



# Atlanta Woman's Club



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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give."  
Winston Churchill

Happy Holidays to our wonderful Atlanta Woman's Club members! Mr. Churchill's inspirational quote about the value of giving back rings true for all of our members throughout the entire year, not just during the holiday season. When we joined AWC, we all made a choice to give back and to live our lives with purpose and meaning. And if you ask me, that's living the good life!

As we begin the season of giving, let's consider giving not just to friends and family but also to people in need. I encourage you to search for products that either give back, raise awareness and/or help others. Whether you donate to a nonprofit organization in a friend's name, or pick up an item crafted by artisans working in developing economies, you will find that there are plenty of options for the shopper in search of a gift that has a social impact. I love the idea of buying once, giving twice. Ladies, we all know that we spend a lot of money in a matter of weeks during the holiday season, and I think it would be wonderful if we could focus some of that money towards gifts that give back. Let's buy once, give twice!

Although there are many, here are a few that I like...

<http://www.heifer.org/about-heifer/index.html> - Instead of exchanging gifts, empower a family to turn hunger and poverty into health and prosperity by giving the gift of livestock.

Feed: - <https://www.feedprojects.com/> - Lauren Bush founded FEED in 2007 with the simple idea of creating products that would engage people

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in the fight against hunger in a tangible way. Every one of her products has a number stamped on it that signifies the amount of meals or micronutrient packets provided with its purchase.

FashionABLE - <https://www.livefashionable.com/pages/our-commitment>. They believe that the end to generational poverty will come when people are able to provide for themselves. They seek to “give” to those living in poverty an opportunity by purchasing goods from them, and helping those businesses grow and employ more.

<http://www.tenthousandvillages.com/> - Located in Georgia. Support micro-enterprises that lift people from poverty by buying beautiful handmade household goods from Ten Thousand Villages. They also sell jewelry, scarves, and other handicrafts. (\$20 and up)

<http://www.reloom.org/> Founded in Georgia - re:loom employs and empowers homeless and low-income individuals through weaving beautifully designed products out of recycled materials. Join and support the re:loom movement by purchasing their products.

<https://www.fromwartopeace.com/pages/about-us>

They turn weapons meant to destroy us into art mean to restore us, swords into plowshares, bombs into beauty, hate into love, and war into peace. They have unique items Beer Not Bombs bottle openers; Make Wine Not War bottle stoppers. This green company also makes jewelry and accessories. \$20. Note this is not a faith based organization but it does have some faith inspired items. <https://www.fromwartopeace.com/collections/accessories-make-wine-not-war>

<http://www.pulseraproject.org/> - my daughter's Spanish class purchased a box of bracelets to sell – our family purchased a ton for her friends outside of school – we gave them as small gifts, or placed them on wrapped gifts as a gift tag/wearable bracelet. Each bracelet had a tag with a photo of the child or person that handcrafted the item. The bracelets were \$5 each. A great way to educate and raise awareness of those less fortunate to our children.

<https://www.thegivingkeys.com/> **The Giving Keys** exists to employ those transitioning out of homelessness in Los Angeles to make key necklaces and other jewelry out of repurposed keys.

<http://www.toms.com/#why-give-sight>. **Sunglasses from TOMS**

Buy a pair of sunglasses and TOMS will send money to provide life saving eye care to one individual around the world.

<http://www.toms.com/#why-give-shoes> **TOMS** is also known for its One for One [shoe products](#). (\$50 and up)

<http://31bits.com/> - Their Mission: Using fashion and design to empower people to rise above poverty. Their Model is to create dignified work opportunities for artisans worldwide while providing customers with a place to purchase hand made products. They provide artisans with access to counseling, health care, education and ways to improve their local communities and support their families. Everything they do is funded through product sales.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONT'D

As we close out our year and begin 2017, I'd like to sincerely thank each and every one of you for being a member of our club. Life is certainly better when we are connected with our friends and colleagues in the Atlanta Woman's Club. Each of us is different in many ways, but when we work and/or serve in club activities together, we are more similar than we think. We all have that one common thread that bonds us together and that is our dedication to giving back. Our service not only helps to create a meaningful life for ourselves, but it also "lifts up" others within our community as well. Thank you! You are all very special ladies!

