



# Atlanta Woman's Club



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Hello Dear Ladies of Wimbish,

So here we are at the end of March, *spring has sprung*, and except for the ever-present pollen and it's' oh- so- lovely green-yellow color that is kind of killing some of us, the weather has been just beautiful. What a treat! I hope you have all been able to step outside a bit and enjoy the sunshine and warmer air.

As you all may remember, last month we held our elections and I would like to give a shout out and congratulate all of our new officers and Board of Trustee members for the **2022-2024 term**. And here they are:

President: Connie Morris

1st Vice President: Peggy Pruett

2nd Vice President and Dean of CSPs: Darlene Kimes

Treasurer: Gretchen Butler

Assistant Treasurer: Shena Crawford

Recording Secretary: Pat Walsh

Board of Trustee: Judine Heard

Jo Dee Gonzalez

If you don't already know these wonderful women, you will have the perfect opportunity to meet and mingle with all of them along with our new and old members at the **Annual Tea on April 10, from 2-4:00 pm**. This yearly and beloved tradition has been put on hold for the past 2 years due to Covid, so this will be an extra special event for all of us!

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONT'D

\*\*\* Please don't forget to **register** for this as it says on the invitation. We need to provide the caterer with an accurate number of attendees for food, the proper setup for the ballroom and so that we will have the correct number of helpers for the afternoon. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me or Judy Reece.\*\*\*

I would also like to mention and congratulate the following winners that were presented at the NW District meeting on March 19th at the Dunwoody Nature Center, hosted by the Dunwoody Woman's Club. I hope you all will take an afternoon and check out the Nature Center sometime soon. The non-profit organization was formed to improve and preserve the surrounding 22 acres of land as a natural classroom for environmental education. It holds a nature walk, creek and the great outdoors!

The winners that afternoon included the following:

Certificate of Achievement for **State President's Special Project**

Best Overall: **Tallulah Falls School Award**

"Queen Bee Award" for **Increase in Membership**

2nd place: **Communications and Public Relations Program**

2nd placer: **Health and Wellness CSP**

2nd placer: **Environment CSP**

2nd place: **Education and Libraries CSP**

2nd place: **Civic Engagement and Outreach CSP**

2nd place: **Arts & Culture CSP**

Great job ladies! Despite the pandemic, you all did an awesome job and as always, it is much appreciated!

Last but not least I want to let you know about a fashion show, held by Midtown High School (formerly Grady HS) that will be on April 30th in their school's old gym. The director of the Art program there has extended an invitation to our members, and if we can get a group together he has offered to hold seats for us. The tickets are \$5 at: [unbellerevolution.weekly.com](http://unbellerevolution.weekly.com)

I will send a separate email with more details but do keep it in mind and try to join us. The AWC has always had a strong relationship with the school and the Art program there is amazing. They actually occasionally held their fashion shows here at the Wimbish House years ago. It would be great for us to support them, not to mention that I have no doubt it will be a fantastic show!

Stay tuned for more info to follow. Check out the Weekly Update also for other details on volunteering, collections and volunteering.

