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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome back after our summer break. Many members took exciting trips to near and far places; we look forward to hearing about these. I hope all of you had time to enjoy yourselves over the past two months. Some committees and groups continued their work during the summer. As examples, the Seeded Event Committee met almost every week due to many planned events and the Conservation CSP continued working in the MLK World Peace Rose Garden.

In July, Micaylah Harris and her friend Erin Carter presented their Girl Scout project at the club to earn a silver badge. Their topic was Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disease. They did a great job. They were supported by their Girl Scout leaders and several AWC members attended.

In June, a brunch and meeting were held for community service program chairs and officers who interact with CSPs. The discussions facilitated and encouraged an exchange of ideas between officers and CSPs.

From August 17-19, the Institute program was held in Athens. The theme was "Lead, Encourage, Inspire." LEADS was held on August 17 with Judine Heard chairing the LEADS Team. Five AWC members attended LEADS and 11 AWC members attended Institute.

Opening session was very educational with GFWC Georgia officers presenting information on the Goal sheet with 20 items, reporting forms and treasurers' vouchers. All the forms can be found on the GFWC Georgia website under Resources. It is advisable to copy a form if you are responsible for reporting. Many dates to remember were presented. These dates will be compiled and posted on the AWC website for members.

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Institute was very informative and was presented differently. This year everyone had the opportunity to visit over 20 booths in Marketplace. Attendees rotated throughout the market visiting the booths where they received information about an organization or about CSP projects. The attendees received a stamp on their passport and at the end received a badge for participation.

Suellen Brazil, GFWC Second Vice President, attended Institute and brought greetings on Saturday morning and was the keynote speaker on Saturday night. She shared her experiences and information she has obtained in her over 43 years in club work. She is from Alabama and during her time as a member she has held many offices including GFWC Alabama Director of Junior Clubs, Alabama state president and Southern Region president.

Suellen touched on projects for 2018-2020. This includes GFWC returning to its roots of advocacy work. GFWC will select two bills which we will work to become law.

She also told us about what is being termed "7 Grand Initiatives" for this administration. These seven initiatives are:

- that 1,000 clubs will do a service project on Martin Luther King Day, January 21, 2019
- that members will plant 1,000 trees on Arbor Day
- that members will donate 1,000 pairs of used shoes to Soles 4 Souls or Nike's "reuse-a-shoe" program
- that members will donate 1,000 Dr. Seuss books by March of 2020
- that 1,000 members will join the Legislative Action Center
- that members will do 1,000 projects devoted to women in the military
- that 1,000 members will donate \$1,000 to the Capital Campaign

I'm sure there will be information on the projects in GFWC News & Notes, and our CSP chairs will consider how they might incorporate the initiatives into their programs.

As you can see it was a very interesting and informative weekend at Institute.

Myra Carmon, President 2018-2020



MEMBERSHIP

Welcome new members!

AWC welcomed 2 new members at the June General Meeting. You will find their photos and bios below. As always, it is important to learn as much as possible about our new members, to make them feel welcomed, and to get them involved in the CSP's that they are interested in. "Involve, Engage, and Connect"!



Haeran Pfaff was born in South Korea and recently moved to Atlanta from San Jose, California. She and her late husband have one daughter living in Irvine, California. After college she continued her education and worked at UCI. She also worked with grades K thru 8, and community college. She was a hospice nurse for 5 years before retiring.

Haeran is very excited about her relocation to Atlanta, meeting new like-minded women, and the many opportunities that that the Atlanta Woman's Club has to offer!



Barbara Washburn is a retired real estate broker and after 20 plus years with a major company she formed her own holding company. She worked as a proof reader and performed website updates. Presently, Barbara is a docent and volunteer at the High Museum, and she is on the Piedmont Community Advisory Committee. She is also the State November Awareness Chair for Purple Stride (Pancreatic Cancer). Formerly she's volunteered at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens, as well as a Literacy Volunteer in Decatur at a children's shelter, and also at MADD. She is married, has 2 children and three grandchildren.

