotary, All Saints in Atlanta and enjoys tennis and a fun game of bridge!

Sunday, Dec 13 - Noon: Membership Orientation

You are invited & welcomed to attend our next Membership Orientation at the Wimbish House. A casual lunch and beverages will be provided.

This orientation will hopefully provide you the information you need to become more active within our organization. We will review our history, our affiliations, procedures, bylaws, standing rules, etc. Upon receipt of your rsvp, we will send you a copy of our handbook, bylaws and standing rules. Please review them if you have time and we welcome your questions. I'd like this orientation to be informative and interactive.

RSVP by clicking this link or copying it onto your browser: <http://awc-membership-orientation-dec-13.eventbrite.com>. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Cimi Douglas.

ARTS

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Callanwolde Fine Arts Center, operating as a non-profit community organization, offers classes and workshops for all ages in visual, literary and performing arts. Special performances, gallery exhibits, outreach programs and fundraising galas are presented throughout the year. The beautifully landscaped 12.5 acre estate includes a magnificent Tudor Revival style mansion built by Charles Howard

Candler, President of The Coca-Cola Company (1916, 1920-1923,) and eldest son of Asa Griggs Candler who founded The Coca-Cola Company. During the Christmas Holidays the public is invited to tour the Historic Mansion decorated by Atlanta's top interior and floral designers. Our Atlanta Woman's Club members have filled the need for docents for the morning shift on Friday, December 11, but **volunteers are still needed** for the afternoon from 2:30-7:00 PM to assist with guiding guests through the mansion and sharing provided information about the history of the home and the designers. Please contact your Arts CSP Co-Chairs if you are available and interested in participating.

EDUCATION

Education CSP Distributes Dictionaries to Hope-Hill Third Graders



President Judine Heard, Donna Foland, and Ruth Yurchuck distributed approximately 60 dictionaries to the third grade students and teachers on Thursday, November 5th. Principal Maureen Wheeler accompanied us to each of the four third grade classrooms where we were greeted by smiles and excitement about receiving a personalized copy of *A Student's Dictionary*. These books, created annually by The Dictionary Project, contain more than just the alphabetical listing of words. There are sections devoted to punctuation, weights and measures, the Declaration of Independence, the planets, the US Presidents, and valuable information. This is the 10th year GFWC AWC has presented books to Hope-Hill students, making it one of the longest term projects of the AWC Education CSP.

EDUCATION & HOME LIFE

Adopt a Block Youth/Family Project

Education and Home Life are working together for Adopt a Block Youth Christmas Project. This is for every child to have a coat and toy (youth's book of choice) for the Holidays.

Family/Youth (by number):

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| 1. Boy, age 4
Coat size: 6
Book: Airplanes | 2. Boy, age 6
Coat size: 8
Book: Train Express | 3. Girl, age 7
Coat size: 10
Book: Frozen |
| 4. Boy, age 11
Coat size: X Large
Book: Comic | 5. Boy, age 7
Coat size: Medium 10-12
Book: Teenage Turtles | |
| 6. Girl, age 10
Coat size: 14/16
Book: Veterinarian book | 7. Boy, age 7
Coat size: 8
Book: Pete the Cat | |

Please contact Donna Foland via email at donna@dgfprop.com and indicate, by number, which youth you would like to adopt. Please bring items to the December 14th, 2015 meeting. Be a blessing for the children of these families. Thank you!

(NOTE: Youth #2 has been adopted by Cimi Douglas. Youths #1 & #6 have been adopted by Billie Harris.)



NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Note from the GFWC AWC Nominating Committee

It's not too early to consider serving GFWC AWC as an elected officer. In 2016 we will need to elect members to serve in these positions:

President
First Vice-President
Second Vice President
Recording Secretary
Treasurer
Assistant Treasurer
Board of Trustees (2)

Information about the qualifications and responsibilities for these positions can be found in the current bylaws. Information about the process of nominations and elections are found in the current standing rules. Please recommend candidates for all of these offices by contacting a Nominating Committee member in January 2016. Also consider your own qualifications for any of these positions. We look forward to receiving your candidate recommendations!

2014-2016 Nominating Committee

Ruth Yurchuck, Chair
Billie Faye Harris
Renee Sanders
Madelyn Pavon Suriel
Tonya Watson
Myra Carmon, Parliamentary Advisor

BRIDGE CLUB



The Bridge Club meets at 10:00 a.m. on the first THURSDAY of each month. If there are any members who would like to learn how to play, please contact Ginger Foshee or Judith Behrens for arrangements of early arrival (9:30 a.m.). There will be coffee and light breakfast refreshments during play, and afterwards all interested players are invited to have lunch nearby. Please RSVP to Ginger Foshee at gingerfo@bellsouth.net or Judith Behrens at judithmbehrens@gmail.com.

