



Atlanta Woman's Club



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I write this, the target date of January 25th for state reports is close. Most of the Community Service Program chairs and committee chairs have completed reports. I am so amazed and proud of the volunteer hours donated in the community by AWC members. The numbers and quality of the philanthropic programs in the community are unbelievable. Many populations have been served. Many children's programs are supported including those for the homeless and the underserved. One program from the Arts CSP is drawchange where volunteers go monthly to assist with efforts to provide after school art therapy for homeless children. Another child related program is the Pajama Program which is the District President's special project where members volunteer to participate in a reading program. This program's mission is to promote and support a bedtime routine by providing pajamas, books, and care and attention by members of the AWC and others for a one hour "pajama party" where the children are paired with the volunteers and they read a book together that is selected by the child. They have refreshments and then select a book and pajamas to take home. Another program that the Arts CSP supports is focused on people with disabilities who are helped through dance. The program Full Radius Dance along with other partnerships teaches persons with disabilities to dance. They are helped through development of self-worth and seeing that they can achieve goals even though they may be in a wheelchair. This group performed at an AWC meeting and has performed for other groups including an event for the mayor. It was amazing to see them perform.

This week several members visited Georgia Cares on MLK day which was the state president's Day of Service. The Georgia Cares organization's program ensures that children who are victims of sex trafficking receive quality care and services. Since Atlanta is the hub of sex trafficking, this service is needed and the 24 hour-a-day availability is of service and help to many girls and boys. Georgia Cares has homes and other living arrangements for these sex trafficking victims.

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International planned a tea in Decatur for immigrant girls 7-18 years that are attending a school called Global Village for tutoring to prepare the girls for entry into local schools. The members were able to listen to the girls present to their parents their progress and to provide tea and food.

A Seeded Event planned an event for Women Veterans Interactive and several other groups to help financially women veterans facing housing, homelessness and other barriers preventing them from moving back into society. Also, an event was held for the Historic Oakland Foundation to benefit the historic Oakland Cemetery founded in 1850.

The AWC clippers or “snippets” are ever present at MLK snipping roses. Thanks to Conservation for these continued efforts. The Women’s History Committee continues to plan tours for the AWC and to make plans to preserve historical items in the club and documents pertaining to the club.

Communications using social media has skyrocketed. Thanks to all our Communications Committee for the time and efforts expended to keep members informed and reaching out through social media, weekly bulletins, newsletters, and many other communications.

There are so many populations and groups helped with the work of the members of the AWC. This is just a sampling. Thanks to all CSP and Committee chairs and members that work on these CSP’s and Committees.

We will have copies of the reports for members to review and see the wonderful work of the members of the AWC.

Thanks to Connie Morris and Judine Heard for reading and editing reports. This is a challenge to read through the reports and to make sure reports are in on time.

Remember if you are interested in an office in the AWC for the 2020-2022 years please let your interest be known to the Nominating Committee.

Myra Carmon, AWC President 2018-2020



GFWC INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION



GEORGIA
HOLLYWOOD OF THE SOUTH

GFWC Convention at the Sheraton Atlanta
located at 165 Courtland Street in
Downtown Atlanta
June 24-30, 2020





WE NEED YOU!

<p>Business Meetings Door Pages</p> <p>You will greet everyone with a warm smile and Hello and ensure that all entering the meeting have a name badge.</p>	<p>Table Hostess</p> <p>You will be the Georgia representative at the table. You will help keep the conversation going and making everyone feel welcome to Georgia. If the only time you can attend is to serve as a State Night Table Hostess, you do not have to pay the convention registration</p>	<p>Georgia Welcome Table</p> <p>You will Welcome ladies and offer them snacks and drinks and help keep this table replenished with items donated.</p>
<p>Meal Event Door Pages</p> <p>You will greet everyone with a warm smile and Hello and take meal tickets at the doors.</p>	<p>Tour Hostess and Bus Captains</p> <p>You will help ensure everyone taking the tour is on the bus. You will help distribute the drink/snack totes.</p>	<p>Sign Up</p> <p>There is a sign up link on our website. www.gfwcgeorgia.org Or email us at Ida Dorvee, 2020 GFWC GA Chairman idadorvee@gmail.com Julie Walters, 2020 GFWC GA Co-Chairman jude128@aol.com</p>

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

PUBLIC SAFETY REMINDER: The Wimbish House is a weapons-free facility.

