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It's been an active month for The Atlanta Woman's Club in October. The cooler temperatures and less traveling have everyone enjoying time volunteering together.

A tour of the SCAD Fashion Design Museum was planned by the Arts and Cultural CSP committee. We had roses being snipped at the MLK International Peace Rose Garden. We visited the Atlanta Botanical Gardens to see our Trashionista which was presented by the Environmental Group. It was announced today we were 2nd place winners in the amateur category. It's been a few years of hoping that we would be winners! Persistence pays off to get to a win! Streets Alive was held on October 22nd. Peachtree Road is closed to automotive traffic on this day. It was a perfect weather day for people to be able to walk, run, bicycle, or scooter from downtown Atlanta to 15th Street. It was especially fun to see the parades of dogs being walked. Civic Engagement, Education and Libraries, and Membership had activities planned that drew people to our driveway and porch. Our Health and Wellness will be volunteering for the H.E.A.T. Board of Directors Annual meeting this week.

Thanks to all the ladies that have contributed to making us more visible in the Atlanta area.

We will have our Holiday Party at the Wimbish House on December 12th from 6:30- 9:30p. This is for members, spouses, and significant others. We will have drinks, food, fun, music, and dancing! This is a ticketed event. Make plans now to wear your favorite cocktail attire.

Congratulations to Darlene Kimes as she has been nominated to serve on the Nominating Committee for the GFWC NW District.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONT'D

Kim Sekulow, GFWC GA State President will be our speaker at the November 13th General Meeting. I hope you'll be able to attend.

"Piglet noticed that even though he had a Very Small Heart, it could hold a rather large amount of Gratitude."

-A.A. Milne

Connie Morris, AWC President 2022-2024



MEMBERSHIP



We are excited to welcome into our “Club baby” group, Koen Young, born on June 10th, 2023. His proud Mama is Christian Horlbeck. He is adorable and we look forward to watching him grow. Congratulations to Christian!

Membership Dues are now being accepted for the 2024 club year. Judy will have instructions in the weekly of how to pay online and the link to complete the Conflict of Interest Form (COI) and email to me. You may also mail your check for \$65 to The Atlanta Woman’s Club, PO Box 57814, Atlanta, GA 30357 Attention: Membership. We will have a table in the foyer each month beginning November - February for you to pay by check or credit card and complete your COI form. Any member who has not paid their dues before February 15th will be removed from membership and must start the process of membership again. So, three easy ways to take care of this and have it checked off your list. For new members who joined in 2023, the dues you paid were for 2023 and you will need to renew with \$65 for 2024.

Peggy Pruett, 1st Vice President, Membership Chair

LEADS

Atlanta Woman’s Club’s LEADS team will host its an annual AWC 101 workshop on Thursday, December 7th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. The workshop briefly reviews AWC’s bylaws, various elected and appointed positions within our club, and an overview of what is expected as officers. This is the perfect workshop for new members and members interested in seeking an office (elected or appointed). We will also review the affiliates of GFWC. All members are invited to attend the virtual workshop. Please register on-line by November 11th, 2023. The registration link can be found underneath the newsletter link in the cover email. You will receive the workshop link separately.

Submitted by Judine Heard

Myra Carmon, LEADS

TFS Students Thriving in the Classroom and Beyond



Tallulah Falls School is off to an exciting year. This year, TFS has added a fourth-grade class. With the addition of a fourth-grade class, we can offer even more to our Tallulah Falls School families and other families in the area.

TFS lower and middle school students are thriving. Recently, the seventh-grade history classes conducted an archeological dig created by teachers Amanda Rogers and Jonathan Roberts. Through this, students experienced the intricate aspects of an excavation. The middle school STEM classes designed, built, and tested air pressure powered water bottle rockets.

The lower and middle school students have also participated in multiple experiential learning trips like white water rafting and visiting the Georgia Aquarium, Georgia Mountain Falconry, and the Children’s Museum of the Upstate in Greenville, South Carolina.

