



# Atlanta Woman's Club



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## March 2015 Issue

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's award season. Seemingly the airways are filled with ceremonial recognition of accomplishments from professional to the performing arts industries and many other between.

The nominees are widely considered the best of the best in their field. Winners often comment that they didn't expect to win and will acknowledge those who were nominated along side them. For me, one thing stands out among all nominees, they are very diligent artists, crafting their skills to give their best performance.

GFWC Atlanta Woman's Club members are the same. We dedicate our time to community projects not because of possible awards but because we are very diligent people who care about the projects. As I hear members discuss their lives outside of the club, they devote an incredible amount of time to honing their skills to being the best in their field while managing to spend quality time with their family, friends and cohorts.

Last year, collectively we donated more than 7,700 hours in our communities. While our communities are the winners, we should pause to celebrate this outstanding accomplishment.

I cannot thank you enough for your dedication to our projects.

Judine B. Heard

#### Leadership Quote of the Month

"Presenting leadership as a list of carefully defined qualities (like strategic, analytical and performance oriented) no longer holds true. Instead, true leadership stems from individuality that is honest and sometimes imperfectly presented...Leaders should strive for authenticity over perfection."

Sheryl Sandberg

Next Luncheon: March 9th

Kindly RSVP to Judith Behrens

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### POINTS OF INTEREST

#### TALLULAH FALLS SCHOOL

Our annual trip to Tallulah Falls School is scheduled for Thursday, March 26, 2015. We will leave promptly at 9:00 a.m. from the parking lot of Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church located at 2715 Peachtree Road, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia. If you are interested in going please contact Lucy Willard.

#### READ ACROSS AMERICA

#### READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY IS MARCH 2, 2015

*Oh, the Places You'll Go* when you read! March 2, 2015 is NEA's Read Across America Day and this year, the book is the Seuss classic, *Oh, The Places You'll Go*. NEA's Read Across America is an annual reading motivation and awareness program that calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading on March 2, the birthday of beloved children's author Dr. Seuss. Motivating children to read is an important factor in student achievement and creating lifelong successful readers. Research has shown that children who are motivated and spend more time reading do better in school. Read Across America is a year-round program.

*"You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read with a child."*

## SPEAKER SPOTLIGHT: LEESA CARTER-JONES

The March luncheon speaker will be Leesa Carter-Jones, Executive Director of Captain Planet Foundation (CPF). CPF is an organization that supported Conservation CSP in 2014 when Ms. Carter-Jones served as a panelist at the AWC/NWF Inaugural Conservation Youth Leadership Summit. Ms. Carter-Jones joined CPF in 2012, and has helped the organization successfully launch Project Learning Garden, the Leadership Center (science and environmental stewardship programs with the Georgia Department of Education), and the Planeteeers' Club Program. As a respected speaker on sustainability, environmental stewardship, and youth education programs she recently spoke on the Farm to School panel at the International Farm to Table Symposium, and moderated the panel on environmental education at the 2013 Clinton Global Initiative annual meeting. Ms. Carter-Jones has executive-level involvement with industries ranging from organic products to non-profit arts management. She has served as Executive Director for the U.S. Green Building



Council – Georgia Chapter as a leading advocate and educator for sustainable communities, green jobs and green building. Other select experiences are: National Field Marketing Director for Wild Oats Markets (a \$1 billion natural & organic retailer bought by Whole Foods in 2007) and production and special events for the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games (ACOG). CPF was founded in 1991 by Ted Turner and producer Barbara Pyle. CPF is a grant-making foundation that has directly funded over 1.2 million children through hands-on environmental education projects with schools and youth-serving nonprofits located in all 50 U.S. states and 23 countries internationally. CPF's mission is to give the next generation of environmental stewards an active understanding and love for the natural world. This unique program of funding and supporting hands-on environmental projects using STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) learning is designed to encourage innovative initiatives that inspire and empower youth globally to create environmental solutions and become environmental change

### MEMBER ACTIVITIES

#### BRIDGE

Bridge meets on the first Thursday of each month. Beginners are asked to arrive at 9:30a and regular players at 10:00a. Breakfast is provided by a member each month.

