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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Holidays Everyone!

This time of year is truly the “most wonderful time of the year”, because the generosity of others is so obvious during the holidays. On almost every corner you hear about a group of people collecting winter clothing for the needy or making sure that families who can't afford Christmas presents for their kids have something wrapped for each child under the tree. AWC is also doing our part this season. So far this season, The Atlanta Woman's Club has sent 54 holiday wishes to Macy's Make a Wish letter writing campaign, made donations to various charities, and hosted a beautiful party with a purpose to benefit The Giving Kitchen. The season of giving is never just a season for AWC, it's what we do 365 days a year and has been our mission for 122 years.

AWC accomplished a lot in 2017, and I look forward to seeing what we will do in 2018. I hope each and every one of you see the value of your AWC membership and the impact we've made in our communities. Please know that we can't do what we do without your constant support. So thank you for continuing to be a member. Thank you for attending our events, connecting with us, and making our Club a leader internationally at GFWC, GFWC Georgia, and in our communities. You are what has made AWC special for the past 122 years. With that said, as we begin to collect our 2018 annual membership dues, I sincerely hope that everyone renew their membership by the end of this year, December 31st.

Ladies, as I look ahead to 2018, I urge and encourage all of you to consider taking the next step within our club. I ask that each of you consider preparing yourself for a leadership position for the 2018-2020 administration. Karen Clydesdale will be hosting a leadership workshop on January 6th, and I hope you will attend. AWC needs you, we are now

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large enough to have more than enough women fill our leadership positions. For many years, some of our committee members have had to wear several hats in order to keep up with our programs – that should no longer be the case. If you are a new member or existing member and unsure how to get involved or take that next step, please attend the workshop. It's important to have new perspectives, new skill sets, and fresh enthusiasm. Now is the time to start preparing, we are here to train, mentor and help you succeed.

And last but not least, I leave you my holiday wish for you and your family. In addition to my constant prayer and wish for an abundance of love, peace and kindness in the world. It is my holiday wish for everyone to have all of your hopes and dreams fulfilled. It is also my wish that in the spirit of the season you make a special effort to also convey the holiday spirit to those who are less fortunate.

May peace and happiness be yours during this season and throughout the year. I look forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting on December 11th as we welcome Genevieve Piturro, Executive Director of the Pajama Program.

Happy Holidays!

Cimi Douglass
Atlanta Woman's Club President, 2016-2018



LEADERSHIP AND LEADS

Clubs that have strong leaders have significantly higher member engagement and satisfaction. Improving leadership skills not only helps members grow personally it also uplifts the club environment by increasing the quality of each meeting. Members serve in club leadership roles to learn and develop such skills as planning, motivating, communicating and managing. As a leader



in the Atlanta Woman's Club you have the distinct opportunity to aid in our clubs success while continuing to gain valuable hands-on leadership experience. Serving as a club officer, trustee, committee, advancement area, or special project chair is a great responsibility and an exciting opportunity for a member. As a club leader, you play an important role in the mission of GFWC Atlanta. Your term of office is filled with chances to develop teamwork, increase communication with other members and the community, improve skills such as public speaking, renew your perspective on our mission and to develop strategies into positive actions. If you are interested in a leadership role within the AWC please consider attending the **Leadership Learning Lunch Workshop** and submitting your name to the Nominating Committee.

Leadership Learning Lunch Workshop

This workshop will take place at the Wimbish House and is for club members interested in taking a leadership role within the Atlanta Woman's Club. It is not a mandatory workshop, but it will help you to better understand how our club works and operates. Current officers, trustees and Chairs will give a brief overview of their jobs. Through interactive activities, you will learn about our History, Bylaws, Standing Committees and Special Committees. We will discuss different leadership styles and their effectiveness. It will provide you with the knowledge and confidence to become a leader within The AWC.

DATE: Saturday, January 6, 2018

CONSERVATION

The MLK, Jr. World Peace Rose Garden's maintenance is an ongoing project for AWC Conservation Committee and is now wrapping up for the year to let the roses rest and reset for a new blooming year in 2018. Conservation thanks all of its 2017 volunteers for their incredible work at the Garden. It was the best looking season yet for the roses at the garden with thanks and accolades coming from TJ David and Sylvia Villalobos, the garden's originators at the International World Peace Rose Gardens, and from the garden's hosts at the National Park Service.

