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Today our Hydrangeas are blooming, and some are ready to make bouquets. This makes me happy!

I have nurtured and cared for them so we and others can enjoy their beauty. My husband has started a dedicated butterfly garden with plants he bought me for Mother's Day. This makes me ecstatic!

What makes you happy?

A good book, a trip, cooking, gardening, being with people, yoga, running, or spending time with children? We each have unique things that bring us joy.

Being part of a social group is known to help bring happiness. Volunteering is huge for happiness. I hope that you are finding the niche of volunteering that brings you joy and brings joy to others.

AWC Community Service Projects are present to help us find our favorite volunteer opportunities. Share with the committees any projects you think may be interesting for our members. Just remember that some may not fulfill the qualifications we have.

As we go into a new term year I hope to see you all busy as bees!

The LIGHT ON PEACHTREE book is now available for purchase. We were able to get a discount on a large purchase and the price is \$25. It will make a great purchase for a gift.

The program in June featured Domestic Violence. Barbara Washburn, Chair, arranged for Jean Douglas to be our speaker. Jean has served as the Executive Director of the Women's Resource Center to End Domestic Violence for 25 years.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONT'D

“Let us be Grateful to the People who make us Happy: They are the Gardeners who make our Souls Blossom.”

-Marcel Proust

Connie Morris, AWC President 2022-2024



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH

Georgia Justice Project Backpack Program

The Civic Engagement & Outreach CSP is partnering with the Georgia Justice project to collect school supplies and backpacks for children of incarcerated parents. GJP has asked the CSP for 50 stuffed gender-neutral backpacks for middle and high school students for their Backpack Program on July 22. An appeal was made for donations at the AWC monthly luncheon meeting on June 13 and several members signed on to help. For those who did not get a chance to sign up, donations can be dropped off at the Wimbish House on July 6 and 13, between the hours of noon and 2:00 pm. There will be a CEO member present during those times to collect items. Donations can be in the form of backpacks or school supplies or cash or gift cards. If you're interested in participating, but can't make the drop off, or if you're interested in attending the backpack presentation, call Amanda Robinson at 404-483-7893. Thanks!

MEMBERSHIP

Thank you to all our members for inviting prospective members to our meetings. We are going our membership each month and we are excited to share our wonderful club with others.

We were very excited to elect three new members into The Atlanta Woman's Club in May. Please get to know them and get them involved in all your activities. You can find their full contact information on the website roster but their email and phone numbers are listed with their bios below.



ELIZABETH EMMANUEL
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Judge Elizabeth Emmanuel has presided on the Fulton Cty Magistrate Court Bench since April 2020, and is currently serving in her second term with the Court. Hailing from Haddock, GA, Judge Emmanuel graduated from the University of Georgia Magna Cum Laude and the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law with Honors. As a practicing attorney, she was a corporate litigator with the international law firm King & Spalding LLP representing Fortune 100 companies in multi-state, federal civil litigation. Judge Emmanuel also practiced as a Senior Assistant District Attorney with the Fulton Cty District Attorney's Office. She is a member of the National Association of Women Judges, the Atlanta Bar Association, and the Georgia Association of Women Lawyers and has been featured on CourtTv, and in such publications as Voyage Atlanta, Shoutout Atlanta, Canvas Rebels and Bold Journey. Judge Emmanuel has been married for the 8yrs to her loving husband, Karlos Emmanuel, is Vice President with BlackRock, Inc. The Emmanuel's are expecting their first child in June. In her spare time, Judge Emmanuel enjoys all things fitness, is an avid writer and attends Change Church in Duluth, GA.



LISA CHANEY
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My name is Lisa Chaney and I am a Commercial Banker. I moved to Atlanta 10 years ago from Cincinnati, Ohio with my husband Andrew and we reside in Midtown. For fun, I like to hang out with friends & family, work out and practice yoga, attend concerts and events or relax with my husband and two cats. My goal is to empower and build up women in the professional arena to accomplish great things. I love creating meaningful and lasting relationships and enjoy connecting people who I believe will help one another professionally or personally. You can typically find me at networking events, scooting the beltline, walking around Piedmont Park, or relaxing on my patio. I am always happy to engage in conversations and enjoy meeting new people!

