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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is always nice being in The Wimbish House on days when there are very few people there; it is quiet and relaxing. As the Wimbish family had no children, it is fun to sit and imagine their serene life there on a peaceful afternoon or evening. On the other hand, I find it equally wonderful to experience the clubhouse when it is filled with our energetic and dedicated AWC members hard at work on activities.

September was no exception. There were meetings and planning sessions throughout the month. **Bridge** was held as usual on the first Thursday; consider joining the group **October 2 at 9:30 a.m.** if you are a beginner or at **10:00 a.m.** for regular game time. Conservation CSP members were there on a Sunday afternoon building a scarecrow for this year's entry in the Atlanta Botanical Garden's Scarecrows in the Garden event (check ABG's website for more details about this fun family outing in October). A Seeded Event met throughout the month to plan for our first event.

We also had the fireside chat. It was a wonderful evening spent listening to ladies who have been members for many years talk about their experiences in the AWC. I would encourage you to engage our seasoned members in conversation; they are filled with a wealth of information about

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## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

The AWC accepted six new members at the September luncheon meeting, bringing the yearly total to 26 new members for 2014 and 98 Members in all! Please welcome Michele Young, Diane Smith, Anne Valgoi, Ivy Haverkamp, Sharon Hamilton, and Colline Rios. Be sure to read their brief bios attached to this newsletter. It is very important to learn as much as possible about AWC's new members in an effort to get them involved right away.

The Membership Committee is excited about a service opportunity for new members. On Sunday, November 9th, the AWC will host an arts and crafts event for all children ages 5 to 17 years old at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. Please let Cimi Douglass know if you would like to participate. Service projects have a wonderful way of uniting AWC members and allowing them to spend their time purposefully. They connect people to each other, to society, and to the world.

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**Next Luncheon: October 13th**  
**Kindly RSVP to Judith Behrens**  
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*(President's Message continued)*

the AWC's past and present. If all of this was not enough, our Social Engagement Committee planned a wonderful evening at the Artmore. We were able to get together outside the club to enjoy a relaxing evening building and fostering relationships. One exciting event coming up at The Wimbish House on **October 6th** is **The Peachtree Women's Writers Alliance meeting**. This fantastic group is sponsored by the AWC, and they will have some wonderful book authors as guest speakers this month (see article on page 4 for more details).

Many members are unable to attend our monthly meetings but would like to be involved in some way. You will have an opportunity on **Sunday, October 12th** to **help set up for the next day's luncheon**. It is a very casual afternoon, and you will be doing a valuable service for our members by helping to prepare. Each month a different CSP is responsible for not only inviting a guest speaker for the meeting but also for setting up the clubhouse. October is the Public Issues CSP's month; please join them.

Finally, I'd like to remind you of two Federation meetings. The **5th District meeting** is **October 16th** and will be held at the Hilton Atlanta Perimeter Suites (registration deadline is October 9). **GFWC Southern Region Conference** is from **October 23 - 26** at Litchfield Beach & Golf Resort in Pawleys Island, South Carolina. I am planning to attend both and would love for you to come along. Of course, you can always join me at The Wimbish House for quiet times or activity-filled AWC adventures. I look forward to seeing you!

*Judine Heard*  
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## A SEEDED EVENT COMMITTEE NEWS

As part of the AWC's "Seeded Event Program," the club will host a fundraising event for

### ***ESO Book Club - All are welcome!***

Next meeting: **Monday October 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm**

Book: *Silver Sparrow* by Tayari Jones

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Synchronicity Theatre, which is a wonderful organization that is launching its 17<sup>th</sup> season in a brand new theatre space in Midtown, Atlanta. Synchronicity Theatre offers a full season of contemporary plays for adults and families alike, as well as impactful educational outreach to elementary students and at-risk teen girls. The fundraiser for Synchronicity Theatre will coincide with the AWC's annual holiday party, which will be held on **December 3, 2014** from **6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.** at The Wimbish House. The event will include dinner, live music, performances by Synchronicity Theatre artists, and a silent auction. Members may purchase tickets in advance or at the door. To purchase tickets online, visit [http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?](http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e9u36v83f5e39436&llr=ogy6parab)