As a privately-owned property, The Wimbish House is allowed to opt out of Georgia's Safe Carry Protection Act and clear notices to that effect are posted on site and included in our event contracts. Anyone – member, visitor or guest – in possession of a weapon of any kind will be asked to leave the premises, subject to arrest for criminal trespass. The only exception is paid security staff while on duty.

Ladies, please do not ever bring weapons of any kind to The Wimbish House premises. If you usually carry a weapon, it should be left at home or secured in your vehicle before you enter the property. The police will be called any time this policy is violated, and this policy will be equally enforced.

Thank you for your cooperation and compliance.

MEMBERSHIP

Congratulations to Maisha Harvey on becoming the newest member of the AWC this month. She has been a guest of Billie's several times and has really been looking forward to becoming an active member of the AWC! Take a look at her Bio and join us in welcoming this wonderful lady!



Hello! My name is Maisha Harvey and I'm originally from Atlanta. I currently work as a Nurse Practitioner with Emory Healthcare. I have a passion to serve others and travel. I've traveled to over 27 countries and explored 6 continents. My passion for travel lead me to launch my own travel agency, Mai Travel Destination, LLC. I specialize in customized trips to Europe, Asia and Africa. Looking forward to joining an organization which will allow me to get more involved within my community and serve others!

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Unpaid dues are now delinquent and need to be paid as soon as possible. Penny Blackford and Aimee Berry will be calling everyone personally with a gentle reminder to pay by the February meeting. After March meeting you will be removed from the roster. At that point you may rejoin by reapplying. Many thanks to all of you.

Jo Dee Gonzalez, 1st Vice President, Membership

INTERNATIONAL

Six members of the ATLANTA Woman's Club attended a Chinese New Year's Day dinner on January 21st. The array of dishes included shrimp soup, calamari, vegetables and other assorted dishes. Festive table decorations included red stuffed cuddly baby rats for the year of the Rat, bamboo and lovely Chinese water pitchers. A Lion Dance completed the festivities, as he twirled and danced to a beating drum he gobbled up dollar bills. A fun evening which gave us another look at a New Year celebration!

Patricia Walsh, International CSP Chair

HOME LIFE

Heart disease is the leading cause of death for women in the United States, or about 1 in every 5 female deaths. February is Go Red for Women Month. Please wear red to February's AWC meeting to raise awareness of heart disease prevalence in women.

Catherine, Home Life CSP chair

PUBLIC ISSUES

February is Black History Month, and Atlantans have many ways to observe and celebrate, many of them free of charge. Here are a few to consider:

Center for Civil and Human Rights: Free Admission

The National Center for Civil and Human Rights connects the American Civil Rights Movement to today's Global Human Rights Movements. Currently on display is "The Meaning of Hope: The Best of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Collection." Thanks to a grant from the Coca-Cola Foundation, admission to the Center is FREE during the entire month of February. Ticket info at <https://www.civilandhumanrights.org/comp-tix/>.

National Center for Civil and Human Rights

100 Ivan Allen Jr. Blvd

Atlanta 30313

Oakland Cemetery: Free Guided Tours

Throughout February, Historic Oakland Foundation hosts free guided walking tours of Oakland Cemetery's African American Grounds, the final resting place of some of Atlanta's black history pioneers, including Carrie Steele Logan, founder of Atlanta's first orphanage for African American children; William Finch, one of Atlanta's first African American city councilmen; Bishop John W. Gaines and Julia A. Gaines, pastor and First Lady of Big Bethel A.M.E. Church; and Maynard Jackson, Atlanta's first African American mayor. Get details at <https://oaklandcemetery.com/calendar/2020-02/>.

Historic Oakland Cemetery

248 Oakland Avenue SE

Atlanta 30312

African Americans and the Vote: A Film Screening and Discussion Series at Auburn Avenue Research Library:

In celebration of Black History Month, AARL is screening films and documentaries exploring the history of the Fifteenth Amendment, voter suppression and purging, and the right of Blacks to the ballot after the Civil War, each followed by a discussion. All documentaries and films are rated PG-13 and minors should be accompanied by a mature guardian or parent. Free and open to the public, with dates and details at <http://www.afpls.org/events-aarl>.