Enjoy the Holiday Season and I hope to see you at our December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting! Former Mayor Shirley Franklin will be our featured guest speaker!

Cimi Douglass, President 2016-18  
Atlanta Woman's Club



## MEMBERSHIP

Tonya S. Watson

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**Welcome New Members!** AWC welcomed three (3) new members in September and two (2) new members in October. Below please find their bios. As always, it's very important to learn as much as you can about AWC's new members in an effort to get them involved in AWC service projects right away. "Involve, Engage & Connect!"



Bronwyn Williams (Mitchell) has called Atlanta home for over 25 years and has lived primarily in Gwinnett and Forsyth Counties. Recently single, she is a mother of three adult children who have blessed her with five amazing and individually unique grandchildren. As the former Director of the Pregnancy Resource Center and The Human Development Resource Counsel, both non-profit organizations, Ms. Williams enjoyed public speaking and fund raising. During her tenure, she developed community education programs, most notably The Impact Program, which is still implemented in the public school systems throughout Georgia today. As an entrepreneur and former owner of Trousseau and Company, Ms. Williams curated a unique selection of upper end Bridal fashions. The shop featured custom creations and full service wedding planning, fulfilling a niche in the Atlanta market place. At present, Bronwyn is the Quality Coordinator and Executive Assistant to the CEO of LW Scientific, Inc., where her role is primarily Medical Manufacturing Auditing ensuring quality within the manufacturing process. Creating a life of intention and purpose, Ms. Williams enjoys nature adventures, serving on the welcoming team of North Point Community Churches, horses, music, art galleries and going on what she refers to as "Nana-Dates" where she creates special memories with her four chivalrous grandsons and her beautiful granddaughter.



Dionna Collins is a Lean Six Sigma Green Belt that is passionate about technology, design, analytics and strategy. A graduate of the Art Institute of Atlanta and Full Sail University, Dionna is an Internet Marketing Manager at At Home Medical. she is fortunate enough to be able to offer her talents with other businesses and organizations to help expand in the industry. Since 2003, Dionna has worked as an internet marketing manager sr. search engine marketing lead, email marketing designer and director, package designer, web producer, and senior graphic designer within a vast array of companies. Dionna resides in Atlanta, GA, where she relocated from her hometown of Boston, Massachusetts as an adolescent. When not working, Dionna enjoys visiting museums, theatrical presentations, traveling and spending time with loved ones.

## MEMBERSHIP CONT'D



Britton Rogers is the daughter of AWC member Melodie Rogers, and is a recent graduate of The University of Alabama with a major in History and minor in Anthropology. Britton grew up in Seattle, Washington, and moved to Savannah, Georgia in 2009 where she attended St. Vincent's Academy. During her time in Savannah, Britton was a soloist in her choir, singing at school events and church, and became fascinated with historic architecture. At The University of Alabama, Britton became an avid fan of college football, an advocate for the environment and animals, and an intern at the Tuscaloosa County Preservation Society. Britton was also an active volunteer for her community in Tuscaloosa, serving at the Metro Animal Shelter and various other student led clubs. Britton is now living in Atlanta with her family and five pets including two Golden Retrievers, a Chihuahua, a cat, and a Russian tortoise. As she contemplates her future plans, Britton is excited to become a member of the Atlanta Woman's Club, serve the Atlanta community, and meet women who will empower each other to do good in Atlanta and beyond. Roll Tide!



Gretchen Butler has been working in Atlanta as a stage manager, production manager, and arts administrator since 1998. Gretchen was born in Petersburg, VA; raised in Richmond, VA and Beltsville, MD; received her BA in Theatre from Randolph-Macon Woman's College in 1998; and her MFA in Theatre Management from the Hilberry Theatre at Wayne State University in 2001. Upon completion of that degree, Gretchen moved to Atlanta and spent 5 years as a freelance Stage Manager for Atlanta area theatres including Theatre in the Square, Theater Emory, Jewish Theatre of the South, Georgia Ensemble Theatre and Arts Center of Coastal Carolina. In 2006, Gretchen joined the staff of Georgia Ensemble Theatre in Roswell as their Production Manager where she oversaw their Production Department, providing support and supervision for eight productions each season.