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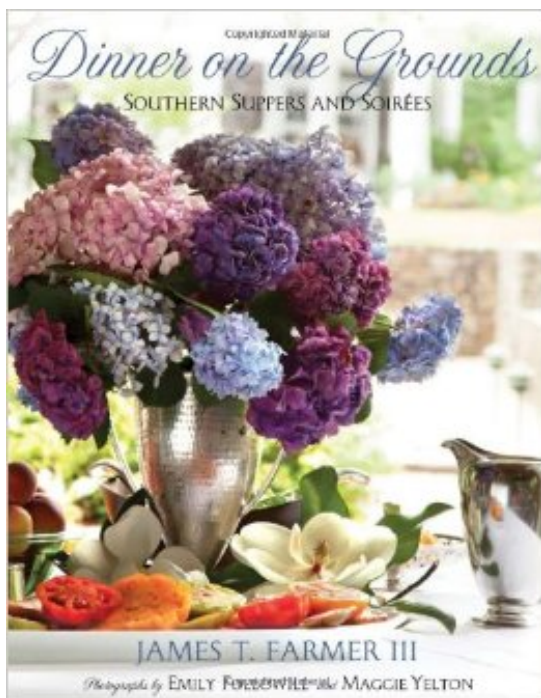
Checks should be made payable to the Atlanta Woman's Club. For more information about the holiday party or to donate an item for the silent auction, please email Tonya Watson.

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## TALLULAH FALLS SCHOOL NEWS

Three members of the AWC attended the September Tallulah Falls School Board of Trustees meeting and the grand opening of the upper school academic complex.

*Lucy Willard, Chair*



## ARTS COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM NEWS

Members are invited to attend “Step-by-Step Southern Entertaining,” a **presentation and book signing featuring James Farmer, on Monday, October 6, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.** as part of the “Discover ADAC” event being held at the Atlanta Decorative Arts Center and celebrating the Southeastern design community. Janus et Cie, the definitive source for site, garden, and casual furnishings, welcomes author and lifestyle expert James Farmer for a hands-on demonstration of seasonal entertaining ideas. Taking inspiration from his latest book, *Celebrating Dinner on the Grounds: Southern Suppers and Soirées*, James will walk guests through his process for composing the perfect floral arrangement, beverage, and appetizer for a festive fall gathering. Six (6) reservations are currently available for this event through the AWC. Others may register online individually for free admission for the event and join the group. Refreshments will be served.

Additionally, **VSA arts of Georgia is seeking volunteers** interested in assisting with various upcoming project-based needs. VSA arts of Georgia provides access to the arts for people with disabilities and those with low income. It is a statewide resource working with artists and

organizations to fulfill their vision of an inclusive community that encourages everyone to enjoy and participate in the arts. Needs include sorting through storage space, moving and hanging artwork, assisting the accountant during annual auditing, working on the newsletter and social media, and helping with receptions and small events. Anyone wishing to participate should be prepared to submit her contact information on a volunteer list that will be shared with the organization.

More detailed information will be forthcoming via email regarding both the ADAC presentation and the volunteer list for VSA. In the interim, please contact Rita McGregor or Jo Dee Gonzalez for details.

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## INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM NEWS

The International CSP presented the September program for the AWC’s first meeting of the year. Laura Martin, from Ties that Matter, brought Club members up to date on the work that is being done in Haiti with recycled ties.

Please remember to **bring in all UNICEF boxes with monies collected**. Those who desire to write a check in lieu of turning in cash should make it payable to UNICEF. The International CSP will also be collecting food in honor of **World Food Day on October 16, 2014**, so please **bring in dry or canned goods to donate**. If monetary donations

### *Join us for Bridge!*

**Beginning Bridge Club members will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 2, 2014 at the Wimbish House, and regular members will meet at 10:00 a.m.**

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are preferable, please make checks payable to the Atlanta Community Food Bank.

The International CSP would especially like to thank Cimi Douglass and her daughter, Keely, for making two blankets for the Operation Smile program.

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## PEACHTREE WOMEN'S WRITERS ALLIANCE NEWS

The AWC's Peachtree Women's Writers Alliance will be hosting two authors on Monday, October 6th at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free. AWC members and guests are encouraged to attend (men welcome).

Doyle Renolds will be discussing his newly released Western novel, *Three Apache Arrows*. Dr. David Ryback, a local psychologist and accomplished musician, will discuss his newly released "fiction based on fact" novel, *Beethoven in Love*, and will present a piano performance of "Moonlight Sonata."

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## PUBLIC ISSUES COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM NEWS

The Public Issues CSP workshop at Institute in August was presented by state co-chairmen Patty Laine and Dianne Barlow. They emphasized that each member should obtain a copy of the GFWC-Georgia Yearbook, which is currently available at The Wimbish House. One topic discussed at the workshop was the need for greater support of the Girl Scouts. Patty and Dianne noted that the number of Girl Scouts that have dropped out of the program as teenagers has been a growing concern. Part of the reason is that there are less adult women participating as role models. Other issues discussed in this workshop were public safety, emergency preparedness, and veterans affairs.

The Legislative and Public Policy workshop at Institute was presented by Beth English, who introduced three fascinating speakers. Mary Frances Williams discussed Bill 290, the Family Care Act, which is facing opposition from the Georgia Chamber of Commerce. Julia McConnell discussed minor sex trafficking and how the state government is working with various groups to combat it. Holly McKinney talked about child welfare reform and foster care.

