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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The January General Meeting on January 14th was well attended and the program, which was very informative, was planned by Billie Harris, Arts CSP Chair. A video of Full Radius Dance was introduced in the Inspiration and the program. Full Radius Dance is globally recognized as one of the world's best physically integrated dance companies providing professional level training for disabled dancers. Marcello Roman, FRD board member and a results-oriented executive with over 30 years of business experience globally who currently is the managing principal at RSI Group Consulting, and Laurel Lawson, a dancer, presented the program.

January in odd years the nominating committee is elected. Thanks to the tellers and members that allowed their names to be submitted for the committee. The elected members and alternates are: Judine Heard (chair), Billie Harris, Beth Jetha, Leigh Reynolds, (members) and Pat Walsh and Lexa King (alternates). Four members plus the parliamentarian Sara June McDavid compose the committee with two alternatives. This is an honor to call for officers that have the experience and qualifications for offices. In March two Board of Trustees will be elected. Thanks again to elected members for accepting this responsibility.

On January 21st, Martin Luther King Day, AWC members participated in President Tina Daniel's Day of Service at Ronald McDonald House. Members from several clubs brought supplies for RMH. The supplies included food items such as boxed cheese and macaroni and others, pillows, blankets, paper products and cleaning supplies. Members enjoyed a tour of the facility. This facility is available to families that are over 50 miles from home and have a child hospitalized for an illness. The families have nice rooms and meals. The children have many opportunities for play such as crafts, videos and others. RMH is always in need of supplies and volunteers that are approved to help with activities and tours. It's a great experience. See the picture below with

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donated items in the background.

Reporting is the issue that is on the mind of officers, CSP Chairs, Committee Chairs and Advancement Areas since they are completing forms and writing about their work occurring over the past year. Thanks to Judine Heard who stepped up to help with duties of the 2nd VP while Connie was recuperating from surgery. Connie and Judine have really spent a lot of time advising and helping and approving reports. Thanks to Judine, LEADS Chair, and Connie. Many other members including Karen Clydesdale, NW District President, and Cimi Douglass, First VP NW District have also assisted answering questions or clarifying information. Then at the state level, we have consulted with the 2nd VP Kim Sekulow and even with Tina Daniel, Georgia state president, for clarification.

Thanks to all. Everyone is looking forward to January 25th to have reporting behind them.

Myra Carmon, AWC President 2018-2020



MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER: First of all, I would like to thank those of you who have already paid your 2019 dues. If you have not yet done so however, the last day for collection will be February 28th. After that date you will have to go through the process of re-joining the club which requires completion of the application paperwork and payment of the membership fees, or regretfully you will be notified that you have been dropped from the roster. Our Bylaws are covered in the Membership Directory, and the club is required to follow these rules as stated. Please let me know if you are having any issues with the online process or if you have any other questions. And of course, you are free to mail the check to the Wimbish House if that is easier! I appreciate everyone's cooperation and prompt attention to this matter. We now have 112 wonderful members, and we are hoping that this number keeps climbing throughout the year. Remember that friends, neighbors and co-workers are always welcome to attend any of our meetings or events, and are always encouraged to join!

The Membership Committee is proud to introduce to everyone our three new members who joined in January. They are Aleta Yates, Maria Krane, and Rosa Conrad. I hope you all take a moment to welcome them when you have a chance and get to know them a bit.

Please take a look at their bios and photos, listed below:



Aleta Yates is a native Californian who has been living in Midtown for 1 year, after being in Houston for 4 years. She is married with 2 daughters and 3 grandchildren.

She is a graduate of CA State Univ. with a major in Sociology and a minor in Criminal Justice. She retired from the CA Dept. of Corrections as a Parole Agent. She loves Atlanta, especially the "walkability" of Midtown and Piedmont Park. She also volunteers at the High Museum and attends the symphony regularly.



Maria Carmen Krane After completing a BA in English in her native Brazil, she was awarded a Fulbright travel grant to pursue a Masters Degree in Linguistics in the US. The opportunity changed her life but not her career goals. She has a passion for preparing students for life and careers in an increasingly diverse world led her to teach language in Brazil and in the US, and afterwards after earning a Doctorate in Educational Administration, administered international programs at Nebraska's Wesleyan Univ., Agnes Scott College, and Creighton University. At Creighton, she oversaw study abroad and exchanges, international student and scholar programs and the University's Intensive English Language Institute. To facilitate her work she sought and received individual travel and research grants from the US Dept. of State.

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She served on several travel boards and served as the President of the Assoc. of International Education Administrators. She and her husband have a son in CT and a daughter in GA and 4 grandchildren that lured her to Atlanta!



Rosa Conrad is an artist and has a career as a designer. She has enjoyed volunteering in her neighborhood as a member of the board, landscape, pool and clubhouse were her specialty. One of her favorite volunteer jobs was as a docent for 5 years at the High Museum. She and her husband have a son and a daughter and one grandson, Max. And are expecting a new grand baby in April. Her current design project is a 6000 square foot stone country French home on 8 acres in Athens, GA.

Jo Dee Gonzalez, Membership Chair, 1st VP

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HOME LIFE

Home Life would like to ask all AWC clubwomen to wear red on **Friday Feb 1** AND to our February meeting! The American Heart Association sponsors National Wear Red Day for Women, a massive national public awareness day the first Friday each **February**, urging women to “go red” and to bring attention to the leading killers of women – heart disease and stroke.