In addition, there is tremendous growth in the upper school as TFS offers various academic experiences on campus and beyond. Currently, our juniors and seniors can choose from over twenty-two dual enrollment college courses taken on our campus. Students graduate from TFS and begin college with credits toward their degree. The class of 2023 was accepted to over 150 colleges and universities and earned more than \$7 million in college scholarship offers.

In September, our upper school students participated in our yearly Mid-mester experience - a week-long experiential learning opportunity designed for each grade and unique to TFS. Our freshmen traveled to the Florida Space Coast, the sophomores traveled to historic Charleston, South Carolina, the juniors toured various colleges and universities throughout the southeast, and the seniors had the option to travel to places like New York or the Grand Canyon, as well as other choices such as a career exploration or an individual job shadowing experience.



TFS strives for each student to go forth in character, with spirit, and academically prepared to thrive in life beyond Tallulah in an ever more diverse and challenging world. This is accomplished through academic and extracurricular activities personalized for TFS students and led by staff who are exceptionally accessible and encouraging.

Written by Elisha Boggs, Director of Communications and Media at Tallulah Falls School

Submitted by Donna Foland

Lucy Willard, Tallulah Falls School Chair

TRASHIONISTA 2nd PLACE WINNER



It was ten years ago in 2013 that Karen Johnson, Conservation CSP, first entered Atlanta Woman’s Club (AWC) in the Botanical Gardens scarecrow contest. Each year AWC entered some fantastic entries, Nellie Peters Black who founded the first Georgia kindergarten, Alice in Wonderland, Volunteer Spirit, Spirit of Diversity, Emoji Halloween Party, Peaceable Planet, Cats in the Catacomb, Miss Thin Mint and Steam Punkin’ who was featured on the ABG Facebook page, but it was not until 2023 that AWC ever was awarded a prize.

Thanks to the creative and artistic abilities of Catherine Smith and her daughter Bella, this year’s entry, TRASHIONISTA, won 2nd place in the Amateur category. Congratulations, Karen Johnson who first had the idea to enter AWC into the contest, to Catherine and Bella’s design for making it happen and to all those who assisted in the process.



AWC’s entry was a Fashionista completely made of recycled trash thus the name. Her wonderful hat was made of a half of a fan frame, and soda cans and medicine bottles cut into flowers, her elegant necklace was made of gold and silver plastic cutlery, her balloon dress was made of large black trash bags filled with other smaller trash bags, tied into large balls and put together. Her sash was made of plastic shopping bags, that were cut into strips and woven and crotched together and trimmed with more silver and gold cutlery. Her designer bag was a take home box painted silver with the fan’s attached blade painted gold.

The following people helped to build TRASHIONISTA. The first building session held at the Wimbish House on September 11th, 2023, included Catherine Smith, Meher Stevie, Meher’s mother, Fatima, Yolanda Johnson, Judine Heard, Jennifer Spivey, Beth Jetha, Connie Morris, Kourtney Zenovia, Jennie Labato and Penny Blackford. The second building session was held at Catherine Smith’s home on September 16th, 2023, and Pat Walsh, Connie Morris, Yolanda Johnson, Judine Heard and Penny Blackford attended. The third session was held at the Wimbish House on September 20th, 2023, attended by Catherine Smith.

On Friday September 29th, 2023, Billie Harris, her husband Flav, and Penny Blackford transported TRASHIONISTA to the ABG.



ENVIRONMENT CONT'D

The AWC Environment CSP hosted a garden trip to see the scarecrows on Thursday October 19th, 2023. A fun time was had by all, including a delightful lunch in the ABG restaurant. The people attending were Connie Morris, Judine Heard, Ninma Logan, Billie Harris and Penny Blackford.

The Second-Place prize awarded by ABG was two Premium Plus Garden holiday Nights Tickets or a \$250 Visa Gift card. AWC chose the gift card and donated it back to ABG.



The first-place prize was four Premium Plus Holiday Night Tickets or a \$500 Gift Card. This was won by Midtown International School. The name of their entry is Harmony in Action.