Bridge usually lasts about 3hrs and we go to lunch afterwards.

Please RSVP to Ginger Foshee at [gingerfo@bellsouth.net](mailto:gingerfo@bellsouth.net) or 770-775-6230...see you there!!



### PHOENIX FLIES (MARCH 10TH & 17TH)

Often when members sign up for events or committee work, they have no idea just how much fun the work will be. If ever that were true, it is indeed the case for the Phoenix Flies tour preparation. Club members Cimi Douglas, Karen Bacheller, Vanessa Massie, Page Henry, Judith Behrens, Barbara Culmer Law, Pat Walsh, Madelyn Pavon Suriel, Billie Harris, Tonya Watson, Lisa Banes, Carol Boaz, Morgan Foster and coordinators Penny Blackford and Elvina Calland are having a ball trying on costumes or rummaging through closets for that perfect "blast from the past" piece.

The tour sponsored by the Atlanta Preservation Center is an annual event to focus attention on prominent, historical landmarks throughout the City. During the tour on March 10 and March 17, the Wimbish House will be filled with visitors. Those visitors will experience the rich history of the House as period-appropriate costume-clad members tell fascinating stories.

The Atlanta Woman's Club truly has melded with the House and kept its beauty and spirit alive enriching the lives of all 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 partner for the Phoenix Flies event.

All members are encouraged to register at [www.atlantapreservationcenter.com](http://www.atlantapreservationcenter.com) for the Tuesday tours from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. or to contact Penny Blackford at [blackfordp@bellsouth.net](mailto:blackfordp@bellsouth.net) or Elvina Calland at [ecalland@bellsouth.net](mailto:ecalland@bellsouth.net). for more information.

# MEMBERSHIP

Cimi Douglass

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Membership

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## Formal Orientations hosted throughout the year!

I would like to invite and encourage new members to attend formal orientations hosted by the Membership Chair, Cimi Douglass, our President, Judine Heard and 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Ellen Milholland. Ladies, this orientation will contain the nuts and bolts of AWC and GFWC. We plan to review our history, systems and processes and basically everything you want to know about our club and our affiliations. It's important for you as a new member to attend one of these orientations. Once you become engaged in the community, people will ask you about the History of the Club, history of the house, what we do, what is GFWC, etc. – after attending our orientation – you will have all the answers. I am trying to schedule orientation lunches during the week, the weekend and will also do an after hour formal orientation in small groups to make sure I give everyone the opportunity to attend. Orientation dates are listed below. Feel free to contact Cimi Douglass if you'd like to attend.

**Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.** – (Orientation at the Club after Sunday Setup) If you haven't had a chance to attend one of these orientations, please contact me and we will find a mutually agreeable time that suits your schedule. Whatever it takes, it's important to you and to us to fill in the blanks and answer any questions you may already have about our Club.

**Membership – After 5 Program – Speed Dating with our CSP's! March 19, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.** By now, most of you have received your invitation to go Speed Dating with our CSP's. I'm excited about this event and can't wait to see it in action. Please don't forget that this is the perfect opportunity to invite a guest to learn more about our club and meet some of our members. For those that are not aware of our format - you'll have 5-6 minutes with each of our Community Service Program Chairs to learn about what they do, who they support, and how you can get involved. All members and new members who are not engaged in a Community Service Program are encouraged to attend.

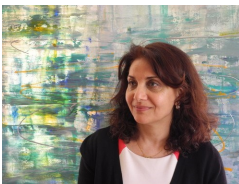
Here's the breakdown of the speed dating format.

