



Atlanta Woman's Club



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Clubwomen,

This year is an historic year for our club. The Atlanta Woman's Club was organized on November 11, 1895. For 120 years we have made a positive impact on our community.

The 120th Anniversary Committee, which is made up of the 2015 LEADS graduates, has been busy organizing activities to celebrate our existence. The ladies are excited about the activities planned and have said we will celebrate in style.

I'd would like to encourage you to review the calendar of events and attend one, if not all, activities. I would like to suggest you RSVP early for the November meeting. Our GFWC Georgia President Ida Dorvee is the speaker.

On another topic, you will notice I'm using the term "clubwoman" quite a bit. I had the opportunity to attend the GFWC Southern Region meeting along with Clubwomen Myra Carmon and Barbara Culmer-Ilaw last month. One thing that is always apparent when attending meetings such as this is each club is unique yet we are united as members of GFWC. Each meeting has wonderful speakers, vendors who are selling their products, yet what is inspiring to me is to see clubwomen exchange ideas among each other. It is truly what many of us learned in Girl Scouts "*Make new friends, but keep the old, one is silver and the other gold.*" If you have not attended a meeting other than our club meeting, consider attending future meetings.

I hope to see you soon, and remember to RSVP early for any activities requiring reservations.

Judine

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LEADERSHIP QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“The greatest leader is not necessarily the one who does the greatest things. He is the one that gets the people to do the greatest things.”

-Ronald Reagan

INTERNATIONAL

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International would like to thank the Club members that contributed to the UNICEF collection boxes. If you were not at the meeting and you would like to contribute, you may bring a check made payable to UNICEF and it will be included with the other donations. November is World Food Day. We celebrate and acknowledge this date by contributing canned and dry goods to the Atlanta Community Food Bank. You may also donate money. Items needed are canned stew, canned vegetables, soups, cereals. Rice, beans, lentils, pasta all go a long way to provide nourishing meals for families. Pat Walsh will take the food to the Atlanta Community Food Bank after the meeting, and the International CSP will also be requesting a check to be donated to the food bank.

Thank you for your generous contributions to this committee, it is most appreciated.

HOME LIFE

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Home Life would like to remind everyone that we will be collecting Toys for Tots and Pajamas for the Ronald McDonald Kids. If you would like to donate please bring them to the November Meeting. The toys should be unwrapped and the pajamas can be any child's size. Thank you for your generosity.

CONSERVATION

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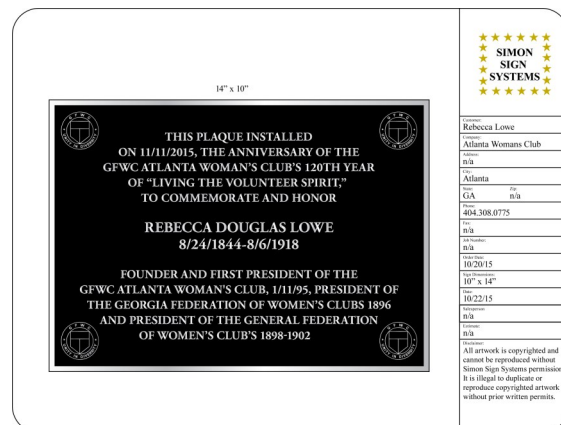
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September & October were and November will be a busy month for the Conservation CSP. AWC's entry, The Volunteer "Spirit", in the Atlanta Botanical Garden (ABG) annual scarecrow event was constructed on September 26, 2015 at the Wimbish House. Karen Johnson created the "Spirit's" name. Anita Jansen, crocheted recycled plastic bags into the 120th banner; Kathrine Moore and Page Henry painted the beautiful face; Vanessa Lauren Massey styled the "nimbus" clouds and Page Henry painted them highlighting some of AWC's accomplishments (Wimbish House, Tallulah Falls, The Atlanta Airport, Auburn Market and the MLK Jr., "I Have a Dream" Rose Garden) ; Sarah June McDavid, Rita McGregor, Anita Jansen, Judy Reese, Vanessa Lauren Massey and Azam Zedeh, built the body and Penny Blackford obtained supplies, the dress and hooded cape.

