



Atlanta Woman's Club



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope each of you had a wonderful holiday celebrating with family and friends. Now we are looking forward to the New Year, 2019. In retrospect we had a great December meeting with Gretchen Butler, Chair of the Education CSP, planning and organizing with great decorations, interesting speaker, and fun with song puzzle. Also, it was great to have Tim Muir, who has leased Opera for the past 17 years, visit to introduce Ryan Rearden who now holds the lease assignment. Ryan met the members and had lunch. We appreciate Tim and Ryan joining us.

Looking at the Seven Grand Initiatives, set forth by Mary Ellen Brock, the GFWC International President, AWC has accomplished many of the goals towards the initiatives. More than 53 Dr. Seuss books were collected; plans for planting 52 trees by Arbor Day February 15 are in progress in collaboration with Trees Atlanta and one tree will also be planted at Oakland Cemetery as part of their tree canopy project; pajamas were collected and donated; the date for Day of Service has been set; and \$.50 per member was donated towards the Capital Campaign. On Veterans Day we honored veterans with a video. And we acknowledged AWC members that were veterans.

Our club will participate with the Ronald McDonald House for the Martin Luther King Day of Service. Tina Daniel and Becky Bolden, state officers, will be at the Ronald McDonald House at 5420 Peachtree Dunwoody Road on January 21. Club members are asked to take their items from 5:15 to 5:45; if club members can't attend, they should bring their items to the Wimbish House a week before. We continue to work towards accomplishing the initiatives. Thanks to all that have helped to achieve these goals thus far.

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Things to think about for the New Year include reports are due January 25th. There will be members in the dining room after the next meeting to help with reports. Also, the date for the Spring Tea has been changed from April 7 to April 14th. This change was made due to the State Convention dates being April 5-7.

I look forward to working with all of you to make 2019 a great year for the Atlanta Woman's Club.

Myra Carmon, AWC President 2018-2020



MEMBERSHIP

Congratulations to our 3 new members who joined the club in December, Erika Preval, Lisa Rene' Gunnison, and Peggy G. Pruet. Below please find their bios, as it is important to get to know them as they become involved in our Community Service Programs. Be sure to introduce yourself at the meetings!



Erika Preval

Erika Preval is the Proprietor of Charm Etiquette, a modern etiquette consultancy. Her advice has been shared with Fortune 500 companies, CNN, HBO and as a contributing writer for Southern Living. Erika holds a degree in Economics and International Relations from Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia, and Certification in Japanese Language and Culture from Nanzan University in Nagoya, Japan. She's also a Certified Etiquette Consultant, as granted by the Etiquette and Leadership Institute, a division of the Protocol School of Washington.

Her passion for community is evidenced by mentor, fund development, and board capacities with Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta, and as a member of the Cole Women United Cabinet, Tocqueville Society and Board of Directors of the United Way of Greater Atlanta, as well as other volunteer and philanthropic activities. She resides in East Atlanta with her husband and two teenage daughters.



Lisa Rene' Gunnison

Kennesaw State University/Villanova University

Lisa Gunnison (Retired) has helped companies such as Northrop Grumman, Inc., Scientific Atlanta, Inc., IBM®, Lockheed Martin Corporation, HHS/CDC, and a variety of healthcare IT organizations to achieve strategic goals and initiatives on both State and Federal Levels. Lisa works to foster relationships and empower women through professional and charitable affiliations. Key capabilities include event planning, project management, and information management.

Memberships: President Deer Lake Women's Club 2000-2002, Member of National Association of Female Executives (NAFE), and The Society for Technical Communications (STC).

Charities: Atlanta Homes & Lifestyles (Benefiting Children's Healthcare of Atlanta), Roswell Historical Society (Friends of Bulloch Hall), Georgia Ensemble Theatre, Fix Georgia Pets.

MEMBERSHIP CONT'D



Peggy G. Pruett

Peggy is an ASID Interior Designer. January will be her 25th year owning and operating Cornucopia Designs. She has been a member of the Morrow Civic Woman's Club since 1980, and excited for new adventures with AWC. She is a member of the Bethany Baptist Church and serves in the choir and on the Benevolence team. Peggy has been a member of the Jubalheirs since 2005, a Baptist singing group of 200 trained voices who travel the state and internationally presenting concerts and doing mission work. Peggy also serves on the Board of Trustees of the Tallulah Falls School Executive Committee (beginning 6th year). Peggy was secretly married to her husband, Ron in high school, and will be celebrating 54 years of marriage in February. Peggy

and Ron reside in McDonough, GA. They have 2 children, Bob and Robin, and 4 grandchildren. Other than being a wife, being a Mother and Grandmother is Peggy's favorite job.

