



Atlanta Woman's Club



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It's the month of hearts! Valentine's Day originated as a feast day honoring a martyr named Valentine. It is now a big commercial celebration of romance and love. It's been recorded as early as 8th century. In the 18th century in England, it became the time for couples to express their love. In modern times we now have Galentine's Day which is typically observed on February 13th. So Happy Galentine's Day to each of you!

February is America Heart month with a focus on Women's heart health. www.goredforwomen.org is a site to learn more about women and cardiovascular disease. Wearing Red is a focus for February and Heart month.



On January 26th Ms. Lucy Willard celebrated her 100th birthday with a host of family, friends, and leaders from organizations she has been involved with now and through the years at a lovely luncheon. Ms. Lucy graduated from John Hopkins School of Nursing and was a flight attendant in her younger days.

There were photos from those days, and she was a real beauty. She has been a member of The Atlanta Woman's Club since May 5th,

1984. She served as President 1994-1996. She has served as a District President. She has supported our club with hours of dedication and persistence in helping make it what it is today. Thank you Ms. Lucy!



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONT'D

Thanks to our Bylaw Committee we will have a vote on some amendments. Barbara Washburn and the committee have worked hard to make suggested changes to make our club perform better.

Reports were done a day before the deadline! Darlene and those reporting spent quite a bit of time counting hours, monies donated, and writing descriptions of the great projects we have had in the past year. Thanks to all!

Book Club met today at Page Henry's lovely home. We had delightful food including a birthday game for a character in the book. Terri Parlato, the author of ALL THE DARK PLACES, attended and talked about her writings and what writings to expect in the future. Her book was a suspenseful story. Thanks to Penny Blackford who coordinates the club, and Page for hosting.

I hope to see you at a meeting soon!

"All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt." -Charles Schulz

Connie Morris, AWC President 2022-2024



MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP DUES DEADLINE IS HERE

Dues for 2024 may now be paid by following the directions below. All members, including those who joined at any time in 2023 (except three that joined in December) must pay dues prior to February 15 and submit a Conflict of Interest Form for 2024. According to our Bylaws, failure to meet this deadline will mean that you will have to start the membership process over again.

The dues event can be found on the main page of the website (www.atlwc.org) on the right hand side. To pay your \$65 dues go there, or you can pay at the February 12th meeting. Dues must be paid by **February 15th**.

To submit your Conflict of Interest Form, please complete and email the form to Peggy Pruett at peggy.pruett@mindspring.com or mail to Peggy Pruett at 406 Abbey Springs Way, McDonough GA 30253. Everyone must file a Conflict of Interest Form.

(Press and hold the CTRL key while clicking the link below to access the form)

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Peggy Pruett, 1st Vice President, Membership Chair

NORTH WEST DISTRICT SPRING MEETING

NW District Spring meeting is being held at The Wimbish House on Saturday, March 9th at 9:30am. AWC, Buchanan, and Calhoun Woman's Club are the hostesses. All members are encouraged to come to learn more about our GFWC and be with other members in our district.

Submitted by Connie Morris

ARTS & CULTURE

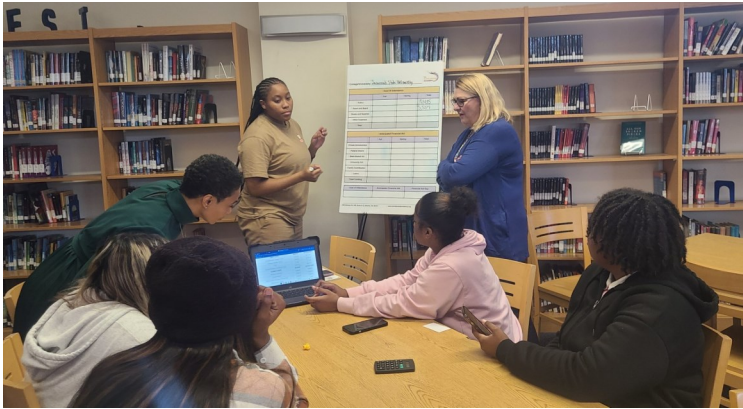


AWC had an informational and enjoyable afternoon on January 23rd at the Atlanta History Center. We started with lunch at Souper Jenny's and then got a special, behind-the-scenes tour of the Cyclorama given by one of the conservators on the project. Nancy Livengood is a professional restorations of art and objects for Fulton County. She told us some historically incorrect depictions made on the painting unbeknownst to the original artists. The tour was peppered with humor and knowledge helping explain that monumental event in American history.

