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Fall is the fall sports season, sweaters, boots, bright colored leaves to heighten our senses, shorter days, pumpkins, candy apples, popcorn, caramels, county fairs, campfires, shorter days, and longer nights. I'm sure you members have your own definitions and memories of fall.

AWC is in an exciting time of meetings, events being planned, getting to know each other more, and meeting new friends. Mostly being aware of our community needs and making goals to help the chosen nonprofits that we want to help. Please join a committee or two and be involved in what we do. At our September meeting we had 44 members with 9 visitors. It was nice to see ladies that we haven't seen live since the beginning of Covid.

We will celebrate our oldest member Daisy Aukerman as she turns 100 years on October 2nd. The legacy of Daisy is certainly one not to forget. She has been our President, pianist, and held other positions so we could be who we are today. Thank you, Daisy, and Happy Birthday!

- Our next AWC meeting is October 10th.
- * The GFWC NW District will be meeting in Lafayette, GA on October 15th. Deadline to register is October 1st.
- * The GFWC Southern Region Conference will be held on Jekyll Island, Ga on October 20-23.

I want to thank the AWC Board of Trustees and especially Karen Clydesdale, the Chair. The work of the Trustees is to maintain our beautiful historic Wimbish House. Many hours are involved by some of the members to keep this home maintained, decorated, and financially sound.

I wish a Happy Fall to all!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONT'D

Autumn Fires

by Robert Louis Stevenson

In the other gardens And all up the vale, From the Autumn bonfires See the smoke trail!

Pleasant summer over And all the summer flowers The red fire blazes, The grey smoke towers.

Sing a song of seasons! Something bright in all Flowers in the summer Fires in the Fall!

Connie Morris, AWC President 2022-2024



MEMBERSHIP

We are excited to welcome two new members to our club. Please read their information below and make them feel welcomed.

Christian Horlbeck



My name is Christian Horlbeck. I am 25 years old. I grew up in Charleston, South Carolina. I love the beach, trying new places to eat, read, workout and family time.

I am a business owner/designer of Lauren and Chris, a clothing boutique that I have with my little sister for about 2 years now. I am also a remote health information specialist at Ciox Health. My goal is to be a mental health advocate for all ages but specifically to teens and young adults. I am a great problem solver. I adapt well to different situations, am very creative and organized. I am willing to learn and take on new challenges.

Christian is sponsored by Connie Morris and endorsed by Peggy Pruett and Jo Dee Gonzalez. She is interested in working with the Arts & Culture and Civic Engagement & Outreach. She is also willing to assist with Special Committee-Fundraising and Special Events.

Leslie McBee



I was Born in Durham, North Caroline. My father was a Methodist Minister and we moved about with the Virginia Methodist conference to various churches. I attended Mary Washington University and graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University. After graduation, I had a Bachelor of Arts in History but was offered a position in upper management at Sears. I moved several times with my position and ended up in Atlanta. I joined the Peachtree Road United Methodist Church where I met and married my husband. Five years later we welcomed our adopted son Jerry. My husband traveled with his job and I became a stay home mom. I taught on a limited basis at Intown School and at our church. About 20 years ago, I founded North Atlanta Professional Prep for middle schoolers and teens. JC and I live in our long time home in Briarcliff Woods. We enjoy our church,

Oakgrove United Methodist, travel, extended family visits and various other interests. Leslie is sponsored by Wendy Venet and endorsed by Myra Carmon and Connie Morris. She is interested in becoming active with Education and Libraries CSP and willing to be a Greeter at meetings.

This brings our membership total to 100. Please invite your friends and work family who would be interested in being an active member of our club to visit with us. Make sure you introduce them to me at the meeting since we are only acknowledging them calling their name and having them stand during the meetings to conserve time.

Thanks you for being willing to be a table hostess at our meetings. There are no extra duties that go with the position other than answering questions of any new members or visitors at your table and making them feel welcome. When choosing a seat, just sit where the sign is located or move it to the position you choose. We have had great feedback from this.

