



Atlanta Woman's Club



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Happy New Year!

The holidays are over and it's the start of a New Year! I hope everyone is ready to make plans that will include volunteering more this year. We already have several things planned plus an outing to see how the art was archived at the Cyclorama.

This is the year of electing new officers for the 2024-2026 term.. We will vote at our March 11th general meeting. The candidates will be posted at the Wimbish House ten days before the election, and published in the weekly so you can make an informed decision for our new leaders. The new president will appoint the positions of CSPs, and other committee chairs after the elections. The installation of officers will occur at the May meeting.

Hopefully, all will renew your membership this year. I have enjoyed getting to know so many of you and would love to get to spend some time with more of you.

Our long-time member, Lucy Willard, will have a triple numbered birthday this year on January 26! You can find her address in our membership directory to send cards.

CSPs are working hard to send in their reports. Two committee chairs sent their reports in December before the holidays. Thanks for being diligent in helping the club!

"If you want something said, ask a man; if you want something done, ask a woman."

-Margaret Thatcher

Connie Morris, AWC President 2022-2024



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MEMBERSHIP

We are so happy to have the following new members join us at the December meeting. Please make every effort to get to know them and include them in your CSP activities and committee work.



ELLENA PARK

Phone: 678-200-0562

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Birthday: December 22

CSP interests: Arts, Civic Engagement, Health & Wellness

Committee interests: Greeter at meetings, Assist with meeting set-up

Sponsor: Jennifer Spivey

Endorsed by: Lisa Chaney & Peggy Pruett

Ellena Park Simkins' population of interest has always been women and children. Her academic background is in Community Psychology and Sociology where she contributed to published research on student empowerment. In addition to learning Korean in Seoul, South Korea, Ellena studied abroad at the University of Paris Sorbonne, learning French, and the University of Salamanca, learning Spanish. After a brief stint in New York City working on anti-trafficking initiatives, Ellena spent most of her career in her home state of Kansas as an advocate for Runaway, Homeless,

and Sexually Exploited Youth, as a Domestic Violence advocate, and as a case manager at a shelter serving unhoused families with children. During the pandemic, she served first responders by working with veterans, EMTs, firefighters, and law enforcement officers at a confidential substance abuse rehabilitation clinic. As a recent Atlanta transplant, Ellena joined the insurance industry to protect people from losing their homes. She looks forward to continuing to serve her community by devoting her resources initiatives addressing affordable housing, anti-human trafficking, LGBT+, and Women's issues as well. Ellena currently lives in Midtown, Atlanta with her husband and two terriers.



MEREDITH SMITH

Phone: 415-871-1019

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Birthday: March 17

CSP Interests: Civic Engagement, Education, Health & Wellness

Sponsored by: Connie Morris

Endorsed by: Peggy Pruett & Jo Dee Gonzalez

Meredith Smith hails from Birmingham, Alabama, and is a graduate of The University of Texas. She has worked in a variety of creative roles and companies including TNT Latin America, Cartoon Network, The Coca-Cola Company, Egreetings.com, Premier Retail Networks, The Weather Channel, and Weight Watchers. Meredith currently spends her time volunteering for Meals on Wheels Atlanta, Everybody Wins Reading Program,

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Respite Care Atlanta, National Alliance on Mental Illness, and Atlanta Ronald McDonald House Charities. When she is not volunteering, she can be found enjoying time with her two children and husband.



