



Atlanta Woman's Club



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"It is not happy people who are thankful; it is thankful people who are happy."
-Anonymous

Ladies, that quote speaks volumes to me, I consider myself a happy person and I know it's because every day I'm so thankful for what I have. I'm thankful for my family, faith, job, friends, AWC, and to be honest just waking up each morning. It's not rocket science, every day is a new day and we have the opportunity to make it whatever we want. That is something to be thankful for!

Ladies, I am thankful to everyone for all of the kind words you've given me since the election. I am touched by the support and am truly honored to have the opportunity to serve this club as its President. I definitely can't begin this journey without acknowledging a few women in this club that have been instrumental for me being here. First, I would like to thank Beth Jetha. In 2008, I hosted an event at The Wimbish House and met Beth for the first time. Immediately, she invited me to attend a meeting and later sponsored me to become a club member. I'd like to thank Ellen Milholland who was so welcoming to me when I first arrived, she sat with me during my second meeting and was extremely open and kind that it made me want to keep coming back to learn more. Of course you know that I served under four presidents so I'd like to thank Karen Thomson and Karen Bacheller for putting me to work and getting me involved. Karen T assigned me to be a greeter which was a wonderful way to meet our members; then assigned me to Newsletter when Beth became a CSP chair. Karen Bacheller kept me on as newsletter editor, and gave me the approval to build a new website, create our social media, and gave me my first experience with membership when Myra was elected to the BOT. Karen Clydesdale, thank you for being my AWC mentor – I ask a lot of questions and she always has the answers! Karen C allowed me to really grow in this club, and has taught me so many things that I simply can't name them all. From leadership skills, Bylaws, GFWC protocol, you name it – she has always been there for me, she praises me when merited

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and corrects me when needed. I can always count on her to give me an honest opinion or feedback for which I am extremely grateful.

Thank you to Judine Heard for serving the past two years with a graceful smile on her face and being very gracious to me especially while handing down all of her notes and documents she accrued during the past two years – thank you Judine – it will indeed help me during my term. I would also like to thank you for having my mother pin the President's pin on me during my installation – it was truly special to both of us and I know she and I will cherish that moment forever. A special “thank you” goes to you Judine.

I can't leave out our former AWC past presidents - Miss Daisy, Miss Lucy, Miss Sarah Helen – thank you for being a source of inspiration for me at every meeting. You've lead this club through some of the most difficult times by rebuilding after the fire and are still leading today, I am in awe of your dedication to this club and so thankful to have had your support throughout these years. Of course I must thank our veteran members who have been here for many years, waxed the floors, cooked meals, cleaned and dedicated a good portion of their lives to support their presidents and run this club in the early days – thank you Miss Louise, Miss Sandra, Miss Mildred, Miss Betty, Miss Alice, and especially Miss Ruth for always giving me guidance, words of wisdom and encouragement throughout my tenure. And last but certainly not least, to all of our members who have worked with me, attended my membership orientations, service activities, and supported me – thank you for setting a wonderful example to me that yes, we can juggle and do it all. I admire and respect all of you.

And finally, I must thank my family, my husband, Wynn, son Ty, and my daughter and mother (Keely and Linda). Thank you for allowing me to follow my hobby and passion and helping me with projects and service activities in the past and certainly in the future. FYI you're going to be busy during the next two years!!!

Ladies, I'm extremely excited and very ready to take this journey with all of you! I've met with members of our Executive Committee, Elected officers, CSPs and Advancement Areas and they are gearing up for a wonderful year of fun filled service activities and we hope you will join us on this new adventure. Attached you will see all of the smiling faces! As a member driven organization we need your help, your input and your energy and enthusiasm!

I hope to see all of you at the June 13th meeting!

Signing off, thankful and happy!!

Cimi Douglass

AWC President 2016-2018



LEADS

Leadership.....Education, Equipment, Engagement

As part of their Strategic Plan GFWC decided that Leadership was one of their main priorities. Their goal is to educate and foster GFWC leaders by providing educational opportunities, leadership training and educational tools for potential GFWC Leaders. The plan is to enhance the Leadership Education and Development Seminar (LEADS) and to provide leadership resources to potential leaders throughout the state and country. Another component will be to promote the Facilitators Program and to educate and encourage clubs to use the Mediators Program when problems arise within their club.

As the Georgia State Leads Chair I will be responsible for making sure this information is presented to all clubs. As the AWC Leadership Chair I will make sure that our club excels in this area and for that I will need your help! My goals include helping each member improve their personal leadership skills. I will conduct a leadership workshop for our members and will develop a Lending Library of leadership tools. If you have anything you would like to contribute to this library please let me know. Another priority is to work with our CSP Chairs as they support Youth Leadership programs throughout our community. Our Youth is our future!