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RACHEL BRADDOCK
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Rachel Braddock is an Atlanta native eager to help her community in any way possible. Braddock recently graduated from Georgia State University with degrees in Journalism PR and Political Science. Currently, Braddock is earning her Master's in Political Science with a concentration in International and Comparative Politics. When Braddock isn't studying, she oil paints, explores new restaurants in Atlanta, and travels.

MEMBERS RECEIVING ANNIVERSARY PINS

5 Year:

Aimee Berry
Jennie Labor
Barbara Washburn
Anne Hazard
JoAnn Kenna
Sandra Clendon

10 year:

Jo Dee Gonzalez
Billie Harris
Jan Haywood
Melodie Rogers
Lexa King
Carol Boaz
Durette Ofoso

15 year:

Cimi Douglas
Karen Clydesdale
Donna Foland
Renee Sanders

20 year: Pat Walsh

25 year: Ellen Milholland

Peggy Pruett, 1st Vice President, Membership Chair

ENVIRONMENT

May 11, 2023, marked the 31st anniversary of the International World Peace (IWPRG) “I Have a Dream” Rose Garden and the eighth year of Atlanta Woman’s Club (AWC) maintenance of the garden and sponsorship of this event in partnership with MLK Jr Historical Park and IWPRG. This beautiful celebration, full of inspirational messages of peace, joy and fragrant roses, continues to be held at the Martin Luther King Jr. Historical National Park and the Sanctuary Ebenezer Church located at 407 Auburn Ave NE, Atlanta, Ga at 12:15 PM.

IWPRG Co-founders, Sylvia Villalobos and TJ David the “Rose Man”, continue to partner with MLK Jr. Historical National Park, to glorify Dr. Martin Luther & Coretta Scott King’s message of Peace through Nonviolence. 31 years ago, in 1992, the rose garden was planted and each year thereafter students from all over the world author poems of thirty-five words or less about Dr. King’s message. This year twenty-one entries were selected to be memorialized in this celebration and were placed around the perimeter of the Rose Garden where they will remain for one year. Thousands of visitors to the garden read these poems and are uplifted by their messages and the roses.

The program this year featured the top winners and the reading of their poems in three waves interspersed with presentations by Kym Elder, Acting Deputy Superintendent on NHP, who did the Welcome. Marty Smith, Chief of Interpretation and Education, did the partnership introduction and introduction of Guest Speaker, Mrs. Andrea Waters King, President of the Drum Major Institute whom also awarded Certificates to Top Winners and shared closing remarks. IWPRG co-creators, Sylvia Villalobos & TJ David did the Comments and Acknowledgements. Diana Martinez, Vice -President of IWPRG, introduced the first wave of Message of Peace Winners. Sylvia Villalobos, IWPRG, introduced a Past Student Winner, Shuangchen (Sarah) YU, a Doctoral Student at Yale University from Jinan, China. Kym Elder, Acting Deputy Director of NHP, introduced the second wave of Message of Peace Winners. Sandy Huber, Project Director at the University Park World Peace Rose Garden Sister Garden in Stockton, California, introduced the third wave of Messages of Peace Winners. Judy Forte, Superintendent of NHP, made the Congressional Record Presentation from the Office of US Congresswoman Doris Matsui.

After the ceremony, the students and attendees returned to the garden where their poems were unveiled and ended with an exuberant “rose toss.” Light refreshments were also provided.

The following AWC members and family/friends are given special thanks for making the event such a success. Elvina Berry who helped judge the poems and select the top winners, who organized the filling of the five rose baskets which she provided for the rose toss and wrote “Thank You” notes to top winners, along with Maria Krane and Anne Valgoi.

Penny Blackford, Judine Heard, Maria Krane, Connie Morris, Catherine Smith, Kathy Wilde, Beverly Williams, Carla Williams, and her friend Andy Balk who also volunteered to work the event, helping with registration, lining up children for photos, accompanying the students to the church, organizing certificates, filling packets, preparing rose toss baskets, helping with rose toss, serving refreshments, checking students out and giving them their packets which contained, thank you notes, prizes and certificate/poems. Ninma Logan also attended the event.