Jennifer Quinn, Chair

Jo Dee Gonzalez, Co-Chair

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH



The Civic Engagement and Outreach CSP has partnered with The Scholarship Academy (TSA), a local non-profit that is teaching future college students how to pursue college without having to take on crippling debt. Nine club members met on a foggy Thursday afternoon to brighten the day for two dozen young ladies at Coretta Scott King Young Women's Leadership Academy (CSKYWLA) where they led an informative session addressing the “Cost of College.”

Our club members were trained and directed by TSA to work directly with the young ladies to help research, calculate and identify how students can avoid college debt through strategic planning. This involved exploring information on available Pell Grant funding and determining how state or university aides could bridge financial gaps for students seeking to remain debt-free while pursuing a college degree or trade certification.

As we continue to foster an on-going relationship with The Scholarship Academy, we would greatly appreciate more volunteers to further support our efforts. If you are interested in being a part of this opportunity, please contact Kim Y. Green at (678) 235-8024 or via email at Kim@SuccessfullyAcceleratingCoaching.com or Kourtney Zenovia at (470) 594-9142 or via email at Kourtney.zenovia@gmail.com.



Yolanda Johnson, Chair

Janecia Heard, Co-Chair

BY LAW COMMITTEE

To AWC Club Members:

We anticipate a vote in the February General Meeting. There have been some changes made to the Bylaws so they must first be voted on and pass in the Board of Trustees meeting and in the Executive Board meeting.

Following are the items that we will vote on.

The AWC Bylaw Committee is proposing two amendments to the bylaws.

The first amendment addresses the composition of the Board. We are adding a requirement that past Board of Trustees chair serve a full term as chair to remain on Board (new wording in bold)

Article VI – Board of Trustees

Section 1. Composition

The Board of Trustees shall consist of four (4) elected trustees, the Club President, the first vice president, treasurer and assistant treasurer, past Board of Trustee chairs in good standing **who have served a full term as chair**, and the parliamentarian or parliamentary advisor, who serves but has no right to vote.

Two (2) trustees shall be elected on odd-numbered years and two (2) trustees shall be elected in even-numbered years. Elected members serve for a term of two (2) years.

The second amendment adds a new section 3 on term limits for the elected trustees in line with the term limits we have for club officers.

Section 3. Term of Office

Officers of the Board shall serve for (2) years or until their successors are elected. Elected trustees may serve only (2) consecutive terms. The number of past BOT chairs serving on the BOT cannot exceed the number of members who serve on the BOT. The longest serving past BOT chair will automatically rotate off of the BOT if this occurs.

Barbara Washburn, Chair Bylaws Committee
Karen Clydesdale
Jo Dee Gonzalez
Jennie Lobato

NOMINATING COMMITTEE



Ladies,

An election will be held at the March 11th general meeting to fill the positions of President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and two Board of Trustees members for the 2024-2026 term. Our Club membership is graced by many talented and professional women, and the Nominating Committee appreciates the suggestions for candidates for these positions and the willingness of those who have agreed to serve our Club upon election.

*Please refer to ARTICLE IX – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS,
Section 2 - Elections*

Elections shall take place at the March general meeting and shall be by ballot. When only one candidate is nominated for each office, election may be by voice vote. No proxy vote is allowed. Nominations from the floor shall be allowed if the nominee is qualified, is aware of the responsibilities, and consents to serve.

Section 3 – Installation of Officers

Installation of newly elected officers shall take place at the May general meeting. Officers assume responsibilities on June 1.

Below please find our list of 2024-2026 Candidates for office.

President Candidate - Peggy Pruett

Club Member Since: 2018 - GaFWC member since 1980 (44 years!)

