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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Be kind.

Ladies, life is tough. I say this to my kids all the time and they think I'm being a Debby Downer. But as a parent, I feel as if I have a responsibility to be honest with them. And honestly, life is hard, but I also think it is supposed to be. Hard reality here - not everyone makes the sports team. Not every interview ends in employment. Love doesn't always work out in the end. The scale never lies, and that's tough to handle. Sometimes there are more bills than paychecks. Sickiness rears its ugly head at the most inopportune times. Cars break down. People can be judgmental and even cruel. The weather hardly ever cooperates with our own life plans. Parenting is hard. Marriage is hard. Adulting is down-right hard.

Ladies, life is tough. So how do we combat that? Easy answer, contains two words....Be kind.

Kindness is not something that demands hard work. It originates from the simple act of doing no harm to others. It's a simple concept, and not at all hard to implement, yet we ignore opportunities for kindness all the time. It's cliché and sappy, I know (that's me), but kindness can cure many of the problems in our world. A kind word at the right time can do wonders. A kind gesture just might be the bright spot to someone's day. And you don't even have to know the person you reach out to. Kindness works on strangers as well as friends.

We all have the ability and free will to choose kindness, yet I fear many of us don't ponder this important fact on a daily, or weekly basis, or ever.

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Kindness, however small or large, can have a significant and positive outcome. First, it causes us to put someone else's needs before our own. It takes the focus off of "me" and places it on "we." That's why we all joined this club. We wanted to put others first – especially those that are having a tough season in life.

I shall shortly step down from my soapbox in May, but this month I am selling kindness. Please, take a free sample. For an investment of zero dollars, you can give someone one of the world's greatest gifts. Everyone needs and appreciates kindness. It's always the right size. No need for returns – ever. It's a gift that keeps on giving. And to top it off, it's like a boomerang. Kindness bounces off of the other person right back to you – making you happier as well. Seems too good to be true, but it isn't. Life is hard. Yes, it is. But when the buggers have you flat on the mat, don't go down for the count. Instead, try being kind. Trust me on this one.

I hope to see all of you at our next meeting, which is scheduled for March 12th. Conservation CSP is hosting this month, and we will have a representative from Eco Addendum as our featured speaker. They will discuss the unique quality of Atlanta's urban forests and how we can sustain and protect it.

Cimi Douglass

Atlanta Woman's Club President 2016-2018



LEADERSHIP/LEADS

The Atlanta Woman's Club elects a Nominating Committee each January of odd numbered years. Members of the Nominating Committee serve for two years. Typically, two BOT trustees are elected that first year. Our election of officers and two trustees, take place in even numbered years. This election is important, because it has a great impact on the future direction of the club. We are fortunate to have set policies and procedures in place that provide a fair and correct process. Sometimes, particularly for new members, it is difficult to know who to vote for. The League of Women Voters gives a couple of guidelines that might be helpful to all.



Decide what you are looking for in a candidate. There are two important qualities when looking for a candidate... their stand on issues and their leadership skills. As a club we do not have many controversial issues but we do have opinions. Are you looking for a candidate that wants to grow our club or someone who wants to limit membership? Are you looking for a candidate that supports more involvement in the community or someone who wants to focus our efforts more on GFWC programs? In considering leadership skills, think about the characteristics you want in an effective leader. Do you look for intelligence, honesty, and an ability to communicate effectively and frequently?

Find out about the candidates. The slate will be posted at the club no later than 10 days prior to our meeting and election on March 12th. There will be biographical summaries on the candidates who have been nominated by the Nominating Committee in the March newsletter. Please take the time to read these. If you have questions, jot them down and ask the candidate. It is important to know your officers and their vision for the club.

Evaluate the candidates. Do they have the experience and knowledge to be an officer or trustee in the club? Have they actively participated in projects and programs and have they demonstrated the skills to do the job they are seeking? Do you see them at meetings and special AWC events?

Learn about the candidates' leadership abilities. Deciding if a candidate will be a good leader is difficult. How can you know if someone will be honest, open or able to act under pressure if elected to office? Does the candidate do their homework and present materials effectively at meetings? Are they open to discussion and being inclusive of all members? Are they positive and supportive or do they have their own agenda?