- Any time before 6:30 to 6:45/7:00 p.m. – Socialize with your fellow AWC members while enjoying refreshments in the Sunroom.
- Membership Chair will welcome everyone, make a few announcements and let everyone know where tables are located and when to switch tables.
- Approximately 6-8 members/guests visit a CSP table for 6-8 minutes, hear about their mission for 5-6 minutes, and have the remaining time for questions. Once their time is up, we will ring a bell and ask that you move to the next table.

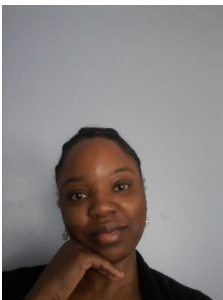
**Welcome New Members!** In February we welcome 3 new members to the Club! Please read their brief bios. It is very important to learn as much as you can about our wonderful new additions in an effort to get them involved in AWC service projects right away. "Involve, Engage & Connect!" Please welcome:



**Fiona Willis** - is a University of California, Los Angeles graduate and has earned an MBA from Colorado State University. She is the Eastern US Regional Sales Manager at Beckman Coulter Life Sciences for the Flow Cytometry product line. As a young adult, Fiona was highly involved in community service as a Ticktock member of NCL. Fiona has lived in Atlanta since 2014 and has enjoyed getting to know the city and taking in the beauty of the South. Favorite activities include community involvement through the Buckhead Church, running in Piedmont Park, yoga, traveling abroad and spending time with family and friends.



**Azam Zadeh** - Born and raised in a historical city full of ancient art in Persia. Azam became interested in expressing her feelings through painting. She learned the basics of composition, drawing, and color from well-known Persian artists and was inspired by renowned artists such as Jackson Pollock and Helen Frankenthaler. In 2005, she had the opportunity to immigrate to Atlanta and has been working closely with great international artists in the States. Through her career she has done watercolor, portrait, and abstract paintings. For her art is something that takes root in her senses and emotions and through abstract painting she has discovered more opportunities to be creative and expressive. She has defined her own unique style by pouring layers of paint and defining shapes with palette knife. She has held numerous solo and group exhibitions around the world, and she is actively involved in art groups and communities. Visit Azam's shop at [http://www.saatchiart.com/azam\\_n](http://www.saatchiart.com/azam_n). Her website is: <http://www.azamzadeh.com/about/>.



**Jamila Porter** -My full name is Jamila Negesti Foulke Porter. I descend from a West Indian family, born and raised in the state of New York, where I attended Uniondale High School. During that time I studied the oboe and the clarinet. I studied Music Performance at Adelphi Univ. for 2 yrs.. Enhancing my experience there, I was selected as the 1st runner up for the Miss NAACP Pageant and became a NAACP Treasurer. After that, I transferred to Howard Univ. in Washington, D.C. on a music and presidential scholarship, continuing my music studies. I became a member of the Golden Key Honor Society and the National Society for Collegiate Scholars. I graduated with a Bachelor's Degree. Upon graduation, I immediately began my work with youth at the Westbury Community Improvement Corporation in Westbury, New York. I mentored and trained high school age youth who were employed by the corporation. In 2005 I was hired as a Guest Teacher for Uniondale Public Schools. I was employed for nearly 8 years. The district promoted me to 504 Program Coordinator assisting special needs youth for 3 years. I also taught for the Center for Science Teaching and Learning and Building Educated Leaders for Life. My experience in New York came to a close after becoming a Consultant and advocating literacy for homeless families with Nassau BOCES. Currently, I teach in the City Schools of Decatur and volunteer for the Atlanta Botanical Gardens. I moved to Georgia to be with my family and to continue my career in education. My plans are to further my students by obtaining a Master's Degree in Ed.

## SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

### A SEEDED EVENT

On February 7, 2015, the Atlanta Woman's Club, through its Seeded Event Program, hosted its second fundraising event benefitting the Georgia Center for Child Advocacy. This event was a remarkable success for both the Atlanta Woman's Club and the Georgia Center for Child Advocacy. As a result of the fundraiser, over \$40,000 was raised for the Georgia Center for Child Advocacy, which included proceeds from a silent auction featuring over 50 beautiful pieces of heart inspired artwork donated by local artists. The Atlanta Woman's Club is focusing on the next round of fundraising events, and applications have been sent to a number of non-profit organizations for the 2015-2016 Seeded Event Calendar. The Atlanta Woman's Club is excited about the upcoming fundraising season, which will include fun and unique events for some very worthwhile organizations.

Tonya S. Watson  
Communications Coordinator for A  
Seeded Event Program (Arts)  
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### PEACHTREE WOMEN'S WRITERS ALLIANCE

The Peachtree Women Writer's Alliance sponsored by the AWC meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at the Wimbish House. We are excited about changing our format in 2015. We will focus on nurturing our group's writers, and plan to have readings from their work and sharing of ideas. This will provide our members with direct support for their needs in bringing their projects to fruition. Our new member Jamila Porter will read an excerpt from her work in progress at the March meeting, followed by Lexa King in April, Karen Johnson in May, and Billie Harris in June. Others who are writing or want to start writing are encouraged to attend.

## PUBLIC ISSUES

Beth Jetha  
Co-Chairman  
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March is National Women's History Month. On March 28, 2015, the National Women's History Project celebrates its 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary with an event in Los Angeles that will recognize and honor women whose lives and work reflect this year's theme, "Weaving the Stories of Women's Lives." The National Women's History Project led a coalition back in the 80s that successfully lobbied Congress to recognize the month of March as National Women's History Month. The NWHP works to promote gender equity by accurately recognizing the achievements of women in history and by providing important resource material for teachers and for the public.

We are pleased to report that last month, we made donations to the Wounded Warrior Project and the Georgia Justice Project Grass Roots Awards program.

Georgia Justice Project's 2015 Lobby Day to "Enhance the Chance" **has changed**. It is now scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, because the General Assembly will be in adjournment on the 12<sup>th</sup>. The schedule is as follows:

8: 30 am: Meet at Central Presbyterian Church, 201 Washington St. NW

9 am: Refreshments, orientation begin

9.45 am: Walk across to the Capitol

10 am: Lobby with legislators

11: 30 am: Closing remarks back at Central Presbyterian Church

Please register at the website: <http://www.gjp.org/featured/register-today-gjps-lobby-day-2015>. For weekly legislative updates by the GJP, go to: <http://www.gjp.org/news/weekly-legislative-update-february-16-in-adjournment>.

## HOME LIFE

Betty Daniels, Co-chair Home Life

March is Woman's History Month and we salute our members for the contributions made to the community, our club and society. We do make a difference.

March 15<sup>th</sup> will be the 5K Hunger Walk/Run benefiting the Atlanta Food Bank. Entertainment starts @ 12 noon in the green lot at Turner Field. Race/ walk begin @ 2: 00 PM. All AWC members, previously named the "Wimbish Walkers" planning to participate should meet at the Registration Tent. Families and Friends are welcomed. There is no charge to participate unless participants would like to purchase a tee shirt for \$25.00. AWC will make a contribution to the Atlanta Food Bank. At the next luncheon meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup> there will be another sign-up sheet and we will have a drawing for a cook book.

## INTERNATIONAL

International has made a contribution of \$2,000 to CARE. Also a donation has been made to Shot At Life for \$1,500 for vaccinations. For our March meeting please bring a small toy for Operation Smile. Beanie babies, slinky, 8-pack crayons, small story books, and blankets are also welcomed.

Thank you for your help,

Pat Walsh

## ARTS

The Atlanta Artists Center proudly announces a juried exhibit, titled “Power Lines”, sponsored by the Atlanta Woman’s Club and the Arts Community Service Program. The exhibit will run from March 10 through April 10, with a special reception on Sunday March 15 from 4pm – 6pm. The judge is Mr. Gregor Turk, a well-known artist and adjunct professor at SCAD. We are very proud to say that the cash awards to the artists are made possible by the Arts CSP donations. In addition, a special preview has been arranged exclusively for our members on Wednesday, March 11, from 10am – noon. Please don’t miss this opportunity to meet some of the exhibiting artists, enjoy some coffee, and see the wonderful facility in the heart of Buckhead, at 2927 Grandview Avenue, 30305. A separate notice will be sent to everyone via email, so please mark your calendars for both events.

