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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

During the months of November and December, it is a time to reflect on the past year and be thankful for our many blessings. One thing I am thankful for is the work of the AWC members. I want to thank each of you for all you do for the Atlanta Woman's Club. All of you dedicated members spend many hours volunteering to accomplish the AWC mission. The CSPs provide many opportunities to accomplish philanthropic activities in the community, the district and the state. Thank you CSP chairs and members as well as other committees such as women's history and fundraising.

I hope all of you had a Happy Thanksgiving celebrating with family and friends and are looking forward to your holiday celebrations in December. Remember those that are not as fortunate as you. There are many ways to do this. You can fulfill a foster kid's wish list by participating in Clark's Christmas Kids Gift Drive as Clark Howard and News/Talk WSB join with the Georgia DFCS to provide gifts for foster kids across Georgia. You can donate to a women's shelter such as My Sister's House. You can volunteer with your family; coming together as a family to volunteer and give back during the holidays can be a special family experience as well.

Thanks to Judy Reece with assistance from Cimi Douglass for presenting the inspiration and video celebrating our veterans and everyone for making our state president Tina Daniel feel welcome at our November meeting. It was also wonderful to celebrate the 123rd birthday of the Atlanta Woman's Club. There is a change for the date for the spring tea from April 7th to April 14th.

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The December Holiday party is December 4th at 6:30 pm and our December meeting is on December 10th. If you have not done so, make your reservation for the state convention April 5-7 at Lake Blackshear.

Myra Carmon

GFWC AWC President 2018 - 2020



MEMBERSHIP

Congratulations to our 4 new members who joined the club in November, Sandie Clendon, Chloe Feyock, Kelly Feyock and Jena Dunham. Below please find their bios, as it is important to get to know them as they become involved in our Community Service Programs. Be sure to introduce yourself at the meetings!



Sandie Clendon

I am from Thousand Oaks, California. Dale, my loving husband of 32 years, and I moved to Atlanta in April via an 18 month job in Chicago. We have 3 wonderful children, Bryan and his new bride Francesca, Megan and Katie. They all live and work in Northern California. I was a stay-at-home wife and held down the fort while Dale traveled for work and pursued his dream job.

My favorite place in the whole world is Lake Tahoe, California. We have a cabin there and visit with family and friends as much as possible. I love to laugh, go for a run, walk and hike, boating on the lake, bike along the Beltline and explore Atlanta. I brew beer out of my kitchen and love to entertain at home with friends.



Kelly R. Feyock

From a young age, I felt that I was supposed to do something “BIG”. I finally realized that life is not about doing one spectacular thing, but everyday life could be something big. My love for all things domestic lead me to develop The Ravenous Kitchen catering and events planning company. This transitioned into a home and lifestyle blog and includes future plans for a retail location. My mother was the consummate hostess and I learned from the best! She operated under the principle from the great Maya Angelou who said: “I learned that people will forget what you said, but people never forget how you made them feel.”

MEMBERSHIP CONT'D

(Kelly Feyock continued)

I graduated from Marian University with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. I have worked in various corporate positions and owned several businesses, however, I felt compelled to use my talents and energies to help those who were marginalized due to their economic status, culture, etc. I began a one year term with AmeriCorps Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) in 2015. In this role, I led a county-wide nutrition education program for low-income Hoosiers in Indianapolis, Indiana. Currently, I am the Associate Director of Meals on Wheels Central Indiana. In this position I develop programs and opportunities for Faith-Based organizations and provide solutions to the health disparities amongst the minority population of Marion County.



Jena Simonds Dunham

A North Georgia, Apple Capital (Ellijay) native, I moved to Atlanta after college graduation and have loved living and working in this amazing city. A graphic designer and writer by trade, I now serve as the Chief Marketing Officer for Black Bear Design, one of the nation's leading digital marketing, graphic design, and web development agencies. My husband and I were recently married in November of 2018, and have enjoyed renovating our new (to us) home, traveling, and spending time with our friends and family. I am the daughter of a retired minister and a school principal—service to others and community has always been part of the fabric of my life, and I'm honored to join the league of incredible women from AWC.