Learn how other people view the candidate. If you are a relatively new member, and not sure which candidate to vote for, talk with other members that you know and trust. You may want to learn what other people think about the candidates. Their opinions can help to clarify your own views, but do not discount your own informed judgments. You may be the most careful observer of all!

Most importantly...vote!

Karen Clydesdale, GFWC Leadership/LEADS Chair

A SEEDED EVENT

The Wimbish House was bursting with energy and excitement on Saturday February 24th, as more than 80 participants from Atlanta, New York, California, and Florida presented their ideas and concepts for television and film productions. These individuals were referred to as “the pitchers.” Executives, referred to as “the catchers”, were flown in from Los Angeles to participate in the first “Pitch It” fest sponsored by The Atlanta Woman’s Club to benefit Women in Film and Television Atlanta (WIFTA). Many thanks to our Volunteer Coordinator, Connie Morris for organizing the volunteers for this daylong event and to all of the wonderful AWC members who volunteered.



TALLULAH FALLS SCHOOL

Lucy Willard, Chair

It's time for our Annual Tallulah Falls School tour. Lucy Willard has made arrangements for our club to visit the school on Friday, March 23rd, 2018. Parking, as well as pick up, will be in the back parking lot of the Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church located at 2715 Peachtree Road, NE, Atlanta, Georgia. The bus will leave promptly at 9:30 a.m. Please plan to arrive at 9 a.m. This school tour always promises to be a fun event. You don't want to miss seeing and hearing about all of the wonderful things happening at Tallulah Falls School. Please RSVP at the March 12th general meeting.

MEMBERSHIP

Tonya S. Watson

1st Vice President, Membership

Email: tonyaswatson@gmail.com

Welcome New Members! AWC welcomed one (1) new member in February. 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!"

Ann Hazard



Ann Hazzard is a recently retired clinical psychologist, who worked at Emory's Pediatrics Department and also had a private practice for over three decades. At Emory, Ann conducted research, trained pediatric and psychology residents, and worked with low-income children and families at Children's Healthcare at Hughes Spalding. She was a co-founder of the Reach Out and Read program there, which provided books to families at pediatric check-ups, as well as anticipatory guidance from physicians about the importance of shared reading experiences. With Emory colleagues, Ann has recently written a children's book entitled *Something Happened in Our Town: A Child's Story about Racial Injustice*, which will be published in May by Magination Press. Her clinical interests included assessment of learning problems, early identification of autism, prevention and treatment of child abuse, divorce-related issues, and screening of airline pilots. She served on the Board for 6 years for Kate's Club, a non-profit which provides support services to children after the death of a parent or sibling.

Ann grew up in McLean Virginia and attended Emory for college and UCLA for graduate school. She made her way back to Atlanta after graduate school. She and her husband Michael recently downsized and moved into a high-rise condo midway between Piedmont Park and the Atlanta Women's Club. Her adult stepdaughter Ashley lives in Brookhaven. Ann and Michael enjoy travel, including post- retirement trips to Australia and Ireland and an upcoming trip to the Galapagos Islands. They are also skiers and scuba divers. Ann is looking forward diverse volunteer opportunities with AWC.

MEMBERSHIP CONT'D

The Atlanta Woman's Club hosted a Membership event called Roll the Dice - Break the Ice. Roll the Dice - Break the Ice is a Membership game that allows newer and existing members to get to know each other better by rolling the dice to obtain a question that they must answer. The Atlanta Woman's Club had 18 members that participated in this wonderful event.



HOME LIFE

Home Life will be collecting travel size toiletry items through May. These items will be given to The Ronald McDonald House for families in need. Items needed are: toothpaste, deodorant, dental floss, soap, shampoo, conditioner, facial tissue, body wash, and personal care products.

Connie Morris, Home Life Chair

ESO BOOKCLUB

Connie Morris will be hosting the March 20th book club at her home (888 Plymouth Road NE). We are reading "The Marriage Lie" by Kimberly Belle. The author will be joining us. Please RSVP to Connie at momconnie@bellsouth.net, 404-876-2786 H, or 404-312-8905 C.

Melodie Rogers, ESO Book Club

GFWC AWC ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP TEA

Spring is fast approaching and that means that soon it will be Tea Time at the Wimbish House.



Mark your calendars. Our annual membership tea will be Sunday April 8th from two to four o'clock in the afternoon. As is tradition, we will be mailing invitations to AWC members and guests; we will also do an online invite.