In addition, we will be welcoming several other new members in September, who you may have met at previous meetings. As you know, we can all make this club even greater by continuing to contribute to and participate in our CSP's. Whether you have a lot of time to give, or just a small amount, your assistance is always welcome and appreciated. If you need more information on these committees, refer to the website for specifics. Please remember that the success of our club depends a great deal on the willingness of all of us to not only be interested, but to be engaged and active members! The upcoming meeting, September 10th, will be sponsored by the Home Life CSP, Catherine Smith. I hope you will be joining us. Feel free to invite a friend, neighbor, or co-worker to share in our luncheon and meeting, as

MEMBERSHIP CONT'D

they, too, may become perspective members. There will be a social/membership event within the next few months, giving us an opportunity to meet and get to know our new members, along with our current members. More information will follow. You will find details on other activities such as Streets Alive (September 30th 2-6pm), in the Weekly Update. It will also be discussed at the meeting. There will be sign-up sheets at the meeting for members interested in joining this committee. There will also be sign-up sheets for volunteering with a number of activities and CSP's.

Jo Dee Gonzalez, 1st VP, Membership Chair

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CONSERVATION

Once again AWC will be participating in the exhibition Scarecrows in the Garden at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens, October 2nd-31st, 2018. There will be a time scheduled for the AWC ladies to visit the Atlanta Botanical Gardens and view this year's collection of scarecrows including the AWC entry. If you would like to volunteer to help put together this year's AWC's entry, please call Page Henry at 770-366-1747.

Page Henry, Conservation CSP Chair

INTERNATIONAL

International is looking forward to an exciting year. Gear up for UNICEF collection, food drive and our exciting speaker in October.

Pat Walsh, International CSP Chair

TALLULAH FALLS SCHOOL

Tallulah Falls School is now taking donations for its TFS Christmas Fund. Checks can be made payable to GFWC Georgia with TFS Christmas Fund in the Memo. Thank you.

Lucy Willard, Tallulah Falls School Chair

PUBLIC ISSUES

Hang Out With History (it's FREE!)

Mark your calendar and make plans to attend **Sunday in the Park** at historic Oakland Cemetery, Sunday, September 30, from noon until 6 pm. The past becomes the present through living history performances, a historical (sometimes hysterical) costume contest (with prizes!), author and book talks, cemetery tours, food trucks, live music, storytelling, kids and crafts in the Children's Zone, and an artists' market featuring local goods and gifts. This is Sunday in the Park's 40th year, so it's got a history of its own. Dig into the details [here](#). Don't miss it – it'll be an event to die for!

https://www.oaklandcemetery.com/?event=sunday-in-the-park-3&utm_source=HOF+newsletter+List+%5BG%5D&utm_campaign=83b2b7fd6f-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_08_20_05_26&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_d1c12b8a00-83b2b7fd6f-145382621

Georgia Justice Project

THANK YOU to all who participated in Georgia Justice Project's annual Back to School event on July 13. Thanks to volunteers and donors, more than 275 supply-filled backpacks were given to schoolchildren to prepare them for a successful school year. AWC volunteers handled lunch, bingo and anything else to help create a fun family day for GJP's clients. To find out how you can help support GJP and its programs and advocacy, subscribe to their newsletter [here](#).

<https://www.gjp.org/contact-us/newsletter-subscription/>

Block Party at Broad Street Boardwalk

The City of Atlanta's Department of City Planning, Atlanta Downtown Improvement District, and Flatiron City are throwing a Block Party on the Broad Street Boardwalk, and we're invited! It's a public realm pep rally in Downtown, where we're invited to critique the plaza, suggest ways to do it better, or help decide where to do it next. Play Boardwalk Soccer with Soccer in the Streets as they gear up to open West End Station Soccer, vote on the final design for the Poplar Street crosswalk, and snack on Mocha Pops and beer. Thursday, August 30, 5-8 pm. It's a great way to kick off Labor Day weekend. Free entry with RSVP below.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/broad-street-block-party-august-30th-tickets-48483057129?aff=erelexpmlt>

News from GFWC

A great way to keep up with what our national organization's legislative and policy priorities are is to sign up for alerts from GFWC's Legislative Action Center. Subscribe [here](#). While you're on the page, participate online in of support current initiatives, including:

Support the Equal Rights Amendment,

Protect Survivors of Domestic Violence

Keep Guns Away From Abusers

Prevent Gun Violence and Address Mental Health Issues

Stand Up for Families' Healthcare

Prevent Violence Against Women

Urge Senators to Reject Efforts to Weaken Healthcare for Women and Children.