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To close, a poem, from Message of Peace Top Winner, Kaycynn Smith, Grade 3 at Georgia Cyber Academy:

MAYBE

If peace is the mantra of love, we seek
Then humility and kindness is the tone to keep
Each face you see is in the image of you
And your peace lies with that truth.

A truly wonderful event and insightful poem. Please take the time from your frenetic lives to walk in the MLK Jr, "I have a Dream" Rose Garden to read the poems of these beautiful young minds, our future leaders and maybe another great poet like Amanda Gorman. Let their messages of peace surround you with their love, hope and joy. Let the poems linger in your hearts and inspire your actions like the fragrant perfume of the roses.

If you are interested in volunteering for this event in the future or wish to become a Snippet volunteer to snip the blooms in the garden please contact Meher Stevie, Environment Chair, at, meher.stevie@gmail.com or Penny Blackford, 404 308 0775.

Submitted by Penny Blackford

Meher Stevie, Chair

Judine Heard, Co-Chair

EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES

The Education & Libraries CSP spent all its budgeted funds for 2022-2023. The CSP made financial donations to the following charities Atlanta Fulton Public Library Foundation (for summer reading programs and to support the Girls Who Code Club), the Jeanette Rankin Foundation (for a scholarship grant for a mature woman), Midtown High School Foundation (for the ESOL program), The Pajama Program (for the Atlanta reading center), Children Read (for books), and HOBY (for supplies for both the 2022 and the 2023 Georgia summer student leadership conferences).

In February to celebrate Library Lovers Week, the CSP provided snacks for the staff (75 people) at the Atlanta Public Library Central Branch. In April to celebrate National Library Week, the CSP provided snacks to the staff members at Peachtree Branch and Ponce De Leon Branch of the Atlanta Public Library. All the branches were very appreciative of the thank you gifts. Central Branch does not have a "friends of the library" group and are generally underappreciated, so the staff there seemed particularly touched by the tribute.

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Education & Libraries CSP volunteered to clean books at **Children Read** on Saturday, June 3. Children Read is located at 2936M North Druid Hills Rd. Atlanta, GA 30329 (Behind Ameris Bank). If interested in volunteering for this project in the future please contact Sara June McDavid at sjmcdavid@gmail.com to sign up.



Photo shows CSP Chair, Sara June McDavid with the Director of the Atlanta Public Library Central Branch and a staff member from volunteer services with some of the snacks displayed in the staff break room.

Member Graduation Announcement



Shena Crawford has graduated with a MBA Financial degree with a concentration in Accounting from Clayton State University.

Sara June McDavid, Chair

Maria Krane Co-Chair

SO BIG by Edna Ferber



Lit Lovers describes Edna Ferber as an American novelist, short story writer, journalist, and playwright. In addition to *SO BIG*, the 1925 Pulitzer Prize winner, her works include *SHOW BOAT*, (1926), *GIANT* (1952), *ICE PALACE*, *SARATOGA TRUNK*, *COMARRON* (which won an Oscar). Three of these works --- *SHOW BOAT*, *SARATOGA TRUNK* AND *GIANT* were developed into musicals.

Ferber was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, to a Hungarian-born Jewish shopkeeper and his Milwaukee, Wisconsin born wife, Jacob Charles, and Julia (Neumann) Ferber. After living in Chicago, Illinois, and Ottumwa, Iowa, at age 12, Edna and her family moved to Appleton, Wisconsin where she graduated from high school; and briefly attended Lawrence University. She took newspaper jobs at the Appleton Daily Crescent and the Milwaukee Journal before publishing her first novel. Ferber covered the 1920 Republican National Convention and 1920 Democratic National Convention for the United Press Association.

Ferber never married, had no children, and is not known to have had any romantic or sexual involvement. In her early novel *Dawn O'Hara*, the title character's aunt is said to have remarked, "Being an old maid was a great deal like death by drowning—a delightful sensation when you ceased struggling" Ferber did take a maternal interest in the career of her niece Janet Fox, and actress who performed in the original Broadway cast of Ferber's play *Dinner at Eight* and *Stage Door*.

Ferber died at her home in New York City, of stomach cancer, at the age of eighty-two. (From Wikipedia)

SO BIG is a classic novel of turn of the century Chicago and is widely considered to be Edna Ferber's greatest novel. As Burton Roscoe wrote in the NY Tribune, "I genuflect in homage to Ms. Ferber's narrative and descriptive prose.