The #FeelitontheFirst campaign continues to remind women to perform their monthly self-breast exam. On the first of each month after you have done your BSE, take a selfie of yourself feeling your breasts, post it to social media with the hashtag #FeelitontheFirst, tag three girlfriends and encourage them to tag three other girlfriends. Notify your physician of any changes in the shape/ skin/ nipples.

We are still collecting pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House.

Spring Tea is coming up in April! Please keep C.A.U.S.E. For Elegance in mind when looking for the perfect outfit or bonnet for the event!! Proceeds from the Phipps Plaza store go towards supporting the Camp Village scholarship fund, which provides Atlanta youth summer camp and after school opportunities as well as serves as a business apprenticeship program.

Catherine CJ Smith, Home Life CSP Chair

ATLANTA WOMAN'S CLUB - WOMEN TO KNOW

The Mother of Atlanta's Kindergartens

AWC Founding member, Mary Ellen (Nellie) Peters Black was the consummate club woman, dedicating her life to organizing women for the purposes of benevolence, self-improvement, and social and civic reform.

Nellie Peters was born in Atlanta on February 9, 1851, the eldest of nine children. After the Civil War, her father, Richard Peters became a financial and civic leader in postwar Atlanta. Following graduation from finishing school, Nellie joined her family in their philanthropic and charitable endeavors. At age twenty-six she married George Robison Black, an attorney who served as a Georgia state senator and U.S. congressman. The couple had three children before George Black died in 1886.

Devoutly religious and a staunch Episcopalian, Nellie taught Sunday school and organized the city's first mission. She held various positions of leadership in the Women's Auxiliaries of the Episcopal Dioceses of Georgia and Atlanta. Nellie belonged to numerous civic and social organization. She served on the founding board of the King's Daughters Hospital (the first free hospital in Atlanta) and the executive committee of the Woman's Building at the 1895 Cotton States and International Exposition.

Through her membership in the **Atlanta Woman's Club** and the **Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs** Nellie became a social activist. Intent on increasing statewide educational opportunities, she lobbied the state legislature for compulsory education laws and the admittance of women to the University of Georgia. An ardent supporter of early childhood education she became president of the Atlanta Free Kindergarten Association in 1896. In that year the Association opened the city's first kindergarten on Magnolia Street and the **Atlanta Woman's Club** sponsored a kindergarten on Hilliard Street. Once the women's clubs became active supporters of the kindergarten movement, kindergartens began springing up all around Atlanta. Nellie served as president of the Atlanta Free Kindergarten Association for 20 years and helped establish numerous kindergartens throughout the city. She persuaded the Atlanta School System to incorporate kindergartens into its schools in 1919. The Atlanta Free Kindergarten Association turned over all its funds and equipment to the Board of Education and in 1923, Atlanta introduced 44 kindergartens into its school program.

Nellie served three terms at President of the Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs. In those years, she vigorously supported U.S. president Woodrow Wilson's thrift and conservation campaigns. To list all her accomplishments would take a very long article. When Nellie Peters Black died, The Atlanta Journal said that "her name was a synonym for charity, for gentleness of spirit, for love of humanity, for constructive citizenship. No man or woman in the last century has exerted a stronger influence for the uplift and advancement of the state." One editor claimed that "had she been a man she would have been in the United States Senate."

Compiled by Sara June McDavid with information taken from the *New Georgia Encyclopedia* and *Georgia Women, Their Lives and Times*.

WOMEN'S HISTORY

Phoenix Flies volunteer opportunities are available for both day of event (Friday, March 22 at 10 am and 2 pm) and other behind-the-scenes pre-event planning roles. Please contact Leigh Reynolds at 404-431-3726 to volunteer.

In observation of Black History month in February, the History Committee will be hosting a tour of the Herndon Home on Tuesday, February 26th from 3 pm until 4 pm in the afternoon. RSVP to Leigh Reynolds (404-431-3726) prior to Tuesday, February 19th to reserve a spot on this tour.

The next History Committee meeting will occur on Wednesday, February 13 at Edgar's Proof & Provisions in the historic Georgian Terrace at 6 pm. Contact Leigh Reynolds at 404-431-3726 to RSVP.

Archive Atlanta's podcast on the Atlanta Woman's Club can be reviewed at: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/archive-atlanta/id1436791878?mt=2&i=1000423978588>

Leigh Reynolds, Women's History

ARTS

On **Sunday, Feb 10th**, Full Radius Dance presents “Gone Too Far This Time”. This performance is inspired by the final writings of British author Virginia Woolf and features guest artist Carolyn Cook. “Gone To Far This Time” highlights Full Radius Dance’s theatrically, pioneering technique, and inventive partnering—all hallmarks of the company’s celebrated style. **Showtime is 5:00pm** and tickets are \$20. However, there is a group rate (minimum of 10) offered at \$12. Please **RSVP to Billie Harris by Saturday, Feb. 9th** if you plan to attend. If there are 10 or more RSVP’s tickets must be purchased together at one time. If not, all members who have RSVP’d will be notified via email on Sat., Feb. 9th, and may purchase their tickets individually at www.fullradiusdance.org.



Arts CSP will continue our ongoing volunteer project with drawchange on **Monday, Feb. 18th, from 3:15pm-4:30pm**, 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 at hawcinc@live.com to volunteer. There will be a sign up sheet at the general meeting.

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