<http://cqrcengage.com/gfwc/home?o>

PUBLIC ISSUES CONT'D

Don't forget to VOTE November 6

Election day is Tuesday, November 6, 2018, and this one is very important.

If you're not already registered, the voter registration deadline is Tuesday, October 9.

If you plan to vote absentee, your request must be received by Friday, November 2 and your ballot returned by Tuesday, November 6.

Early voting is available October 15 through November 5.

No matter how you do it, VOTE and encourage your family and friends to join you. For more information and voter resources, go to Georgia's Rock the Vote [page](#).

(<https://www.rockthevote.org/voting-information/election-dates-deadlines/georgia/>)

Join us


If you like to help set the agenda and decide which organizations and project to support, join the committee for AWC's Public Issues CSP. To get on board, just email Lisa Banes at lisa@nolossforwords.com.

Lisa Banes, Public Issues CSP Chair

HOME LIFE

Easter Seals North Georgia has volunteer opportunities at 2 festivals this year. First, Atlanta Parent Magazine Family Fest on Fri 10/5 and Sat 10/6.

Secondly, ESNG Trick or Treat Trot 5 K on Sat 10/20

	<p>Trick-Or-Treat Trot 5K Run/Walk, Costumes, & More ...</p> <p>The Trick-Or-Treat Trot 5K Run/Walk, Costumes, & More is on Saturday October 20, 2018. It includes the following events: 5K Run/Walk, Fun Run (ages 6 and under), and Phantom Runner.</p> <p>runsignup.com</p>
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Still collecting pop tops for Ronald McDonald House.

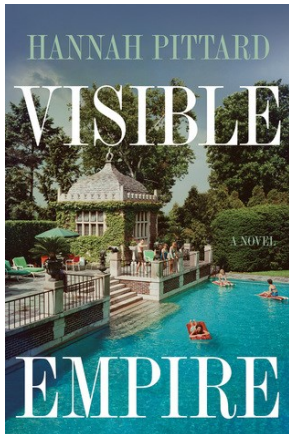
Please patronize C.A.U.S.E. For Elegance retail store at Phipps Plaza. This store is a hands-on business apprenticeship program from which all proceeds from the sale of prom, bridal, day and evening wear and accessories go towards the Camp Village Scholarship fund.

Catherine Smith, Home Life CSP Chair

ESO BOOK CLUB

Hello readers,

Hope all of you have had a good summer. The Atlanta Women's Club Book Club is resuming in September. We have been reading *Visible Empire* by Hannah Pittard. I will be hosting in September at **262 Brighton Road N.E.** Never say never, plans to be in our restored historic home had to be pushed back due to scheduling and the floors being redone in September. We will meet at the Glenn House in January, more details to come at the September meeting.



Please join us, Monday, September 17th at 6:30 p.m. at 262 Brighton Road N.E. I will be serving a light dinner. Our house is in transition as we prepare to move into the Glenn House soon. The porch is still southern and welcoming as ever. At the September meeting, we will discuss the year ahead. Please send me any local authors you think the club may be interested in reading. I have three authors so far for the coming year.

Please **RSVP** by September 14th. Thank you.

Happy reading!

Melodie Rogers, ESO Book Club

ARTS

Arts will continue our ongoing volunteer project with drawchange on **Monday, Sept. 17th 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.

On **Thursday, Sept. 13th from 6:30-8pm**, Arts will host a meeting for all members that sign up to volunteer with the Arts CSP at the general meeting. We will discuss upcoming volunteer opportunities and projects. Interested members are encouraged to sign up and attend the planning meeting to share ideas and brainstorm on ways to improve our community through art. The location will be determined and sent to attendees next week after our general meeting. There will be light refreshments served.

Billie Harris, Arts CSP Chair
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