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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Clubwomen,

It is hard to believe two years have passed since becoming president of our club. It has been a privilege and honor to serve you. This is my final message in that capacity and I'd like to reflect on some of our accomplishments.

Membership has increased by 25%. Because of this, a procedures manual was written that is used as a guide for community service program, special projects, and other committees. Our internet presence has increased. The social media sites are regularly updated. Members are able to visit our club's website and view the calendar of events and if we would like, we can register at the site. If that is not enough we are reminded of upcoming events with an email blast entitled "Club Weekly" sent each Monday morning.

All of these communications tools are necessary because we are spending more time volunteering in our community. We happily work along side each other, and the public knows us by the AWC's blue t-shirts most of us wear. When the t-shirts are not appropriate, as is the case when we enthusiastically volunteer to "A Seeded Events," our members proudly display the Atlanta Woman's Club name tag. In 2015, we celebrated our 120th anniversary, and we went all out with various activities, including banners along Peachtree Street between 10th and 14th streets.

As I close, let me thank the Board of Trustees for its support. I would also like to thank the Executive Board. Also like to thank our CSP chairmen, along with other committee chairmen, you went beyond anyone's expectations. Thank you to the communications team for keeping us informed, and the members events and social engagement committee for planning activities, the writers alliance for their support of each other and people who just dropped in for guidance and to our ESO group for the wonderful selection of books and evenings spent discussing each book.

Thank you to anyone who has offered support by critiquing me, offering a warm smile or just listening, it was all taken to heart. And, to the membership you were a definite part of our busy 24 months, we are a better club because of you. Your commitment and passion to our club's mission has been evident. Finally, allow me the opportunity to thank my friends and family, especially my husband, who is the wind beneath my wings.

I am excited about us continuing to work together, and I look forward to our new administration under the leadership of our incoming president Cimi Douglass.

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LEADERSHIP QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do, so throw off the bowlines, sail away from safe harbor and catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.”

-Mark Twain

A SEEDED EVENT

The Atlanta Woman's Club will be hosting several upcoming fundraising events as part of the Seeded Event Program. On April 28, 2016, the Atlanta Woman's Club will host a fundraising event for Bettie Brand Mother's Empowerment Fund. On May 7, 2016, the Atlanta Woman's Club will host Pas de Cheval. Named for the elegant "horse's step" in classical ballet, Pas de Cheval is the first annual Derby Day to benefit The Georgia Ballet. At Pas de Cheval, guests will enjoy complimentary mint juleps and whiskey tastings. Additionally, Pas de Cheval will feature a silent auction, wine pull, and horse race raffle. Come See the Run for the Roses live-streamed from the track as you support the beauty and accessibility of dance by purchasing tickets at the following link: <http://conta.cc/1U9qFqO>. The Seeded Event committee is compiling a list of names for members interested in volunteering for an upcoming event. If you would like to volunteer, you may contact tonyaswatson@gmail.com or a member of the Seeded Event committee.

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TALLULAH FALLS SCHOOL

Lucy Willard, Chair

The students at Tallulah Falls School calendar for the month of May is as busy as ever. In addition to their regular studies, they have final tests, trips planned, awards nights, a talent show, and two graduations. The last day of school is May 20, 2016. We wish each student a safe journey home.



CONSERVATION

International World Peace Rose Garden at MLK Jr. National Park

AWC has the honor of participating in the 24 Anniversary Celebration of the “I have a Dream World Peace Rose Garden,” to be held on **Thursday May 12, 2016** from 11:30 AM -2:00 PM at MLK Jr. National Historic Site located at 450 Auburn Ave NE, Atlanta, Ga 30312. The schedule is as follows:

Photos before the Awards Ceremony at the World Peace Rose Garden – 12 noon

The top 2 winners and other 6 finalists in commemorative T Shirts will arrive at **11:50 a.m.** at the garden (in front of the Visitors’ Center at the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site) for a group photo. AWC Volunteers are asked to arrive at 11:30 AM.

Awards Ceremony – 12:30 p.m. – Ebenezer Baptist Church

The winning students will receive awards at the Awards Ceremony in the Heritage Sanctuary of the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church. . Winning students will be escorted to Friendship Hall (in the basement of Ebenezer Baptist Church) before the start of the ceremony. The other finalists, school officials, families and friends will proceed to the front doors of the main sanctuary to be seated.

