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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Clubwomen,

2015 was another fantastic year for our club. We brought joy to so many people as we spent countless volunteer hours in our communities. Our members seemed as joyful, sharing their time and working together, as the people we served. I will share the hours and money we donated later in the year.

As you know, in 2015 we celebrated our 120th anniversary. There were many activities. Banners were displayed along Peachtree Street announcing Atlanta Woman's Club anniversary. Because of these banners, many people who pass our clubhouse on a regular basis, discovered a little more about what's in "The Wimbish House."

I would like to thank each of you for your contributions in helping make this a successful year. I'd like to especially thank our communications editors who kept our members updated on club business and activities. I hope our new weekly update will be a helpful and useful tool for you. I'd like to encourage you to reach out to each editor and thank her for her time and talent.

Lastly, I wish you and your family a happy and healthy New Year. I look forward to continuing to work with you in 2016.

Judine Heard
President

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LEADERSHIP QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“The secrets of a leader lies in the tests she has faced over the whole course of her life, and the habit of action she develops in meeting those tests. To be tested is good. The challenged life may be the best therapist.”

-Gail Sheehy, Author

A SEEDED EVENT



The Atlanta Woman's Club recently held several fundraising events as part of the Seeded Event Program. On October 11, 2015, the Atlanta Woman's Club hosted a fundraising event benefitting the Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence. As a result of the fundraising event, the Atlanta Woman's Club was able to provide a donation of over \$15,000 to the Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Additionally, on December 9, 2015, the Atlanta Woman's Club hosted a fundraising event benefitting the Ovarian Cancer Institute, which was co-chaired by Morgan Rochofski. The event, which coincided with the Atlanta Woman's Club's annual

holiday party, proved to be another successful event whereby a donation will be made to the Ovarian Cancer Institute. On January 28, 2015, the Atlanta Woman's Club will host its first fundraising event of the new year, which will benefit YouthSpark Inc. The event, *Movers, Shakers & Changemakers*, is being co-chaired by Lisa Banes and will be the largest and most strategically important annual fundraising event for YouthSpark. For those that wish to purchase tickets or sponsor the event, you may do so by clicking on the following link:

<http://conta.cc/1I91rFX>

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TALLULAH FALLS SCHOOL

Lucy Willard, Chair

Welcome back students and staff at Tallulah Falls School as classes resume January 4th.



MEMBERSHIP

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Last Call for Membership Renewal! Ladies, thank you for sending in your membership renewals. We still have a few that are still yet to be collected, please if you haven't renewed your membership, please do so soon. The renewal dues are \$65 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 January 11th meeting. 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 three (3) new members in December. 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!" Welcome to The Atlanta Woman's Club Denise, Carla and Yolanda!!



Denise Elizabeth Whiting-Pack, originally from Detroit, Michigan, has lived in Atlanta since 1976. She is a graduate of Georgia State Law School and recently retired from the Georgia Department of Law where she served as Chief of the Real Property Section. During her tenure she acted as lead attorney on such projects as the Olympic Village Housing, Georgia College Football Hall of Fame, and Falcon's Mercedes Benz Stadium. She is currently a partner in Miripa Properties, Inc., her family owned real estate investment company. Since her retirement she has traveled extensively as well as being active in several civic organizations such as Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc., The Society Inc., The African American Wine tasting Society, and SouthOaks at Cascades Homeowner Association.

She is the wife of Michael R. Pack and mother of Ryan Elizabeth Spikes, Jordan Wilson Pack, and Jeremy Hayes. She is the proud grandmother of Carter Wilson Clay and Taryn Eloise Spikes.



Carla Williams, born in Chicago, Illinois and growing up in Athens, Georgia, Carla has been in Atlanta for 28 years after being employed by Delta Air Lines.

Carla's mother, the late Morene Williams, was active in the Athens Woman's Club and held the office of President, so she was introduced to the GFWC early on and often recruited to assist with her mother's various community service activities. Her father is the late Ralph Williams who had a career as a F.B.I. agent.

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Since graduating from the University of Georgia with her B.S.H.E. in Child Development and later in a career change with her M.Ed. in Human Resource Development she has been employed full-time in various positions. Her career at Delta has been in In-Flight Service where she has worked as a Flight Attendant since 1987.

