



# Atlanta Woman's Club



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As I look out my window and see that our Dogwood Tree is in full bloom, and the Azaleas are showing their colors after some freezing nights this week, I remember that we as women have overcome lots of things in our lives. We are resilient! The Atlanta Woman's Club is going strong with 86 members, and we continue to have visitors and requests of information about our club. Thanks to Peggy Pruett, our 1st VP and Membership Chair, for helping guide the ladies into our membership.

Our March program presented by The Environmental CSP had us standing and dancing! Thanks to Meher Stevie, chair of the committee, for having Sanam Azeem from the Pakistani American Friends of Atlanta as our speaker. The group lead environmentally friendly projects to make Georgia a cleaner place. We had a volunteer help with roadside cleaning this month with the group.

On March 14th 10 ladies traveled to Tallulah Falls School to tour the facilities, meet some students, have lunch, and were treated to a tea at the President's home of Larry and Dinah Peavy. It's great to have Dinah as one of our own members! We continued on to have wine tastings at two N. GA vineyards. Thanks to Donna Foland and Billie Harris for planning the trip.

On March 17th our members attended the student play at Midtown HS. All were impressed with the students' abilities as they performed A Chorus Line.

On March 25th 7 ladies went to clean books at Children Read.

Our April Membership tea was a great success! Thanks to our members Judy Reece, Peggy Pruett, and Janecia Heard. Thanks to Karin

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONT'D

Holben, Director of Sales and Events at the Wimbish House for getting the parking lot discounts and having the house in great condition. More thanks to Party Execs for the delicious tea food. We had close to 80 members and guests attend on the beautiful Sunday afternoon.

Carla Williams has donated to the club her beautiful silver set that her mother had. Her mother was the President of the Athens Woman's Club when Carla was a child. It is beautiful and we appreciate the gift. All gifts to the Wimbish House must be approved by the Board of Trustees.

May is our annual business meeting. We will have a wonderful capture of our past year. Thanks to Amanda Vincent for making a video of our year! The year has gone fast, and I've enjoyed being the lead of you such talented and wonderful ladies. We are adding members and that means we are doing something right. We've had many joys and concerns with members really supporting each other with love.

We have such a diverse group of members. I hope that all can realize that everyone has their special gifts and call on members to help with projects. I have respect for each of you and the best way to get to know each other is by attending meetings and volunteering. There are some opportunities available for all.

We will meet in June with the speaker from Women's Resource to End Domestic Violence. Barbara Washburn is chair of the committee and has found a group for us to give donations.

I look forward to all that is being planned for the future and hope you'll take the time to participate in something that will give you passion. I hope to see you at the May meeting.

"The most important single ingredient in the formula of success is knowing how to get along with people."

-Theodore Roosevelt

**Connie Morris, AWC President 2022-2024**



## MEMBERSHIP

We are excited to present three new members. Please make every effort to get to know them and involve them in your projects.

### Empress (Emmi) Logan



I'm an Atlanta native and proud graduate of the University of Kentucky. I received my BA in Psychology and it has opened many new avenues of learning for me. I look at most things through the prism of psychology, particularly design practices. Prior to graduation, I spent the summer in Italy researching the breadth of architecture and design. It was incredible to witness creativity firsthand; I'm now focused on bridging the gap between human condition and design. To sharpen my skillset in reconnecting people to their built environment, I plan to obtain my masters in Urban Science and Informatics.

Emmi is the daughter of one of our newer members Ninma Logan. Emmi is a delightful young lady who is very enthusiastic about joining us and becoming involved. Her email address is [ehenrylogan@gmail.com](mailto:ehenrylogan@gmail.com). Her phone number is 404-698-9611. She is interested in becoming involved with the Arts and

Culture CSP and is willing to be a Greeter at meetings. Please make every effort to make her feel welcome and to get to know her. Her sponsor is her mom, Ninma Logan, and her endorsers are Cimi Douglas and Peggy Pruett.

### Donna Ruscavage, MSW



Donna is a semi-retired public health professional with over 40 years of experience in disease prevention and health promotion. Her skills include project management, research, education and training, and technical and proposal writing. Donna loves travel, reading and photography.

Donna was a guest of Connie Morris. She is Sponsored by Connie Morris and Endorsed by Lisa Banes and Peggy Pruett. Her CSP interest is Arts and Culture. She also indicated that she would be interested in helping with Special Events. Her email address is [druscavage@icloud.com](mailto:druscavage@icloud.com).

