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## President's Message

October was a busy month for members of AWC. I was pleased to see many members at 5th District Fall meeting and several members who journeyed to South Carolina to the GFWC Southern Region Conference.

Conservation Community Service Program held its first Conservation Youth Summit and it was a success. Education CSP delivered dictionaries to Hope-Hill Elementary School. The writers' alliance met and enjoyed an evening with authors Doyle Reynolds and Dr. David Ryback. The alliance is sponsored by Arts CSP and meetings are the first Monday of each month at 7:00.

Our Holiday Party has become an annual tradition and this year's party date is December 3. The party will be a joint event with A Seeded Event Committee's first fundraiser, benefiting Synchronicity Theatre. This is going to be a memorable experience and I would like you to be part of it. If you have not purchased your tickets, I encourage you to purchase now as this is expected to be a sold out event and the Committee is unable to hold

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## Speaker Spotlight



### Elaine Chandler President GFWC Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs

Elaine Chandler has been involved with club work for over 30 years. She started with the Suburban Junior Woman's Club in Macon. She served as Corresponding Secretary, Department Chairman and Member at Large for the Junior Conference. Sixteen years ago, Ms Chandler chartered the Community Service Guild in Macon and has been a member since that club began.

Eight years ago when Ms Chandler moved to Forsyth, she joined the Forsyth Woman's Club. She is also a member of the new recently formed national club, GFWC Legacy Club. Ms Chandler has held different offices at the District level and was District President in 1998-2000. She has held all the elected state offices except Recording Secretary and is currently the GFWC Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs State President.

Ms Chandler is a retired public school teacher and was Adjunct Faculty at Mercer University for 25 years. She was also the Coordinator for the evening division at Mercer University on the Macon Campus and the Children's Summer Program, "College for Kids."

Ms Chandler owns commercial property in Jackson that has been in her family for over 80 years and she now manages and rent the property. She remarried eight years ago and she and her husband moved to the country at that time. Ms Chandler's husband passed away several years ago. She continues to live in the country with "my two somewhat spoiled pets--Lady and Missy."

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Next Luncheon: November 10th  
Kindly RSVP to Judith Behrens  
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## A Seeded Event

### Get Involved with the Atlanta Woman's Club Seeded Event Program and Synchronicity Theatre!

The GFWC Atlanta Woman's Club, through our Seeded Event Program, is sponsoring and co-organizing Synchronicity Theatre's Holiday Benefit at The Wimbish House. This event replaces our regular Holiday Party. Tickets are \$30 for Atlanta Woman's Club members and up to 1 guest and can be purchased via the Atlanta Woman's Club website or at our next Atlanta Woman's Club monthly meeting via credit card, check, or cash. Additional tickets may be purchased for \$50 per person.

Please support this fundraiser by:

- Donating items for the Silent Auction at the event.  
If you or a company that you are affiliated with is interested in donating an item to be auctioned at the event please contact Janecia Heard at [jsheardyou@yahoo.com](mailto:jsheardyou@yahoo.com). Suggested categories for silent auction items include items for: the home, entertainment, travel, sports, relaxation, donation to a children's center.
- Securing sponsorships for this event. Unique and flexible sponsorship opportunities are available, and are a great way to introduce brands to the Midtown business and residential community.

Proceeds benefit Synchronicity Theatre.

Contact Tonya Watson at [tonyaswatson@gmail.com](mailto:tonyaswatson@gmail.com)

## Tallulah Falls School News

The GFWC Georgia Director of Junior Clubs' special project is "Quest for the Crest." The middle school is getting a gymnasium and the crest will be at center court. If anyone would like to make a donation, speak to Lucy Willard.

Students will break for the Thanksgiving holiday from November 21 through November 30.

Lucy Willard, Chairman

## ART COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

The December meeting of the Peachtree Women's Writers Alliance will feature one of our Atlanta Woman's Club members, Robyn Bartlett. Robyn's chapter "People Simply Do Not Know How to Behave in the Corporate Sandbox" is included in the new book on bullying "Behind the Mask." Featuring contributing authors from countries around the world, the book addresses bullying issues in relationships at home and work. Please join us on Monday December 1 at 7 pm to meet Robyn, hear about her book, and be a part of our growing group of writers and others. Meetings are held at 7 pm on the first Monday of every month at the Wimbish House and are free and open to the public.

On Thursday, January 15, 2015 the members are invited to participate in a four hour painting class to be held at the Wimbish House from 9am-1pm. The instructor, Gail Wynens, graduated from Florida State University and has conducted painting workshops and seminars in Nashville and Florida for over 40 years. The fee for the class is \$25, plus \$5 for the paint and a small fee for the canvas. Ms. Wynens has requested an 8 person minimum, and is looking forward to meeting some of the Atlanta Woman's Club members.

Our members are strongly encouraged to pick up that pen, paintbrush, fabric, jewel, bead, etc., and start creating a piece that will represent the talent of this club in one of these contests when 2015 arrives.