EV's in Atlanta

Last week, the Atlanta City Council passed ordinance 17-O-1654, which will require all new residential homes and public parking facilities in the city to be capable of accommodating electric vehicles (EV).

According to a [press release](#), the ordinance requires 20% of the spaces in all new commercial and multifamily parking structures be "EV ready"; it also requires that all new development of residential homes be equipped with the infrastructure needed to install EV charging stations, such as conduit, wiring and electrical capacity.

"The City of Atlanta has taken a historic step to increase our EV readiness and to ensure we remain a leading city in sustainability. I want to thank Council member Keisha Lance Bottoms for introducing this legislation and the Atlanta City Council for their work to pass this ordinance.", says Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed in the release. "I am proud of our city's commitment to energy conservation, as well as our efforts to ensure that EVs and EV charging stations remain accessible to everyone."

Karen Johnson, Conservation Chair

EDUCATION

This month's speaker will be Genevieve Piturro, the founder of the Pajama Program. The Pajama Program was started after Genevieve began reading to children in shelters and providing them with pajamas to ensure a good night's sleep. The program has now established four reading centers with the most recent center being opened here in Atlanta this summer. Programming at each center is designed for preschoolers to high schoolers and is aimed to provide a safe and welcoming space where children can read with a dedicated volunteer, use their imagination and at the end of their visit, get to choose a new book and a pair of pajamas. The pajama program is now accepting new pajamas for boys and girls in sizes 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 and books for ages 7-10.

To learn more about the Pajama Program, please visit their website at <http://pajamaprogram.org/coming-soon-pajama-program-reading-centeratlanta/>

Donna Foland, Education Chair

How can I get involved?.....Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities:

Arts CSP will continue our ongoing volunteer project with drawchange on **Monday, December 18th from 3-4pm**, which will repeat on every 3rd Monday each month. We will assist children at a local shelter in southwest Atlanta with their art therapy projects. You don't have to be artistic to volunteer, your love and support is all they need. If this project is of interest to you, please contact Billie Harris via email to schedule the month you'd like to volunteer. Only 3 volunteer spaces are available for AWC per month. There will be a sign up sheet at our general meeting.



It's the most wonderful time of the year.....that's right ladies, it's time again for the Callanwolde Fine Arts Center's "Christmas at Callanwolde" which began on **Friday, Nov. 24th and goes on until Tuesday, Dec. 12th from 12p-8p**. Volunteers are needed to help with tours and guide guests around the center. Shifts are available in 4 hour increments (12p-4p and 4p-8p). Volunteers will receive 2 tickets to Christmas at Callanwolde's fundraising event. Parking will be available for volunteers on site. There will be a sign up sheet for all interested volunteers at our general meeting.



In preparation for our participation in the Lanta Gras parade on January 27th, 2018 as the Krewe of The Atlanta Woman's Club, we will be having two work days this month for our parade float. Lanta Gras is a 501c3 non-profit organization that provides a safe, fun, and free afterschool music program benefiting middle and high school students of Atlanta. The volunteer instructors teach brass and percussion lessons. Proceeds from the parade will help fund their program, giving our youth an opportunity to learn music.

This month's work day for our float will be on Wednesday, Dec. 13th 6:30-8pm. Next month's work day will be on Wednesday, Jan. 10th 6:30-8pm. Location details for the work days will be sent via email to members. If you are interested in helping create our float, participating in the parade please contact Billie Harris via email at hawcinc@live.com or at 678-617-8511.

ARTS CONT'D

“Art” we proud.....What We’ve Been Up To:

On Sunday, Nov. 19th, Billie Harris and her family attended the Atlanta Artists Center (AAC) reception of their new art show “Reality or Abstraction”, a GFWC AWC Arts CSP sponsored show. The reception was well attended by local artists and their family and friends. Artists were awarded 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Honorable Mention prizes and ribbons for their artwork. Billie Harris had the honor of presenting the awards to the artists, along with AAC’s Exhibits Co-Chairs. This exhibit was the AAC’s final credentialed show of 2017.

“We are so grateful for your support of AAC and arts in the community by your organization and look forward to a continued relationship.” Linda LeTard, AAC Exhibits Co-Chair



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