Billie Faye Harris and her husband Flavius donated their truck and escorted the "Spirit" to ABG on October 5, 2015 along with JoDee Gonzalez and Penny Blackford. On October 22, 2015 Billie and her family including her mother Jacqueline Arbuthnot, Page Henry and her family including granddaughter Bella, Pat Walsh, Latonya and friend Jill Blockson , Melodie Rogers and her daughter Laura, Elvina Calland and Penny Blackford took their flashlights and visited the "Spirit" in the Gardens. The Spirit can be seen thru October 31st.

On November 7, 2015 at 3:30 PM when TJ David the Rose Man will be visiting Atlanta, AWC will install a plaque acknowledging AWC's maintenance of the "I Have a Dream" rose garden at the MLK Jr. Historic Site located at 450 Auburn Ave. NE, Atlanta, Ga 30312.

On November 11, 2015 from 10:30 AM to noon, at the Oakland Cemetery, AWC will install a plaque on founder Rebecca Douglas Lowe's grave site to commemorate her accomplishments and GFWC AWC's 120th Anniversary.



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Arts Competition, 2015

Attention all members! It is that time of year again, when you will be reminded to put on your artistic and creative “hats”, and begin working on your entry for the Member Art Competition, which must be completed before December 31, 2015. From there the entries head to the state office to be judged and juried. You can enter in any one or more of the following areas:

Photography (any one of these categories)

“The World in Pictures”

“Volunteers in Action”

“A Year in Pictures”

Writing Contest, Short Stories and Poetry

Member Craft Competition: open to non-professional** members in Stitchery, Sewing, Needlework, Quilting, Nature Crafts, Jewelry, Miscellaneous- basket weaving or pottery, or painting (on canvas, wood or china).

Last year everyone had so much fun with this, and we had many fabulous entries in painting, knitting, crocheting, writing and photography. Some of our winning entries came from our very own Ginger Foshee, Billie Harris, Judith Behrans, Anita Jensen, and Betty Daniels.

**Please note that if you have earned \$500 or more in the year 2015, you are no longer eligible to enter, as then you will be considered a professional artist.

All instructions and rules can be found in your handbook on line or your hard copy. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of your co-chairs.

NORTH WEST DISTRICT

Congratulations to Newly Elected North West District Officers:

At GFWC Georgia North West District's first meeting Karen Clydesdale was elected First Vice President and Cimi Douglass was elected Second Vice President. Congratulations ladies on being one of the first officers of the new North West District.

ATLANTA STREETS ALIVE

This past weekend on Sunday, October 25, 2015, The Wimbish House was open to the public during the Atlanta Streets Alive event for the 6th year. Peachtree street was closed from 16th al the way down to Edgewood Ave., and at 2pm the bicycle parade began!. Some were decorated and some were not, but the excitement was shared by all. Closed to motorized traffic, the streets were filled with walkers, joggers and children cruising by in strollers sharing a safe and active environment. Musicians wandered down the street as well, adding a little more flair!

The GFWC AWC opened their doors at 2pm, and it wasn't long before we were packed with visitors. We offered short tours of the home or if desired, they could wander through the house at their own pace. Many commented that they worked nearby and had always wondered what was inside this beauty of a building! They soon found out! Cookies and lemonade were offered on the porch, and after the long walk many of them had, the refreshments were a welcome break!

All in all, it was a very successful and exciting afternoon, and it was great to see the community come out in support of the businesses and groups in the area, and as we approach our 120th Anniversary, the Wimbish House is now a well known part of that community.

