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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

AWC receives International recognition thanks to all of our AWC Club members!

Ladies, let me begin by congratulating all of you! Because of your hard work throughout the year, our Club has won International recognition, and had one of our projects listed as GFWC's 2017 Top Ten projects! This is the third year in a row that we were listed in GFWC's Top 10 Projects.

At Institute, GFWC First Vice-President Marian St. Clair announced that The Atlanta Woman's Club was listed in GFWC's Top 10 Projects in the area of Communications for our Wikipedia page. I also had the honor to receive on the Club's behalf, awards from our GFWC Georgia State President, Ida Dorvee. AWC received recognition for Public Issue's Canine Companion program. We also received an award for Leadership, which Ida informed me that the State never received this award before and that this award was difficult one to win. Karen Clydesdale is AWC's and the State's Leadership Chair – she has worked extremely hard in this area and I'm so happy that Karen's hard work was finally recognized in this area. AWC also received an award in Seeded Event's Fundraiser in the area of Domestic Violence – thank you to our Seeded Event Committee and all of you who volunteer and work during these fundraisers. Next, I'd like to mention that although the State won International Awards in many areas, specifically in the areas of Communications and Conservation I know for sure that AWC assisted in contributing to those awards. In addition to the projects already mentioned, our State President also selected AWC's Communication's Wikipedia page and AWC's Conservation's project for the MLK's Peace Garden. Thank you to Judy Reece, our Communications Chair and Karen Johnson/Penny Blackford Conservation co-chairs for

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their vision to work with MLK Center and all of our wonderful "snippets" who fight the heat each week to snip the blooms to make our world a beautiful and rosy place to live!

Our members are simply the best in the State and proving that they are the best in the world! Thank you!

I hope to see all of you on September 11th – Home Life is the host for this meeting and we will have a representative from The Giving Kitchen speak to us.

It's always a great day to be an Atlanta Woman's Club member!

Cimi Douglass AWC President 2016-2018



PUBLIC ISSUES

Beth Jetha, Public Issues CSP Chair

Our fellow club members have been active this summer, participating in Public Issues events. In June, we toured the Atlanta Beltline Project. Members viewed the changes and additions to this 22-mile trail that connects 45 different neighborhoods. Attendees included Karen Bacheller, Lisa Banes, Judith Behrens, Penny Blackford, Cimi Douglas, Jodee Gonzalez, Lexa King, Sara June McDavid, Claire McDonald, Mariane McReady, Connie Morris, Judy Reece, Pat Walsh, and Carla Williams. It was a unanimous sentiment—we recommend you take this informative tour.



Thank you to all of you who volunteered at the Georgia Justice Project's Back to School Event in July—Lisa Banes, Penny Blackford, Elvina Calland, Cimi Douglass, Jodee Gonzalez, Janecia Heard, Judine Heard, and Laura Robison. Thanks also go to Ellen Milholland and Judy Reece for their donations to GJP.

Please mark your calendars for the Candler Park Tour of Homes, scheduled for Sunday afternoon, Oct. 1. This is part of the weekend festival which generates needed funds for the community. The Tour of Homes showcases restored homes located in the Candler Park area. There will be a sign up sheet at the September meeting for volunteer docents needed for the home tour.

These forums are open for you to check out Atlanta City Council and mayoral candidates:

Thursday, September 7 at 5:30pm: Atlanta City Council Candidates Forum: Hosted by Georgia STAND-UP at the IBEW Auditorium, 501 Pulliam Street, Atlanta, GA 30312. Refreshments provided. RSVP to info@georgiastandup.org.

Thursday, September 14 at 5:30pm: City of Atlanta Mayoral Candidates Forum: Hosted by GA STAND-UP at IBEW Auditorium, 501 Pulliam Street, Atlanta, GA 30312. Refreshments provided. RSVP to info@georgistandup.org.

September 19 from 6pm to 9pm: Atlanta on the Move: Candidates for Mayor on Transportation: Held at the Loudermilk Conference Center, 40 Courtland Street, Atlanta, GA 30303. Organized by the Atlanta Bicycle Coalition, in partnership with PEDS, MARTA Army, Young Professionals in Transportation, Southern Environmental Law Center, Citizens for Progressive Transit, Sierra Club, Partnership for Southern Equity, Environment Georgia, Atlanta Cycling Festival, Civil Bikes, and the TransFormation Alliance.

WOMEN'S HISTORY

On Friday, September 15th from 10:30a-11:30a, GFWC AWC will tour SCAD's Ivy Hall located at 179 Ponce de Leon Avenue. Contact Leigh Reynolds at phlox13@gmail.com to RSVP and for additional information.

Leigh Reynolds, Women's History

ARTS

Arts CSP will be reconvening our volunteer schedule with drawchange on **Thursday, September 7th from 7:30-9:30p at Nicholas House**. This will be a new scheduled date and time for AWC, as well as a new location. Volunteers are required to do a background check for Nicholas House. Please contact Billie Harris for details. Our duties will remain the same, which are assisting the children with their art therapy projects, and offering them encouragement to express their creative talents. If this project is of interest to you, please contact me via email to schedule the month you'd like to volunteer. Only 3 volunteer spaces are available for AWC per month. There will also be a sign up sheet at our general meeting.

Billie Harris, Arts CSP Chair

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