For the past two years I have contributed leadership quotes in each of our newsletters. While this was fun and enjoyable, this year I will be doing something different. One month I may provide a leadership skill and identify someone who exemplifies that skill. Another month it may be a quick self-assessment for members to complete and another month it may be about the Leadership Toolbox! Your input on what you would like to see in your newsletter is very important to me so please do not hesitate to contact me with your thoughts and suggestions.

I hope many of you will plan on attending Institute which begins with LEADS on the Friday before the start of Institute which takes place in mid-August in Athens GA. LEADS identifies members at grassroots levels who have the potential and desire to assume leadership positions. The purpose is to help members gain the confidence and commitment necessary to achieve higher office and serve with distinction. If you are interested in attending LEADS contact our President Cimi Douglass.

Have a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing you at our service projects throughout the summer and at LEADS in August.

Karen Clydesdale, AWC Leadership Chair
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A SEEDED EVENT



The Seeded Event Committee would like to thank all of those who volunteered at our recent fundraising events benefitting the Bettie Brand Mother's Empowerment Fund and the Georgia Ballet. So far this year, the Seeded Event Program has raised over \$100,000 benefitting local non-profit organizations. Currently, the Seeded Event Committee is accepting nominations for future fundraising events. If you know of a 501(c)(3), nonprofit corporation and would like to nominate that

organization, please contact a member of the Seeded Event Committee and include the reason you feel the nonprofit organization would be a good candidate for a future event.

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TALLULAH FALLS SCHOOL

On Sunday May 15th, 61 new high school students graduated when commencement exercises were held at Tallulah Falls School for the class of 2016. The featured commencement speaker at the event was Georgia's Secretary of State Brian Kemp. The 2016 graduating class earned more than \$3 million in college scholarships, and the school boasts a 100 percent college acceptance rate according to Larry Peevy, TFS president and head of school.

Lucy Willard, Tallulah Falls School Chair

INTERNATIONAL

Dear Ladies, we have an International CSP opportunity to volunteer at MedShare to pack medical supplies. Our time slot is July 9th in the early afternoon. We will have sign-up sheet available at the June meeting. Please join us for an afternoon of sharing and caring. Also, International would like to thank everyone who purchased a piece of the Smile cake. We raised \$141.00! We are also still collecting little dresses and small toys.

Thank you for your help!

Pat Walsh, International CSP Chair
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PUBLIC ISSUES

Tuesday, June 14 is National Flag Day, when we commemorate the adoption of the flag on June 14, 1777. Members are encouraged to fly the flag outside their home. Please be aware of proper flag etiquette and care for your flag appropriately.



Public Issues CSP is sponsoring this month's meeting by celebrating the USO, which supports military personnel and their families. Our Club will be donating funds to USO-Georgia for the purchase of snacks and drinks that are given to service members and military families at local USO centers.

Besides the USO, the 2014-2016 GFWC Georgia Yearbook identifies many areas of importance for Public Issues Community Service Program—the Scouts, public safety, veterans affairs, the Kettering Foundation. Even though a new yearbook is due out this summer, many of the items in the current yearbook will remain valid.

Please join me after the June 13th meeting at around 1.30 pm (after the General Meeting) and let's talk about goals, ideas and projects for Public Issues CSP at our club.

Beth Jetha, Public Issues CSP Chair
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MEMBERSHIP

Tonya Watson

1st Vice President, Membership

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Welcome New Members! AWC welcomed new member Catherine Smith in May. 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!"



Catherine Smith moved from her home city of New Orleans to attend Emory Nursing School and Atlanta has been her home ever since. She and her husband have three children. She recently retired from nursing to care for her family full time. In college, she joined Alpha Phi Omega, a coed service fraternity dedicated to community service and volunteerism. She is a member of both the National Women of Achievement and the Atlanta Black Nurses Association. Since retiring from the workforce, she has begun volunteering once a week at Kennestone Hospital. She is an avid supporter of The Alzheimer's Association. Having lost her mother to Alzheimer's, she has organized a team in support of The Longest Day, a marathon day of volunteering to raise funds for Alzheimer's aid and research.

Catherine's interests range from painting to furniture building and restoration to clay sculpture. On occasion, she works as a set extra for movies and TV shows filmed locally. She has fought for Katniss Everdeen in The Hunger Games, dance the hustle with Ron Burgundy: Anchorman, and

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brought a Stephen King zombie to life and death and life again. Her talents have taken her as far as The TODAY Show, where Martha Stewart herself awarded her 10' tall giraffe as the country's Best Homemade Halloween Costume of 2012 on national television. Cather is looking forward to embarking on the next chapter of her life as a member of the Atlanta Woman's Club. She has many gifts and can't wait to share them with us!

