



Atlanta Woman's Club



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Happy New Year!

It is time to be reflective on what our plans are to be in the year 2023. I hope that you will see that you are welcomed at The Atlanta Woman's Club. We strive to better our community with our service to others.

We have so many wonderful members with so many skills and talents! We are missing many of our members due to age and health issues. So many have held our club together through some past rough years. They and others are the reason we have reached our 127th year this past November. I hope each of you continue to contribute to our longevity.

On MLK Holiday, I hope that you find a way to help someone else that day. It could be as simple as filling a bird feeder, dropping off used coats, or household items to a charity that works with the unhoused, or leaving cans of food for a food pantry. Don't miss volunteering with any of our Community Service groups. CSPs should have signup sheets at the round table near the stairwell for our members to be involved in the next opportunities to serve.

Please pay for your meeting luncheon. It is an obligation if you sign up to pay. You can go to our website and on the front page is a link to pay. Judy send out the link to register for coming. Be sure to pay as a member or as a guest. Our caterer still charges us if you don't show. Thank you for helping with this.

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." Helen Keller
I look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

Connie Morris, AWC President 2022-2024



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Wheels of Happiness



In November, the AWC Health and Wellness Committee donated a check for \$800 to the organization **Wheels of Happiness**. Wheels of Happiness supports spinal cord injury survivors and people with motor disabilities in disadvantaged communities in Georgia and around the world.

Gabriela Piscoppo, the Executive Director sent this message, as well as the videos that touched our hearts:

Dear Isabel,

I want to personally thank you and The Atlanta Woman's Club for your recent donation of \$800. Thanks to your donation we were able to provide 2 wheelchairs to 2 gentlemen in Nigeria. Your donation has literally positively changed the lives of these two gentlemen. We are so grateful for donors like you that allow us to impact so many lives around the world. Please extend my gratitude to all the women of your prestigious club. I have added the videos of when the recipients received their chairs. I hope this makes you as happy as it did to all of us.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wwPoOYOqWmY&feature=emb_logo

[John Gets a Wheelchair Sponsored by Wheels of Happiness. - YouTube](#)

*Dr. Gabriela Piscopo
Executive Director
The Wheels of Happiness Foundation
www.wheelsofhappiness.org*

(**Hold down the CTRL button and click to view each of the 2 links above)

If you are interested in learning more about this wonderful organization, you can access this link:
<https://wheelsofhappiness.org/>

Isabel Urrutia, Chair

Sandy Day, Co-Chair

ARTS AND CULTURE



AWC volunteered at the Atlanta Homes & Lifestyles “Home for the Holidays” Decorator’s Show house benefitting Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta.



December was the Arts & Culture month to host the General Meeting featuring the Atlanta Opera. Rhenna is a mezzo-soprano chanteuse who sang several classical opera selections at the luncheon accompanied by pianist Elana. We also had Jonathan Blalock speak about TAO’s community outreach during the pandemic & their mission to bring the opera to as many people possible, including children



2023 will have many volunteer & outings planned, so stay tuned!

Jennifer Quinn, Chair

Jo Dee Gonzalez, Co-Chair

MEMBERSHIP

We are pleased to welcome our new member Ninma Logan. Below is her. She is entered in the Roster on the website for complete contact information.

Ninma Logan



My name is Taninma Logan, affectionately known as Ninma to most everyone. Born and raised in the beautiful state of Illinois, though Georgia is my forever home. I live in the Smyrna/Vinings with my husband, Dietrich Logan and our four children Emmi, Donovan, Zion and Bryson. Three of our children are in college, while our youngest son completes high school at Whitefield Academy.

Over the last two decades, my life has been dedicated to serving the families of Georgia. I earned my teaching certificate in 2000 as well as my national teaching certification in 2008. Serving communities of exceptional students with IEP's, 504 plans and arrest records.

In 2012, I stepped away from the school systems to assist in scaling of our family businesses, more volunteering in our kids' schools and consulting area principals in deficit areas within strategic plans. That is what I am entrenched inside of today, helping more schools with balance. Additionally, our architecture and development company in Atlanta keep us plenty busy attempting to "design" normal life around that demanding schedule.

