



# Atlanta Woman's Club



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Hello Ladies,

Do you all remember last December when we couldn't wait for 2020 to be behind us? It doesn't seem that long ago does it? And here we are with 2021 soon about to go "poof" and be a distant memory. Every year we say the same thing— where did the time go and how did it go so quickly? It's a cliché for sure, but it is oh so true! At least this year we will be able to "wind it up" and spend time together at our meeting at the Wimbish House on December 13th. For the first time in almost two years we will finally meet and mingle while some of us may "jingle", ha -ha!! Let's all eagerly welcome those of our new members who will be with us in person for the very first time. Although the Zoom meetings have no doubt been great and have made it easy to gather every month without dealing with traffic or parking, it is time that we meet face to face and reconnect with each other. I am sure that this month everyone will be busy with shopping and planning to make your holidays special and to welcome in the New Year. It is an exhausting and crazy time but this is what the holidays are all about..... And I don't think we would want it any other way. When you get a moment to reflect, think about what the holidays truly mean to you and to your loved ones. And whatever that meaning may be is why we enjoy it so much, and often think of this as one of the best times of year!

I can't tell you how proud I am of the service to the communities around us that all of you have provided this year while under the leadership of our CSP chairs, the advancement committee chairs and the special committee chairs. I have said this before but it bears repeating....what a special group of women they are, always going above and beyond and thinking of the responsibilities they have to promote the Atlanta Woman's Club and do the work to help the people of the

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communities around us. Way to go AWC!!!

In closing, I wish you and yours the happiest of holidays, peace, love and all the best in 2022!!  
Can't wait to see everyone on December 13th at our beautiful Wimbish House.

CHEERS!!!

Jo Dee

\*Please remember to bring proof of vaccination or a negative Covid test between Friday and Sunday before the meeting. \*Masks are optional

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



## MEMBERSHIP



Ty Woods is a serial entrepreneur, real estate investor, business coach and the former CEO of Artportunity Knocks Inc, a non-profit organization she co-founded in 2007. She is an author and thought-leader in the Arts Education and Start-up business space. She has an MBA from Coles College of Business and a Bachelor's in Business Management where she graduated Valedictorian.

To date, her businesses continues to grow as she expands into the real estate renovations and investing business. She continues to mentor and conduct online business workshops for aspiring female entrepreneurs.

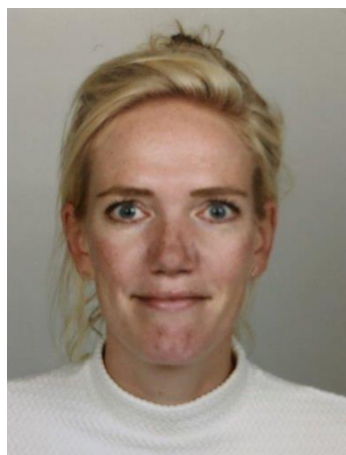
Ty lives in Kennesaw and is married to Chris Woods and has a 7-year old son.



Wendy Venet, now retired, was professor of American history at Georgia State University 1995-2019 and professor at Eastern Illinois University from 1985-1995. She is the author, editor, or co-editor of eight books, three of them focused on Atlanta's Civil War history.

She brings to the AWC an interest in local history and many years of experience as a speaker, writer, and instructor. She currently teaches for Emory's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, and she serves as co-president of American Association of University Women, Atlanta Branch.

Her hobbies include gardening, reading, and needlepoint.



My name is Caroline Bakels, 33 years old and I recently moved to the US with my husband and (wiener) dog. I work as a CFO for NNZ North America, which is a company active in the packaging industry.

I live in midtown, right around the corner from the Wimbish House. That is how I got to know the Atlanta Woman's Club. As I'm still relatively new to the area, I'd like to get involved in the club to meet new people and I also see it as a way to contribute to the local community.

I'm looking forward to contributing to the club with whatever skills I can bring in. I'm a good organizer and have a solid financial background. I also have a passion for cooking. I try myself to pursue a healthy lifestyle, and I'd love to help others do the same!

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

## ENVIRONMENT

Each year commencing in 2013, except for the year of COVID 2020, the Environment CSP has entered the Atlanta Botanical Garden's (ABG) scarecrow contest. The entries are placed throughout the Gardens for the public to enjoy during the month of October. For the first time, this year AWC partnered with E Rivers 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Brownie Troop #19821. This troop is Page Henry, Environment chair's, granddaughter Belle's Troop. The Troop & CSP members meet three times. Once to talk with the Brownie Troop about construction of the scarecrow at E Rivers School on September 10th, 2021.