Favorite things: red lipstick, road trips, photography, Tallulah Bankhead's voice, autobiographies, Southern magazines, fried okra, costume jewelry, custom stationary, and Driving Miss Daisy.

Chloe Feyock

I recently graduated with a degree in Art History, during which I was involved heavily with charitable efforts with charitable organizations and regularly participated in cultural events on campus. My parents have encouraged volunteerism for my siblings and I, for as long as I can remember. I have participated in giving out turkey dinners for Thanksgiving, collecting coins for Salvation Army, and gathering supplies for holiday gift boxes to be sent overseas to impoverished nations.

MEMBERSHIP CONT'D

I find comfort in being kind to those who are facing misfortune, for it is not only a biblical principle, but my family has been helped during difficult times as well.

I plan to use my gifts of Art Appreciation and critical analysis to positively contribute

Culturally to the city of Atlanta. I fell in love with history early on in school, my fondest memories include field trips to historical sites such as President Benjamin Harrison Home site in Indianapolis. I wanted to study Art History in particular after being assigned projects on artists Henri Matisse and Andy Warhol in high school. I love all art but I find myself being drawn to Modern art the most.

One of the greatest experiences of my life has been living in Italy for 8 months in 2017. I studied abroad with a school program in Florence then was able to find employment as an au pair with a small family with 2 small children in Milan. This was a very enlightening period in my life, I gained a sense of independence, and I matured. I was able to travel to remarkable places and meet wonderful people who I never forget.

Jo Dee Gonzalez

2nd VP and Membership Chair

INTERNATIONAL

International CSP continues with donations for Heifer, CARE, and a supplemental donation to UNICEF, which will complete the UNICEF donation.

Please save your old sneakers for the Home Life/International project which is a focus for the spring district meeting. Sneakers will be collected and given to Nike for their recycling project which will benefit playgrounds. The sneakers will be turned into a soft and safe material for the playgrounds.

If you have not received your flu shots, please go to Walgreen's, Walgreen's is participating in "get a shot, give a shot" which provides vaccinations for children around the world.

Wishing everyone a healthy holiday season!

Pat Walsh

International CSP Chair

ESO BOOK CLUB

The AWC Book Club welcomed the Christmas season last Monday at Page's home. It was a beautiful evening of friendship, conversation, and good food. Page's house had a Christmas ambience and set the stage for a wonderful evening.

Emily Carpenter, last week's guest author had this to say of the AWC:

"A huge thank you for such a wonderful night with the book club. I had such fun and felt so welcomed! And I'm enjoying my gorgeous candle, even as we speak...Happy holidays and thanks again for such a beautiful experience."

More details about book club to come.

Happy reading!

Melodie Rogers

ESO Book Club

EDUCATION

Our December speaker will be Elizabeth "Betsy" McCrodden. Betsy is a board member at The Sunflower Initiative, a non-profit organization founded by women who have so valued their woman's college experience that they want to help provide that opportunity for other women. She received a BA from Randolph-Macon Woman's College, a JD from University of North Carolina, and an MA in History from North Carolina State University. She has 35 years of experience as an attorney and mediator, and has been a Judge in the North Carolina Court of Appeals; Chief Deputy Commissioner of the North Carolina Industrial Commission; and Assistant Attorney General State of North Carolina. As a volunteer, Betsy has served as the President of the League of Women Voters and founded The North Carolina Center for Women in Public Service, which prepares women to serve in public office. Betsy will be sharing with us the role a woman's college education played in her life, and her commitment to providing that opportunity for young women entering their college careers.