I am honored to be nominated for the position of President. I am fully invested in The Atlanta Woman's Club and its members. I served as President in MCWC for four terms during my 38-year membership. My style of leadership is to enable the other officers, CSP Chairs and Committee chairs with the tools that they need to be successful in their positions. I believe in letting competent leaders do their jobs and would be available and hands on for any help they may need.

Atlanta Woman's Club Involvement:

Recording Secretary. First Vice President. Executive Board. CSP member of Education, ARTS and volunteer work in all others as the opportunities are presented. Board of Trustees. Seeded Event Committee. ByLaws Committee. Tallulah Falls Committee.

State Woman's Club Involvement:

Secretary of the Board of Trustees for Tallulah Falls School (Board member for ten years). Served in many positions in the district over the years. Awarded Georgia State Junior Club Woman of the Year. Chair of a State Convention.

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Other Volunteer activities:

Served on the Board of Georgia Chapter of American Society of Interior Designers (member for 24 years). Officer for Haven House Domestic Violence Organization 10 years. Eagles Landing Charity Organization. American Cancer Society. Atlanta Heart Association. Forest Park Garden Club President (3 times over 30 years). PTA President. Clayton County Arts Association. I have served on many committees and boards in my church work. I lead a Widow and Widower's ministry. I am a member of the Jubalheirs which is a 200 member Georgia choir that presents concerts and mission projects all over the state and internationally.

Personal Information:

Atlanta native. Married to Ron for 59 years; 2 children; 4 grandchildren; 1 great granddaughter. Degree in Interior Design. Owner of Cornucopia Designs since 1994 – present. Co-owner of American Pipe Supports since 1975 – present.

1st VP Candidate, Darlene Kimes

Darlene – Currently serves as the 2nd VP and Dean of Community Service Programs for the AWC.

She works closely with appointed CSP chairs in identifying effective community programs, monitoring program spending and approves the distribution of funds. She collaborates with the leadership team in the review, approval and submission of End of Year State Reporting Reports. She has served as the CSP Chair of Civic Engagement. She attends Northwest District Exec-Board and general meetings. In the past three years served, she has served as the Legislative Chair for the Northwest District. She has completed the State Institute Leadership (LEADS) Program. The program broadened her knowledge of the GFWC organization, programs

and the relationship between state and club leaders. She has attended most GFWC State meetings since becoming a member. She also attended the 2017 regional convention in Atlanta. She has twenty-five plus years of program administration and Human Resources Management experience in municipal government. She is a former Deputy Director of the City of Atlanta and has served as HR Advisor to the Executive Branch Operating departments. Her fiscal responsibility has included directing a \$40M program and \$800M plus HR Budgets. She currently serves on the Board of Director of the League of Women Voters Atlanta Fulton and as Vice President of Membership. She currently serves on the Atlanta Regional Commission (10 County) Advisory Committee on Aging, Housing and Transportation. She has served on numerous boards, is an advocate for social justice, and advocates for public policy on behalf of Women and Girls at all congressional level. She has been awarded for her work in the community and featured in several newspapers in Georgia. She is a Business graduate of Fort Valley State University and has studied at Georgia State University. When she is not trying to influence change, she enjoys the arts, traveling and spending time with her daughter Valerie and granddaughter, Laryn.

2nd VP Candidate - Ann Hazzard

Ann Hazzard is a psychologist who was a faculty member at Emory University School of Medicine for 35 years. In addition, she was the managing partner for Peachtree Psychological Consultants, a private practice group. Ann has also been an active Board member for several non-profit agencies (Georgia Council on Child Abuse, Kidscope, Kate's Club). Through these roles, she has developed a focused expertise in budget development and oversight, personnel manage-

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ment, and event planning. As the principal investigator for several large grants, managing business partner, and non-profit Board member, Ann managed or oversaw large budgets. She selected and supervised employees and hundreds of psychology and pediatric residents. In addition, twice she chaired the Planning Committee for the Annual Convention of the Georgia Psychological Association.

Ann's varied experiences including her management of large budgets have prepared her to carry out and assume the duties of 2nd VP.