Such a fun time for all, but frightening because of a nearby shooting at Peachtree Battle as the troop was about to go home. Page Henry and Penny Blackford attended this session along with Page's daughter Trisha, who is Brownie Troop leader, and several parents of the Brownie troop members. The second time was to construct the scarecrow, which the Brownies called "Miss Thin Mint," after the Girl Scout cookie of the same name. Page Henry, Karen Johnson, attended this session along with pictured Brownies and their parents. The third meeting was on October 22nd, 2021, to tour the garden and observe the scarecrow entries. (See pictures) Page Henry, Karen Johnson and Penny Blackford attended this session along with Brownie troop and their parents.

It was such a beautiful afternoon among the scarecrows, flower exhibition and the fall decorations of pumpkins and mums.

The ABG has three categories for judging and awards. Amateur, Professional and Visitors Choice. The Amateur and Professional Awards are granted by the Gardens but the Visitors Choice Award, was chosen by visitors to the Gardens voting online for their favorite entry. Of course AWC's choice was "Miss Thin Mint" #62 but other visitors chose "True Colors" (see pictures next page). The Professional Award was "Audi Sports", which was the first entry on left as one entered the gardens. Unfortunately, the winner of Amateur Award was not available.

## ENVIRONMENT CONT'D

The Environment CSP invites you to become part of this fun event by joining the Environment CSP. If you would like to become a member please contact Page Henry, Chair at [page.henry@harrynorman.com](mailto:page.henry@harrynorman.com) or 770-366- 1747.



Miss Thin Mint



True Colors

Submitted by Penny Blackford, 2nd Vice President, Dean of CSP's

**Page Henry, Chair**

**Karen Johnson, Co-Chair**

## ARTS & CULTURE



Happy Holidays AWC! The Arts & Culture CSP has been diligently working on new volunteer opportunities and fun and rewarding projects to help our community thrive, but we need your help! I'm calling on all members, with a love for the Arts and a passion to serve, to join me on **Sun, Dec. 19th from 5:00p-6:30p** for an "Arts & Culture ThinkTank". This will be an in-person meeting (with the additional option of Zoom). Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to Billie Harris via email at [hawcinc@live.com](mailto:hawcinc@live.com) or via phone at 678-617-8511. Location (in-person) and Zoom details will be emailed upon RSVP confirmation.

Looking for things to do for the holidays? We've made a list (and checked it twice, lol) of some family friendly activities for the "Art Lover" in us all! Enjoy!

### \* **The Snow Queen @ Serenbe Playhouse**

The Hans Christian Anderson tale that inspired Disney's Frozen is turned into a riveting performance of ethereal beauty. Like other Serenbe Playhouse performances, the show takes place in one of their three outdoor venues, The Natural Playground. As dark falls, the beloved story of love, cynicism and courage comes alive in the woods. The show is less than an hour without intermission, and you'll be expected to move about (just a tad) as the show progresses. Be sure to dress warmly. The Snow Queen is suitable for all ages. For more info and tickets visit [www.serenbeplayhouse.com](http://www.serenbeplayhouse.com).

### \* **A Christmas Carol @ The Shakespeare Tavern**

Witness storytelling come to life in a special adaptation of the classic Charles Dickens' play about Scrooge, the three ghosts he meets, and a little boy named Tiny Tim. Shakespeare Tavern is a hidden gem in the sphere of Atlanta performing arts, and outshines itself each year at Christmas with this performance. Rather than typical theatre-seating, you'll sit comfortably at a table in the audience. Don't expect the pomp and circumstance that traditional theatre draws, this is for genuine lovers of the arts. For more info and tickets visit [www.shakespearetavern.com](http://www.shakespearetavern.com).

### \* **Rudolph The Red Nose Reindeer @ Center For Puppetry Arts**

Rudolph at the Center for Puppetry Arts is one of the most anticipated events of the Christmas season. Each of the puppets take over six months to make, and they look identical to the Jon Ludwig/Tim Sweeney characters from the beloved TV special. In addition to Rudolph, you see his friends Hermey the Elf, Yukon Cornelius and the Abominable Snow Monster. The show is recommended for kids aged 5 years old and up, possibly because of the scary snow monster. But don't let this young age fool you; this is a show that adults will love, as well. If the classic TV show is holiday staple for your family, you will want to add this puppet show to your tradition. For more info and tickets visit [www.puppet.org](http://www.puppet.org)

## ARTS & CULTURE CONT'D

### \* **Stone Mountain Christmas**

Full of art & wonder! Families come together for memory-making moments as the park is draped with two million lights and plays host to a range of holiday productions. Visit Santa and listen to stories from Mrs. Clause. See Santa and other favorite holiday characters. Enjoy some familiar holiday tunes during the nightly parade. Catch a classic holiday film, and get in the spirit while singing carols aboard the Singalong Train. Fun for all ages! For more info visit [www.stonemountainpark.com](http://www.stonemountainpark.com).