KIM GREEN

Phone: home -813-495-8553, cell - 678-235-8024

Email: Kim.y.green@gmail.com

Birthday: July 12

CSP Interests: Civic Engagement & Outreach

Committee Interests: Greeter at the Meetings

Sponsored by: Lisa Chaney

Endorsed by: Peggy Pruett & Connie Morris

Kim Green is the owner of Successfully Accelerating in Life (S.A.I.L) Coaching, also known as S.A.I.L Coaching. She is a certified professional Life and Leadership Coach, who is known as a transition expert. She help people through and beyond major challenges and transitions they are facing in their life and career with less stress, less fear and more confidence. Kim utilizes her proven history of success and wide-ranging skill sets as a Life and Leadership Coach to achieve her mission to help people better their life (as they define bet-

ter), live up to their fullest potential, and raise the collective consciousness of the world one person at a time. Prior to being a professional coach, Kim honorable retired from the United States Navy. As a Naval Officer, Kim's superior leadership capabilities have been exhibited throughout her professional career of establishing proficient and engaged workforces, formulating strategic vision, and driving continuous improvement across global operations while serving in various senior leadership roles. Kim holds several degrees, professional certifications, and awards. She balances her professional achievements with volunteering, traveling, spending quality time with family and friends, and practicing Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu.

DUES FOR 2024 NOW DUE

All members, including those who joined at any time in 2023 (except three that joined in December) must pay dues before or by **February 15th** and submit a **Conflict of Interest Form** for 2024.

How to Pay Your Dues:

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 in-person at the January or February meeting. According to our Bylaws, failure to meet this deadline will mean that you will have to start the membership process over again.

The **Conflict of Interest Form** can be found in the body of the email below the Newsletter link. Please email this form to Peggy Pruett at peggy.pruett@mindspring.com, mail to Peggy Pruett at 406 Abbey Springs Way, McDonough GA 30253, or submit in person at the January or February meeting. **Everyone must file a Conflict of Interest Form.**

Peggy Pruett, 1st Vice President, Membership Chair

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH

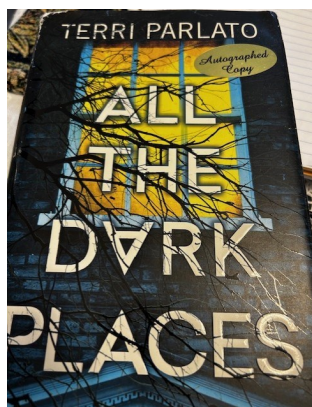
The Civic Engagement and Outreach CSP is partnering with The Scholarship Academy (TSA), a local non-profit that is teaching future college students how to pursue college without having to take on crippling debt. TSA has the perfect fit for a service opportunity for the Atlanta Woman's Club by hosting a "Cost of College" session for the young ladies (seniors) at Coretta Scott King Young Women's Leadership Academy (CSKYWLA) on January 25th from 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. The academy is located at 1190 Northwest Dr NW, Atlanta, GA 30318 TSA will offer a 1-hour webinar training prior to the event. To participate, you can sign up at the January 8 general meeting, or by contacting Kim Y. Green at (678) 235-8024 or Kim@SuccessfullyAcceleratingCoaching.com or Kourtney Zenovia at (470) 594-9142 or Kourtney.zenovia@gmail.com.

Yolanda Johnson, Chair

Janecia Heard, Co-Chair

ESO BOOK CLUB

ALL THE DARK PLACES & SECRET LIFE OF SUNFLOWERS



A savage murder rocks a quiet Boston suburb, revealing the dark secrets at the center of a group of friends in this clever propelling debut from our guest speaker and new mistress of suspense Terri Parlato. Who killed Molly Bradley's psychologist husband Jay? Detective, Rita Meyers Boston PD is convinced that someone in the couple's small circle of friends killed him, someone at his 40th birthday celebration.

Her book *ALL THE DARK PLACES* will be the selection for our next book club discussion. Page Henry

has kindly agreed to host this event at her home on Saturday, January 27, 2024, at 1:00PM. Address 1408 Waterford Green Way, Marietta, GA 30068. Please contact Penny Blackford at 404 308 0775 if you wish to attend.

This book can be purchased locally at the Bookmiser located at 3822 Roswell Rd. Suite 117, Marietta, Georgia 30062 (770) 509-5611. Annell Gerson is the Chief Book Loving Officer.