AWC's In the News Again – GFWC Clubwoman Magazine!

Please check out the attached article printed in the May-June Edition of GFWC's Clubwoman Magazine!

Last, but certainly not least – As I leave my post as 1st Vice President, I couldn't be more excited about Tonya Watson stepping into this leadership position. Tonya will be a fantastic 1st VP and I know she already has a few ideas up her sleeve – please give her all the support needed to help her grow our wonderful organization. Thank you!

EDUCATION

Donna Foland, Education CSP Chair
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Education assisted with Career Day at Thomasville Heights Elementary. Dr. Louis Sullivan spoke to the 5th grade class. Dr. Sullivan inspired the children to fulfill their dreams, that education is the answer and can take you anywhere.

We had 4 Atlanta Police Officers, Andre Dickens City Council member, and Jessica Hill Scarbrough (attorney) speak to the children about careers.

Some volunteers were given a copy of Dr Sullivan's book *My Life in Medicine*. All of the children were given a healthy snack bag. All personnel at the school were given a gift of

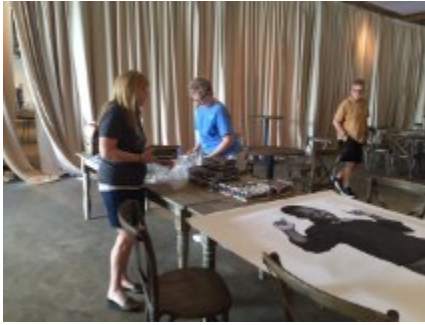
cookies with a thank you for all they do for the children. The Atlanta Woman's Club made some improvements to the media room.

The school is being taken over by Purpose Built for the next school year. Only 3 employees will be returning. The Atlanta Woman's Club also helped recognize the teachers and staff that are retiring with 30 plus years of service to Atlanta Public Schools.

The Principal stated that this was the most attention given to the school in the 4 years she has been Principal. The Atlanta Woman's Club has made an impact on the school and its community.



HOME LIFE



AWC volunteered at the GiGi's Playhouse Gala on June 4. Gigi's playhouse is a place for play and learning for Down's Children at no cost to the family. The gala was located at The Stave at American Spirits Works. Some volunteers set-up for the gala from 2-5p, and some volunteered from 6-11p for the event.

Connie Morris, Home Life CSP Chair
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CONSERVATION

Flying Colors Butterfly Festival:

The Flying Colors Butterfly Festival delighted everyone all weekend at the Chattahoochee Nature Center. The air was filled with the beating wings of hundreds of beautiful butterflies! Our AWC volunteers painted faces on Sunday, June 5th from 12noon to 5pm. Thanks to all who joined us for this very important fundraising event for the Chattahoochee Nature Center. To learn more about what Conservation will be doing our community, please contact your Conservation CSP Chair at conservation@atlwc.org.

Update for Animal lovers:

Very good news for animal lovers in Atlanta--The City has joined the ranks of no kill city shelters. Lifeline, the non-profit organization that works to end euthanasia of healthy dogs and cats, now manages DeKalb and Fulton County Shelters and has made Atlanta a no-kill community. We can all help to support Lifeline's efforts with a cash or in kind donation. Here is a link to their "wish list" and further information on how you can help. Conservation CSP will be planning a future event to involve our organization more directly in Lifeline's work.

[Click here: Our Wish List](#) (Ctrl + click)



MLK "I Have a Dream" World Peace Rose Garden Project update:

As Anita Jansen, volunteer at the 24th anniversary celebration of the International World Peace Rose Garden (IWPRG) at the MLK Jr Historic site, "it was a heartwarming occasion." This event was held on Thursday May 12, 2016. The winner's messages of peace and love which are displayed in the rose garden, were inspiring, the rose garden looked beautiful, and the weather was lovely. The Conservation CSP for the second year donated the medallions for the prize winning recipients and for the first time donated the refreshments which were enjoyed by all who attended. Judine Heard, received a AWC medallion from Sylvia and TJ David co-creators of the IWPRG in appreciation for our efforts. Lexa King, Judith Behrens, Karen

Johnson and Penny Blackford also volunteered for this event. Thanks also to Lisa Banes, Judine Heard, Karen Johnson and Penny Blackford who "snipped the blooms" the day before.

CONSERVATION CONT'D



The CSP will continue to "snip the blooms" this year from May - November and will also provide for spraying of the garden. The clipping of the roses schedule has been increased to **once a week** and there is an urgent need for volunteers to accomplish this. If interested please contact Penny Blackford at 404-308-0775.