On March 26<sup>th</sup>, Hartsfield-Jackson Airport will host 15 of our members on a two hour tour, from 10: 30a-12: 30p, of a portion of the airport’s world class art exhibits. Some of the works are site specific and commissioned, while some are from rotating exhibits. The permanent art collection began in 1979 when 9 pieces were commissioned, and now there are more than 250 pieces. The tour will begin in the Atrium of the main terminal, move through the T Gate Installations, and then end at the “Walk through Atlanta History”.

Spring 2015 marks the Atlanta Symphony Associates 45<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of presenting the Decorators’ Show House and Gardens. Located at 4701 Northside Drive, “Chateau Soleil” was designed by architect William T. Baker and built in 1998 on two beautifully landscaped acres. Watch for our Arts CSP emails and signups coming in March for volunteer docents to lead tours through this grand 14,000 square foot estate. The event runs from mid-April through the end of May.

Synchronicity Theater is currently looking for volunteers to be ushers for their show “Stinky Kids, the Musical”. This would involve any last minute setup for the show, preparing and passing out programs, greeting patrons, and taking tickets. Also during intermission ushers may be asked to help at concessions and other small tasks, but mostly make the audience feel comfortable and welcome. Ushers are allowed to watch the performances and get a reduced rate for parking. This show is running through March 7, so if anyone is interested in helping out, please contact either Jo Dee Gonzalez or Rita McGregor, and we will help you select a date and

make arrangements with the volunteer coordinator at the theater. When future needs arise, we will notify the membership so that you may become involved.

Many thanks to our members who contributed their creations for the GFWC Art Competition. We have items in the categories of painting, photography, knitting, crocheting, poetry, and a short story. Congratulations to Anita Jansen, Betty Daniels, Billie Harris, Ginger Foshee, Judith Behrens, Ellen Milholland, and Jo Dee Gonzalez for their many hours of creativity in preparing their work for the competition. Plan to attend the 5<sup>th</sup> District meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup> for a first hand look at these works. This was the largest number of entries that we have had in several years. We are very proud of our artists and hope that each of them realize that they are winners to us!

The Peachtree Women’s Writers Alliance, sponsored by the Atlanta Woman’s Club, will meet on Monday March 2, 2015, from 7 to 8: 30pm at the Wimbish House. This month will focus on the authors within the club, listening to a member’s reading, and following with a discussion. Please join us for a fun evening and support our amazing writers.

Jo Dee Gonzalez, Arts CSP Co-Chair,  
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Rita McGregor, Arts CSP Co-Chair,  
[rtmcg23@gmail.com](mailto:rtmcg23@gmail.com)



Sun Land by Azam Zadeh

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## **Board of Trustees Election set for March 9 meeting**

An election will be held at the March 9 general meeting to fill 2 positions on the Board of Trustees for the 2015-17 term (June to June). We are fortunate to have an organization made up of so many talented and professional women, so it's exciting to be able to put their skills to use for the benefit of our Club.

As you select these two new Trustees, please take time to consider the Board's important responsibilities as outlined by AWC's by-laws. It is important to elect Trustees with the interest, availability, expertise, and collaboration skills necessary to serve effectively.

## **Section 4 - Duties**

The duties of the BOT shall be to:

### **A. Supervise Property**

Supervise and direct the property and finances in regard to the operation of the Club facility. The Club holds title to the property of the GFWC Atlanta Woman's Club, Inc., also known as the Wimbish House (the Clubhouse), at 1150 Peachtree Street, N.E. and 1150-B Peachtree Street, N.E.