Her volunteer activities beyond what she does as an employee for Delta have consisted predominantly in assisting with or developing preschool programs for several churches as this was a component of her first career. She has been rewarded for this by hugs, kisses and being covered in Pepperidge Farm goldfish by her 1-4 year old students.

Carla enjoys spending time with family and friends whenever she can and is honored to be considered "Aunt" to their children and pets. She has a brother, Steven, who works in Atlanta in Water Use and Efficiency. Carla enjoys hiking and exploring historical neighborhoods. She never turns down an opportunity to go to the beach whether it be for an hour or a week. She hopes to be more involved in community service as much as her job responsibilities permit.



Mrs. Yolanda Jackson is a native Georgian born and raised in Atlanta where she graduated from West Fulton High School in 1985. After graduating high school she entered the United States Army spending 10 years serving and protecting this country, including service during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm in 1991.

She currently resides in Henry County where she has lived for the past nine years. Yolanda is an active part of the community and the Henry County School System serving in the capacity of previous PTO President for both Tussahaw Elementary School and Henry County Middle School. She has been a member of the School Council for

Henry County Middle School since 2009 serving as the Chair in the 2009-2010 school year as well as the current 2015-2016 school year. Yolanda is also the school representative to the Henry County Board of Education for Henry County Middle.

Yolanda volunteers her time and talent at both Henry County Middle and Henry County High Schools. She is an advocate for ensuring the parents in the community have an understanding of the changes in the educational system of Georgia. She has conducted workshops on Internet safety, understanding CRCT and Title 1, and is actively working with the principal to ensure parents understand the implementation of the Georgia Milestones Assessment System.

Yolanda is currently the Senior Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Coordinator in the EEO Office at the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) where she has worked for 10 years. The DBE Program is a federal program by which eligible women owned and minority owned businesses are certified. She is responsible for determining the eligibility of all applicants to the program. Additionally she conducts the DBE Quarterly Orientation for newly certified DEBS and Business Outreach. While working at GDOT, Yolanda met her husband Frank and together they have 4 daughters, 2 sons, and 6 grandchildren.

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Yolanda received both her Bachelor of Science Degree in Healthcare Management and her Master's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix. She is a member of the Georgia Department of Transportation Engineers Association and the National Association of Professional Women.

In 2012 Yolanda turned her dream of owning a business into a reality; when she became the Founder/CEO of Cura Consulting, LLC a business consulting firm assisting small businesses with business development.

Welcome Ladies, we look forward to you working with you and sharing your talents with us!

CONSERVATION

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Thank you and happy holiday to our Conservation Committee members who volunteered for Conservation's many projects in 2015. We look forward to working with all of you in 2016. We will continue our support for the MLK World Peace Rose Garden, the Atlanta Botanical Garden, and The Chattahoochee Nature Center among other things in 2016, and will be launching other new exciting initiatives. Conservation will host the first luncheon speaker of 2016 at our January membership meeting, Dr. Tara Stoinski.

PHOENIX FLIES

For the sixth consecutive year the AWC will partner with the Atlanta Preservation Center to participate in the Phoenix Flies Tour. Elvina Calland and Penny Blackford will co-chair the tour again in 2016 and will mentor Leigh Adams in preparation for the 2017 tour. The Phoenix Flies tour is an annual event focusing attention on prominent, historical landmarks throughout the City. During the tour on consecutive Tuesday March 8 and March 15, 2016 the Wimbish House will be open to the public and be filled with visitors. Those visitors will experience the rich history of the House as period-appropriate costume-clad members tell fascinating stories about each decade from 1895 to the present.

The Atlanta Woman's Club truly has kept the beauty and spirit of the Wimbish House alive enriching the lives of all those touched by the work done within its walls and beyond. Keeping the House open and available for the public to enjoy its beauty makes AWC a perfect host for the Phoenix Flies event.

PHOENIX FLIES CONT'D

Contacts will be made in January with members who participated in the 2015 tour to determine if they will return for the 2016 tour and based on the results other members may be asked to volunteer in this historic and fun filled event. All members are encouraged to register at www.atlantapreservationcenter.com for the Tuesday tours from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. or contact Penny Blackford at blackfordp@bellsouth.net or Elvina Calland at ecalland@bellsouth.net for more information.



