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New beginnings and old traditions: these are things that we look forward to happening in our 2024-2026 club years. I am so honored to be your President. I am no different than any of you who are capable leaders in your own ways. I am simply the current facilitator of great things coming our way. I have chosen the pearl as my symbol. Pearls come in many sizes, shapes, colors and price ranges but they are all very special. We all have untapped resources within us. We just need to continue to open those shells and enjoy the pearls. My inspirational motto is an old Native American Proverb "A Pearl is worthless in it's shell".

You elected a great slate of officers with whom I am grateful to work the next two years. I want to thank all the ladies who either came to me and volunteered or said yes when asked for various leadership positions. Please see the back sheets of this newsletter for all the ladies who help to make this club great. They are already at work making and/or continuing plans to keep us busy. My hope is that you will "just say yes" when asked for help.

Our greatest goal is now to get everyone of you involved in at least one CSP. We all need to be involved in the works of this club in order to make it greater each year. It is a proven formula that, in most organizations, it is one third of the members who do all of the work. We can certainly break that cycle. The signup sheets will be out on the tables again in June. Please sign up and follow through when you are called. This is not a weekly or even monthly obligation but it says that you are willing to work together with your club sisters for a common goal. Every member can work in all CSPs whenever anything that interests you comes up in the newsletter or weekly. With the help of every member, we can accomplish great things. No one can do everything but everyone can do something.

As my last duty as First Vice President, I had the pleasure of awarding anniversary pins to the following members: (If they were not present, the pins are being mailed to them.)

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONT'D

5 Years: Melissa Bernadel, Ada Duke, Yolanda Johnson, Maria Krane and Meher Stevie

10 Years: Connie Morris, Judy Reece and Ann Valgoi

15 Years: Judith Behrens, Marilyn Morton and Dinah Peevy

20 Years: Lisa Banes and Barbara Culver-ILaw

25 Years: Karen Bachelor and Ruth Yurchuck

30 Years: Sandra McNeil

I look forward to seeing each of you at our June meeting. When you receive your invitation, go ahead that day and register and pay. We need an actual count for the caterer. If you pay ahead by the early registration date it is \$15 for members. If you pay after this date and at the door, it is \$20 so it is more economical to pay ahead. Beginning with the September meeting, lunch for members who pay early will be \$20 and guests \$25. Members who pay late or at the door will be \$25. This cost rise has become necessary because of the rising costs of food and services. This is only to help cover the charges that we incur.

“It is funny how we are often misled as to which oyster houses a pearl - we must stop judging a soul on it's vessel.” -Elizabeth Anna

Blessings,

Peggy Pruett, President, The Atlanta Woman's Club



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH

Georgia Justice Project Backpack Program

The Civic Engagement & Outreach CSP continues to seek donations of school supplies and backpacks for children of incarcerated parents for the GJP back-to-school program to be held on July 27th. Our goal is 50 backpacks filled with supplies. Donations can be in the form of backpacks, school supplies, cash or gift cards.

We have a wish list at Amazon which you might want to use:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/19CRG58F5QROJ?ref=wl_share

(Hold Control and click to view)

Please let Amanda Robinson know your planned purchases to avoid duplication: 404-483-7893 or amandakrobinson@att.net. GJP would also appreciate volunteers at the program. Several members participated last year, and it was a fun event. Let Amanda know if you're interested. Thanks for your support!

Jennifer Spivey, Chair
Jo Ellen Friedman, Co-Chair

WOMENS HISTORY

The Dekalb County Historical Society is presenting a free lecture on "The Architecture of Walter T. Downing" on June 18, 2024, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Old Courthouse in Decatur (Second Floor), 101 East Court Square, Decatur 30030. Mr. Downing was the architect of the Wimbish House, so he holds a special place in our hearts. He was one of Atlanta's leading architects of the late-Victorian/Edwardian periods, and designed several homes, office buildings, and churches in Atlanta, Rome and Chattanooga. The lecture will be presented by architectural historian Dr. Robert M. Craig, Professor Emeritus at the College of Design at Georgia Tech. This is not a club trip; feel free to go on your own.

Amanda Robinson, Chair

JUNE GENERAL MEETING: SPEAKER SPOTLIGHT

We are excited to have Dr. Verena Brown from the Stephanie V. Blank Center for Safe and Healthy Children at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta as our speaker for the June meeting. She is a Child Abuse Pediatrician at the center dealing with abused children. She will discuss the range of services provided by the center. This is being presented by Health and Wellness CSP (Domestic Violence).

Submitted by Peggy Pruett, President, AWC

ARTS & CULTURE

Arts and Culture Advisory Committee (Lynn Brentnall, Page Henry, Judine Heard, Ursula Reynolds) along with Ann Hazzard and Peggy Pruitt met on May 22nd to get ideas and start making plans for our group for the coming year. A lot of great ideas were brought up and we will have an exciting program. There were many, many members interested in being part of our group so we are full. If a club member has a particular interest in being part of Arts & Culture, we will of course welcome them to our committee. The full committee will meet on June 2nd, at 2:30p at the Wimbish House.

Lynn Brentnall, Chair
Page Henry, Co-Chair

INSPIRATION

Planting your Garden -- This came across my desk recently and I felt it offered much inspiration for club women.

For the Garden of Your Daily Living

Plant three rows of peas

1. Peace of mind
2. Peace of heart
3. Peace of soul

Plant four rows of squash

1. Squash indifference
2. Squash gossip
3. Squash grumbling
4. Squash selfishness

Plant four rows of lettuce

1. Lettuce be loyal
2. Lettuce be kind
3. Lettuce be patient
4. Lettuce really love one another

No garden is complete without turnips

1. Turnip for meetings
2. Turnip for service
3. Turnip to help one another

To complete our garden we must have thyme

1. Thyme for each other
2. Thyme for family
3. Thyme for friends

Water your garden freely with patience and cultivate with love. Your garden will reward you with much produce because you reap what you sow.

Submitted by Sara June McDavid, Historian

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