If you would like to invite a guest or a potential member, please send their postal address or contact information to Judy Reece at events@atlwc.org so that we can extend your guests a special invitation.

Watch for more upcoming information about the tea, rsvp's, and needed volunteers.

Judy Reece, Member Events

PHOENIX FLIES

Please bring your friends and family to our annual Phoenix Flies tour of the Wimbish House on Friday, March 23 at 10 am or 2 pm. Tour guides in period costumes will guide visitors thru each room of the house and review the history of the AWC and the club decade by decade. The tour lasts approximately 90 minutes and reservations made be made via phone to 404-431-3726. This year we are pleased to pair with our nearby "neighbor" SCAD's Ivy Hall - also offering tours on this date at 10 am and 2 pm creating the perfect opportunity to spend the day in the Midtown area and tour two historic properties in one day.

Leigh Reynolds, Women's History

PUBLIC ISSUES

March is Poison Prevention Month and Poison Prevention Week is March 18th-24th. More than ever, children are exposed to many poisons around the home that are present in cleaning solvents, single-use laundry or dishwasher tablets, pesticides, prescription drugs and batteries. But adults suffer the most injuries and sometimes, death from poisonings. Adults are most susceptible to poisoning from medicines—whether by ingesting the wrong dosage, taking an illegal substance or swallowing herbal medications that react to other foods or drugs taken. Poisoning can also happen by getting cleaning solvents, pesticides or hydrocarbons on your skin, by inhaling chemicals (at home or on the job), or eating mushrooms harvested from the wild. Call the **Poison Control Center** at **1-800-222-1222** if you suspect a poisoning. Program that number into your smart phone. The toll-free number can be used 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and a qualified medical person can answer any questions confidentially. This service is free. However, if someone collapses, stops breathing, you cannot wake them up, or has seizures, you must call 911.



Daylight Savings Time begins the morning of Sunday, March 11. Besides changing your clocks and timepieces by advancing them one hour, remember to change the batteries in your smoke alarm unit.

Kidde fire extinguishers with plastic handles were recalled last November. These fire extinguishers failed to discharge and the nozzle could detach with enough force to cause harm. These Kidde fire extinguishers should be replaced. Call Kidde toll-free at 855-271-0773 or go online at www.kidde.com for more information.

At last month's meeting, Barbara Blair, director of Pets for Vets GA, presented our Club with a plaque in recognition of our donation in 2016, which allowed for a pet match with a veteran. Pets for Vets GA provides companion pets for veterans. A rescue animal is often available and it must be trained and fostered before it is delivered to a vet. Barbara gave our club photos of the pet and the veteran that our donation helped put together.

Beth Jetha, Public Issues Chair

Speaker Spotlight



Kathryn Kolb

The March luncheon speaker will be Kathryn Kolb, Director of Eco-Addendum and Master Naturalist. Kathryn Kolb holds over 30 years of field experience in natural areas, forests and wild lands of the Southeast. She has worked collaboratively on a wide range of environmental education and outreach projects over several decades with many regional environmental organizations such as The Wilderness Society, Georgia Forestwatch, Georgia Conservancy, Nature Conservancy, Trees Atlanta, Park Pride, Georgia Native Plant Society, West Atlanta Watershed Alliance, South River Watershed Alliance, Friends of Parks groups and many others. Previously, Kathryn was founder and director Atlanta's Keeping It Wild program, initiated through the Wilderness Society, where she designed and lead local and state-wide outings to natural places from 2004-2008. She served as Board Member of Georgia Forestwatch from 1996-2000, and she helped DeKalb County Commissioners produce a new Tree Ordinance for DeKalb County in 1999-2000. She has additionally consulted on tree and greenspace projects with officials, staff and neighborhood leaders in the City of Atlanta, DeKalb County, City of Decatur, City of Brookhaven, and City of Tucker. As Director of Eco-A (Eco-Addendum) Kathryn currently designs and directs programs for on-site, environmental education for children, adults and families; ecology-based restoration plans for public and private greenspaces, and education for municipal leaders on methods to preserve native trees and natural areas as part of sustainable community planning and development programs. (EcoAddendum.org)

Kathryn Kolb is also known for her distinctive work as a fine art photographer of natural forms and landscapes, and her photographs are found in prominent regional collections and public venues throughout the US. (KathrynKolb.com)

