



# Atlanta Woman's Club



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Greeting Ladies,

In case you were wondering, March is named for the Roman god of war, Mars, but it is really one of the happiest months of the year, having its biggest holiday, St. Patrick's Day, like one giant party!

Let's not forget that March 1 is National Peanut Butter Lover's Day, with peanut butter peanut butter the necessary ingredient for a good ole' PB&J sandwich. Then on March 2 some celebrated National Banana Cream Pie Day, but my favorite one is.... What if Cats and Dogs had Opposable Thumbs Day on March 3rd? If you have never pondered this one, maybe this month is the time to do so!

Then there is the more realistic International Women's Day on March 8, which is a day to honor all of the women in your life, all of the smart, funny, hardworking, wonderfully kind and creative women in your life. The list of adjectives could go on forever. This is one that as GFWC women, we should get behind every day, as I think you all will agree.

The NW District Executive Board Meeting was in February and the NW District Meeting, for all members, is coming up on March 19, at 10:00am at the Dunwoody Nature Center. It is a lovely venue with refreshments at 9:30, and lunch provided by Marlow's at 11:30am. The cost of lunch is \$25.00 and any donations will be given to the Dunwoody Nature Center.

They are also collecting slightly used books for the free little libraries around the center, so consider bringing a few with you that morning. We will be voting to install a new administration, celebrate our accomplishments and honor those members who are no longer with us.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONT'D

If you have any questions about the meeting or registering please do not hesitate to email or call me or Judy Reece and we will be sure you receive the necessary information.( You also must register to attend so be sure to check that out.)

As promised last month I tallied up the number of projects that AWC completed, the volunteer hours that our members donated, the money that was donated from the club to our charitable organizations and the in-kind donations made. Remember that in-kind donations are not cash. It is for services or items donated. Here you go:

|                       |       |          |
|-----------------------|-------|----------|
| # of projects in 2021 | ----- | 90       |
| # of hours in 2021    | ----- | 4,532    |
| \$ donations in 2021  | ----- | \$84,331 |
| \$ in-kind donations  | ----- | \$17,024 |

Pretty amazing, don't you think? Gathering and compiling this information is no easy task either. It takes patience, time, a sharp eye and a dedicated heart. Please thank these generous women and congratulate them for a very successful year, all in the name of the Atlanta Woman's Club! This include the following ladies:

Billie Harris, Barbara Washburn, Page Henry, Kelly Feyock, Darlene Kimes, Karen Cyldesdale, Myra Carmon, Judine Heard, Dinah Peevy and Lucy Willard, Judy Reece, Connie Morris, Penny Blackford and Ursula Reynolds.

Needless to say there were other members as well who assisted these women, and I will ask that they mention them at the meeting! It truly takes a village, as they say!

I hope to see you all on the 14th at the Wimbish House, which happens to be pi day. Can you list the digits of pi?...3.141592653... I wish it was Pound Cake Day instead, or Oreo Cookie Day!

Cheers!

Jo Dee

**Jo Dee Gonzalez, AWC President 2020-2022**



## MEMBERSHIP

Let's Celebrate the following AWC member's Anniversary for this year.



Karen McDonald— 20 year member of AWC

Durette Ofoso—10 year member of AWC

Melody Rogers— 10 year member of AWC

**Connie Morris, 1st Vice President, Membership**

## LEADERSHIP/LEADS

### **AWC Leadership Academy**

#### **A few seats remain...**

The next AWC Leadership Academy class starts on March 26, 2022. This six month program is exclusively for members of the Atlanta Woman's Club who have been members for a minimum of 12 months.\*

The program is designed to educate and inspire future leaders of our club and beyond. By participating in the program, you will

- \* Learn what an ethical leader is and the characteristics of such leader;
- \* Learn the importance of diversity and how it impacts you as a leader;
- \* Hone your communication skills. Even if you are a seasoned leader you can benefit from this class;
- \* Discover ways to organize your time and avoid procrastination. Learn to take full advantage of electronic calendar apps and project management tools;
- \* Gain an understanding of finances (personally and professionally) documents; and
- \* Find out what is required to serve on a non-profit board.

#### **Upon completion**

You will have a better understanding of your capabilities; you will be able to set personal and professional goals, and you will be able to lead and motivate other people. If that is not enough, you will have the opportunity to meet and build relationships with ladies within our club.