### **B. Negotiate Contracts**

Negotiate all contracts.

### **C. Direct Agreements**

Direct all agreements made on behalf of or in the name of the Club where money or expenses are involved with regard to the management, use and upkeep of the facility.

### **D. Maintenance**

Maintain the Clubhouse grounds. All major or extensive improvements must be approved by the Executive Board.

### **E. Negotiate Loans**

Negotiate loans subject to approval by the Executive Board and the Club members.

### **F. Job Descriptions**

Develop and maintain job descriptions for persons employed by the BOT. These job descriptions must be kept on file in the Clubhouse at all times and should include necessary skills, a salary range and a complete listing of all duties for each position.

### **G. Representative on Budget Committee**

Elect a representative to serve on the Budget Committee.

## **Section 5 - Meetings**

The BOT shall meet prior to each General Meeting of the Club. Four (4) members shall constitute a quorum. A member of the BOT may be removed from the Board if they are absent from three (3) regularly scheduled Board meetings.

## **Section 6 - Staff**

The BOT shall employ an adequate staff for the proper functioning of the Club including upkeep, maintenance and financial services. The facility staff shall work under the supervision of the Chair of the BOT. The financial staff shall work under the supervision of the Treasurer. A professional auditor shall be employed on a retainer basis. Legal advice shall be obtained as needed.

## **Section 7 - Vacancies**

If a vacancy occurs on the BOT, it shall be filled by Nominations from the Nominating Committee and the Executive Board with an election occurring at the following regular meeting.

## **Section 8 - Employment**

With the adoption of these revisions to the bylaws, no regular member of the Club, or member of their immediate family, shall be permanently employed by the Club. The BOT shall be the final authority regarding all employment matters.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES-CONT'D

### Board of Trustees Nominations

The Nominating Committee has received the following nominations (listed in alphabetical order) for the two open positions on the Atlanta Woman's Club Board of Trustees for the 2015-17 term:

- Lisa Banes
- Judith Behrens
- Kedra Gotel
- Billie Harris
- Dinah Peevy
- Karen Thomson

Each nominee has signed the Consent-to-Serve form and supplied a bio as included here:

#### **Lisa Banes**

Lisa is a professional writer whose company No Loss For Words LLC specializes in advertising, marketing and corporate communications. Lisa joined the Atlanta Woman's Club in 2004 and has held several elected and appointed positions, including corresponding secretary, Public Affairs/Public Issues CSP chair, and Conservation CSP chair, as well as memberships on the Executive Board, Nominating Committee, Wimbish House marketing/logo/web site development committee, and AWC History Book Committee. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Georgia Justice Project. Past volunteer activities have included visitor guide at Atlanta Botanical Garden's 2004 *Chihuly in the Garden* exhibit; tutor at Greenville (SC) Literacy Association; and Board of Directors member, secretary and nominating committee chair at Gateway House, a private, not-for-profit, clubhouse model rehabilitation program for mentally ill men and women in Greenville SC.

#### **Judith Behrens**

I've been a member of AWC for five (5) years, serving the Education, Home Life and Public Issues Committees. I'm currently serving as Member Events Chair, and my duties include overseeing and organizing the Holiday Party, the Spring Tea, Monthly member meetings, and coordinating Bridge. My background includes buying, building, restoring, and maintaining homes for HUD tenants.