Peggy Pruett, 1st Vice President, Membership

ARTS & CULTURE



Arts & Culture is having an outing to SCADFASH on Wednesday, October 5 at 10:45 am. The guided tour starts at 11:00a and features the amazing work of Christian Siriano: People are People. The cost is \$5/person. Lunch to follow at Café Lapin at Peachtree Battle Shopping Center. Please RSVP to Jennifer Quinn by Mon. Oct. 3rd at jennquinn100@gmail.com. (20 ppl max)

SCADFASH 1600 Peachtree St NW Atlanta, GA 30309 404.253.3132

*Complimentary parking for SCADFASH is located in deck of the main SCAD building. Please park on level 4 and then take the elevator to the "M' level.

The Arts & Culture CSP will volunteer with drawchange at a local school specifically started for homeless children. We will assist kindergarten children with their art therapy projects by encouraging them to be creative, being a listening ear, re-iterating the importance of "Please" and "Thank You" and other positive behavior. No art experience required. *We still encourage members to assist drawchange on other needed days/projects at your convenience. There will be a sign-up sheet at the General Meeting.

We are asking members to donate art supplies of any kind for kids of all ages. A few standard items to consider donating are colored pencils, washable markers, drawing pads, crayons, construction paper, small and large poster boards, scissors, glue sticks, non-toxic liquid glue, sharpies, etc. These supplies will go to children who need them to complete their school art projects. Please drop off at the Wimbish House.

The Arts & Culture would like to invite you to participate in the GFWC Member Craft Competition. One winner will be selected in each of the eleven (11) member craft categories:

- Stitchery
- Quilting #1 (Hand)
- Jewelry
- Sketch Art
- Sewing
- Quilting #2 (Machine)
- Painting 1
- Miscellaneous
- Knitting/Crocheting
- Nature Crafts
- Painting 2

There are also 2 Photography Contests. All photographers must be "amateur" status, digital or film pictures are acceptable, the size of picture must be 8" x 10" and mounted on board not to exceed 3/8 inch, no matted or framed photos, black & white or color, horizontal or vertical layout. These are just a few of the guidelines.

ARTS & CULTURE

Photography Contest #1 is "The World in Pictures"

The 3 Categories are:

- 1. Our World in Pictures
- 2. Natural Wonders
- 3. Reflections

Photography Contest #2 is "Volunteers in Action"

Deadline for entry is January 25, 2023. There are very specific rules. For detailed contest information, please contact Jennifer Quinn at jennquinn100@gmail.com and the rules will be emailed to you.

JenniferQuinn, Chair

Jo De Gonzalez, Co-Chair

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH

The Civic Engagement & Outreach CSP will sponsor a gift card drive for families of the clients of the Georgia Justice Project, the Atlanta based organization focused on serving Georgians impacted by the criminal legal system. In support of the Project's annual December holiday event, the CSP is seeking donations in the form of Target or Walmart gift cards in denominations no greater than \$20. These will be collected at the October and November AWC luncheon meetings and delivered to the Georgia Justice Project.



On September 19th, the Civic Engagement & Outreach CSP donated \$1000 to the Georgia Justice Project to support small business skill development and other training for clients. Seen here is CSP Co-Chair Yolanda Johnson presenting the check to Atoyia Johnson, GJP Social Services Director. Also pictured are Ermis Zayas, GJP Director of Development, and CSP member Amanda Robinson.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH CONT'D

The Civic Engagement & Outreach will be hosting the October 10th General Meeting. Jennifer King, Executive Director at Georgia CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates, will be our speaker.



In May 2018, Jen King was selected to succeed Georgia CASA's longest serving Executive Director (18 years) as the 5th director in the organization's 30-year history. Jennifer 'Jen' King, served as the Program Operations Director, coordinating training and support services for local CASA affiliates, including 200 staff, 500 board members and 2700 volunteers. Her leadership over the past 20+ years has helped to propel the statewide CASA organization into a dynamic, well-respected network. With degrees in nonprofit administration and child development, Jen has dedicated her career to making connections with and on behalf of children and families, alongside advocates and nonprofit leaders, and the larger community. She has worked with United Way of Greater Atlanta, National CASA, and many groups and committees involved in strengthening communities. Jen moved to Atlanta in 1995 to start a new adventure that continues today. Never having met a stranger, Jen is known for her enthusiasm, affirmation, and optimism. Her family indulges her regular outdoor excursions, visits with extended family & friends, and amateur photography.

To learn more about Georgia CASA please visit their website at www.gacasa.org.

Yolanda Johnson, Chair Janecia Heard, Co-Chair

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