



Atlanta Woman's Club



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Happy New Year everyone! I hope this month's newsletter finds you all healthy, rested and ready for all of the challenges of the New Year. The holidays have come and gone in what seems like a blink of an eye, and now the focus turns to January and the very beginning of 2022. During this first month of the year, friends and family members commonly begin to ask each other about their New Year's resolutions, defined by Wikipedia as a "tradition, most common in the Western world, in which a person resolves to continue good practices, change an undesired trait or behavior, accomplish a personal goal, or otherwise improve their life at the start of a new year." Doesn't this sound familiar?! To me it sounds a bit like the Atlanta Woman's Club mission which states that we will continue to do our work and volunteering in order to improve the lives of the people who live in and around the communities near us. I know several of the CSPs continued working over the holidays and if you missed seeing some of this work, you can always checkout our Facebook pages to catch up on the latest. I hope everyone has taken some time out for themselves during these past few weeks, and I don't mean the time you may have spent in bed while recovering from the flu, Omicron, Covid19 or any other ailment that I know some of us have had to push through lately! In addition the warm and rainy weather certainly felt strange, as it really wasn't our typical winter-like environment that we are used to, but at least we didn't have to deal with snow and/or ice! Thank goodness for that, right? I am sorry that we will have to meet on Zoom again at the next meeting, but it is better to stay safe, and we were able to see the Wim-bish House in all its splendor in December. We now have outside projector lights that will enhance the look of the house, and I hope we will

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all make a point to come and see the stunning results one evening while down in the area of 1150 Peachtree Street. I haven't been able to see it myself yet, but I hear that it looks fantastic! Thank you to the BOT for this very special addition! Well ladies, as 2021 fades off into the distance let's not forget all of the many projects and activities that the AWC has so proudly accomplished this past year, I suggest that you take a look at our website (atlwc.org), and under Member Resources, peruse some old newsletters, particularly those of 2021, and refresh your mind as to what we have so diligently worked on during the past 12 months. Contact one of us if you have any questions or better yet, if you have some new suggestions for future projects we would love to hear from you!

I look forward to seeing everyone on January 10 at 11:15 am, via Zoom. Check your emails and please don't forget to register!

With great appreciation and admiration for our members, wishing you all the very best in 2022!

Jo Dee ~~~

**Words of January: Dues ~ See Weekly Update
 Reports ~ See Weekly Update

Jo Dee Gonzalez, AWC President 2020-2022



MEMBERSHIP



Brook Bramley moved to Atlanta in August 2020 after living in the Dallas/Fort Worth area for 24 years. Her volunteer activities include being an active member of the Southlake Women's Club from 2009 – 2020 and serving on the Board as Communications Chair from 2018 – 2019. She served as Vice President and then as President of SASO (Students and Athletes Serving Others), a service organization she was involved with during her children's high school years. She was appointed by the City Council to serve on the City of Southlake Zoning Board of Adjustment from 2005 – 2007. Brook grew up in Oklahoma City and attended Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts. She met her husband of 30 years on her junior year abroad program in London. After they were married, they lived in London for seven years, before moving back to the US. Together they have three children ages, 23, 21 and 19. Brook's professional experience has been in the travel industry, working in management for American Airlines before starting her own travel agency. She has owned TripBoutiq LLC since 2008. Besides her love of travel, her other hobbies include spending time with her family, yoga, reading, cooking and wine. Brook loves meeting new people and looks forward to contributing her leadership and organizational skills to the Atlanta Women's Club.



Tiffany has been an Atlantan since 2004 and is originally from Cleveland. She earned a BA from Columbia University and a Master's Degree in Nonprofit Management from Case Western Reserve University.

As an avid reader, her vision is to ensure that every child becomes literate and develops a love for reading. She has over fifteen years of experience in the Atlanta nonprofit community. Tiffany made her mark in Atlanta through her career with Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta and volunteerism with the Ryan Cameron Foundation, United Way of Greater Atlanta and Junior League of Atlanta. Her leadership has helped both organizations grow and further their impact in the greater Atlanta community.

MEMBERSHIP CONT'D



Hi, my name is Sandra Langford, I recently moved to Buckhead from Johns Creek. I have two daughters, 25 and 19. I have served on the Charity Guild of Johns Creek and was a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) representing foster children in Fulton County in 2017. I am currently an interior design student. I love to travel (especially to Europe) as well as reading, cooking, and playing RummiKub and Canasta. I am looking forward to meeting fellow Atlantans and serving my community!