Looking forward to seeing you all on April 10th, a great opportunity to get to know each other!

~~~~ JoDee

**Jo Dee Gonzalez, AWC President 2020-2022**



## MEMBERSHIP



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I have lived in the Atlanta area all my life with some years in Marietta, 27 years in Vinings and a little more than two years in Smyrna. My undergraduate degree in education is from West Georgia College and my Master's and Ph.D. in Psychology are from Georgia State University. After a few years teaching in DeKalb County and then at Pace Academy I took a psychology position with an international management consulting firm. This position allowed me to meet with executives in many corporations in the U.S., Canada, Europe, Asia, Australia and New Zealand. When I needed to stop traveling, I went into private practice counseling individual adults and couples until I retired in 2008. Prior to his recent passing, my husband and I were together 55 years. I have a son and daughter-in-law and an adorable grandson. My volunteer work started with my sorority (Chi Omega) in college and continued after I married, with the Atlanta Junior League, and later with my church, and The Lovett School. I am a very organized individual, I am caring and empathic,

and I feel I can relate to individuals in all walks of life.

### **Connie Morris, 1st Vice President, Membership**

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

At our March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting new Club officers and two members of the Board of Trustees were elected. Thank you to the members to agreed to serve and congratulations on your new positions! These people will be installed at our May meeting and will take office on June 1.

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Treasurer – Gretchen Butler

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Board of Trustee Members:

Jo Dee Gonzalez

Judine Heard

A big thank you to our nominating committee: Beth Jetha (parliamentarian), Jennie Lobato, Judy Reece (chair), Karen Clydesdale (alternate), Kelly Feyock, and Ursula Reynolds.

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP TEA

### GFWC AWC ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP TEA – April 10th, 2022

Spring is fast approaching and that means that flowers will be blooming and soon it will be Tea Time at The Wimbish House.



Mark your calendars. Our annual membership tea will be Sunday April 10th from two to four o'clock in the afternoon. All invitations are being sent electronically. The invitations have gone out to members and to thus far reported guests and potential members.

If you would like an invite sent to a guest or potential member, please send their name and email contact information to Judy Reece at [events@atlwc.org](mailto:events@atlwc.org) so that we can extend your guests a special invitation. It would be helpful if you also sent if they are a prospective member, belong to an organization that AWC supports, or other.

If you would like to volunteer to help with the tea (pouring, setup, check-in) please send your information to Judy Reece at [events@atlwc.org](mailto:events@atlwc.org).

Some other things to remember:

Please feel free to add guests to your own registration.

You may also forward an invite with a personal note and the link to your potential guests and they can register themselves from that invite. The registration link for the tea is: (copy & paste in your browser)

<https://conta.cc/3tOal5Y>

Registration will end mid-week before the tea; we will have to give our caterers a count and also need to know the number attending for the room setup.

There is no cost for the membership tea. We will serve tea, punch, and appetizers.

We look forward to seeing you and your guests at the tea!

**Judy Reece, Member Events**

## ARTS & CULTURE

This month the Arts & Culture CSP donated to the following local non-profit organizations...

- \* The Atlanta Artists Center (2979 Grandview Ave NE): \$1,500 to sponsor 2-3 upcoming exhibits. Last year our donation sponsored the East Meets West, a collaboration exhibit with the Atlanta Chapter of Ikebana International; Farm to Table, a new exhibit that encompassed a broad range of subjects from pastoral scenes to still life; and Reality or Abstraction, a tried and true exhibit that runs the gamut of art expression. To learn more about these exhibits and AAC, visit [www.atlantaartistscenter.org](http://www.atlantaartistscenter.org)
- \* PaintLove: \$1,000 to support their art programming for youth facing poverty and trauma. They provide art therapy for Kate's Club. They also host community art projects where our help is needed for set up and clean up and assisting kids and parents during the project. Our donation also supports their youth summer arts camp. To learn more about PaintLove and their volunteer opportunities visit [www.paintlove.org](http://www.paintlove.org)
- \* National Black Arts Festival: \$1,000 to support their efforts in exposing, engaging, and entertaining audiences by presenting and supporting art and artists of African descent through programming such as the Move/Dance youth program, the NextGen Artist program, and the Fashion Forward student competition. To learn more about these programs and the NBAF, visit [www.nbaf.org](http://www.nbaf.org)

The Arts & Culture CSP will be hosting our 1st **“For The Culture Virtual Cooking Demo”** on **Friday, May 13th @ 7:00p** with local Atlanta Chef DePhon Robinson. We will explore Creole Culture and prepare Jambalaya. This will be a great opportunity to dive into the world of Culinary Arts all while learning more about the art of creole cooking, its origins, influences and techniques. All interested members who would like to join us on this Epicurean adventure should contact Billie Harris via email at [hawcinc@live.com](mailto:hawcinc@live.com) or via phone at 678-617-8511 to register.



Be sure to look out for more info on the following projects:

- \* **Foundation for Hospital Art PaintFest:** paintings done by members to be donated to a local children's hospital
- \* **Peachtree Women's Writers Alliance:** a writing group that will meet regularly to read, discuss, and offer constructive critique to women writers of all genres, disciplines, styles, and focuses creating accountability and enhancing writing skills.

## ARTS & CULTURE

### ART AROUND ATLANTA

Here are a few fun ways to support Arts & Culture this month in our community....

- \* 86th Annual Atlanta Dogwood Festival April 8-10th at Piedmont Park: Huge arts, music and food festival in Atlanta's Piedmont Park, with artists market, children's activities, international village, rides and more. Free admission. [www.dogwood.org](http://www.dogwood.org)
- \* Sandy Springs Artspalooza April 16th-17th: Annual outdoor arts and crafts festival with children's activities, local musicians, interactive art stations, plus up to 150 arts and crafts participants in every discipline. Free admission. [www.sandyspringsartspalooza.com](http://www.sandyspringsartspalooza.com)
- \* Horizon Theatre: The current show is "The Light" by Loy Webb running now through April 17th. Loy is a Chicago-born playwright, attorney, and theatre journalist. For more details about the play and tickets visit [www.horizontheatre.com](http://www.horizontheatre.com)

**If there are any ideas for projects or volunteer opportunities you'd like to share, please contact me via email, text, or call!**

Members who are interested in joining the Arts and Culture CSP, please email your name and mobile number to [hawcinc@live.com](mailto:hawcinc@live.com) to be added the **GroupMe** to stay up to date with projects and volunteer opportunities. Be sure to download the GroupMe app on your mobile device in advance. You can also send your name and email info via text to 678-617-8511.

**No prior Art experience necessary for many of our projects and volunteer opportunities, just simply a love for the Arts!**

**Billie Harris, CSP Chair**



## WOMEN'S HISTORY: PHOENIX FLIES

The Atlanta Woman's Club participated in the 2022 Phoenix Flies hosted by the Atlanta Preservation Center on March 11, 2022. Phoenix Flies is a celebration of Atlanta's historic buildings, landscapes and neighborhoods that are an integral part of the City's culture and economy. AWC members that participated in this year's event provided information on the history of AWC and the Wimbish House dressed in costumes pertaining to the decade. Phoenix Flies participants included Penny Blackford (1970 & 1980), Myra Carmon (1940), Amber Hahn (1920 & 1980), Judine Heard (1990 & 2000), Page Henry (1930 & 1940), Connie Morris (introduction and closing), Peggy Pruett (1950 & 1960), Ursula Reynolds (1895 & 1910) and Wendy Hamand Venet (1920). AWC members provided two showings at 10am and 2pm and close to 30 guests attended the event.



WOMEN'S HISTORY: PHOENIX FLIES CONT'D



**Ursula Reynolds, Women's History Chair**



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Karen Clydesdale, A Seeded Event/Fundraising  
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