NORTH WEST DISTRICT

On Saturday, February 10, the North West District Executive Board met in Calhoun GA. for their final board meeting. President Ales Campbell was presented with a watercolor painting of her new home from the members of the board, in appreciation for her dedicated service to the district. The final General Membership Meeting for the North West District will be held in Cartersville on Saturday, March 24th at 9:30 a.m. AWC BOT Co-Chair and Past President, Karen Clydesdale will be installed as the new District President and AWC President Cimi Douglass will be installed as the 1st Vice President of the District. Carpooling to this meeting will be arranged for all of those planning to attend. The cost is \$25.00 per person and includes a light breakfast and a buffet lunch. Please contact President Cimi Douglass if you are planning to attend.



ARTS

Arts CSP will continue our ongoing volunteer project with drawchange on **Monday, March 19th from 3-4pm**, which will repeat on every 3rd Monday each month. We will assist children at a local shelter in southwest Atlanta with their art therapy projects. You don't have to be artistic to volunteer, your love and support is all they need. If this project is of interest to you, please contact Billie Harris via email to volunteer and to also schedule any future months you'd like to volunteer. Only 3 volunteer spaces are available for AWC per month. There will be a sign up sheet at our general meeting.

Once again its time for the Arts Egg-Stravaganza at Hillside Conent School (690 Courtenay Dr. NE). This fun and festive event will be on **Saturday, March 31st from 1p-3p**. Volunteers are needed to help assist the children with their art project, hide plastic eggs in the courtyard, and assemble treat bags for each child at the end of the event. Members are asked to donate plastic eggs and candy for the event. **Only specific kinds of candy are allowed at Hillside, so please be mindful to only purchase the following: funsized individually wrapped Skittles, fruit snacks, Hershey's kisses/mini chocolate bars, or Starburst.** Donations will be accepted and may be dropped off at the Wimbish House at your convenience up until Friday, March 23rd. Please contact Arts to volunteer. A sign up sheet will also be at the general meeting.

Billie Harris, Arts Chair

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

At the March 12th general meeting, we will conduct an election to fill the positions of President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and two Board Trustee members for the 2018-2020 term (June to June). The Nominating Committee appreciates all your support for the suggested candidates who have been nominated from our membership of very talented, skilled and professional women.

We are happy to present these nominees who have agreed willingly and with enthusiasm to serve our Club upon election. Please consider carefully each candidate's experience, abilities, collaboration skills, availability and conviction to step into these leadership positions and promote a successful future for our Club. Please take the time to review Article V (Officers) and Article VII (Trustees) of the AWC Bylaws to familiarize yourself with the important responsibilities of each position to be filled.

Respectfully submitted: 2017-19 AWC Nominating Committee
Johanna Bunch, Rita McGregor (Chair), Connie Morris, Judy Reece

Our proposed slate of candidates for each office:

President: Myra Carmon

First Vice President:

Gretchen Butler

Jo Dee Gonzalez

Second Vice President: Connie Morris

Treasurer:

Latonya Jordan

Johanna Bunch

Assistant Treasurer: Penny Blackford

Recording Secretary: Judy Reece

Board of Trustees: (2 positions)

Cimi Douglass

Judine Heard

Karen Clydesdale

Donna Foland

Each Nominee has signed the Consent-to-Serve form and supplied a bio for your review in the pages that follow. They are listed alphabetically within the respective positions they are seeking.

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Name: Myra Carmon (President)

Club Member since: 2000

List Positions held at AWC:

Board member 12-13 years

Chair of Board of Trustees for at least 6 years

Chair of Home Life

Secretary to Executive Board and General Meetings

First VP

Parliamentarian

1734 Chair

Served on Budget & Nominating Committees

Book Club member

2014-2016 5th District President

GaFWC Board 2014-2016 as District President

2014-2016 Board of Associates for Tallulah Falls School

2016-2018 1734 Chair for GaFWC

2017 Co-Chair for State Convention

Why are you seeking this position? What do you feel you can bring to this position?

I think I can continue the present path of fulfilling the purpose as per the bylaws. To continue fostering mutual counsel and helpfulness, and to unite the influence and service of women in promoting the charitable, educational, civic, economic, social and moral advancement of our community and the world.

I bring history and experience of and about the Atlanta Woman's Club. The AWC is on a great course at this time and I would hope to continue this direction and keep abreast of current GFWC influences that may guide or impact the AWC.