SPEAKER SPOTLIGHT

Marcel M. Benoit Jr.
Program Director
Operation P.E.A.C.E.



Marcel Benoit was born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri. He moved to Georgia while serving in the Army, and became an official Atlanta resident in '93 when he enrolled in a dual engineering degree program at Morehouse College and Georgia Tech. In search of decent affordable housing while in college, Marcel ran across Edna Moffett who at that time was a property manager at the Village of Bedford Pines. Marcel caught Ms. Moffett's contagious enthusiasm and spirit for wanting to make a difference in the lives of the youth in the Bedford Pine/Old Fourth Ward community and the rest is history. Marcel is the Program Director for Operation P.E.A.C.E., and one of the 33 founding members of Operation P.E.A.C.E. For over 20 years, Mr. Benoit has been assisting residents in the Bedford Pine community to improve their quality of life and has worked to raise awareness about the challenges low-income families face. Marcel Benoit holds bachelor degrees in computer science and engineering from Morehouse College and Georgia Tech.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 1734 Society supports the preservation and upkeep of the GFWC National Headquarters in Washington DC. The goal is to have each member donate the minimum donation of \$17.34 before 12.31.15. Please see Judine Heard for details on how you can support.

Friday, Dec 4th - Shoppe Artisan at Cobb Galleria

Just in time for the holiday season. Shoppe Artisan is a one of a kind shopping experience and showcases a curated collection of distinctive, handmade products chosen from thousands of independent makers throughout North America. Items range from home and garden, fashion, children's and office gifts. Proceeds will benefit the Children's Hospital at Egleston and will provide free advertising for the AWC. See shoppeartisan.com for details.

Auction Items Needed

Help us make the Holiday Party for the Ovarian Cancer Institute a huge success by donating items for our silent auction. Suggestions are below and we welcome any CSP sponsored baskets as well as individual contributions. **All auction items should be delivered to the Wimbish House on or before December 4th.** Pick up is also available if needed.

Our goal is to offer 3 - 4 items in each of the following auction price ranges of \$50, \$100, \$250, \$350 and above.

Suggested Donations

- Experiences such as Dining, Wine Tasting, Golf Outings and lessons, Shopping excursions, Concert tickets, Out of Town getaways

Merchandise such as Jewelry, Handbags, Baskets, High-end Wine

Contact Karen Clydesdale for donations at karenclydesdale@bellsouth.net or at 404.791.0952.

Monday, Dec 7th, 7:00p.m. - Peachtree Writers Alliance

Our Peachtree Writer's Alliance, sponsored by the AWC Arts Community Service Program, meet at the Wimbish every 1st Monday of the month. We focus on nurturing our writers by rotating readings of their works in progress, and offering support in sharing ideas and having discussions that will help bring their writing projects in fruition. Please join us, whether you are currently writing, or just enjoy the creative process that leads to a great read!

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT'D

Wednesday, Dec. 9th, 6:30-10:30 - Ovarian Cancer Institute Holiday Cocktail Party

Join the GFWC Atlanta Woman's Club and the Ovarian Cancer Institute for a Holiday Cocktail Party at the Wimbish House honoring Renee Colwell Hutchinson. Evening highlights include hors d'oeuvres, open bar, silent auction and live entertainment by vocalist Deb Bowman and The Big Love band.

Some of the beautiful Midtown Alliance Banners on Peachtree Street will be auctioned off at the Silent Auction. Don't miss out on your chance to bid and win.

Discounted Tickets are \$35 for AWC members and 1 guest **if purchased on or before December 2nd**. After Dec. 2nd, tickets are \$50 per person. Use code 'AWCMember' when registering. Note Regular ticket prices are \$75 and \$100 after Dec. 2.

RSVP today: <http://conta.cc/1LZvnlU>

Monday, Dec. 14, 11:15 a.m. - AWC General Meeting

Save \$5 by making your reservation by Wednesday, December 9 for our December meeting. This helps our caterer provide a great luncheon for our members and guests. Please RSVP by clicking this link or copying it onto your browser: <http://atlwc-december-14-meeting.eventbrite.com>.

Please bring the following to our next meeting. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

- Toys for Tots - unwrapped
- Non-perishable food for World Food Day
- Pajamas for the Ronald McDonald house
- Cell phones, batteries, chargers and accessories in any condition from any provider for Domestic Violence Hope Line
- Paper products for the Humane Society

As always, please let us know how we can help you get involved, engaged and connected!

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