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A Portion of **Desert Places Poem**

Snow falling and night falling fast, oh, fast
In a field I looked into going past,
And the ground almost covered smooth in snow,
But a few weeds and stubble showing last.
The woods around it have it - it is theirs.
All animals are smothered in their lairs.
I am too absent-spirited to count;
The loneliness includes me unawares.

-Written by Robert Frost

The holidays are fast approaching. Thanksgiving is in a few days with the excitement of travel, family, friends, and food. I want to remember that during this time there are those that are lonely, heartbroken, sad, and hopeless. I'm providing some numbers if you need them, or anyone needs them that maybe hopeless.

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is 1-800-273-TALK (8255) or 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline.

Joy is knowing that you can help with AWC projects to bring hope to some that are struggling with money, home life, hospitalized child, or an incarcerated family member.

Finding time to volunteer is good for the soul. It increases self-confidence. Helps you stay physically healthy. Aren't we lucky to have

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONT'D

AWC and the CSPs offering us the opportunities to volunteer. Thanks for all the planning ladies: Jennifer Quinn, Yolanda Johnson, Sara June McDavid, Meher Stevie, and Isabel Urrutia.

I hope to see you all at the December 12 meeting and the December 13 Holiday Party.

Connie Morris, AWC President 2022-2024



HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Meals that Heal Program at the RONALD MC DONALD HOUSE - a much-needed support service to families taking care of their sick children, who often don't have the time, funds, or energy to prepare a healthy, home-cooked meal. Thanksgiving is the time to give and be thankful for our blessings.

On November 18, the AWC Health and Wellness Committee prepared a delicious Italian meal for the families who are staying at the Ronald McDonald House.

A special thank you to Beverly Williams, Jo Friedman, Peggy Pruitt, Jennifer Spivey Karen Clydesdale, Kathy Wilde and Jack Day whose culinary expertise created a special meal.

The RMH guests and staff appreciated everyone's efforts.



HEALTH AND WELLNESS CONT'D

Wheels of Happiness



In November, the AWC Health and Wellness Committee donated a check for \$800 to the organization Wheels of Happiness.

Wheels of Happiness (supports spinal cord injury survivors and people with motor disabilities in disadvantaged communities in Georgia and around the world. WOH delivers mobility equipment and medical supplies; provides scholarships; funds required surgeries, and offers psychological support so our recipients can become independent, reintegrate to society, and add value to their communities.

If you are interested in learning more about this wonderful organization, you can access this link: <https://wheelsofhappiness.org/>

Isabel Urrutia, Chair

Sandy Day, Co-Chair

EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES



Presentation of \$1,000 donation to sponsor children's STEM programs and *Girls Who Code Club* at Ponce de Leon Branch Library of Atlanta Fulton County Library System. left to right, Jeannie Lightsey, Ponce Library Friends; Sara June McDavid, AWC Education & Libraries CSP Chair; Anne Vagts, Ponce Library Branch Manager; Connie Morris, AWC President

Sara June McDavid, Chair

Maria Krane, Co-Chair

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH



The Civic Engagement and Outreach CSP collected \$1000 in gift cards from AWC members to support the Georgia Justice Project's annual December holiday event. Nine members volunteered to work at the event which was held December 3 at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Midtown. They set up tables for lunch; served food; and worked the children's craft rooms, helping kids decorate cookies, assemble hot cocoa kits, and make Christmas tree ornaments and holiday cards. Over 40 GJP client families participated and received gift bags.



Written by Amanda Johnson

Yolanda Johnson, Chair

Janecia Heard, Co-Chair

ENVIRONMENT

Steam Punkin' Entry at Atlanta Botanical Gardens

The good omens mentioned in last month's article, of AWC scarecrow entry being placed by the restaurant and being featured on the Atlanta Botanical Gardens (ABG) Facebook page did not yet produce the results that were hoped for! STEAM PUNKIN' was not a ABG winner for 2022.

The ABG has three categories of competition. Business, Creative Professional and Amateur. AWC's entry falls into the Amateur category. The winners for this category in 2022 were:

1st: Radiating Gratitude (106) by Midtown International School

2nd: Ruth HAY-der Ginsburg by ANDRITZ Legal Ladies

3rd: King Frog (10) by the Boylan Family

Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all who participated in this fun event.

To quote Magic Johnson, basketball player, "In life, winning and losing will both happen. What is never acceptable is quitting."

Entering this contest each year provides AWC with an opportunity for growth, more effort, working hard, creativity, enjoyment and fun. At the end of the day, it is just a fun contest and what is important, to paraphrase another basketball player, Michael Jordon, is to take part, be involved. "Just play. Have fun. Enjoy what you are doing." AWC did just that.

Written by Penny Blackford

Meher Stevie, Chair

Judine Heard, Co-Chair

ARTS & CULTURE

Arts & Culture volunteered at the Atlanta Homes & Lifestyles "Home for the Holidays" Show house on Dec 2nd.

Arts & Culture supported and participated in the Hillside Atlanta's "Art Crawl" on Dec 3. We visited stations of local artists and also had the opportunity to take a tour of the Hillside campus.

Arts & Culture will have the Atlanta Opera with a guest speaker & a singer at the December General Meeting on Dec 12!

DrawChange has volunteer opportunities each and every week. Please contact Jennie Lobato for details. Jennielobato@drawchange.org

The Member's Art Contest submissions must be received by **December 31, 2022!!**

ARTS & CULTURE

The Atlanta Woman's Club gave Hillside Atlanta, Inc. a check for \$750.00 on November 22, 2022.

Jennifer Quinn, Chair

Jo Dee Gonzalez, Co-Chair



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