### \* **Holiday Culinary Experiences @ Cooks Warehouse**

Whether you're planning a holiday gathering for family and friends, a food lover who wants to sharpen your culinary skills, or simply want to enjoy an engaging cooking experience in a fun environment, there is a cooking class for you. Our Chefs feature diverse menus showcasing dishes that are local, international, vegetarian and more. Book one of our many incredible cooking classes and indulge in the world of Culinary Arts this holiday season! For more info and tickets visit [www.cookswarehouse.com/category/the-cooking-school](http://www.cookswarehouse.com/category/the-cooking-school).

### \* **Artic Adventure @ Atlanta Motor Speedway**

Explore World of Illumination's Arctic Adventure, where you'll meet Sunny, a 32-foot-tall snowman, and all of his tundra-bound friends. You'll be delighted by your favorite holiday music on this 1 mile journey with whimsical winter characters. Nostalgic and memorable, the world's largest animated drive-through light show is a storybook adventure for guests of all ages. For more info and tickets visit [www.worldofillumination.com/park/arctic-adventure/location-hampton-ga](http://www.worldofillumination.com/park/arctic-adventure/location-hampton-ga)

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). Be sure to download the GroupMe app on your mobile device to stay up to date with projects/volunteer opportunities.

**Billie Harris, CSP Chair**



## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

### ELECTIONS IN MARCH – NOMINATIONS START IN JANUARY

Where has the time gone? It is hard to believe but we will soon be electing new Club officers and two new members of the Board of Trustees. The election will take place in March, installation will be in May, and new officials start work in June!

Nominations will open January 1 and will be accepted by the committee until mid to late February (precise date to be announced soon). Nominations should be sent to a member of the Nominating Committee.

Nominations are also allowed from the floor the day of the election; candidates must be qualified and must consent to serve.

The Nominating Committee is elected and serves for two years; this is their second year. The Nominating Committee members are: Judy Reece (chair), Beth Jetha (parliamentarian), Kelly Feyock, Ursula Reynolds, Britton Rogers, Karen Clydesdale (alternate), and Jennie Lobato (alternate).

Any Club member may nominate someone to run for office. Members of the Nominating Committee may be nominated; they must excuse themselves for discussions about their qualifications. Members may also nominate themselves. Those nominated for Board of Trustees must have been a member for two years; those nominated for Club officer must have been a member for one year beginning in January of the election year. No member can hold two offices.

We will be electing all of our elected Club officers: President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer. In addition, two members of the Board of Trustees will be elected.

Look for more information as we get closer to accepting nominations.

Reference in the Club Bylaws for duties of officers: Article IV – Officers.

Reference in the Club Bylaws for duties of Board of Trustee members – Article VI – Board of Trustees.

Reference in the Standing Rules, Article VI – Nominations and Articles IX – Nominations and Elections.

### **Nominating Committee**

# ATLANTA WOMAN'S CLUB ROSTER OF OFFICERS & EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

## Officers

Jo Dee Gonzalez, President  
Connie Morris, 1st Vice President  
Penny Blackford, 2nd Vice President  
Peggy Pruett, Recording Secretary  
Gretchen Butler, Treasurer  
Barbara Washburn, Assistant Treasurer  
Sandie Clendon, Corresponding Secretary  
Beth Jetha, Parliamentarian

## Board of Trustees

Karen Clydesdale, Chair (2021-2023)  
Donna Foland, Co-Chair (2021-2023)  
Jo Dee Gonzalez, AWC President (2020-2022)  
Connie Morris, AWC 1st Vice President (2020-2022)  
Beth Jetha, Parliamentarian (2020-2022)  
Gretchen Butler, Treasurer (2020-2022)  
Barbara Washburn, Asst. Treasurer (2020-2022)  
Britton Rogers (2021-2023)  
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Karen Bacheller, Past BOT Chair

## Community Service Program Chairs

Penny Blackford, Dean of Community Service Programs  
Billie Harris- Chair, Arts and Culture  
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Page Henry- Chair/Karen Johnson- Co-Chair, Environment  
Kelly Feyock- Chair/Maria Krane- Co-Chair, Health and Wellness

## Committee Chairs

Karen Clydesdale, President's Advisor  
TBD, Historian  
Ursula Reynolds, Women's History  
Lucy Willard, Tallulah Falls School  
Myra Carmon, 1734 Society  
Karen Clydesdale, GFWC GA President's Special Project/GFWC Signature Project  
Connie Morris, Membership  
Karen Clydesdale, A Seeded Event/Fundraising  
Judine Heard, GFWC GA LEADS/GFWC GA Environment Co-Chair  
TBD, ESO Book Club  
Karen Johnson, Peachtree Women's Writers Alliance  
Cimi Douglass and Judy Reece, Website  
Lisa Banes, Marketing/Public Relations  
Judy Reece, Member Events/Communications/Weekly Bulletin/Bridge  
Britton Rogers, Social Media  
Billie Harris, Newsletter Editor