The AWC was represented by nearly two dozen members at the Georgia Justice Project's Back to School Event where everyone worked on various stations including bingo, body cutout art for the kids, and the book table. Some members donated preschool backpacks containing crayons, coloring books, and stuffed animals. Deepest thanks go to Shanell Alexander, Lisa Banes, Judith Behrens, Penny Blackford, Elizabeth Byrd, Darlene Childers, Betty Daniels, Cimi Douglass, Karen Clydesdale, Billie Harris, Janecia Heard, Judine Heard, Beth Jetha, Chaundra Luckett, Ellen Milholland, Catherine Morrow, Melissa Oellerich, Judy Reece, Morgan Rochowski, Tonya Watson, Elizabeth Watts, and Ruth Yurchuck.

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AWC's LinkedIn Page:

[http://www.linkedin.com/groups/Atlanta-Womans-  
Club-4384622/about](http://www.linkedin.com/groups/Atlanta-Womans-Club-4384622/about)

AWC's Pinterest Page:

[www.pinterest.com/atlwc/](http://www.pinterest.com/atlwc/)

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[www.facebook.com/GaFWC](http://www.facebook.com/GaFWC)

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Peyton Chambers, *Newsletter*

## NEW MEMBER BIOGRAPHIES

**Michele Young** has been a resident of Atlanta for 42 years. She lives with her husband, James Young, in the Morningside neighborhood of Atlanta. Michele recently retired as a Senior Assistant Attorney General in the Office of the Attorney General, working in the area of stat tax litigation. She currently volunteers at the Georgia Justice Project in its Coming Home Project. Her other interests include traveling, running, and working in her garden.

**Diane Smith** grew up in Arizona and met her husband there upon graduating from Arizona State University. His Air Force and commercial pilot career took them to Texas, Arizona, Las Vegas and back to Dallas, where they raised two children. Diane commuted to Atlanta for eight years after Delta closed their Dallas base, and after her youngest graduated college, the couple decided to lose the commute and move to Delta's headquarters. For these empty nesters, high-rise condo living in Midtown is perfect! Diane is taking a temporary break from her career in interior decorating and custom window treatments and is spending her free time traveling, occasionally to visit her new grand baby.

**Anne Valgoi** is originally from Vermont. She attended Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Science in Boston, graduating with a degree in pharmacy and later receiving her Doctorate of Pharmacy from Mercer University in Atlanta. She is currently employed as a clinical pharmacist at Infectious Disease Services of Georgia in Roswell. Anne will soon celebrate her 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with husband, Renee. Anne and Renee have three adult children: Alison, John, and Kristen. Her interests include family, travel, tennis, gardening, and exercise. She is a member of the Crooked Creek Tennis Committee and serves as the Thursday Ladies Representative. Anne and her husband recently relocated from Alpharetta to Midtown and she is looking to become more involved with AWC.

**Ivy Haverkamp** received her MBA in Marketing from Georgia State University, and a B.S. in Human and Organizational Development from Vanderbilt University. Her volunteer experience includes over 10 years serving in the Atlanta Junior League and other nationwide organizations. While living in San Francisco, she co-chaired a committee in the Junior League there and also volunteered with Hands On San Francisco. Her professional background includes positions in research, mortgage brokering, and, most recently, investment mangement. Ivy enjoys attending foodie events and book clubs, participating in painting classes, and playing golf.

**Sharon Hamilton** was transferred to Atlanta by Delta Airlines, a move she thought was only for one year, but it has now been 25. She took an early retirement from Delta after 9/11 and is currently a realtor with Charlesworth Realty Group. Sharon is also one of the founders and original members of a nonprofit called "Women With A Mission," a group that sponsored fundraisers, participated in literacy programs, donated prom dresses to graduating high school students, participated in Dress for Success, and more.

**Colline Rios** is a native of Georgia. Her mother had been an active member of the Toccoa Woman's Club when they moved to Midtown in 1948. She is no stranger to the Wimbish House and AWC. As a child growing up in Midtown she made weekly treks to the library on the corner of 17th and Peachtree and admired The Wimbish House as well as many other homes that lined Peachtree. She attended plays and concerts performed at the AWC. Colline attended Reinhardt College in Waleska and received a B.S. in Geography and Anthropology from Georgia State College. She obtained a M.Ed. in Broad Field Secondary Social Studies and a M.Ed. in Special Education with a concentration in Gifted Education from Georgia State University. Colline taught in Clayton County and the City of Atlanta Schools. She has been married to Tony since 1969, and they have two adult children and three beautiful grandchildren.



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