The positions that I have held has kept me abreast of the issues, concerns, and general workings of the AWC which would help with the transition to present. In my first year on the Board of Trustees (BOT), what is the now known as Opera was greatly damaged by fire. The BOT along with attorneys negotiated for enough funds to pay off the mortgage on the AWC. Then we had to deal with the renovations of Opera. This continued through most of the time I was chair of the BOT. Other things that occurred while I was chair of the BOT included: 1) Had to replace the

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ballroom floor due to termite infestation; 2) had to have ballroom painted; 3) had to replace 4 air conditioning units (one a 10 ton that required a lift to place on roof).

Also, at one time there were plans to build a Mandarin Hotel on the parking lot space. So I had to deal with Scott Levenson and many attorneys during the process, which never occurred. Also, I was involved with the renovations to the porch, walk and more.

Karin is the third Event Coordinator that I have assisted with the interviewing and selection.

I could site many more but would like to tell you a little about my personal and professional life. I am married, have 3 children and 7 grandchildren. Professionally, I am a nurse. My education is as follows: Georgia Baptist Hospital RN, Medical College of Georgia BSN, Emory University, Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing MSN, PNP University of Georgia, and Doctorate of Higher Education.

I have been Director of Nursing at two hospitals: The Atlanta Hospital and Scottish Rite Hospital.

I have taught nursing at Piedmont Hospital, Brenau and now Georgia State University where I am an Associate Professor and teach in the masters and doctoral programs. I have taught at GSU for 30 years. I have held more positions but this is an overview. If you would like to see my vitae, I will provide.

Name: Gretchen Butler (First Vice President)

Club Member since: 2016

List Positions held in GFWC AWC: Seeded Event Committee

List District and State Positions held in GFWC GA: None

Why are you seeking this position? What do you feel you can bring to this position?

When I joined the Atlanta Woman's Club in 2016, I was excited about the opportunity to serve, but what I knew then barely scratched the surface. The feeling of community I enjoy at the meetings and events, is an extraordinary benefit that I didn't fully anticipate. Having participated in many events and service opportunities since I joined AWC, I'm eager to make a larger contribution to the Club itself through this position. I look forward to the opportunity to connect.

I believe I can bring a lot to this position. I'm organized, personable and warm. I joined recently enough that I remember the questions I had when I first came to AWC, but I've made enough connections in the time I've been a member to be able to answer a lot of those questions for new members, or introduce them to someone who can. I'm passionate about the service Atlanta

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Woman's Club provides to our community and eager to share that passion with visitors and members. I am also highly qualified for the additional duties involving voting on the Board of Trustees and handling the payment of dues. My position at the Serenbe Institute involves handling large sums of money; following up on invoices; and providing guidance for board and committee meetings. These skills will be of great benefit to me in this position.

Name: Jo Dee Gonzalez (First Vice President)

Club Member since: 2013

List Positions held in GFWC AWC:

Art CSP co-chair 2013-2016

Streets Alive Chair

AWC 120th Anniversary Co-Chair 2015

2nd VP 2016-2018

AWC Leadership Committee 2015-present

AWC Budget Committee as a voting member, 2016-2018

AWC Seeded Event Committee, 2017-present

List District and State Positions held in GFWC GA:

District Art CSP Co-Chair 2014-2016;

State bylaws Committee 2018-2020

District Nominating Committee, Alternate, 2018-2020

Why are you seeking this position? What do you feel you can bring to this position?

I feel that the experience I've gained during my years as Arts CSP Co-Chair and 2nd VP, have created the opportunity and prepared me to take on the job of 1st Vice President. Retaining and recruiting members is a vital part of the success of the club, and it is important to make sure that all members have the chance to become involved and participate in any way they can. Being familiar with these committees and other means of finding members, such as Streets Alive and Phoenix Flies, have given me the opportunity to assist and encourage the membership to become more involved. The more involved we are, the better leaders we become, and as the club grows, the stronger we are in the community. It is important to work with a committee for Membership. I work well with people, am fair minded, and listen to everyone's ideas.

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Name: Connie Morris (Second Vice President)

Club Member since: June 9, 2014

List Positions held in GFWC AWC: CSP Chair Home Life (presently serving), Seeded Event Committee, Seeded Event Volunteer Coordinator, Nominating Committee, Past Delegate to District

List District and State Positions held in GFWC GA: None

Why are you seeking this position? What do you feel you can bring to this position?