Karen Johnson, Conservation CSP Chair
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SPEAKER SPOTLIGHT

Monday, June 13th: Meet Special Guest Speaker, USO Volunteer, Bette Rose Bowers
By Cimi Douglass & Beth Jetha



Affectionately known as the "Hug Lady," Bette Rose Bowers makes it her mission to greet returning soldiers with the warmth they deserve. She drives to the airport at least once a month to greet incoming and outgoing soldiers as part of the USO's program. For the past 10 years, Bette Rose Bowers has earned the nickname, "The Hug Lady," for her trademark embrace. Besides Hartsfield Airport, Bette Rose has been sharing hugs and spreading kindness all over the country via local parades, CNN television and the Rachel Ray Show. Her other life roles include

experience as an "army brat," a military wife, a real estate relocation specialist and grandmother of eight. She and husband, Mike, make their home in Commerce, Georgia.

As one of the USO-Georgia's most dedicated volunteers, Bette Rose will share her experience and insight into this important organization. The United Service Organizations, celebrates its 75th anniversary this year, supports and strengthens America's military service members by keeping them connected to family, home and country, throughout their service to the nation.

In preparation for the June 13th meeting, we need your help! If you have a loved one (family or special friend) who served in the armed forces, please send a photo of them in uniform. You can scan, take a photo of it, and send it to Cimi Douglass. We will celebrate them at our meeting on June 13th.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, June 7th @ 7pm - ESO Book Club dinner w/author Susan Rebecca White @ Cakes and Ale

The Book Club is taking a summer break and will be back in September with exciting new reads. Stay tuned. However, book club members are encouraged to join author Susan Rebecca White "*A Place at the Table*" at Cakes and Ale this Tuesday. Please RSVP by Monday, as reservations will be confirmed Monday afternoon. Hope to see you for an evening of farm to table dining.

Wednesday, June 8th - Armed Forces Photo Submission

In preparation for the June 13th meeting, we need your help! If you have a loved one (family or special friend) who is currently serving or has served in the armed services, please send a photo of them in uniform. You can send a photo or scan an existing one.

Email: Cimi.douglass@gmail.com or call 678.467.1922

Deadline: June 8

Monday, June 13th @ 11:15 am - AWC Monthly Meeting- Wimbish House

Don't miss the last general meeting before summer begins!

We're excited that the USO will come to speak to us. This is great timing after we paid tribute to our fallen soldiers during Memorial Day, and prepare to show our pride with Flag Day on June 14 and of course our celebration on July 4th.

RSVP: <https://events.r2o.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07ecmcjqbf7351b1b7&oseq=&c=3b33d3d0-3a04-11e4-9507-d4ae528442b5&ch=3b79dd80-3a04-11e4-9523-d4ae528442b5>

Monday, June 13th - Operation Smile- Wimbish House

Thanks for your generous donations in May and we hope you enjoyed your slice of Smile Cake. We also collect gifts at the June meetings for the small children recovering from surgery. Operation Smile is a Federated supported program which supports cleft palate repair.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT'D

Suggestions for Donations

- * Small toys
- * Stuffed Animals
- * Little cars
- * Crayons and coloring books

Note: Please avoid liquids, gels and sharp objects.

Monday, June 13 - Ongoing Donations Needed

- * International is still collecting dresses for Little Africa.
- * World Vision Day - Please bring old glasses to share.

Arts

If there are any members who are interested in becoming a part of the Arts Committee please contact Billie Harris at whatstheplan-llc@live.com or 678-519-7435. We are excited about all of the wonderful and rewarding projects that are coming soon. Be a part of the difference that we will make in the lives of others through the world of Art.

Newsletter

There will not be a newsletter for the months of July and August. Our newsletter will resume in September.

GFWC AWC Monthly Meetings

There will be no general meetings for the months of July and August. Our general meetings will resume in September. Have a safe, relaxing, and awesome summer!

GFWC Georgia News

GFWC Institute will be held in Macon, GA August 19th-21st. AWC would like to invite and encourage all of you to attend, especially our elected officers, CSP's, and advancement areas. Ladies, this is where you will learn some of the nuances of GFWC programs and projects. Throughout the day, GFWC Georgia utilizes almost all of the hotel's ballrooms and meeting rooms, and hosts workshops for various community service programs. You will learn about new projects with your CSP, how to report, and the latest GFWC Georgia updates. All AWC members are encouraged to attend, not only to show leadership in our club, but to also represent AWC at the District and State levels. If anyone is interested in attending the LEADS workshop, which is a one day seminar on Aug. 19th, please contact Karen Clydesdale, AWC LEADS Chair and State LEADS Chair.

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