Treasurer Candidate - Judy Reece

I became a member of AWC in 2014. I until recently have been chair of Member Events and also am currently chair of Communications. I am a member of the Seeded Event Committee. I personally produce the Weekly Bulletin and do most of the maintenance to the AWC website. I have been a member of various CSPs and presently am a member of the Education & Libraries CSP. I have been Club Secretary, head of the Nominating Committee, served on the Bylaws committee and later served as chair of the Bylaws committee.

Outside of AWC: I have a degree in Management. I am retired; previously I was Director Information Systems Development for Norfolk Southern Corporation. One of the areas my group was responsible for was sending freight bills to our customers. I was responsible for our departmental standards and was the department liaison with Audit and with Law. Until the end of 2022, I was on my condominium board for 8 years where I served as president three times.

I have served as Assistant Treasurer for the past several months and feel confident that I can fulfill the duties of Treasurer.

Assistant Treasurer Candidate Judine Heard

I have been a member of the Atlanta Woman's Club since 2005. During that time, I've served on the telephone calling and social committee until appointed as corresponding secretary. I have been Home Life, Environment, and LEADS Chairman, President of the Atlanta Woman's Club and currently serving as an elected BOT trustee. At the District level, I am currently the 2nd Vice President for the North West District. At the State level, I have served in various capacities including Home Life CSP, Environment CSP, LEADS Chairman, the 2020 GFWC Convention Committee, GFWC Southern Region 2018-2020 Hostess Committee and volunteered at the 2018 Group Exemption workshop. I am also active in my community. Professionally, in the past I managed a small bank's mortgage department and later was a loan officer for a major financial institution. My experience within GFWC and professional makes me an ideal person for the position. Thank you for nominating me, I would appreciate your vote.

Recording Secretary Candidate – Melissa Bernadel

After graduating law school and moving back to Atlanta in 2018, I was in search of an organization that promoted philanthropy and fellowship. I was delighted to find Atlanta Woman's Club was a welcoming and engaging organization that embodied all the qualities I was in search of finding.

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I have been a member of Atlanta Woman's Club since 2019. During my time, I have enjoyed participating in various CSP initiatives and activities. I have also had the opportunity to take on leadership positions, including:

- Serving as the club's parliamentarian
- Serving on the Board of Trustee
- Serving on the By-Law Committee
- Serving on the Nominating Committee
- Serving as Legislative Chair

In my professional capacity in legal, business, and financial industries, I have accumulated the fine-tuned ability to take accurate accountings of meeting and conference records. As I continue to learn and contribute to AWC, I would love the opportunity to lend my knowledge and skill to serve as the

Recording Secretary for the 2024-2026 term.

Board of Trustees Candidate – JoDee Gonzalez

I joined the Atlanta Woman's Club in March, 2013, anxious to become an active member of an organization with hardworking, professional and dedicated women who also supported and promoted the mission of the club and volunteering. Volunteering allows you to connect to your community and make it a better place. I was quickly put to work as a co-chair of the Art Community Service Program committee and through my experiences over the past 9 years of membership, I have continued to learn more about the club and the responsibilities of the BOT with regards to the Wimbish House. As 1st VP and President of the club I served on the BOT as is stated in the bylaws. I consider it an honor to run for one of the elected Board of Trustee positions this year and hope that my knowledge and experience will continue to be an asset to the group. Below are the positions I have held since 2013, those in the Atlanta Woman's Club, in GFWC Georgia State and those I have had with GFWC Georgia North West District.

Experience:

2013- Present, AWC committees: Streets Alive Chair, Membership Committee Chair, Nominating Committee member, member of all CSP committees, the 120th Anniversary Celebration Committee member, Membership Tea committee, Seeded Event (fundraising) committee member, Phoenix Flies Committee member, and member of the Women's History Committee.