Auburn Avenue Research Library

101 Auburn Avenue NE

Atlanta 30303

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF ATLANTA

In celebration of Black History Month, the Children's Museum is highlighting African American artists and scientists and their significant contributions to the world in which we live. From the Science Bar to the Art Studio to the Build It! Lab, children will enjoy hands-on exploration while

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learning about men and women who were pioneers in their fields. For event times and details, see <https://childrensmuseumatlanta.org/event/black-history-month-programs-4/all/>.

Children's Museum of Atlanta
275 Centennial Olympic Park Drive
Atlanta 30313

APEX MUSEUM: History from the African American Perspective

APEX presents three permanent exhibits, “Africa: The Untold Story,” “Sweet Auburn Street of Pride” and “The MAAFA (The African Holocaust).” Open five days a week in the historic Sweet Auburn district, details are at <https://www.apexmuseum.org/exhibits>.

APEX Museum
135 Auburn Avenue NE
Atlanta 30303

HBCUs: Past, Present and Future Speaker Panel at College Football Hall of Fame:

Explore the history of football programs at Historically Black Colleges and Universities, as well as the current landscape and the future of these programs, as this free panel discussion highlights African American players, coaches and administrators. Moderated by Jay Walker, ESPN announcer and college football analyst, the panel will also include CIAA Commissioner Jackie McWilliams; former Bowie State quarterback and two-time Deacon Jones Player of the Year Amir Hall; NCA&T Head Coach at Sam Washington; and more. RSVP at <https://www.cfbhall.com/happenings/hbcus-past-present-and-future-speaker-panel/>.

Friday, February 21
College Football Hall of Fame
250 Marietta Street NW
Atlanta 30313

African Print Fashion Pop-Up Shop

Besida, a womenswear brand highlighting creativity and ethical African print fashion, presents a special Black History Month pop-up shop experience, featuring a wide range of designs including African print skirts, floral dresses, palazzo trousers, wrap blouses, head wraps, handmade jewelry and more, all made in Nigeria. Free tickets and more details at <http://shopbesida.com/ATLANTA/>.

Sunday, February 2, 11 am – 6 pm
75 John Wesley Dobbs Avenue NE
Atlanta 30303

Lisa Banes, Public Issues CSP Chair

CONSERVATION

GFWC's has challenged all federated clubs to participate in the Seven Grand Initiatives. The Second Grand Initiative is to plant 1,000 trees by Arbor Day 2020: In Georgia this initiative is implemented by each club planting 1/2 of its membership's number. For Atlanta Woman's Club membership is (118) or 59 trees AWC needs to plant by Arbor Day 2020. Conservation CSP has partnered again with Trees Atlanta to accomplish this year's goal. Please join us:

When: February 21st, 2020 from 9a-12p

Where: Armand Park at 2177 Armand Rd NE, Atlanta, GA 30324



Contact: Page Henry at page.henry@harrynorman.com or 770 366-1747 to sign up. Page will register all participants as a group on the Trees Atlanta link.

Ages: This project is great for all ages, and **volunteers under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.** Young kids can participate by massaging the tree's root ball to loosen it, filling the holes back in, and mulching and watering the trees.

Requirements: No prior experience is necessary. Trees Atlanta will teach you what to do. Physical activity such as bending, lifting, and kneeling is required. Trees Atlanta will provide all necessary tools and instruction.

Liability Release: Volunteers between the ages of 16 and 17 who are not accompanied by a parent/guardian must bring a waiver signed by a parent/guardian. All other volunteers must agree to our liability waiver when registering for this project and upon signing in.

Weather: Projects happen rain or shine, so please check the weather beforehand and come prepared. We will cancel projects if inclement weather such as lightning occurs and is forecasted to persist for the duration of the project. We will contact you via email if we choose to cancel in advance.

What to wear and bring with you: Long pants are recommended as you'll be kneeling on the ground. All volunteers need closed-toed shoes or boots, clothes that can get dirty, sunscreen and bug spray as needed, snacks as needed (though a meal or snack before the project is recommended), and **drinking water in reusable containers.** No one-time-use plastic bottles, please.