OPERATION P.E.A.C.E.

For more than 20 years, Operation PEACE Inc. has served Old Fourth Ward (O4W) residents living in the Village of Bedford Pine community. This in-town neighborhood has one of the highest concentrations of Section 8 subsidized housing in the Southeastern United States. There are over 1,300 residents in the Village of Bedford Pine; statistics reveal that 96% of households are female-headed; 48% of the population is under the age of 18 and 99% of the households have an annual income of below \$10,000. In addition, local schools continue to underperform and therefore there is a need to ensure students get additional academic enrichment and families get additional support to overcome extraordinary challenges and obstacles to success and self-sufficiency.

In the face of such daunting socioeconomic statistics and without direct intervention programs, many children and families would fall through the cracks. Operation PEACE was established to fill that void, and when founded in 1995, it was started simply as a homework club that would serve 20 students. Today, the agency is a multi-service program that supports adults and children. We are best known for our year-round academic enrichment program that includes an after-school and summer program that is offered free of charge to these families of modest means. Each year, the organization works diligently to host fundraisers, establish partnerships and secure grants to ensure that these services remain available to those who need it the most.

We serve more than 100 youth annually, and since our inception we have provided direct services to over 2,000 children. Our mission is holistic and seeks to “develop the community by empowering families to be economically self-sufficient; nurturing academic excellence and teaching life skills to youth; and encouraging seniors to be active and a vital part of the community,” stated Marcel Benoit, Program Director of Operation PEACE, Inc. Our vision is for families to be healthy and equipped with the life-skills, educational supports and community resources to be resilient and self-sufficient.

Operation PEACE is seeking support for their annual signature fundraiser The Mardi Gras @ the Masquerade. The event will be held on Saturday, February 6, 2016 at Masquerade, 695 North Avenue N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30308 from 9:00 p.m. to 12 a.m. Early bird tickets can be purchased by January 15, 2016 for \$60, and sell for \$75 thereafter. This annual fundraiser is loads of fun, guests dance the night away to the sounds of a live band; A Pryor View Experience will play a variety of genres including Rhythm & Blues and New Orleans Jazz. The event features a silent auction, great food and signature. Get your tickets today at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mardi-gras-masquerade-2016-tickets-19225781831?aff=es2>.



REPORTING

Most Frequently Asked Questions ...About Reporting

Is it mandatory that Clubs write reports?

No, report writing is not mandatory for clubs but it is strongly encouraged as reports are a record of the clubs accomplishments for that year. They create a history of your club and provide recognition for the clubs accomplishments.

Do I have to use a specific form for reporting?

Yes, you must use the form supplied by GAFWC. Report forms can be found at www.gafwc.org , in the Yearbook and can be obtained from your 2nd VP.

Do I report activities that happened during my club year?

No, reports are based on the calendar year, January 1-December 31. It is ok to estimate what has been accomplished through the end of December.

Do I have to report my activities sequentially?

No, you can report your activities in any order that you would like.

Can we count any hours volunteered by our members?

No, clubs report **only** those hours spent by members in projects approved or sponsored by the club.

Does it matter where a club reports a project?

Yes. All clubs should report activities in the appropriate Community Service Program. The Yearbook lists what should be reported where and individual sheets were given out at the reporting workshop listing what to report in your CSP. When in doubt check with your 2nd VP.

Can a club count the hours and activities of members who run for political office or who support campaigns of those who run?

No, Clubs may support and encourage a member to run for political office. Because GAFWC is a nonpartisan organization, the work must be done as private citizens, not as a club project. Clubs can count hours worked at polling places and can hold candidate forums as long as all candidates are invited to attend and no favoritism is shown. Clubs can also work on projects with those in political office as long as the projects are approved by the club.

What does the term “in- kind” refer to?

In kind is a donation of goods and services, not monetary or cash. The in kind gift can be new or used goods and /or services that have a value. If a club purchases materials and donates those

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materials (not the money) that donation is considered in kind with an actual value of what was spent. Gift cards with actual money value are considered the same as cash.