Unveiling of Plaques in the Garden

After the ceremony, the students and families will walk across the street to the rose garden to witness the unveiling of the engraved plaques by the winning students. Light refreshments will follow the unveiling ceremony.

The Inspirational Messages of Peace Contest was created in 1993. Students range in age from Kindergarten - 11th grade. More than 1800 students participated in the contest from the Atlanta area and California in the United States, and from India, Gaza and Mexico. Contact Karen Johnson GoodmoviesEnt@aol.com or Penny Blackford blackfordp@bellsouth.net to attend.

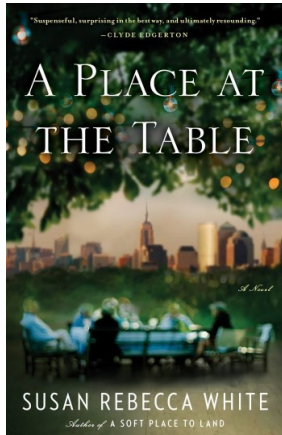
EDUCATION

Thomasville Heights Media Center Receives Special Book Donation

Barbara Culmer-Ilaw and her daughter, Karen Phillips, recently did some book shopping at the Bank Street Bookstore in New York City. This bookstore is associated with the Bank Street College of Education and carries books for children of all ages and interests. The 39 books they selected were donated to GFWC AWC and GFWC book labels with a special notation indicating the source of the donation were placed in each book. Barbara Culmer-Ilaw, Judine Heard, and Ruth Yurchuck delivered the books to the school on Wednesday, April 13, on behalf of the AWC Education CSP. (Donna Foland was unable to attend because of prior commitments.) The principal, Mrs. Cynthia Jewell, and the media coordination, Mrs. Couch, were delighted to receive these books which will greatly enhance their library holdings. There was also time to talk about the future of this school, which is one that will be taken over by a charter school organization this fall. Mrs. Jewell will not be part of this new operation, and she hopes that the students will continue to improve academically, as they have done under her tenure. It is unclear at this time whether GFWC AWC will be allowed to continue working with the Thomasville Heights students under the charter school administration.

ESO BOOKCLUB

Hello Atlanta Woman's Club Book Club,



Thank you to all who have supported reading local authors this year!

Please come and join our **book club Monday May 16 at 6:30 pm** for our last meeting before summer break. We will meet at **Myra Carmen's home: 443 Woodstone West Drive Marietta** (directions below - consider carpooling). 770-973-7964 H 404-401-4921 C mcarmon@gsu.edu **Please RSVP to Myra.**

We are reading **A Place at the Table** by local Georgia author **Susan Rebecca White**. I have been told by many sources she is a lot of fun and another great author to join us.

Please consider ending our reading year with strong support for her and our goal of reading local authors. I will have books at Monday's May 9th general meeting in case you have not purchased one yet.

I look forward to seeing many of you on May 16th as we celebrate another year of reading, friendship, and community.

Melodie Rogers
678-974-5854

SOCIALLY YOURS

The Social Engagement Committee would like to thank all of the Clubwoman for coming to dinner at Yard House. There were Mother's Day movie themed gift bags that were given to each lady in attendance. Due to unforeseen circumstances, we were unable to attend the movie screening. However, We all enjoyed sharing some laughs and getting to know each other better at dinner. We are looking forward to May's social at the end of the month. Details will follow soon. Hope you all can join us. Our time spent together is definitely unforgettable.

"I am not what you see. I am what time and effort and interaction unveils."

-Richelle E. Goodrich

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HOBY

Volunteers Needed for HOBY Leadership Conference at Berry College in Rome, Georgia.

Contact Cimi Douglass at cimi.douglass@gmail.com or 678-467-1922

What is HOBY? – Founded in 1958, HOBY's mission is to inspire and develop our global community of youth and volunteers to a life dedicated to leadership, service and innovation. HOBY is also a GFWC Ga. Partner (Education) and GFWC GA encourages our participation.

For over five decades, Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) has inspired young people to make a difference and become catalysts for positive change in their home, school, workplace, and community. As America's foremost youth leadership organization, HOBY has a long and impressive history of successfully motivating youth and volunteers to outstanding leadership. HOBY aims to inspire and develop our global community of youth & volunteers to a life dedicated to leadership, service, and innovation.