#### **Kedra Gotel**

The self-proclaimed "Resilient Esquire," Ms. Gotel has been a legal advocate since 2001. A native of Atlanta, Ms. Gotel began her career at the Atlanta Judicial Circuit Public Defender where she moved up the ranks from legal intern, to legal assistant specialist to attorney. During her tenure at the Atlanta Judicial Circuit Defender Office, Ms. Gotel received Outstanding Employee Appraisals. She proved to be an exceptional leader in the Pre-Indictment unit, which was later named the Non-Complex Division. Ms. Gotel also served as a distinguished member of the Judge Advocate General Corps (JAG) Summer Intern Program for the United States Army. Ms. Gotel was 1 of 75 people chosen from the entire United States to serve in such a highly esteemed position with the United States Army. Attorney Gotel opened a boutique law firm on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on January 17, 2011. The firm's sole focus is in the area of Family Law with a specific interest in Fathers' Rights. In May 2013, she served as a speaker at the State Bar of Georgia and presented on the topics of "Determining the Gross Income for Military Service Members for Purposes of Child Support" and "Considerations in Custody and Child Support Cases for Parents Who are Military Service Members." In October 2014, Attorney Gotel served as a moderator at the State Bar of Georgia for an expert legal panel discussing "Alternatives to Filing an Appeal." In addition to her speaking accolades, in 2013 she received an accreditation by the Department of Veteran Affairs as a Veterans Benefit Attorney. She has also served as a committee member of the Military and Veterans Law Section of the State Bar of Georgia. Attorney Gotel is a member of the Atlanta Woman's Club (AWC), an organization known for its philanthropic and community service endeavors. As a Club member, Ms. Gotel currently serves as the co-chair of the Education Committee where she actively assists in serving the students enrolled in Hope-Hill Elementary School located in the historic Old Fourth Ward District. Ms. Gotel desires to serve on the Board of Trustees for AWC because of her passion for community service and supporting women in business in the city of Atlanta. AWC is historically known for supporting women and the community through service and philanthropy. As a member of the Board, she would work vigorously to diversify club membership not only in race and ethnicity but in professions. Lastly, some of her community service involvement includes volunteering with the Georgia Justice Project (GJP) Back to School Event and HouseProud Atlanta. The GJP event is held specifically for children of currently or formerly incarcerated parents. HouseProud Atlanta serves low-income senior citizens of Atlanta by providing no-cost home repairs. Its aim is to keep the seniors warm, safe and dry. In her spare time, Ms. Gotel enjoys spending time with her daughter, going to the theatre, and being actively involved with the Youth and Young Adult Ministry within her church, Changing a Generation Full Gospel Baptist Church.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES-CONT'D

### **Billie Harris**

Billie Harris is a proud active member of the Atlanta Woman's Club, becoming a member in May 2013. Since joining, she has participated in numerous volunteer services, events, and fundraisers associated with the various departments within the club. Not limited to, Conservation, Arts, Home Life, International Affairs, Member Events, and Social Outreach, and an alternate on the Nominating Committee. Billie has attended New Membership Orientation and has an understanding and appreciation for the dynamics of the organization, including the GFWC. She has had a hand in planning several new member social and volunteer events. She has also participated in Phoenix Flies her first year as a member and will be participating again this March. Billie has currently taken on the responsibility of Editor of the monthly newsletter for the Atlanta Woman's Club. She participates in AWC's bridge club where her relationships with members continue to grow. Billie is also a part of the Peachtree Women Writers Alliance. She recently assisted Chaundra Luckett (Social Outreach) in facilitating a Social Media Lunch and Learn. Billie is dedicated to all she does, be it family, occupation, relationships, and certainly her current position as member of the Atlanta Woman's Club. Her passion is truly service and she's excited about what the future holds as a member of the amazing Atlanta Woman's Club.

### **Dinah Peevy**

#### **Work experience:**

1973 – 1982: Biology Instructor, Shelby County High School, Alabama

1983 – 2000: Biology Instructor, Baldwin High School, Georgia

Site based Staff Development Coordinator

1989 – 1991: Adjunct Biology Instructor, Georgia Military College

1991 – 2001: Adjunct Biology Instructor, Georgia College and State University

2000 – 2007: Biology Instructor, Jones County High School

2007 to present: Biology Instructor, Tallulah Falls School

Director of the Equestrian Program

Sponsor Tallulah Falls School Juniorettes

Georgia Teacher Certification: Broad Field Science, grades 6 – 12

1968 to 1971 Swimming instructor/swim team coach Cullman Swim Team

1971 to 1981 Swimming instructor University of Montevallo

1982 to 1988 Swimming instructor GC & SU Continuing Education

1996 to 2000 Baldwin High School Swim Team Head Coach

#### **Education:**

BS: University of Montevallo, Montevallo, Alabama.