Connie Morris, 1st Vice President, Membership

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Ronald McDonald House Charities Atlanta

“The health of the child comes first.” Nothing else should matter when a family is focused on the health of their child – not where they can afford to stay, where they will get their next meal or where they will lay their head at night to rest. This is the cornerstone in which the Ronald McDonald House Charities has built its homes since 1979. The Atlanta Ronald McDonald Houses have served more than 60,000 families with ill and injured children receiving medical care nearby. The houses do more than keep families close while their children are undergoing a medical crisis. Among many things, the charity helps reduce stress and the financial burden of taking off work to be with a sick child. They also help establish a network of support to cope and provide peace of mind knowing that the hospital and child is nearby. Research shows that patients whose families stayed at the Ronald McDonald House are the sickest, traveled the farthest distances, and spent the longest time in the hospital. Amongst peace of mind, there are many benefits and better patient outcomes when family is nearby:

1. Family proximity to the hospital provides important psychological benefits
2. Parent’s get better sleep at a Ronald McDonald House
3. Families who stay in a Ronald McDonald House report more positive hospital experiences and a greater ability to participate in their child’s care

HEALTH AND WELLNESS CONT'D

In addition to providing shelter for families, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at Hughes Spalding and Atlanta Ronald McDonald House Charities are working together to help create stronger and healthier families by increasing access to asthma care. The Ronald McDonald Care Mobile is a 40-foot long, 8-foot wide van that is a fully functioning medical clinic dedicated to bringing asthma care to children where they live, learn and play.

There are many ways to support Ronald McDonald House Charities, either through direct giving or providing volunteer help at their community events. To encourage philanthropy at a young career level, The Red Shoe Society was established and is open to young professionals in the Atlanta area who seek to lend a helping hand in meeting the needs of the nearly 3,000 families served by the Ronald McDonald Houses annually.

The Atlanta Woman's club has a longstanding history of supporting RMHC whether through collecting pop tabs or conducting food drives that are needed to keep the house going. We are looking forward to conducting more food drives as well as prepare meals for families once in-person volunteering is allowed to commence again.

General Meeting Guest Speaker

The Health & Wellness CSP is honored to host Ansley Wetherington, Volunteer and Program Coordinator of Ronald McDonald House Charities, Atlanta, as speaker for the January General Meeting. Before coming aboard as a full time employee, Ansley served as an intern and weekend manager for the Eggleston location. Ansley is responsible for managing the volunteer program at the Ronald McDonald House which includes securing meal donors, identifying off-site opportunities for engagement such as family kits, hygiene kits and helping to manage the Teen Council and VolunTeen programs.

Ansley is a proud 2018 graduate of Georgia College and State University. Prior to coming aboard Ronald McDonald House Charities, Ansley served as a Family Support Specialist, with Sheltering Arms Early Education and Family Centers.

As COVID-19 still presents its challenges for on-site volunteering, Ansley is excited to work with volunteers to come up with creative ways for them to give back and support the families of RMHC, even if it means doing so remotely.

Kelly Feyock, CSP Chair

Maria Crane, CSP Co-Chair

ARTS & CULTURE

Happy New Year 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, Jan 23rd from 2:00p-3:30p** 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 or via phone at 678-617-8511. Location (in-person) and Zoom details will be emailed upon RSVP confirmation.

Members who are interested in joining the Arts and Culture CSP, please email your name and mobile number to hawcinc@live.com to be added the GroupMe to stay up to date with projects/volunteer opportunities. Be sure to download the GroupMe app on your mobile device in advance.

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). ***Note that Britton Rogers is no longer a member of the committee for this election since she was elected to the Board of Trustees and no elected officer or elected trustee can serve on the Nominating Committee. Her prior service on the Nominating Committee is much appreciated.

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, 1st Vice President, 2nd 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

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Gretchen Butler, Treasurer
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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)
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Penny Blackford, Dean of Community Service Programs
Billie Harris- Chair, Arts and Culture
Darlene Kimes- Chair/Amber Hahn- Co-Chair, Civic Engagement and Outreach
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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