Trees Atlanta link will provide more information: treeatlanta.org/getinvolved/events/treeplanting-in-lindridge-martin-manor

Page Henry, Conservation CSP Chair

WOMEN'S HISTORY

February is Black History month. AWC members are encouraged to attend a free presentation by Sarah Collins Rudolph at Peace Baptist Church in Decatur on Wednesday, February 12 at 6 pm. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/d/ga--decatur/sarah-collins-rudolph> Sarah Collins Rudolph was 12 years old in 1963 when white racists planted a bomb at the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama and killed four innocent little Black girls. Their senseless deaths propelled the Civil Rights Movement forward. Miraculously, Ms. Rudolph survived the bombing. Her story of courage and triumph, is often overlooked by historians and rarely told. For the first time ever, Mrs. Rudolph comes to Atlanta to share in her own words. An Evening with Sarah Collins Rudolph is a historic opportunity to meet one of the unsung heroes of the Civil Rights Movement.

Volunteers Needed - Phoenix Flies 2020 will be on Friday, March 27, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. (two tours). Volunteer docents/tour guides to dress in period costumes are needed - please sign up now so we can find the perfect costume for you to wear from the Oakland Cemetery costume closet (February fitting date TBA) and give you time to review the tour script. Email or call/text Leigh Reynolds at e.leigh.reynolds@gmail.com or 404-431-3726. This is our TENTH year to welcome visitors to tour the home and hear our history and enjoy our beautiful Wimbish House.

Leigh Reynolds, Women's History Chair

ESO BOOK CLUB

Hello Readers,

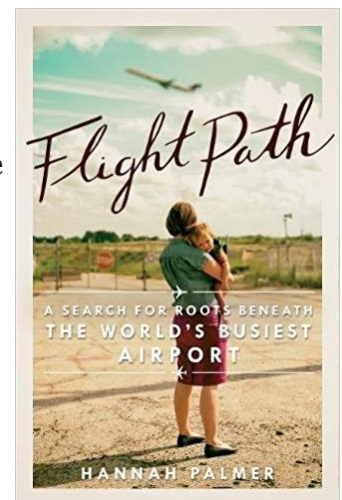
A thank you to Sara June for hosting January's book club meeting and spending an evening with author Sara Baker and her friend Molly. We had an intimate discussion with this very accomplished author. As always, the food was wonderful, lots of wine, appetizers brought by our members, and a delicious red velvet cake by Michael.

Thank you for your continued support of book club. Sara Baker immensely enjoyed the special evening with our book club.

Next book club is Monday, March 30th. The book is 'Flight Path' by Hannah Palmer. She will be joining us. More details to follow. I will have 12 paperback copies to sell at the February General Meeting.

Happy reading,

Melodie Rogers, ESO Book Club



ARTS

Every 3rd Friday of the month from 9:15a-11:00a, the Arts CSP will volunteer with drawchange at a local school specifically started for homeless children. We will assist kindergarten children with their art therapy projects by encouraging them to be creative, being a listening ear, re-iterating the importance of “Please” and “Thank You”, as well as other positive behavior. No art experience required. Please join us!

The Arts CSP would like to thank the following creative members who entered items for our GFWC Membership Art Contest: Judith Behrens, Knitting; Peggy Pruett, Stitchery; Patricia Walsh, Photography; Sara June McDavid, Photography; Catherine Smith, Mixed Media Art; Billie Harris, Poetry.



On Saturday, January 25th, the Arts CSP sponsored the Kids Zone at the Lanta Gras parade held in Downtown Kirkwood. It was well attended by children of all ages (and a few adults who were still children at heart). A big thank you to Jennie Lobato and Ann Hazzard for face painting, Catherine Smith for facilitating the Giant Connect Four, Giant Jenga, and Cornhole, and Natasha Foreman for volunteering at the arts and crafts table. The Arts CSP has been a proud supporter of Lanta Gras for the past 3 years. Lanta Gras is a 501 c 3 non-profit organization that provides free after school brass and percussion music lessons to underprivileged middle and high school children. We look forward to next year! Laissez Le Bon Temps Rouler! (Let the Good Times Roll)



***If you have any questions about any of the upcoming volunteer opportunities and events, would like more info, or would like to sign up, please contact Billie Harris via email at hawcinc@live.com or via phone at 678-617-8511.**

Billie Harris, Arts CSP Chair

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