In addition to the businesses, I find time to volunteer at our schools and wherever I'm called in the community. As a result, I received the Mayor's Award for volunteering from the City of Smyrna in 2017. I believe in a sense of community, friends that become family, and moreover, serving others as a way to life's crown jewels. I bring those intrinsic qualities to this club of women.

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NOW DUE

Membership dues and Conflict of Interest Forms are now due. Follow the links in the WEEKLY to pay your dues and submit your form. Our BYLAWS state that a member who has not paid dues by February 1st will be removed from the membership and will have to start the process all over to rejoin. We hope you will all pay your dues and remain as an active member.

Peggy Pruett, 1st Vice President, Membership Chair

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

AWC Slate of Candidates for Nominating Committee

Below is the slate from the Nominating Committee for the New Nominating Committee.

We will vote on these at our January 9th meeting. At that time, nominations will also be accepted from the floor. From our Standing Rules: "B. Qualifications of Committee Members. Members must understand the purpose, policies, and nominating procedures of the Club; be familiar with the duties of offices to be filled as outlined in Club bylaws; and be committed to seeking the best possible nominees for each office. They must have belonged to the Club for at least two years, attended general meetings on a regular basis, and participated in the activities of at least one community service program. Candidates for the Nominating Committee must have paid their annual dues before being elected."

Thank you to the exiting Nominating Committee. You have worked hard over the past two years.

Members are/were: Britton Rogers (exited committee because elected to Board of Trustees), Jennie Lobato (who moved from Alternate to Voting Member when Britton left the committee), Karen Clydesdale (Alternate), Kelly Feyock, Ursula Reynolds, Beth Jetha (our Parliamentarian for most of the committee time), and Judy Reece.

Slate of Candidates from the Nominating Committee:

(in alphabetical order by first name)

Barbara Washburn
Billie Harris
Cimi Douglass
Jennie Lobato
Page Henry
Ursula Reynolds

Bios of Candidates for the Nominating Committee

Barbara Washburn:

I have been a member of AWC for 5 years.

I have served as Education/Library CSP, assistant treasurer, and served on Seeded Event committee and History committee.

I am the NW District CSP for Health and Wellness.

I am a Docent at the High Museum, Atlanta chapter chair of the National Pancreas Foundation as well as advisor for JRLLewis legacy institute, and Consumer Reviewer for DoD pancreatic cancer funding grant applications.

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Billie Harris:

As a member of The Atlanta Woman's Club since May 2013, Billie has remained very active in the Atlanta Woman's Club, especially in the Arts & Culture CSP. She served as chair of the Arts & Culture CSP for 3 consecutive terms.

For the 2015-2017 term, she served as an alternate on the Nominating Committee. And she also served on the 2019-2021 Nominating Committee.

She continues to create and publish our club's monthly newsletter.

Outside of the AWC, she is the Founder / Vinologist of The Vino Van, LLC.

Cimi Douglass:

Cimi Douglass joined AWC in 2008 and became AWC's President in 2016-18. She was also a member of the BOT from 2012-2018.

From 2012-16 she was the 1st Vice President with a club membership of 46 members and that membership increased to over 100 members when she left that position.

In 2014 she created "A Seeded Event Program" fundraising program concept to also include drafting of initial documents and application materials.

2012-2018 Cimi created the Club's first social media presence Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest and LinkedIn platforms in addition to AWC's first Vimeo videos and continued to create yearly videos which was presented at every May meeting. She was instrumental and responsible for a new website at that time for our membership while creating AWC's weekly bulletins. Later in 2013 she created AWC's Wikipedia Page

After her tenure as AWC's President, she began her journey at the District level in various positions such as the 2nd, 1st Vice President and recently completed her term as the North West District President, 2020-2022. She's also the chair for the State President's Project, Wellspring and the Women's History chair.