My time with AWC has been one of personal growth and experience in working with various nonprofits of our community. I would like to help other ladies of this organization in finding their best ways to service the nonprofits that we work with now and in the future.

I feel that I have the experience in leadership to help the CSPs of the AWC do their best job to service our community both locally and internationally. I have served in many board roles in the community. I look forward to learning more about the nonprofits that we can benefit. I plan to do my best if elected.

Name: Latonya M Jordan (Treasurer)

Club Member Since: 2015

List Positions held in GFWC AWC:

I am the current treasurer for The Atlanta Woman's Club.

List District and State Positions held in GFWC GA: N/A

Why are you seeking this position?

I want to continue advancing the financial outlook of The Atlanta Woman's Club through sound financial principles (GAAP), technology, and providing the message of stewardship of the funds to better all communities within and outside Georgia. I also enjoy everyone at all levels being participants in the financial future of this club.

What do you feel you can bring to this position?

I am highly motivated and have a solid background in accounting. My entire career has been in the accounting and financial industry. I received my Masters at Troy State and Bachelor of Science, Accounting from The University of Alabama. Currently I employed as a Senior Financial Analyst at McKesson. I currently serve as AWC's Treasurer. Various processes have been streamlined e.g. bill payment via Bill.com, streamlined budget process, and a new and more dynamic Accounting firm to improve AWC's financial accountability.

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Name: Johanna Bunch (Treasurer)

Club Member since: 2016

List Positions held in GFWC AWC: Seeded Event financial committee person, International CSP volunteer, Nominating Committee member.

List District and State Positions held in GFWC GA: None

Why are you seeking this position? What do you feel you can bring to this position?

I have a strong sense of loyalty to my fellow AWC women, and to the Club's well-being. It would be an honor to serve in this way.

My Master's Degree in Business, as well as my time as a Merrill Lynch Financial Adviser, makes me feel confident in managing our funds responsibly. Serving on the financial committee for Seeded Event has already introduced me to that aspect of our financial needs. Plus, having my own business allows me to have flexible hours so that I am available as needed.

Name: Penny Blackford (Assistant Treasurer)

Club Member since: 2010

List Positions held in GFWC AWC:

Conservation CSP 2010 to present

By-laws committee 2011, Budget Committee 2016-2018

Conservation CSP Co Chair 2014-2016

Recording Secretary 2014-2016

Phoenix Flies co-chair 2014-2016

Assistant Treasurer 2016-2018

LEADS 2016 and 2017

List District and State Positions held in GFWC GA:

None, other than attending District Meetings and giving Conservation Reports.

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Why are you seeking this position?

I am currently serving in this position and would like to continue. The position provides many insights as well as learning opportunities about AWC and its finances. While serving as Assistant Treasurer I have become proficient in many aspects of the job; such as reviewing AWC various bank accounts on line, coding Ledger Codes on checks , collecting luncheon fees and membership checks, preparing deposit slips, making deposits and transmitting information to the bookkeeper, notifying members regarding delinquent luncheon fees, reading/analyzing financial reports, making reports at BOT meetings and Executive Board meetings, working with Seeded Event financials, coordinating with: Second VP relative to Check Requests for CSP & Advancement Areas; the First Vice President on who has paid Membership dues; the Recording Secretary to provide membership count and guest information for minutes, and providing financial information and follow-up upon request, being part of the budget committee, working with the Payscape platform, Bills.com and providing check requests in a timely manner. If reelected, I wish to become more proficient in other aspects of the job like Quick Books.

What do you feel you can bring to this position?

My experience and willingness to serve. I have also served or am serving as treasurer for the following organizations: League of Women Voters (served for two years), US China Peoples Friendship Association (USCPFA) served since 1990 to present, and the Adams Park Residents Association served since 2003 to 2016.

Name: Judy Reece (Recording Secretary)

Club Member since: May, 2014

List Positions held in GFWC AWC: Chair Communications (and do updates and the weekly bulletin). Member Events, member of Seeded Event Committee (with focus on event site/online registrations and on silent auctions), Member Nominating Committee, Attended LEADS in 2016.

List District and State Positions held in GFWC GA: None

Why are you seeking this position? What do you feel you can bring to this position?