The Environment CSP welcomes all who would like to join in the fun next year. Please contact Meher Stevie at meher.stevie@gmail.com or 404 374 8555 if you are interested in becoming an Environment CSP member.

Submitted by Penny Blackford

Meher Stevie, Chair

Judine Heard, Co-Chair

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

We had speaker Sarah Batts, Senior Vice President, Advancement and Executive Director of the Shepherd Center Foundation. Her presentation was very informative and touching. Shepherd Center, located in Atlanta, Georgia, is a private, not-for-profit hospital specializing in medical treatment, research, and rehabilitation for people with spinal cord injury, brain injury, multiple sclerosis, spine and chronic pain, and other neuromuscular conditions. Founded in 1975, Shepherd Center is one of the nation's top hospitals for rehabilitation.

In its more than four decades, Shepherd Center has grown from a six-bed rehabilitation unit to a world-renowned, 152-bed hospital that treats more than 743 inpatients, 277 day program patients, and more than 7,161 outpatients each year in more than 46,000 visits.

If you're interested in learning more about the Shepherd Center, their work and their challenges, check out this YouTube video:

(hold down the ctrl button and click the link to view)

[Pursuing Possible | Cindy Martinez](#)

NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE

The Atlanta Woman's Club participated in this great day of service on Saturday, September 30th. Fifteen wonderful and generous members from AWC met early on Saturday at The Zaban Paradies Center and prepared lunch bags for the couples staying at the center. They also donated clothes and helped organize the closet.

The volunteers were also able to hear a presentation about the center and learned important information regarding how one becomes homeless and some components of the transition between homelessness and independent living. The volunteers also did a quick tour of the center and were very impressed with it.

A big shout out to Sandra Langford who helped to coordinate the whole event.

POP TABS

We wanted to let everyone know that we were able to donate 11.5 pounds of Pop tabs to Ronald MC Donald House Charities (RMHC). This means more than 13,000 pop tabs! Thank you for all those who donated them.

RMHC will take these to the recycling center, and according to the price of aluminum, the recycling center will give them a check, which will be used for general operating expenses – so they can continue to serve families.

Isabel Urrutia, Chair

Sandy Day, Co-Chair

ARTS & CULTURE



Arts & Culture had an outing to SCADFASH on October 18th at with a docent guided tour of 'The Blondes' costume exhibit & 'Ellen Von Unwerth: This Side of Paradise' photography show. We enjoyed lunch at Café Lapin afterwards.

Arts & Culture helped with a service project with PaintLove on October 26th. We helped paint a large mural at the Howard School.



DrawChange is now in 3 homeless shelters providing art therapy to unhomed children. Jennie Lobato has volunteer opportunities available! Please reach out to Jennie at jennielobato@drawchange.org

Please continue to bring art supplies for donation to Hope Hill Elementary School.

Jennifer Quinn, Chair

Jo Dee Gonzalez, Co-Chair

EDUCATION & LIBRARIES



Education & Libraries CSP is having a busy Fall. On Sunday October 22nd we participated in *Streets Alive* at the Wimbish House. We invited the Atlanta Fulton Public Library to bring its bookmobile to the Wimbish House driveway to register people for library cards and promote library services. It was a great success. We signed up 100+ people for new or renewal library cards. There was also a steady stream of people coming up to talk about books, ask questions about library services and explore the bookmobile. Catherine Smith, dressed as the Disney Princess Tiana helped

attract families with children to the table. See photos.



On Saturday, November 4th, a group of AWC volunteers are going to Children Read to clean donated books.

On Tuesday November 14th, AWC volunteers will be helping staff of the Georgia Library Services for the Blind in producing a Talent Show. The talent will be provided by their blind patrons. The project will take place from 12:00—4:00p at the Central Library of the Atlanta Fulton Public Library. We will be assisting the blind attendees in navigating the library from the entrance to the auditorium and help them get to their seats. We will also attend the talent show and the reception following where we may assist the blind attendees with getting plates of refreshments. A few parking spaces will be reserved for us in the library employee parking deck, but we will need to carpool.

Sara June McDavid, Chair

Maria Krane, Co-Chair

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