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“The Butterfly counts not months, but moments and has time enough. Today, tomorrow, and beyond. Butterflies are self-propelled flowers. Beautiful and graceful, varied and enchanting, small but approachable, butterflies lead you to the sunny side of life.”

-Author Unknown

Thank you for electing me as your 2022-2024 GFWC AWC President. I think of each of you as a beautiful butterfly. We are diverse in thoughts, ideas, appearances, experiences, and in many other ways, but like the butterfly each adds a colorful existence to our club.

We have a fresh team and some experienced members ready to find new ways to volunteer, learn, grow our membership, care for our members, and contribute to the nonprofits of Atlanta and the world. As the butterfly comes each spring and brings joy to us, I hope we all bring joy to each other and spread joy outside our membership.

Many thanks to Cimi Douglass for the induction of officers at the May meeting.

Thanks Jo Dee, the Board of Trustees, officers, and chairmen of all committees for an outstanding past two years during the Pandemic. A lot was accomplished during the 2020-2022 term.

I look forward to the next two years of leadership with each of you!

Connie Morris, AWC President 2022-2024



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MEMBERSHIP

We are excited for the beginning of a new club year. We love our club and want to spread the joy. Think about your friends, family, neighbors, etc. that would enjoy being part of our club, share our website and invite your guests. We will make them feel welcome and follow-up with membership information. Contact me at 404-444-9933 or peggy.pruett@mindspring.com if I can help in any way.

Peggy Pruett, 1st Vice President, Membership

LEADS

The date for Leads is **Friday August 26**. Institute is **Saturday August 27th**. It will be held in Athens at the UGA Center for Continuing Education. More information to come in July.

State convention 2023 will be held **April 21-23** at the Atlanta Marriott NE/ Emory Hotel.

Myra Carmon, LEADS/Leadership Chair

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

On behalf of the Health and Wellness Committee CSP, I want to thank all who contributed to the Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) Project! The RMHC Volunteer Program Coordinator was so pleased with the number of AWC donated items to ease the burden of the families with children undergoing treatment!

A reminder to those who contributed: Please send me an email (gauchache@gmail.com) with the totals you spent in groceries, time and travel (2022 mileage rate: \$0.14/mile). PLEASE ESTIMATE COSTS IF YOU NO LONGER HAVE RECEIPTS! Your totals are recorded as in-kind giving for reporting. Thank you!

Submitted by Maria Krane, Former Co-Chair

Isabel Urrutia, Chair
Sandy Day, Co-Chair



BYLAWS

According to our bylaws the following serves as written notice to all members of the upcoming by law changes which will be voted on at the June meeting. These bylaw revisions have been approved by the BOT and the Executive board.

Article XIV of the AWC Bylaws Titled: Amendment of Bylaws states:

“Upon recommendation of the Bylaw Committee, changes are presented to the Board of Trustees and the Executive Board. Upon their acceptance, these bylaws may be amended at a Club general meeting by majority vote provided written notice via email and/or USPS of the amendment has been sent to each member at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting at which the vote is taken

The first proposed change is to **Article VII Community Service Programs and Committees, Section 3- Annual Fund Allocation**: Funds for CSP work are allocated annually. Adjustments in allocations may be made if changes in the Club's financial situation warrant. Any reallocation of funds for a designated CSP purpose must be approved by the Executive Board.

Add the sentence

Thirty Percent of the allocated funds must be spent by December 31.