## MEMBERSHIP CONT'D

### Elena Kholodova



Elena first visited us when she played the piano for the Arts program with the Atlanta Opera singer. She has been keeping in touch since then and has now met all the membership requirements. Her CSP interests are Arts & Culture and Environment. Her email address is [elenaoperacoach@gmail.com](mailto:elenaoperacoach@gmail.com). Her phone number is 513-470-0360. She is sponsored by Peggy Pruett and Endorsed by Jo Dee Gonzalez and Connie Morris.

Elena Kholodova is an internationally recognized collaborative pianist, recitalist, vocal coach and educator. She earned her Master and Doctorate in Piano Performance and Pedagogy from Voronezh Institute of Arts and Artist Diploma in Opera Coaching from The College-Conservatory of Music University of Cincinnati.

Elena has served as a coach/pianist at Mariinsky Theater, opera coach/pianist at the Cincinnati Opera Summer Festival, Sarasota Opera and Tyrol Music Festival. As a collaborative pianist Elena has appeared in substantial numbers of festivals, master-classes and summer programs including Constella Arts, Not So Classical, Spring of Saint Petersburg Music Festival, White Night Festival at Mariinsky, Festival of Music in Menton, Vocal Arts Schmidt Institute, Japan International Festival, and Mikkeli Summer Academy. Currently Elena is working as an opera coach/rehearsal pianist at The Atlanta Opera and the piano instructor at Morehouse College, also she runs a piano studio. Elena is enjoying spending time with her family: husband, three kids and a dog. Her hobbies include hiking, Pilates, and cooking various dishes of the Slavic Cuisine.

### **Peggy Pruett, 1st Vice President, Membership Chair**

## ARTS & CULTURE



Arts & Culture donated a large portion of our budget this month! We donated \$1,500 to the Atlanta Artists Center in which we are sponsoring the Member Exhibit on April 30th, 2023. We supported Midtown High School with a \$1600.00 check to buy supplies for the Fine Arts Program and \$750.00 to SCAD FASH in support of their fashion museum.

## ARTS & CULTURE CONT'D



**Jennifer Quinn, Chair**

**Jo Dee Gonzalez Co-Chair**

## EDUCATION & LIBRARIES



The Education & Libraries CSP spent all its budgeted funds for 2022-2023. The CSP made financial donations to the following charities Atlanta Fulton Public Library Foundation (for summer reading programs and to support the Girls Who Code Club), the Jeanette Rankin Foundation (for a scholarship grant for a mature woman), Midtown High School Foundation (for the ESOL program), The Pajama Program (for the Atlanta reading center), Children Read (for books), and HOBY (for supplies for both the 2022 and the 2023 Georgia summer student leadership conferences.)

In February to celebrate Library Lovers Week, the CSP provided snacks for the staff (75 people) at the Atlanta Public Library Central Branch. In April to celebrate National Library Week, the CSP provided snacks to the staff members at Peachtree Branch and Ponce De Leon Branch of the Atlanta Public Library. All the branches were very appreciative of the thank you gifts. Central

## EDUCATION & LIBRARIES CONT'D

Branch does not have a "friends of the library" group and are generally underappreciated, so the staff there seemed particularly touched by the tribute.

Education & Libraries CSP will be volunteering to clean books at **Children Read** on Saturday, June 3rd at 10:00 a.m.

Children Read is located at 2936M North Druid Hills Rd. Atlanta, GA 30329 (behind Ameris

Bank) Space is limited, so you must sign up at the May meeting or email Sara June McDavid at [sjmc david@gmail.com](mailto:sjmc david@gmail.com) to sign up.



Photo shows CSP Chair, Sara June McDavid with the Director of the Atlanta Public Library Central Branch and a staff member from volunteer services with some of the snacks displayed in the staff break room.

**Sara June McDavid, Chair**

**Maria Krane Co-Chair**

## PHOENIX FLIES

### ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL PHOENIX FLIES TOUR

Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, the Women's History Committee welcomed visitors to the Wimbish House for a morning and afternoon tour. When tickets went on sale our tours sold out very fast resulting in a waiting list. The total event ran through March 26th and again we anticipate great reviews from Atlanta Preservation Center. Over 250 hours went into the production of the event and involved 16 members. A member volunteers to be the hostess in each room of the house, giving a description of the room, the time period and significant events occurring during the decade they represent.

## PHOENIX FLIES CONT'D



Seated, by time period beginning 1895: Amanda Vincent, Carla Williams, Darlene Kimes, and Jennifer Spivey

Standing: Connie Morris, Sue Rohan, Chair Lynn Brentnall, JoDee Gonzales, Kathy Wilde, Penny Blackford, Jennifer Quinn, Catherine Smith, Amanda Robinson and Page Henry

**Submitted by Lynn Brentnall**

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