I am seeking this position to be of service to the members and to the business of AWC. I feel it is important that our records continue to be maintained properly and that production of minutes of the general and executive meetings are one key part. I am also interested in learning more about the business of AWC and feel that participating on the Executive Board as the Recording Secretary will help me learn more about how the club operates.

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To the position I bring a willingness to work and an attention to detail. I am also comfortable reaching out to members for needed information. I am familiar with records retention and data controls from my work experience. In addition, I have served as secretary of our condominium association so I am familiar with many of the duties required as Recording Secretary of AWC.

To the board I also bring many years of management experience. I am skilled in decision making, problem solving, delivery of very small and very large projects, conflict resolution and budget oversight. I am also currently serving my second term as president of our condominium association and bring those experiences as well.

I bring enthusiasm for the club, its members and for the synergy that we create together.

Name: Cimi Douglass (Board of Trustee)

Club member since: 2008

List Positions held in GFWC AWC: (Listed most recent to beginning)

President; 1st VP (two terms), Board of Trustees, Bylaws Committee, Nominating Committee, Newsletter, Webmaster, Seeded Event creator, Social Media creator, Website creator, greeter.

List District and State Positions held in GFWC GA:

2nd VP, Transition Team/Bylaws – District, Webmaster and creator of new State Website, Strategic Committee, Transition Team- State, Credentials and Registration for Southern Region Conference (SRC)

Why are you seeking this position? What do you feel you can bring to this position?

I am seeking the BOT position for the 2018-2020 term. I feel that as Past President from 2016-2018, I will bring continued continuity to the Board with the historical knowledge of tasks and issues that are currently on the BOT's standing agenda. I work in a legal field and realize and accept the fiduciary responsibility we have as a Board to be good stewards of The Wimbish House funds, contracts, lease negotiations, maintenance and historical legacy. I have given my time and talents freely to AWC and will continue to do so if elected to this position. Being on the BOT is work and I take this job seriously and feel that I have the time, resources and knowledge to continue in this role. It is my goal to make sure that we run efficiently as possible and proper safety nets are placed to protect this beautiful historical landmark.

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Name: Judine B. Heard (Board Trustee)

Club Member since: 2005

List Positions held in GFWC AWC:

Corresponding Secretary, Home Life CSP, Board of Trustees (Secretary), and President of Atlanta Woman's Club

List District and State Positions held in GFWC GA:

District Home Life Chair, and GFWC Georgia Home Life Co-Chair

Why are you seeking this position?

A desire to continue to make our clubhouse a vital part for not only our members but the City of Atlanta.

What do you feel you can bring to this position?

My background in finance and past positions with The Atlanta Woman's Club, along with my passion for our club and The House makes me a good candidate to serve on the Board of Trustees.

While serving as president, I began to work on a Standard Operating Procedure manual, and to better communicate with our membership I created the idea of our Club Weekly that is still currently in circulation in our club. I enjoy hands-on volunteer activities in which we work side-by-side. I think it gives us the opportunity to get to know each other while sharing our skills with organizations.

Presently, I am GFWC Georgia's North West District's Home Life CSP Chairman and serves as Co-Chairman of Home Life CSP GFWC Georgia.

I am active in my community and church. I served as chairman of the Atlanta Dog Fest 2017. This is Canine Companions for Independence's signature fundraising event. The group reached its goal and raised more than \$30,000. I am also on the board of HAFC Community Development Corporation and was recently elected president.

In my professional life, I have been employed by a major bank as a loan officer. I was also vice president at a smaller bank and supervised the mortgage department.

As a native of Atlanta, I've seen the landscape in the City change, particularly the Midtown area. Many buildings that once lined Peachtree Street have been raised. However, The Atlanta Woman Club's clubhouse remains, and has stood the test of time. I feel it is not only a treasure to our members, but to the city. My background and desire to continue to make The Wimbish House a vital part of Atlanta would make me an ideal person to serve on the Board.

I consider it an honor to be nominated and ask that you vote for me to serve on the Board of Trustees.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE— CANDIDATE BIOS CONT'D

Name: Karen M. Clydesdale (Board Trustee)

Club Member Since: 2008

GFWC Atlanta Woman's Club Positions: Chair of Leadership and Fundraising Committees (2014 to present), Board of Trustees Chair and Co-Chair (2009 and 2016 to present), AWC President (2014-2016), 2nd Vice President (2015-2016), Assistant Treasurer (2008-2009), Chair of Nominating, and Bylaw committees and Parliamentary Advisor to the BOT.