In the summer of 2014, Gretchen joined Serenbe Playhouse as their Company Manager and in January of 2015 became their first Managing Director. Gretchen is a member of Kingswood United Methodist Church, where she sits on the Board of Trustees. She also serves on the capital campaign committee for The Sunflower Initiative, a non-profit organization founded by women who value their woman's college experience and work to help provide that opportunity for other women by providing scholarships to young women attending woman's colleges.



## CONSERVATION



“Snippetts”, Judine Heard, Judith Behrens, Anita Jansen, Azam Zadeh, Lisa Banes, Karen Bacheller, Page Henry, Elvina Berry, Catherine Smith, Karen Johnson and Penny Blackford, continue to take turns attending the rose garden on a weekly basis and will do so through December. The results of their efforts and those of Ryan Tilley (spraying) and TJ David (irrigation & fertilizer) have made the rose garden very beautiful.

Beautification of the MLK Jr., birth home’s back garden and the landscaping around the row houses across the street has been delayed due to the home being closed for repairs.

Penny Blackford, Karen Johnson, Lexa King, Connie Morris and Azam Zedehe had wonderful lunch and day at the Atlanta Botanical Garden to visit AWC’s scarecrow entry “The Spirit of Diversity.”



Conservation CSP is pleased to be working with Captain Planet Foundation to put together milkweed growing kits for 100 Atlanta schools. Monarch Butterflies have been experiencing a great decline in recent years and they need milkweed to survive. It is the only plant they will lay their eggs on. Habitat destruction and pesticides are responsible. In addition to Monarchs, milkweeds also supply nectar to bees and other pollinators. Not all milkweed is equal when it comes to the monarchs and Captain Planet’s Leesa Carter Jones, Kyla Van Duesen, and Kim Bailey have helped to identify the right kind of milkweed for Georgia (common milkweed pictured below) and to acquire and distribute the planting kits. Each planting kit contains seed, seed-starting materials and an information packet for the students. Captain Planet was already working with the area schools to create planting gardens.

If interested in joining the Conservation CSP please contact Karen Johnson, Conservation Chair at [goodmoviesent@aol.com](mailto:goodmoviesent@aol.com) or 770-984-2804.

## TALLULAH FALLS SCHOOL

Mrs. Lucy Willard, Chair

The Tallulah Falls School students will enjoy holiday break from December 15th through January 3rd.

## ESO BOOK CLUB

Hello Readers,

Thank you for the 20+ who ventured out in October to A Capella Books. It was a wonderful Fall evening with owner Frank Reiss and Molly Brodak, author of *Bandit*. A great night to celebrate books in Atlanta!

Thank you to JoDee Gonzalez and Karen Clydesdale who attended the Milton Literary Festival with me on November 12th. We met several local authors and were inspired by new ideas for our meetings, books, and authors to share with the Atlanta Woman's book club.

**Monday January 23rd** our book club will host author **Martha Hall Kelly**. We are reading her first historic novel, ***Lilac Girls***. The book is based on an amazing story set during WWII and deals with women, real life characters, the human condition, love, truth, ... a real page turner. Please plan to purchase this book and enjoy an inspiring read.

Happy Reading!

Melodie Rogers  
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## INTERNATIONAL

The Global Village Project is an organization that provides recently arrived refugee girls with the academic and social knowledge needed before entering into our local schools. We will be hosting their Spring Author's Tea, a party held in their honor where they share a bit about where they came from and what they've learned. Please join us on Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2pm for tea and snacks to help celebrate these girls' accomplishments.