Cimi Douglass, Membership

Jo Dee Gonzalez, Penny Blackford, Billie Faye Harris and Judith Behrans, 120th Celebration

MEMBERSHIP

Cimi Douglass

1st Vice President, Membership

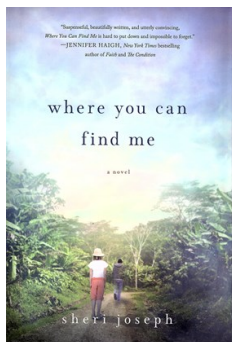
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Membership Renewals Begins in November. The holidays are quickly approaching and I wanted to get ahead of the game to announce that our renewal period will begins in November and will end in January 1, 2016. I wanted to make sure everyone was notified now so you can plan your finances accordingly. If you recall, last month the Board and General Membership voted to increase membership dues by \$10. It's been years since we've increased our dues. Therefore the annual renewal dues for returning members is now \$65.00 per year. If you would like to renew your membership (and I sincerely hope that you do), please visit: www.atlwc.org and go to the event calendar date of January 1 - click that date to pay your \$65 renewal fee online by credit card. If you want to mail your membership dues, please send your check to Atlanta Woman's Club, ATTN: Cimi Douglass, 1150 Peachtree Street, NE, Atlanta, Ga. 30309. As always you can bring in your check or cash to the November, December or January 12th meetings. Note New Members: According to our bylaws, if you joined our Club in November, you do not have to renew. Thank you!

ESO BOOKCLUB

Melodie Rogers, ESO Bookclub

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Here is the book for our Monday November 16 meeting. Today is a great Fall day for reading!

Please order and support local author Sheri Joseph as she will join us on the 16th. I look forward to hearing her thoughts on the issues in her book and what it is like to be a creative writing professor. Judine, our president was very nice with her words in support of the ESO bookclub at the October general meeting. She said, "We read important books". Thank you, Judine.

More information to come - I will be hosting at my home: 262 Brighton Road NE, Atlanta. Please RSVP. Thank You.

Happy Fall,
Melodie Rogers

TALLULAH FALLS SCHOOL

Lucy Willard, Chair

TFS President and Head of School Larry A. Peevy has announced the launch of a new approach to fundraising and public relations for Tallulah Falls School with the formation of an Advancement Team. Brian Boyd, Director of Communication, Mike Dale, Director of Giving and E. Lane Gresham, Director of Community Relations will lead this initiative effective September 1st, 2015. With the expertise of these key leaders merged into a specialized advancement team, Tallulah Falls School will begin a new collaborative focus in support of our mission.

BRIDGE CLUB

The Bridge Club meets at 10:00 a.m. on the first THURSDAY of each month. If there are any members who would like to learn how to play, please contact Ginger Foshee for arrangements of early arrival (9:30 a.m.). There will be coffee and light breakfast refreshments during play, and afterwards all interested players are invited to have lunch nearby. Please RSVP to Ginger Foshee at gingerfo@bellsouth.net.

SPEAKER SPOTLIGHT



Ida Dorvee

President

GFWC Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs

Ida grew up in Atlanta, near Emory University. She is a magna cum laude graduate of Georgetown University, where she double majored in English and Government. Ida received her law degree, also magna cum laude, from Duke University. While at law school, Ida served on the Board of the Moot Court Society and as the Executive Editor of the law review. After graduating from Duke, Ida served a one year clerkship with Judge Sam J. Ervin III, Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. She then taught for a year at the University of Iowa, School of Law, before returning to Atlanta and entering private practice with the law firm of Arnall Golden Gregory. After taking some time to start a family, Ida took a job with the Georgia Court of Appeals, where she has worked since 2006. Ida currently serve as a staff attorney for Judge Elizabeth Branch.

Ida Dorvee has been active in the Roswell Junior Woman's Club since 1992, she is also a member of the Dunwoody Woman's Club. Ida served as State Junior Director for the Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs from 2002-2004. She has since served as the Recording Secretary, Third Vice President, Second Vice President and First Vice President of the Georgia Federation. Additionally, Ida has served six terms on the Board of Directors of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happening this week! Please check our website for detailed information.

Tuesday, Nov 2 - Help our Veterans by donating new or gently used adult coats (men's or women's), gloves, mittens, hats, scarves and blankets. Please drop off at the collection site of Berkshire Hathaway 11525 Haynes Bridge Road, Suite 200, Alpharetta. The Veterans and Public Issues Committee appreciate your help with this project!