Earlier in the year on October 28, 2023, the book club met at Pat Walsh's charming home to discuss *THE SECRET LIFE OF SUNFLOWERS* written by Dana Marton aka Marta Molnar. This is a gripping, inspiring novel based on the true story of Johanna Bongor, Vincent Van Gogh's sister-in-law. Maria Krane shared with the group how to pronounce Van Gogh's name in Flemish, and about her visit to the Van Gogh exhibit in Paris at the Musee d'Orsay. There was also a lively dis-

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cussion regarding the contributions of Van Gogh's sister-in-law Johanna Bonger who inherited his paintings and what was fictionalized and what was true in the novel. It is true that Johanna was only 28 a widow with a baby in the 1880s, without any means of supporting herself, living in Paris, where she barely spoke the language. And yet she managed to introduce Vincent's legacy to the world for which we are all grateful.

Thank you, Pat, for being a gracious host and providing the delicious quiches and beverages and thanks to all others who provided edible delights.

The following people attended: Aimee Berry, Myra Carmon, Karen Clydesdale, Sharman Edge, Joe Ellen Friedman, Jo Dee Gongalez, Judine Heard, Page Henry, Lexa King, Maria Krane, Jennie Labato, Sandra Langford, Connie Morris, Peggy Pruett, Chris Puri, Sue Rohan, Mandy Vincent, and Pat Walsh.



Penny Blackford, ESO Book Club

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Request for Nominations for 2024-2026 GFWC AWC positions:

Our Club will hold an election at the March 11th general meeting to fill the expiring positions of President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and two Board of Trustees members for the upcoming 2024-2026 term effective June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2026.

As a member-driven organization we value the participation and input of our members. Therefore, the Nominating Committee is currently accepting nominations for these positions. We encourage all members to consider nominating themselves or someone else they believe would be a great fit for these roles.

This is a great opportunity for members to get more involved in our Club's leadership and help shape its future. Below please find the available positions for the 2024-2026 term.

Officers:

- President
- 1st Vice President
- 2nd Vice President
- Recording Secretary
- Treasurer
- Assistant Treasurer

2 Trustees:

- BOT Trustee
- BOT Trustee

According to Article IX – Nomination and Elections, Section 1, third paragraph:

“...The Nominating Committee should review Bylaws Article III Section 2 Membership Eligibility and Requirements before accepting potential nominations for upcoming Club officers. Duties and responsibilities of officeholders should be discussed with potential nominees before obtaining informed consent. After consent is obtained, the Nominating Committee report must be posted at the Club at least ten (10) days prior to the March general meeting and distributed prior to the March meeting. The report shall be posted in the member section of the AWC website and distributed to all members by either email or US mail.”

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.

Please refer to Article IV (Officers), Section 2 and Article VI (Board of Trustees), Section 2 of the Bylaws for qualifications and restrictions.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

Section 2 – Qualifications and Restrictions

A candidate for office shall have been a member of the Club for a minimum of one year, beginning in January of the year prior to the election, with regular attendance and participation. No officer may serve in two elected positions at the same time. No officer or elected trustee, except for the parliamentarian or parliamentary advisor and the corresponding secretary, shall serve on the Nominating Committee.

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ARTICLE VI – BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Section 2 – Qualifications and Restrictions

A candidate for trustee shall have been a member of the Club for at least two years with regular attendance and active participation. An elected trustee may not serve on the Nominating Committee.

The deadline to submit nominations is February 16th. The slate of officers will be posted in the clubhouse, website, and by email no later than March 1st. We encourage all interested candidates to review the Bylaws and Standing Rules before consenting to run for office, as it is important to know the duties and details of the position. Our club is fortunate to have many talented and professional women, and we look forward to filling the positions with candidates who will help propel our club forward.

Thank you,

Nominating Committee Members:

Cimi Douglass, Chair (cimi.douglass@gmail.com)

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