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## EDUCATION

### ADOPT A KID FOR THE HOLIDAYS

**Preston N. Marshall**

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Atlanta, Georgia 30339

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**Cell:** 404-886-0790

**Email:** [presmarsh@bellsouth.net](mailto:presmarsh@bellsouth.net)

Instructions for donating:

- 1) New items only.
- 2) In the spirit of giving please only purchase items that you would want your child or grandchild to receive.
- 3) Please wrap or place item/items in gift bag.
- 4) I have provided addresses in some cases and Parent/Guardian Phone numbers if you have questions while shopping. Please be aware that some phones might be shut off from time to time based upon the circumstance.
- 5) I would need all items delivered or dropped off before Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016. If you deliver to the Wyndham Atlanta Galleria. Please advise the Front Desk Staff the items are Attention- Preston Marshall.
- 6) Have Fun !!!

Goal – To enhance the lives of some kids in need with a coat and a toy for the Holidays.

Kaniyah Robinson/Girl 6yrs old

Coat size: 7/8 Girls

Pants -6G/, Shirt-6G

Shoe -13 kids

Mylandria Ponder-Mother (678)613-5118

Antonio Robinson / Boy 4yrs old

Coat size: 5T boys

Pants- 5T Boys, Shirt – 5T boys

Shoe – 13 kids

Mylandria Ponder-Mother (678)613-5118

Rene Didie Jr. / Boy 12yrs old

Coat size: 12 boys

Pants -12 Boys

Shirt- 11 Boys

Shoes- 3 Mens

Marieeka Walker-Mother (470) 494-6951



## EDUCATION CONT'D

Bryce James / Boy 5yrs old

Coat size: 7/8

Pants-6 / Shirt- 6

Shoes: 11 kids

Marieeka Walker-Mother (470) 494-6951

Makayla Hagans / Girl 5yrs old

Coat size: 5

Pants: 5 / Shirt : 5

Shoes: 10 kids

Ricky Stegall-Father (404) 838-1598

Jamal Wiley / Boy age 9

Coat size: 16 boys

Pants: 14 B / Shirt: 16B

Shoes : 5 boys

Santrecia Davis-Mother (404) 210-3462

Rihli Dixon / Girl age 3y

Coat size: 3T

Pants: 2T / Shirt 2T

Shoes: 8 kids

Santrecia Davis-Mother (404) 210-3462

Dariyaan Dixson / Boy 10 yrs old

Pants: 8 / Shirt 7

Shoes : 2 boys

Brittany Dixon-Mother (480) 487-9927

Zierrayana Dixon / Girl 7 yrs old

Pants: 8 / 8girls

Shoes : 1.5 girls

Brittany Dixon-Mother (480) 487-9927

Please contact Donna Foland, Education Chair, with any questions about this project, at [donna@dgfprop.com](mailto:donna@dgfprop.com).



## ARTS

On **Tuesday, Dec. 27th from 4p-5:30pm** AWC Arts CSP will return with drawchange, to the shelter. Our regularly scheduled days and time will resume in January. It's all about the journey through their art projects, not the outcome. An art background is not required to volunteer. The only requirements are care and encouragement. If this project is of interest to you, please contact me via email to schedule the month you'd like to volunteer. Only 3 volunteer spaces are available for AWC per month. There will also be a sign up sheet at our general meeting.

Several members of the Arts committee volunteered at the Callanwolde Fine Arts Center for their "Christmas at Callanwolde" event. Volunteers are still needed now through December 13th. Shifts are 10:30a-2:30p and 2:30p-6p. Please contact me if you are interested in volunteering for this wonderful event.

All members interested in entering the Arts contest are encouraged to prepare to submit your artwork no later than Jan. 9th at the general meeting. More information about the competition and guidelines can be found at [www.gfwcgeorgiaartscsp.weebly.com](http://www.gfwcgeorgiaartscsp.weebly.com)

On **Tues. Dec. 20th at 12noon**, Arts will visit the NO LIMITS exhibit sponsored by VSA (Very Special Arts) Georgia. VSA Georgia provides access to the arts for people with disabilities. This exhibit displays the work of these artists, and is a free exhibit. There will be a sign up sheet for all who would like to attend this exhibit.

If there are any members who are interested in becoming part of the Arts CSP please let me know at our Nov. 14th meeting. There will be a sign up sheet for drawchange, Callanwolde, and for members who are interested in joining the Arts CSP on the back table. I'd love to have you join me in making a difference in the lives of others through the amazing world of Art!

Billie Harris, Art CSP Chair

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