When do I list all members as having participated in a project?

When a check is written from the club treasury to an organization or program, then it is considered that all members participated.

Do I have to write a narrative?

No. The narrative is optional. The narrative allows a club to more fully describe a project that is listed on the chart. Narratives must be typewritten, double spaced and in 10point font or larger.

What are Advancement Areas?

These areas include reports for Communications and Public Relations, Fundraising, Leadership, Legislation and Public Policy, Membership and Women's History.

Can a project be reported in a CSP report and an Advancement Area?

The statistics of a project can be reported in only one area. If a fundraiser was done for Ovarian Cancer Institute and all statistics were reported on the Fundraising report then Home Life can list Ovarian Cancer Institute as a project on their report but must also say "reported in fundraising." No statistics can be listed on the Home Life report.

What are Special Projects and where are they reported?

The signature project for 2014-2016 is Domestic Violence. This should be reported on the Domestic Violence Report Form obtained online, from the Yearbook or the 2nd VP.

When two projects overlap how do you decide where to report it?

You need to look at the intent of the project. If a mural was painted on the walls of a hospital to beautify the walls then it would be an Arts project. If the mural was painted to cheer up the patients then it would be considered Home Life.

What is cross reporting?

Cross reporting occurs when the same project is listed on two different CSP reports.

What is the most common mistake made that could disqualify my report?

Failure to list your current membership number on the front page or to list that number incorrectly.

REPORTING CONT'D

Where do I send my report?

Each report lists the names and addresses of where to send your report on the bottom of the first page. You must send a copy of your report to all names listed.

When is my report due?

Reports must be post marked on before February 1. When February 1 falls on a Sunday or federal holiday, reports must be postmarked prior to February 1.

Do I have to use a specific form for reporting?

Yes, you must use the form supplied by GAFWC. Report forms can be found at www.gafwc.org , in the Yearbook and can be obtained from your 2nd VP. Forms may be photocopied but the spacing of the chart may not be altered.

Karen Clydesdale, 2nd VP

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SPEAKER SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Tara Stoinski
President & CEO/Chief Scientific Officer
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Dr. Tara Stoinski is President and CEO/Chief Scientific Officer for the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund and is a Senior Research Associate at Zoo Atlanta. Tara has studied gorillas for two decades and is the author of over 70 scientific publications and books. Her work has been featured in numerous press outlets, including National Geographic Magazine, CNN, and NPR. Tara's research interests cover a broad range of topics, including social behavior, reproductive strategies, comparative cognition and conservation.

Tara holds adjunct positions at Emory University (Psychology and Environmental Studies) and the Georgia Institute of Technology (Psychology). She serves on the Executive Committee of the IUCN Primate Specialist Group's Section on Great Apes and the Education Committee of the International Primatological Society. She is the Chair of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums' (AZA) Ape Taxon Advisory Group and an advisor to AZA's Field Conservation Committee. In 2010, Stoinski launched the Ape TAG Conservation Initiative, aimed at increasing the role of zoos in ape conservation. To date, the Initiative has provided over half a million dollars for field projects in Africa and Asia.

The Dian Fossey Gorilla fund was founded by world famous pioneering conservationist Dr. Dian Fossey and is dedicated to the conservation and protection of gorillas and their habitats in Africa. More information about the organization and Dr. Fossey can be found at their website: www.gorillafund.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Peachtree Women's Writers Alliance

Our Peachtree Women's 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!

Thursday, Jan. 7th, 10:00am - Bridge

Bridge Club meets every 1st Thursday of the month. If you are interested in learning how to play please contact Judith Behrens for arrangements for early arrival (9:30am). There will be coffee and light breakfast refreshments during play. Afterwards, all interested players are invited to have lunch nearby. Please RSVP to Judith Behrens at judithmbahrens@gmail.com.

Monday, Jan. 11th, 11:15 a.m. - AWC General Meeting

Please RSVP by clicking this link or copying it onto your browser <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gfwc-atlanta-womans-club-january-11th-general-meeting-registration-20301444166> . You may also RSVP to Judith Behrens by email at judithmbahrens@gmail.com or by phone at 404-304-5545.

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