At the January 2015 General Meeting the Arts Committee would like to showcase poetry and short stories, and it would be perfect to highlight some of these competition entries. For further information and specific rules and regulations, please contact one of your co-chairs by email or phone.

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## Conservation Community Service Program

AWC Conservation CSP held its inaugural Conservation Youth Leadership Summit in partnership with the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) on Wednesday October 8, 2014 at the Wimbish House. The theme of the Summit was the Power of One; that each person can make a difference and focused on leadership. The keynote speaker was Rashid Nuri of Truly Living Well. Na'Taki Osborne

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Jelks, NWF led the panel and was assisted by Crystal Grant, NWF. The panelists were leaders in the environmental community: Latriecia Brown, Greening Youth Foundation, Suzanne Burnes, formerly with Sustainable Atlanta/Sustainability Consultant, Lessa Carter, Captain Planet, Hasib Muhammad, Greening Forward, Seandra Pope, Rooted, LLC, Denise Quarles, Mayor's Office of Sustainability, Lauren Sandoval, Trees Atlanta, Stephanie Wilcox, Chattahoochee Nature Center and Jessica Sterling, Chattahoochee Riverkeeper. Twenty-one students and four teachers from the following schools participated: DeKalb Early College Academy (DECA), Southwest Christian Academy, Tallulah Falls and Tucker High School. AWC member volunteers and or attendees of the Summit, in addition to the CSP co-chairs, were: Elvina Berry-Calland, Cimi Douglass, Page Henry, Judine Heard, Vanessa Jones, Lexa King, Dinah Peevy and Laura Templeton. A catered lunch, The Power of One videos and The Beltline video followed the panel discussion. Five break-out groups led by panel participant took place in the after lunch. The Summit was an inspiring success for all involved. The students were inspired to create vision statements with their goals and there were requests from teachers and panelists to have the Summit again next year. One student wrote a poem, "Roses are Red, Violets are Blue, take care of the environment as it will impact you."

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Social Events and Conservation hosted a visit to Atlanta Botanical Gardens on October 30th to visit Alice in Wonderland et al, AWC's entry in this year's event. Five members and their guests had an enjoyable dinner at Loca Luna following the tour.



**Bridge**

The Bridge Club will meet at 9:30 (for beginners) and at 10:00 for regular members on Thursday, November 6, 2014 at The Wimbish House. Many thanks go to Judy Reece for providing our breakfast. Questions? Call Ginger Foshee @ 770-775-6230

## Public Issues Community Service Program

**Volunteer Opportunity:** The Georgia Justice Project will be looking for 15 volunteers to serve at the GJP Client Holiday Lunch, Dec.6, 2014. Please watch for a sign-up sheet at the Nov. 10 Club meeting.

This month, we remember our veterans and encourage everyone to support the United Service Organizations (USO). At last month's meeting, we donated \$500 for the "Long Distance Bedtime Stories," part of the "United Through Reading" military program at the USO.

The Public Issues Community Service Program at the Atlanta Woman's Club welcomes Judith Behrens as Co-chairman. Darlene Childers, former co-chair, will continue participating in programs at the AWC, even as she embarks on a new job. Many thanks go to Darlene for bringing the Honorable Judge Shawn LaGrua to last month's meeting where she talked about "My Life Matters," a program for rehabilitating young offenders that she initiated and continues to actively operate from the bench. The "Question and Answer" session after Judge LaGrua's talk was very interesting and lively. AWC supported her program by contributing \$500 towards the GED program through Visions Unlimited. We will continue our support by collecting clothing (for men and women) suitable for a job interview—shirts with a collar, trousers, belts etc.

We also recognized National Crime Prevention month in October and donated \$250 to the National Crime Prevention Council in recognition of their work in teaching us to promote safety and prevent crime in our communities.

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Finally, I will be assisting with the set-up Sunday before the general meeting. If you have the time, I would love to see you. It is the one time we have the opportunity to chat.

Judine B. Heard

## Home Life Community Service Program

The Home Life CSP has several upcoming projects in November. The CSP members will be collecting Pajama Sets for the Ronald McDonald House Charities. This organization provides housing for patients and their families while the children are being treated at the Children's Health Care of Atlanta which includes Egleston and Scottish Rite Hospitals. Please help put a smile on the children's faces by bringing Christmas Pajamas for boys and girls sizes newborn to 12 to the AWC November Meeting. Also, remember to bring in pop tops that you have collected.

The Holidays are fast approaching and the Atlanta Food Bank needs our help by bringing in canned goods. This food will help the organization feed the homeless. On November 12th some of the Home Life CSP members will assist at the annual H.E.A.T (Heat Energy Assistance Team, Inc.) meeting by decorating, registering guests and distributing flyers. H.E.A.T. helps people with a shortage of funds to stay warm.

The Home Life CSP appreciates all of your help with these projects.

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