Masters of Natural Sciences: Georgia College and State University,

Milledgeville, Georgia

#### **Clubs and organizations:**

Milledgeville Garden Club: 1986 to 2010

President

Vice-president

Chair of various committees

Alpha Delta Kappa: 2003 to 2010

Beta Nu Chapter

Education Sorority

Chaplin



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### Alpha Delta Pi:

Student Member: initiated 1971  
Activities and Honors Chairman  
Vice-President  
Sorority Advisor 1977 to 2003  
Education Advisor: University of Montevallo  
Standards and Auxiliary Services: Georgia College and State  
University  
Chapter Advisor: University of Georgia

### 4-H Club

Baldwin Co. GA Senior Club Advisor: 1990-1997  
Baldwin Co. GA 4-H Horse Club Advisor 1990 - 1996  
Baldwin 4-H County Board of Directors

### United Methodist Church: 1980 to present

Milledgeville, GA 1980 to 2007  
Choir  
Administrative Board  
Director of Elementary Education

Tallulah Falls Methodist Church: 2007 to present

### Colonial Dames 17th century: 2009 to present

Milledgeville Chapter, Milledgeville, GA: 2009 to 2013  
Librarian  
Historian  
Thomas Miller Chapter, Athens GA: 2013 to present

### Daughters of the American Revolution, DAR: 2008 to present

Oliver Morton Chapter  
Gray, GA

### Mayflower Society: 2007 to present

Georgia Chapter

### Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs

Atlanta Woman's Club: 2009 to present  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice president 2010 to 2014  
Tallulah Falls School Committee  
Light of Tallulah Woman's Club  
2007 to 2015 (dissolved)  
Secretary: 2007 to 2009  
Vice-President 2009 - 2011

PEARLS JR Womans Club of Rabon 2015

### Ninth District:

Tallulah Falls School Representative 2012 to 2014  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President 2014 to 2016

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### **Awards:**

Teacher of the Year

Listed in Who's Who of Outstanding Teachers

Outstanding 4-H Leader for Baldwin County

Van Aiken Award: International Alpha Delta Pi recognition of Outstanding  
Advisors (only 4 chosen each year)

Listed in Who's Who of Outstanding Young Women

TFS Equestrian Program/Barn named in my honor.

Married to Larry A Peevy: 43 years

Two Children: Phillip Peevy and Ashley Hall (AWC member)

Four grandchildren

### **Karen Thomson**

Karen Moore Thomson, Ph.D., joined the Atlanta Woman's Club in 2002. She was elected AWC President (2008-2010) and has served as a member of the Board of Trustees, Parliamentarian, Corresponding Secretary, Department Chair (CSP) Chair of Home Life, and Project Director and Chair of the AWC History Book Committee (2008-2012) overseeing the publication of *A LIGHT ON PEACHTREE: A HISTORY OF THE ATLANTA WOMAN'S CLUB*, by Anne B. JONES, Ph.D., Mercer University Press, 2012. She currently serves on three Boards: (1) Board of Trustees at Tallulah Falls School (2) Executive Board of the Atlanta Woman's Club (3) Board of Directors, Advisory, for The Atlanta Steinway Society. Holding a Ph.D. in English and serving as an English professor at Kennesaw State University for 19 years and 1 year at Dalton State College, she will be honored in April 2015 at Wesleyan College as "Distinguished Alumna in her Profession," a profession that includes, besides university English professor and administrator, her work as a professional pianist, creative artist, healing arts practitioner, and teacher in spiritual awareness, yoga, and healing. She welcomes the opportunity to serve again as a member of the Atlanta Woman's Club Board of Trustees.

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