Some fun facts:

Considering that only 2% of women attend women's colleges, it's notable that women's college graduates comprise:

- 20% of Women in Congress
- 20% of Fortune Magazine's Most Powerful Women in Business
- 30% of Business Week's Rising Stars in Corporate America
- 33% of Women on Corporate Boards

Gretchen E. Butler

Education CSP Chair

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PUBLIC ISSUES

Volunteers needed for Georgia Justice Project 2018 Client Christmas Party. GJP has requested 4-6 AWC volunteers to help with its annual holiday party for clients. We'll mainly be setting tables with plates and centerpieces, plating cookies, serving beverages, and running plates from the buffet to seated guests. It's always great fun, complete with Santa, skits and smiles!

Saturday, December 8

First Presbyterian Church

1328 Peachtree Street NE (next to the High Museum)

Atlanta GA 30309

FREE parking in LAZ parking deck across from the church

Volunteers should arrive by 11:15 am.

For more information or to sign up, email lisa@nolossforwords.com.

Happy 382nd Birthday to the National Guard

Thursday, December 13 marks the 382nd birthday of the National Guard, the reserve military force oldest military force in the Department of Defense, which was founded in 1663 in Massachusetts. According to the National Guard web site:



“We recognize December 13th as the birthday of the National Guard. On this date in 1636, the first militia regiments in North America were organized in Massachusetts. Based upon an order of the Massachusetts Bay Colony's General Court, the colony's militia was organized into three permanent regiments to better defend the colony. Today, the descendants of these first regiments - the **181st Infantry**, the **182nd Infantry**, the **101st Field Artillery**, and the **101st Engineer Battalion** of the Massachusetts Army National Guard – share the distinction of being the oldest units in the U.S. military. December 13, 1636, thus marks the beginning of the organized militia, and the birth of the Na-

tional Guard's oldest organized units is symbolic of the founding of all the state, territory, and District of Columbia militias that collectively make up today's National Guard.”

PUBLIC ISSUES CONT'D

The states' militias were officially given the name National Guard in 1933. In 1947, the Air National Guard was created as the reserve component of the Air Force.

Today, roughly 435,000 men and women serve in the National Guard and the Air National Guard, with an average mobilization of 30,000+ around the world. The National Guard's motto is "Always Ready, Always There!" For more information on the National Guard's rich history or current operations, see <https://www.nationalguard.mil>.

Superheroes and Social Justice: FREE at the Center for Civil and Human Rights

How have comic books, movies and superheroes helped to address social issues such as racism, ableism and sexism, historically and today? Find out in a FREE community dialogue funded by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners at the Center for Civil and Human Rights. RSVP online at <https://www.civilandhumanrights.org/event/ssj/>.

Thursday, December 13

6-8:30 pm

100 Ivan Allen Jr. Blvd.

Atlanta GA 30313

Lisa Banes

Public Issues CSP Chair

WOMEN'S HISTORY

Women in AWC History to Know

Dr. Passie Fenton Ottley,
Second President of AWC, 1896-1897
Passie was born in Columbus, Mississippi on March 16, 1870.

Education:

Mary Baldwin Seminary in Staunton, VA

Mississippi College for Women

University of Chicago

University of Georgia where she earned her Doctorate of Literature

Her community involvement:

Chairman of the Georgia Library Commission

WOMENS HISTORY CONT'D

From an article on GLA:

In 1897 the "Georgia Library Club" was founded by members of the Young Men's Library of Georgia and GA Federal Women's Club. At its first meeting the name was changed to Georgia Library Association. Its goals were funding of public libraries, the establishment of a library training school and the appointment of a library commission. In 1906 the Free Public Library for African Americans opened in Savannah paid for by city funds and subscription fees.

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Article from News of Women's Clubs:

Mrs. Ottley gave support to the successful kindergarten program for African American children carried on under the auspices of a committee appointed by GFWC. She is recognized as the inspiration for the committee, since she and Mrs. Lowe paid the expenses to Montgomery, AL where the Federation met, of Alice Carey, an intelligent African American woman from Atlanta. She was able to carry to the convention suggestion of the Kindergarten movement. Atlanta Kindergarten was given support and equipment from a few ladies including Mrs. Ottley.

