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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome back after the summer. I'm glad to see so much energy and readiness to work on our mission, "to encourage our members to become engaged in charitable activities that benefit the community as a whole." The September meeting offered an outstanding opportunity to meet and greet, catch up on summer happenings, and plan and discuss activities and projects for the coming months. Catherine Smith, chair of Home Life CSP, arranged for Jo Roberson Edwards to present information about Camp Village, a summer school and after-school program for children ages 5-18. It's great to learn about this wonderful resource with activities for children. Jo Roberson Edwards also told us about C.A.U.S.E. for Elegance, a retail store that provides apprenticeships for students and whose profits support Camp Village.

On September 15th, nine members attended the North West District Board Meeting in Calhoun, Georgia. Thank you to the AWC members who assisted with refreshments. The meeting was very informative, all reports were presented in a very professional way, and we gained a lot of knowledge about GFWC Georgia as well as requests state and national have for districts and clubs. Many of us remember when AWC was in the 5th District. Until October 2015 there were 10 districts; since redistricting there are six districts, including the North West District. The North West District also includes the former districts 4, 5 and 7.

It was interesting to see that board meetings today include so many women planning and sharing ideas for the District. Ten years ago, one district board meeting I attended was just five or six people gathered in a restaurant, with officers' planning and organizing meetings held later in homes. At Saturday's North West Board Meeting we had more than 25 participants! We've come a long way, with involved officers and

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committee members performing their duties with dignity and professionalism.

AWC has already begun to meet some of the district and state requests. We have collected 57 Dr. Seuss books and are now working on a plan to plant 51 trees.

Please be sure to mark your calendars for the District meeting on October 27th and Streets Alive on September 30th.

Also, remember our neighbors in North Carolina as they cope with this Florence disaster, from the immediate tragedy of lost lives and homes to the ongoing struggle to survive without water and electricity, potentially for a long period of time. Keep them in your prayers.

Myra Carmon

GFWC AWC President (2018-2020)



HOME LIFE

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. In the spirit of promoting early detection, AWC is encouraging its members to Feel It on the First!! On the first of every month, conduct yourself breast self-exam, noting any skin changes, breast changes or nipple changes. AFTER you are done, post a selfie of you feeling your breasts on Facebook, Twitter and/or Instagram with the hashtag #feelitonthefirst. Tag three girlfriends and encourage them to do the same.

Easter Seals North Georgia (ESNG) has two events to get involved in...

1- Atlanta Parent Magazine Family Fest at Mercer University Atlanta campus on Sat Oct 6.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e48a5aa2ca1fe3-family2> or contact Norma Center at ncenter@esng.org.

2- ESNG Trick or Treat Trot 5K on Sat Oct 20. Sign up to run, volunteer or dress in costume to interact with attendees.

<https://runsignup.com/Race/Volunteer/GA/Duluth/TrickorTreatTrot> or contact Norma Center at ncenter@esng.org.

AWC is still collecting pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House.

Catherine Smith, Home Life CSP Chair

CONSERVATION

Monday, October 8, Visit the AWC Scarecrow, "The Peaceable Planet", at Atlanta Botanical Gardens, 4:30 PM. The group will meet at the box office. There are some free tickets available on a first-come, first-served basis. Atlanta Botanical Gardens members enter free. Join the Conservation CSP to see their beautiful work and the other scarecrows in the garden. Contact Page Henry at 770.366.1734 or page.henry@harrynorman.com to RSVP.

Page Henry, Conservation CSP Chair

REPORTING

Kim Sekulow, GFWC Georgia 2nd Vice President, will present information on reporting at The Wimbish House on Tuesday, November 6th from 4-6pm. All officers and CSP's should attend. The timing is good to allow time to prepare prior to the reporting due date of January 25th, 2019.