## LEADERSHIP/LEADS CONT'D

### When are classes held?

Classes will be held-in person and virtually beginning Saturday, March 26, 2022. The remaining sessions are on April 16, May 21, June 18, September 17 and October 1, 2022. You must commit to attending all classes.

### Register

To learn more and register, visit The Atlanta Leadership Academy on-line at

**[www.gfwc-ga-awc-leadershipacademy.weebly.com](http://www.gfwc-ga-awc-leadershipacademy.weebly.com)**

\* Typically a candidate is required to have performed a minimum of 20 volunteer hours with AWC, however because of the pandemic, this is waived. The program is limited to 10 members.

### Judine Heard, GFWC GA LEADS

## EDUCATION



AWC Education CSP presented two \$1000.00 Scholarships at Coretta Scott King Leadership Academy for Girls.

**Barbara Washburn, Chair**

**Linda Hirsch, Co-Chair**

## ARTS & CULTURE

The Arts & Culture CSP had great Think Tank meeting on Sun. Feb 27th and can't wait to put things in motion. Below are a few of the upcoming projects and volunteer opportunities coming up:

- \* For The Culture Virtual Cooking Class: exploring other cultures through the world of Culinary Arts with a local Atlanta Chef.
- \* Foundation for Hospital Art- PaintFest: paintings done by members to be donated to a local children's hospital
- \* Peachtree Women's Writers Alliance: a writing group that will meet regularly to read, discuss, and offer constructive critique to women writers of all genres, disciplines, styles, and focuses creating accountability and enhancing writing skills.
- \* Youth Art Exhibit/Contest: High School Juniors and Seniors from local high schools will submit art work with the option of it being showcased or entered into competition for a prize.

**If there are any ideas you'd like to share, please contact me via email, text, or call!**

Members who are interested in joining the Arts and Culture CSP, please email your name and mobile number to [hawcinc@live.com](mailto:hawcinc@live.com) to be added the GroupMe to stay up to date with projects and volunteer opportunities. Be sure to download the GroupMe app on your mobile device in advance. You can also send your name and email info via text to 678-617-8511.



**No prior Art experience necessary for many of our projects and events, just simply a love for the Arts!**

**Billie Harris, CSP Chair**

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We will be electing new Club officers and two members of the Board of Trustees at our upcoming General Meeting on Monday, March 14th.

We do not have a candidate for Recording Secretary. We hope that you will consider who in the Club would be a good candidate for Recording Secretary, check with them and then nominate them from the floor at our meeting. You may also nominate yourself.

You will also be able to nominate for any position as well from the floor at the meeting. If possible, if we know someone is going to be added to the slate at the meeting then we can validate them in advance.

Candidates must have been a Club member beginning no later than January 2021. Candidates for the Board of Trustees must have been a member of the Club for two years and cannot be a dual member (also a member of another club). Candidates are also asked to complete a Consent to Serve form. And, of course, they must be current in their dues.

Thank you to the members of the Nominating Committee. You have worked hard to ensure we have a good slate of candidates, attended a number of meetings, and it has not always been easy in these difficult times but you have persevered. Members of the Nominating Committee are: Judy Reece (chair), Beth Jetha (Parliamentarian), Jennie Lobato, Kelly Feyock, Ursula Reynolds, and Karen Clydesdale (alternate).

The slate of candidates and their bios for the March 2022 Election can be accessed via the link in the body of the Newsletter email. These are also posted at The Wimbish House and will be included in the monthly newsletter and posted on the AWC website.

### **Judy Reece for the Nominating Committee**

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

## Officers

Jo Dee Gonzalez, President  
Connie Morris, 1st Vice President  
Penny Blackford, 2nd Vice President  
Peggy Pruett, Recording Secretary  
Gretchen Butler, Treasurer  
Barbara Washburn, Assistant Treasurer  
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)  
Britton Rogers (2021-2023)  
Judine Heard (2020-2022)  
Sara June McDavid (2020-2022)  
Lisa Banes, Past BOT Chair  
Myra Carmon, Past BOT Chair  
Karen Moore McDonald, Past BOT Chair  
Karen Bacheller, Past BOT Chair

## Community Service Program Chairs

Penny Blackford, Dean of Community Service Programs  
Billie Harris- Chair, Arts and Culture  
Darlene Kimes- Chair/Amber Hahn- Co-Chair, Civic Engagement and Outreach  
Barbara Washburn- Chair/Linda Hirsch- Co-Chair, Education and Libraries  
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