A description of Mrs. Ottley from a Memorial for the Georgian Library Commission:

Throughout her 30 years of service with the library commission, her wise extraordinary finesse and her never failing enthusiasm were instilled which brought the services of operated under her to a high state of effectiveness and gave them a place in real social significance in the life of the state.

She was married to John King Ottley, President of the 4th National Bank. They had 2 children, resided on Peachtree Road with a home at the site of Lenox Mall.

Conference Call

Brrrr - It's cold outside, so let's stay inside and catch up on History Committee items via conference call. The [December](#) meeting will be held telephonically on Friday, December 14th from 3 pm until 4 pm - no need to RSVP. Dial in to the call at (712) 432-3900 and enter the group participation code - 883208#. Talk to you soon.

***Save the Date: Phoenix Flies 2019, Friday March 2nd at 10 am and 2 pm**

E. Leigh Reynolds

Women's History Chair

A SEEDED EVENT

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helping nonprofits grow



The AWC fundraising committee, A Seeded Event, was pleased to present several checks to local non-profits over the past few months. On Thursday August 23rd the AWC hosted a “Raising-A-Glass Awards Gala” to benefit Mental Fitness 21st Century Learning for their work in the schools and communities of the Old Fourth Ward. The benefit included refreshments, a live auction, wine pull and more. On October 11, the Wimbish House was the setting for The Global Stage, An Evening of International Fashion and Cuisine to benefit the Refugee Women’s Network Leadership Program. Participants experienced an international fashion show, delicious cuisine and shopping from around the world at the global bazaar. They learned more about the RWN leadership program which empowers refugee and immigrant women from around the world to be leaders in their community. Upcoming events include our “Holiday Party with a Purpose” to benefit Dining for Women. In 2019 we are looking forward to hosting an event for Oakland Cemetery and the Women’s Veterans Interactive organization.

The Seeded Event committee welcomes all AWC members to participate in this program. There are several ways you can help...by nominating a 501c3 nonprofit organization, joining the committee to help plan and organize an event, volunteer to work at an event and/or support the organization by purchasing a ticket. This is a great way to get to know other members and become involved not just with AWC but with the community as well.



Karen Clydesdale, Seeded Event Chair

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ARTS

Arts will continue our ongoing volunteer project with drawchange on **Monday, Dec. 17th, from 3:15pm-4:30pm**, 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 schedule the month you'd like to volunteer. Only 3 volunteer spaces are available for AWC per month. There will be a sign up sheet at the general meeting.

A private reception will be held for all AWC members at The Atlanta Artist Center (2979 Grandview Ave NE, Atlanta, GA 30305) on **Thursday, Dec. 13th at 6pm** for their current exhibit, *Reality or Abstraction*. Let's support our local artists and art community by attending this special event hosted exclusively for AWC. There will be light refreshments served. This will be an evening of art and fellowship. Please RSVP to Billie Harris via email if you plan to attend.

"Deck The Halls" door decorating project:

Due to new policies and procedures at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta (CHOA), we will not be able to decorate the doors at any of the CHOA hospitals this holiday season. However, alternative arrangements are being made to spread holiday cheer through art and creativity. Details will follow at the general meeting.

Where "ART" Thou in Atlanta: Here are a few events in the arts happening in Atlanta in December. Keep our art community alive and thriving!

- * A Christmas Carol at Marietta's New Theatre in the Square. More info at www.theatreinthesquare.net
- * Christmas at Callanwolde: Designer Show House. More info at www.callanwolde.org
- * Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer at The Center for Puppetry Arts. More info at www.puppet.org
- * Jazz Concert: White Christmas by Chris Mitchell Saxophonist Sun. Dec. 16th at 7:30p. More info at www.chrismitchelljazz.com
- * Glass ornament making class at Decatur Glassblowing. More info at www.decaturglassblowing.com
- * Zucot Gallery: The Curator's Selection - A Winter Exhibition. Free admission. More info at www.zucotgallery.com

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