Membership Dues

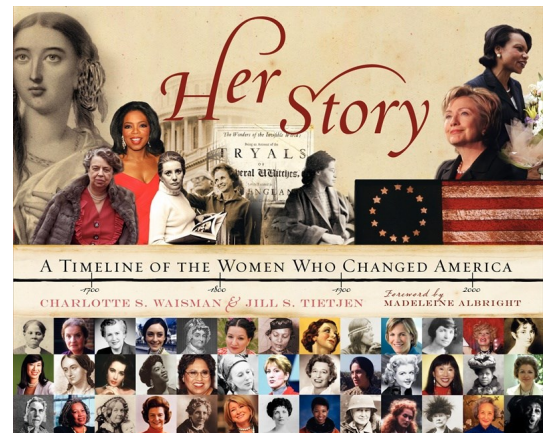
Please remember to pay your dues by January 31st. You can now do this online, which makes it very convenient. The fee is \$65.00 and covers the year 2019. Any questions, please let me know! You can reach me via phone at 770-605-1303, or via email at jodee.gonzalez12@gmail.com. Many thanks for making your payment on time!

Jo Dee Gonzalez, 1st Vice President, Membership Chair

WOMEN'S HISTORY

The January History Committee meeting will be held Friday, January 11th at 11am at the house of Committee Chair - Leigh Reynolds. Lunch will be provided. The meeting will begin promptly at 11am to allow for lunch, meeting agenda and "surprise" historical outing in the neighborhood. RSVP to Leigh at 404-431-3726 by Friday, January 4th.

Leigh Reynolds, Woman's History Chair



MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY OF SERVICE

Don't forget to join club members for our Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service project on January 21st, 2019 at the Ronald McDonald House located at 5420 Peachtree Dunwoody Road, Sandy Springs, Georgia 30342 to help "Pack the Pantry" with our State Officers, who will be there from 5:00p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Join us with your donation from 5:15p.m. - 5:45 p.m. at the Ronald McDonald House. Items that are always needed are laundry detergent, paper towels, Clorox wipes, individually wrapped snacks, individual packages of macaroni and cheese and ramen, coffee grounds/k cups, and queen sized neutral fleece blankets. You can also go online for a more detailed list.

If you can't join us, drop off your donated items at The Wimbish House now until our January 14th meeting.

Judine Heard, GFWC GA State Home Life Chair

ARTS

The Arts CSP invites all interested members to attend the "Arts Planning Meeting" on **Friday, Jan. 18th, 2019 from 6p-7:30p** at The Reserve at Lavista Walk Clubhouse (1155 Lavista Walk NE, Atlanta, GA 30324). It's a new year full of exciting opportunities to improve Atlanta through art! Have a creative idea to share? Any organizations that you'd like to see us partner with? Let's express our love of the arts by working together to find more ways to share that love with others in our community!

Arts CSP will continue our ongoing volunteer project with drawchange on **Monday, Jan. 21st, 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.

On **Saturday, Jan. 26th from 2p- 6:30p**, Lanta Gras will host its 2nd Annual Lanta Gras Parade in Kirkwood. The parade will begin at 88 Kirkwood Rd. and flow through downtown Kirkwood, ending at the Square, where the celebration will continue with local marching, percussion, and brass bands. Lanta Gras is a 501(c)(3) non-profit whose mission is to build community and opportunities for children through the common bond of music. Lanta Gras has established a music program offering free brass and percussion lessons to local middle and high school children. Money raised from the parades help fund the program. The (children) participants of the program also perform during the parade. Unlike last year, AWC Arts CSP will not have a float in this year's parade, but we have made a \$200 donation to their music program which will be used to purchase instruments for new students. All AWC members are encouraged to attend the parade and continue to support Lanta Gras in their efforts to improve our community and the lives of children through music. Anyone interested in attending, please contact Billie Harris.

Billie Harris, Arts CSP Chair

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