Thursday, Nov. 5 - 10:00 a.m. The Bridge Club meets at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome! Please contact Judithmbehrens@gmail.com or Gingerfo@bellsouth.net for more info.

Saturday, Nov. 7 -11:00 a.m. - Full Radius Dance, a professional modern dance company that features dancers with and without physical disabilities, will be performing its third installment entitled *Forgotten*. *Forgotten # 3* will be performed at Mayors Memory Grove monument in Piedmont Park (1342 Worchester Drive, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30306). The monument was dedicated by the Atlanta Woman's Club in February 1925. It honors all mayors of Atlanta from its first mayor, Honorable Moses W. Formwalt (1848) to Atlanta's current mayor, Honorable Kasim Reed. The performance is open to the public but our members were specifically invited to attend. The approximate 30 minute performance will take place Saturday, November 7, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, Nov 7- 3:30 p.m. - All members are invited to join us as we attend the installation of the AWC plaque at the MLK Jr. Historic site, "I have a Dream" Rose Garden on Saturday, November 7 at 3:30pm, after the CSP meeting. For those not attending the CSP meeting, feel free to meet us at the club no later than 2:45 to carpool. Should you wish to meet us there, the address is 450 Auburn Ave NE, Atlanta, GA 30312. Parking is available behind new Ebenezer Church. Turn off Auburn onto Jackson Street. Visit www.atlanta.net/history/mlkjr. Please contact Penny Blackford if you have questions. blackfordp@bellsouth.net.

Saturday, Nov. 7 - 10:00a.m. - 2:00p.m. - A reporting workshop will be held for all CSP Co-Chairs on Saturday, November 7 from 10-2 at the Wimbish House. This workshop will be open to any members who will be writing reports or are interested in learning more about reporting. Tips and techniques for successful reporting will be discussed. All Chairs are asked to bring a report for activities completed from Jan 1- June 30. RSVP to karenclydesdale@bellsouth.net.

Coming Up-Save the Date!

November 9 - 11:15 a.m. - AWC General Meeting. Please RSVP by clicking this link: <http://awc-november-meeting.eventbrite.com> . Please RSVP by deadline of Nov. 4; any RSVP's received after that date will be subject to an increase of \$5.00 per meal. We need to do a better job on RSVP'ing, our caterer needs an accurate headcount. Please help us. Thank you.

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November 11 - 10:30a.m, -12:00p.m.- In honor of GFWC AWC 120th Anniversary Celebration and our founder Rebecca D. Lowe, who is buried at Oakland Cemetery, AWC has arranged for a tour of Oakland Cemetery on our actual birthday which is Veterans Day November 11, 2015 from 10:30 AM to Noon. The tour will include a stop at our founder, Rebecca D. Lowe's grave site. For those that can we will lunch at Six Feet Under Restaurant afterwards. Please mark your calendars and RSVP to JoDee Gonzalez, Penny Blackford, Judith Behrens or Billy Harris or sign up at the General Meeting. RSVP to JoDee Gonzalez, Penny Blackford, Judith Behrens or Billy Harris or sign up at the General Meeting. Admission is \$12.00 per person under 65 and \$6 per person 65 and over. Free parking is available outside the gate on Memorial Drive and free parking inside the park for more frail members. blackfordp@bellsouth.net, jodee.gonzalez12@gmail.com, judithmbehrens@gmail.com, whatstheplan-llc@live.com.

November 16 - Judine, our President, was very nice with her words in support of the ESO book club at the October general meeting. She said, "We read important books". 'Where You Can Find Me' by Dr. Sheri Joseph is our next book for the ESO book club. She is a local author and creative writing professor at Georgia State University. Join us on November 16 as we meet with her to discuss her thoughts on the issues in her book and what it is like to be a creative writing professor. Melodie Rogers is graciously hosting this event in her home located at 262 Brighton Road, NE, Atlanta, GA. Please RSVP to Melodie. Time to be announced.

As always, please let us know how we can help you get involved, engaged and get connected!

Best Regards,
Susan Fagan

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