The second change is also to Article VII Community Service Programs and Committees. Add Section 5 which would read

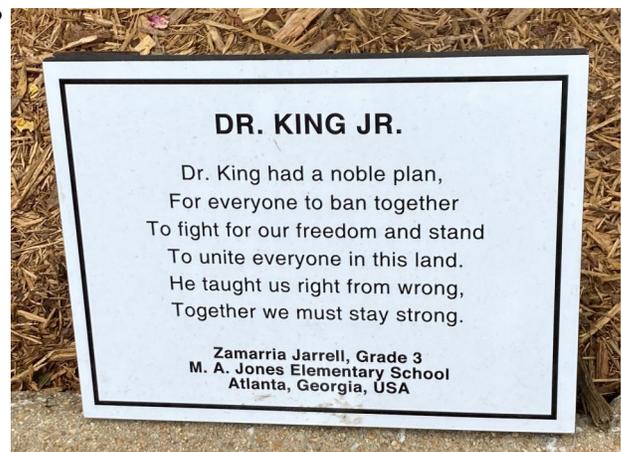
5. CSP Chairs may serve two consecutive terms as Chair of the same CSP.

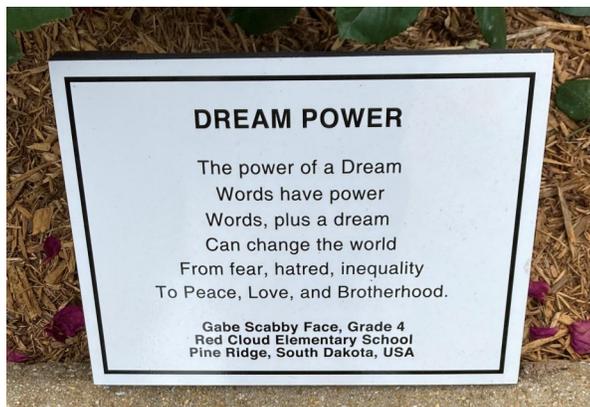
Karen Clydesdale, Board of Trustees Chair

ENVIRONMENT

The 30th Anniversary of the “I Have a Dream” World Peace Rose Garden was an enormous success. The celebration was held at the Martin Luther King, Jr National Historical Park and the Heritage Sanctuary of the Ebenezer Baptist Church at 407 Auburn Avenue, NE Atlanta Ga, May 12, 2022, at 12.15 PM.

For 30 years co-founders of the International World Peace Rose Gardens, Sylvia Villalobos and TJ David have partnered with the National Park Service at the Martin Luther King, Jr National Historical Park to glorify Dr. King & Coretta Scott King’s message of Peace through Nonviolence.





In 1992, the rose garden was planted and each year students from all over the world author poems of thirty-five words or less about Dr. King’s message. Of these entries thirty are selected to be memorialized in this celebration and to be placed around the perimeter of the Rose Garden for one year. Thousands of visitors to the garden read these poems and are uplifted by their messages and the roses.

The program this year featured the top winners and the reading of their poems in four waves interspersed with presentations by Marty Smith, Chief of Interpretation and Education, who did the Welcome, Reverend John H. Vaughn, Executive Pastor of Ebenezer who gave the Invocation, Judy Forte, Superintendent National Park Service who introduced Doug Shipman, City Council President who presented a Proclamation., Judy Forte also did the Rose Garden Partnership, Page Henry, Chair of the Environment Community Service Program did an outstanding Partner Organization presentation, Sandy Huber, Project Director University Park World Peace Rose Garden Sister Garden in Stockton, California, introduced the Messages of Peace Wave No. 4, Marty Smith and Sylvia Villalobos, Awarded the Certificates to the Top Winners and Closing Remarks and Special recognitions were made by Sylvia Villalobos and TJ David.



Page Henry’s presentation highlighted AWC’s involvement with the World Peace Rose Garden which began back in 2015 when former member and Conservation Chair, Karen Johnson visited the MLK Jr. Historical Park with friends and saw the Rose Garden. Because of her concern and research AWC began to maintain the garden. Page also honored the students for their outstanding messages of peace. AWC provides financial support to have the garden fertilized and to support the anniversary celebrations with refreshments, medallions, and certificates. We also wrote thank you notes and volunteer at the event. In addition, fourteen volunteers called the “Snippets” aka” MLK angels,” go to the garden throughout the year twice a month between May and November to “snip the blooms,” and keep the roses blooming.