HOBY programs are conducted annually throughout the United States, serving local and international high school students. The programs provide students selected by their schools to participate in unique leadership training, service-learning and motivation-building experiences. HOBY's flagship program, the State Leadership Seminar is designed to help high school sophomores to recognize their leadership talents and apply them to become effective, ethical leaders in their home, school, workplace and community.

Students explore their own personal leadership skills while learning how to lead others and make a positive impact in their community.

They Need Our Help at the Upcoming Leadership Conference at Berry College.

HOBY is asking for assistance on Friday, June 10th - they need help with registration – if you want to help with registration; you will need to be at the school early on Friday morning. The HOBY leaders will give you a brief run-down of what is needed at the check in tables. This job is very necessary to get the students to where they are supposed to be. This job will require about 2 - 3 hours on Friday morning. Last year the registration volunteers had to be at the tables at 8:00 AM. I don't have the exact time yet, but will let everyone know more details when you sign up.

If you would like to sponsor a student to attend, sponsorships are between \$175.00 - \$200.00, depending on the number of students you sponsor.

Food, meals and snacks are always welcome! The facilitators as well as the students will eat almost anything! If you decide not to make the trip up, consider sending a gift card to Walmart, Kroger or etc. We are always making runs to the store.

So far our President, Judine Heard, Billie Harris, and Karen Clydesdale have volunteered to assist with registration. If anyone else is interested, please let me know.

For more information about HOBY please visit: <http://www.hoby.org/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday & Friday, May 5 & 6 9:00a- 1:30p - Thomasville Heights Field Day

Enjoy the beautiful weather and great games at Thomasville Heights school. Cheer on and lend a hand to the students as they participate in Field Day.

May 5 - Grades K - 12

May 6 - Grades 3 - 5

Info: Donna Foland - donna@dgfprop.com

Saturday, May 7, 4:00p - 8:00p - Pas de Cheval - Wimbish House

Put on your hats and join us as we live stream the Kentucky Derby. Enjoy a silent auction, mint juleps, whiskey tastings, a wine pull, and race raffles. This is Georgia Ballet's first Pas de Cheval signature fundraiser.

Learn more: www.atlwc.com (Pas de Cheval icon)

Tickets: \$100 - 2 for \$150 (Discount code is EARLYBIRD)

Monday, May 9, 11:15a - AWC Monthly Meeting- Wimbish House

Don't miss out on this month's meeting. A lot of exciting things are happening.

View a special video of our members in action, celebrate our district and state awards, and help usher in our new installation of administration.

Enjoy a fabulous slice of Operation Smile annual "Smile Cake". Only \$3 for a slice or enjoy another slice at home with 2 slices for \$5. Cash or check please.

Come taste the delights of our new caterer. RSVPs are more important than ever to ensure a proper headcount.

RSVP - <https://awc-general-meeting-may-9th.eventbrite.com>

Meal Reservations: \$15 by May 4th. After May 4th the cost is \$20.

Mondays, May 9 and June 13 - Operation Smile- Wimbish House

Operation Smile is a Federated supported program which supports cleft palette repair. Not only do we fund raise annually with our cake at the May meeting we also collect gifts at the May and June meetings for the small children recovering from surgery.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT'D

Suggestions for Donations:

Small toys

Stuffed Animals

Little cars

Crayons and coloring books

***Note: Please avoid liquids, gels and sharp objects.**

Friday, May 13, 8:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. or 12:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Docents for the Atlanta Homes and Lifestyles Southern Designer Show House and Gardens

The Atlanta Homes and Lifestyles Southeastern Designer Show House and Gardens is scheduled for April 23, 2016-May 15, 2016. Volunteers are needed to fill the need for docents at this year's Show House. We are hoping to volunteer as a group on Friday, May 13 for either the morning (8:45-1:15 PM) or afternoon (12:00-4:30 PM) shifts. You may, of course, volunteer for a shift on any other date available if this date does not work for your schedule.

Sign up: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f44a8a72ba5fe3-2016>

Click on the link above (or copy and paste the link into your browser) and you will be taken to the Calendar for volunteers for the Show House event. At the top of the calendar on the upper right hand corner, you'll see a box titled "List View". Click on that box and you'll be allowed to see all the volunteers who have signed up for each day of the event. Enter your preferred day and shift time.

Location: 3800 Northside Drive, Atlanta, GA 30305

More Info: <http://www.southeasternshowhouse.com/>
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