Currently, Cimi is on GFWC Georgia's Executive Board serving as the State's Treasurer and Chair of their Budget & Finance Committee. She's been on the State's executive board since 2018 as Corresponding Secretary and the NW District President. In 2016 she created the State's website and still maintains the site as its webmaster. In 2015 she was on the State's Transition Team, 2017 Credentials Chair for the Southern Region Conference.

Cimi and her husband Wynn live in Roswell and have two children. Ty is 27 and living in Chicago working on his masters at the University of Chicago. Keely is 21 years old and expected to graduate KSU in 2023.

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Jennie Lobato:

Since she was voted in as a member of The Atlanta Woman's Club in December 2016, she has put together her personal work with the work of the Arts CSP. They are closely aligned.

Jennie is the Founder / CEO of drawchange, a non-profit organization that helps underprivileged children grow through art. And she encourages members of AWC to volunteer and contribute to drawchange which is certainly one part of the Arts CSP.

In late 2022, Jennie was recognized as an "L'Oreal Paris Woman of Worth". This prestigious award recognized the achievements of non-profit leaders making a profound difference in the lives of others by tackling some of our society's most pressing issues.

Jennie was elected as an alternate to the current Nominating Committee. She took over as a voting member when one of the members needed to step down. She provided input to the committee during her entire time as an alternate and as a voting member. She sees participating in the Nominating Committee as another way to contribute to the Club.

Page Henry:

Studied at Guilford College, BA,...Greensboro, NC

Studied at Bauder College, Textiles & Design...Atlanta, GA

20th year working as a Realtor with Harry Norman Realtors.

The Atlanta Woman's Club Service...

- Joined the Atlanta Woman's Club in 2010.
- Served for two consecutive terms as Assistant Treasurer on the Board of Trustees.
- CSP Co-Chairs for Conservation/Environment one term.
- CSP Chair for Environment two terms.
- Chair for Domestic Violence and served as a committee member of Georgia Domestic Violence Coalition...one term.
- Served on the Executive Board 2012 to May 2022.

Ursula Reynolds:

I have been a member of AWC since 2018. I have served in various leadership roles within AWC and at the District Level. This has given me the opportunity to advocate for important issues and truly understand the rich history of AWC, the members, and the community it serves. I would very much appreciate your vote to serve on the AWC Nominating Committee for another term.

Atlanta Woman's Club Leadership Experience:

- Women's History Committee: June 2018-May 2020
- Women's History Committee, Chair: June 2020-May 2022
- GFWC Northwest District, PR & Communications: June 2020-May 2022
- Nominating Committee : January 2021-December 2022

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Social Media Chair: June 2022-May 2024

I also have extensive non-profit board experience in the Atlanta community and past board service includes the Atlanta Girls School, Whiteford Community Programs, and Ferst Readers. I currently serve on the board of directors for the Atlanta Speech School. My professional experience is in higher education and my previous role was the Associate Director of Graduate Programs at Georgia Tech. This past summer I returned to school full-time to complete my PhD in Higher Education at the University of Georgia.

Judy Reece, Nominating Committee Chair

AWC MEMBER HOLIDAY PARTY



The annual Member Holiday Party was held on Tuesday, December 13th at the Wimbish House. It was very well attended by members and their families and friends. It was a wonderful evening of food, fun, and fellowship.

The Atlanta Woman's Club wishes all of it's members a wonderful New Year!

ATLANTA WOMAN'S CLUB ROSTER OF OFFICERS & EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

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Melissa Bernadel, Parliamentarian

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Committee Chairs

Sara June McDavid, Historian
Lynn Brentnall, Women's History
Lucy Willard, Tallulah Falls School
Jo Dee Gonzalez, 1734 Society
Lisa Banes, A Seeded Event/Fundraising
Myra Carmon, LEADS
Penny Blackford, ESO Book Club
TBD, Peachtree Women's Writers Alliance
Cimi Douglass and Judy Reece, Website
Judy Reece, Member Events/Communications/Weekly Bulletin
Billie Harris, Newsletter Editor
Ursula Reynolds, Social Media