District and State Positions: 1st Vice President of the North West District to be installed as the President on March 24 (2016 to present) GFWC Georgia State Leadership Chair (2016 to present). GFWC Georgia won the award for best Leadership Program at the International Convention in 2017. District LEADS Chair (2012-2014).

Why are you seeking this position? What do you feel you can bring to this position?

The Board of Trustees was formed during the administration of Mrs. Howard Patillo (1941-1943) to guide the club's business affairs. The Club had undergone severe financial struggles and the BOT was designed to help maintain economic and membership stability. The BOT is responsible for the maintenance and supervision of the Wimbish House, our rental facility. They are also responsible for negotiating, contracts, agreements and loans as well as hiring, supervising and maintaining records for anyone employed by the club. As the President of the club and BOT member I worked closely with the BOT Chair to change our nonprofit status to a 501c3 which saves us thousands of dollars in property taxes each year. Our Seeded Event Committee, which I chair, also falls under the umbrella of the BOT. As President I worked with the 1st Vice President to form this committee. We conceived the concept, drafted the application and developed the contract. I was instrumental in negotiating our multi year lease with Opera and working directly with the developer who will be building adjacent to us. I have worked closely with our attorneys and financial advisors. Having served as both BOT Chair and Club President gives me an informed perspective on how our club and our board operate. I am seeking to maintain my seat on the BOT to provide the continuity and knowledge that my years of experience and dedication to AWC have provided.

In addition to my experience mentioned above I also bring the unique combination of professional real estate agent and interior designer to the position. The Wimbish House was built in 1906 and constantly needs repairs. I have donated my time and talent to renovate the bathrooms and the bridal suite, supervise the installation of carpet, paint, and new lighting as well as design the porch flooring and new door. I know and understand real estate contracts and am informed about the sale and/or purchase related to property in the Midtown area. I have owned my own successful business for more than 30 years which provides another skill set required for service on the BOT. I have enjoyed my work with the BOT members and ask that you elect me to serve for an additional term. It is an honor and privilege and is much appreciated.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE— CANDIDATE BIOS CONT'D

Name: Donna G. Foland (Board Trustee)

Club member since: 2008

List positions held in GFWC AWC:

Parliamentarian; Board of Trustees; Education CSP chair; Publicity committee chair;

BOT representative to Midtown Alliance; BOT liaison to City of Atlanta and City Council on commercial issues including property assessment, property tax negotiations, water/sanitation, and business licensing

List District and State positions held in GFWC GA:

Tallulah Falls School Board of Trustees

Why are you seeking this position?

My current role, Parliamentarian, is a non-voting position on the BOT, which expires at the end of this term. I hope to be elected to a full seat on the Board so that I can continue the work I have been doing for several years on behalf of the Atlanta Woman's Club and The Wimbish House. Because AWC's property will face considerable pressures as a result of current and future development and construction, including potential issues around parking, encroachment, renovation, and property use. I believe my continuing involvement, as a voting BOT member, will bring valuable insights to the Board.

What do you feel you can bring to this position?

As founder and principal of DGF Properties Inc., a commercial real estate management and consulting services company headquartered in Midtown Atlanta, I will bring my expertise as an entrepreneur, asset manager, real estate consultant, and community volunteer and stakeholder (owning and occupying commercial property in Midtown since 1986) — as well as solid professional relationships with Midtown property owners, developers, and regulatory agencies — to help inform and guide important decisions about The Wimbish House and the adjoining property (currently Opera) across all BOT responsibilities: supervising property, negotiating contracts, directing agreements, maintaining facilities and grounds, negotiating loans, developing job descriptions, and budgeting.

Over my 25+ year career, I have built a reputation for bringing parties together to collaborate successfully on large projects, and I am committed to engaging AWC with the community. For example, in 2012, AWC received Atlanta City Council's YoBoulevard! commendation in recognition of Education CSP's longstanding partnership with Hope-Hill Elementary School, including hosting a Teacher Appreciation Day on Valentine's Day 2013 and raising more than to support the purchase of school supplies for students and teachers." In 2015, I received the CREW "Making a Difference" Award for Outstanding Service in the Community.

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