ESO BOOK CLUB

Thank you to all of the Atlanta Woman's Club book club members that could make our September 17th meeting. It was an enjoyable evening with good discussion of the book *Visible Empire*. I introduced a comparable book of the 1962 plane crash. The book *Explosion at Orly: The Disaster that transformed Atlanta* by Ann Uhry Abrams explains in more detail the art community of 1962, the crash, the culture and history at the beginning of the Civil Rights movement and what came next for the Atlanta Arts Community. I enjoyed Ann Abrams' book and it can be purchased at the High Art Museum gift store. We also saw a portion of the documentary film made for PBS. This show can be found on YouTube and is worth watching.

A highlight as always is the opportunity to sit at a table, share a meal, book talks and good conversation with other AWC members in a relaxed evening. I enjoyed sitting with Judy and Jennie and hope you found good conversation.

Coming Up! 🍁🍂🎃

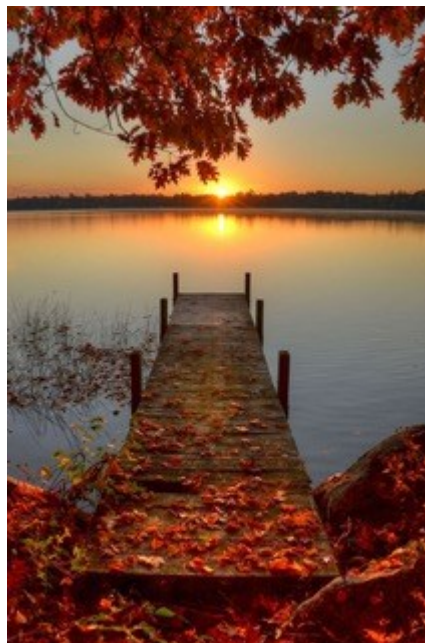
Our next meeting will be **Monday, November 26th**. We will be reading *Every Single Secret* by Emily Carpenter. Emily is very excited to join us for an evening and spend time with the Atlanta Woman's Book Club.

I will sell paperback copies of *Every Single Secret* at the October General Meeting Monday October 8th. More details to come.

For fall reading, find out which books you should read based on your Zodiac Sign!

Happy Reading!! Happy Fall!

Melodie Rogers, ESO Book Club



WOMEN'S HISTORY

Get to Know Mrs. Rebecca D. Lowe

One must turn the history books back quite a few years to learn about our founder and first club President. I invite you to learn more about Mrs. Lowe to see how her influence guides our work to this day. Rebecca Douglas was born in August of 1844 in LaGrange, Georgia. She married William Lowe in January of 1868 in Georgia's Troup County. Following the death of her husband, she married New York magazine editor George Gunton in 1904. She died in Atlanta on August 6, 1918 and is buried in Atlanta's renowned Oakland Cemetery, the city's oldest cemetery and the resting place of many notable people.

In 1895, the council of the national (now international) General Federation of Women's Clubs met in Atlanta and Mrs. Lowe was present. Not long after this meeting, she invited a group of interested women to her home. From this gathering, the Atlanta Woman's Club was formed in 1895 and Mrs. Lowe was elected the Club's first President. She then in 1896 invited 17 Georgia women's clubs to meet and they formed the Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs electing her their first President. In 1898, she was elected national President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) which took her to Washington, D.C. where she provided strong leadership as the 3rd President from 1898-1902 of the organization whose mission is "dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service." During her leadership, she spoke frequently and in one speech entitled "Women's Opportunity for Social Service", she noted "the salient and most hopeful feature of our organization lies... in the quality of strength, which has enabled us, and will enable us, not only to think things, but do things... to render important service in the uplifting and betterment of humanity..." Those words ring true today as the members of 2018 work towards modern goals with the same theme.

Rebecca died in Atlanta on August 6, 1918. She is buried in Atlanta's renowned Oakland Cemetery, the city's oldest cemetery and the resting place of many notable people. The Atlanta Woman's Club placed a special marker noting her as our club's founder at her resting place in 2015.

Leigh Reynolds, Women's History



ARTS

Arts will continue our ongoing volunteer project with drawchange on **Monday, Oct. 15th 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 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.

Billie Harris, Arts CSP Chair
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