SO BIG is the unforgettable story of Selina Peake DeJong, daughter of a gambler, Simeon Peake, and her struggles to stay afloat, keep her dignity and her sanity in the face of marriage to Pervus DeJong, and single parenthood with son Dirk aka 'So Big' DeJong.

A brilliant literary masterpiece so remarkable it continues to resonate with its unflinching view of poverty, sexism the drive for success, and the pursuit of and the need for beauty and self-expression in our lives.

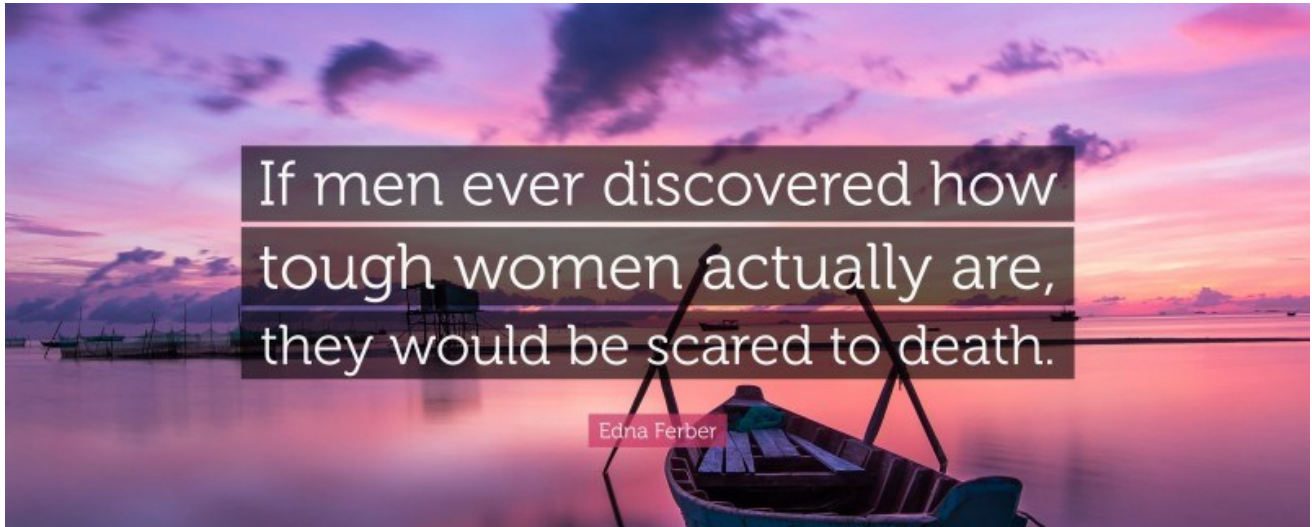
Fourteen AWC members gathered at the lovely home of Peggy and Ron Pruett who so graciously hosted the book club's Saturday Brunch on May 20, 2023, at 11:00AM. Members present were: Aimee Berry, Penny Blackford, Myra Carmon, Karen Clydesdale, Jo Dee Gonzales, Judine Heard, Yolanda Johnson, Maria Krane, Ninma Logan, Connie Morris, Peggy Pruett, Sue Rohan, Pat Walsh and Beverly Williams. Peggy's home is ideal for entertaining with its warm, beautifully furnished, comfortable, and palatial rooms. The delicious and plentiful brunch included four casseroles, (sausage with Brie, ham, sweet potato with goat cheese, tomato pie, cheese, cherry & blueberry blintz) creamy dreamy grits, hash browns, frozen fruit salad, pastries, and assorted

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juices, St. Germaine's and espresso martinis went with the food. Thank you, Peggy, for welcoming us into your lovely home and for supplying the scrumptious gourmet brunch.

After brunch, we retired to the living room and had a most interesting discussion of SO BIG led by Penny Blackford in Sara June McDavid's absence. We all wish Sara June the best as she undergoes chemo treatments after surgery and a speedy recovery.

Information will be forthcoming in the Weekly Update about when & where our next book club will be held, and what the next book selection will be.



Submitted by Penny Blackford

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