Sylvia and TJ also made a special presentation to Page Henry, Environment Chair, Jo Dee Gonzalez, AWC President and Penny Blackford, organizer of Snippets, of a glass rose on a mirrored tray. See Pictures next page.

After the ceremony, the students and attendees returned to the garden where their poems were unveiled and ended with an exuberant “rose toss.” See picture. Light refreshments were provided.

The following AWC members and family/friends are given special thanks for making the event such a success. Elvina Berry who helped judge the poems and select the top winners, and who also provided four lovely baskets for the rose toss and wrote “thank you” notes to top winners, along with Carla Williams, and Anne Valgoi.



Aimee Berry, Kelly Feyock, and her daughter Chloe, Judine Heard, Maria Krane, Catherine Smith, Beverly Williams, Carla Williams, and her friend Andy Balk who volunteered to work the event, helping with registration, lining up children for photos, accompanying the students to the church, organizing certificates, filling packets, preparing rose toss baskets, helping with rose toss, serving refreshments, checking students out and giving them their packets which contained, thank you notes, prizes and certificate/poems.

Special thanks also to Karen Clydesdale, BOT chair, Jo Dee Gonzalez, President and Page Henry, Environment CSP chair, and Meher Stevie, current Environment chair, who proudly represented AWC along with the other volunteers. The 30th Anniversary Celebration was also the same day as Jo Dee Gonzalez’s birthday! Happy Birthday!

Afterwards when photos of volunteers were being taken AWC made a presentation to Sylvia and TJ of Dorie Greenspan’s cookbook *Dories Cookies* which on page 235 has the recipe for the “World Peace” cookie. Judine Heard while listening to PBS learned about the cookie and was kind enough to share the wonderful idea which facilitated acquiring the book.



ENVIRONMENT CONT'D

Judine also made a batch of cookies which was shared with Sylvia, TJ, and other volunteers.

A wonderful event. If you are interested in volunteering in the future please contact Meher Stevie, Environment Chair, at, meher.stevie@gmail.com.



“Chantilly Cream” Rose Planting



On a lovely sunning morning, Friday May 13, 2022, at 10:00 AM, Karen Clydesdale, BOT Chair, Page Henry, former Environment CSP Chair and Penny Blackford, 2nd VP, met with Sylvia Villalobos and TJ David, co-founders of the International World Peace Rose Gardens, to plant a yellow rose at the Wimbish House. This rose called the “Chantilly Cream” Rose was planted to commemorate the passage of the nineteenth amendment giving women the right to vote. This rose was to have been planted for the National GFWC Convention that was to be held in Atlanta in 2020 but was cancelled because of COVID.

AWC became partners with the International Rose Gardens back in 2015. Under the leadership of Karen Johnson, the Conservation CSP Chair, AWC took on the maintenance and upkeep of the MLK Jr. Historical Park “I Have a Dream” rose garden located at 450 Auburn Ave NE, Atlanta, Ga 30312.

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Thanks to this partnership Sylvia and TJ kindly donated the “Chantilly Cream” rose for this delayed ceremony.

As part of this lovely event, Karen Clydesdale shared the meaning of yellow roses. During Victorian times, the yellow rose had a much different meaning than it does today. While it used to symbolize jealousy, now the symbol of a yellow rose represents friendship, joy and caring. These beautiful sun-colored roses can convey warmth, delight, gladness, and affection, as well as good luck, welcome back and remember me. This rose is perfect to give to a friend or someone who needs a little cheering up since these blooms are sure to brighten anyone’s day. How very fitting those words were for this happy occasion that commemorates the passage of the nineteenth amendment and the Atlanta Woman’s Clubs continued friendship and partnership with the International World Peace Rose Gardens.



Submitted by Penny Blackford

Meher Stevie, Chair

Judine Heard, Co-Chair

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