2013-2016: Co-chair for the Art CSP committee

2016-2018: 2nd VP- Served as Dean of Community Service Program Chairs

2018- 2020: 1st VP (Membership chair) - recruited and welcomed new members, encouraging their participation in club activities, and assisting President as needed

2018-2020: GFWC Georgia Bylaw Committee

2020-2022: Served as AWC President, elected Chief Executive Officer

2020-2022: GFWC Georgia NW District Nominating Committee

2020-2022: GFWC Georgia Legislation and Policy Chair

2022-Present: Arts & Culture Co-Chair, 1734 Society Chair, Board of Trustees

Education: Graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree, 4 year major in Interior Design. I have been a Professional member of ASID since 1972 and had a long career in residential, commercial and government interior design. I have been married for 51 years and have 2 daughters, both living in Atlanta.

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Board of Trustees Candidate – Barbara Washburn

I have been an active member of the Atlanta Woman's Club for nearly six years. Throughout this time, I have contributed significantly to the club's mission and objectives by serving in the various leadership roles listed below.

Assistant Treasurer
CSP Chair Education and Library
Legislative Chair
Domestic Violence Chair
Present Chair ByLaws Committee
Nominating Committee

I have demonstrated leadership and organizational skills, particularly in overseeing financial matters.

Beyond the Atlanta Woman's Club, I have served as the NW District's Health and Wellness Chair for four years. In addition, I have been Docent at the High Museum, contributing my time to enhance the museum experience for visitors.

Furthermore, I am on the National Board of Directors for the National Pancreas Foundation and the Atlanta Chapter Chair and committed to advancing the mission of the foundation both locally and nationally.

On behalf of the nominating committee, we would like to thank all the candidates for agreeing to run for the new administration. Please be prepared to vote for the above referenced candidates on March 11th meeting.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to email any one of our Nominating Committee Members.

Respectfully submitted,

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Barbara Washburn (bwashburn41@gmail.com)
Billie Harris (hawcinc@live.com)
Jennie Lobato (jclobato99@gmail.com)
Ursula Reynolds, Alternate (ursulabreynolds@gmail.com)
Melissa, Bernadel, Parliamentarian (mbernadel88@gmail.com)

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

Officers

Connie Morris, President
Peggy Pruett, 1st Vice President (Membership Chair)
Darlene Kimes, 2nd Vice President (Dean of CSPs)
Gretchen Butler, Treasurer
Judy Reece, Assistant Treasurer
Pat Walsh, Recording Secretary
Sandie Clendon, Corresponding Secretary
Melissa Bernadel, Parliamentarian

Board of Trustees

Karen Clydesdale, Chair (2023-2025)
Yolanda Johnson, Co-Chair (2023-2025)
Connie Morris, AWC President (2022-2024)
Peggy Pruett, 1st Vice President (2022-2024)
Gretchen Butler, Treasurer (2022-2024)
Judy Reece, Asst. Treasurer (2023-2024)
Jo Dee Gonzalez, BOT Trustee (2022-2024)
Judine Heard, BOT Trustee (2022-2024)
Page Henry, BOT Trustee (2023-2025)
Lisa Banes, Former BOT Chair
Karen Bacheller, Former BOT Chair
Karen McDonald, Former BOT Chair
Myra Carmon, Former BOT Chair

Community Service Program Chairs

Darlene Kimes, 2nd Vice President & Dean of Community Service Programs
Jennifer Quinn, Chair/Jo Dee Gonzalez Co-Chair, Arts & Culture
Sara June McDavid, Chair/Maria Krane Co-Chair, Education and Libraries
Yolanda Johnson, Chair/Janecia Heard, Co-Chair, Civic Engagement and Outreach
Isabel Urrutia, Chair/Sandy Day Co-Chair, Health and Wellness
Meher Stevie, Chair/Judine Heard, Co-Chair, Environment

Committee Chairs

Sara June McDavid, Women's History
Barbara Washburn, Domestic Violence
Lucy Willard, Tallulah Falls School
Jo Dee Gonzalez, 1734 Society
Lisa Banes, A Seeded Event/Fundraising
Myra Carmon, LEADS
Penny Blackford, ESO Book Club
TBD, Peachtree Women's Writers Alliance
Cimi Douglass and Judy Reece, Website
Judy Reece, Communications/Weekly Bulletin
Sandra Langford, Member Events / Sunday Setup
Billie Harris, Newsletter Editor
Ursula Reynolds, Social Media
Amanda Vincent, Photographer