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A MESSAGE FROM MYRA CARMON, AWC PRESIDENT 2018-2020

On May 18th 2020, the GFWC AWC General Membership Meeting was held virtually. Over 50 registered for the meeting. An agenda was emailed to members who registered and Cimi Douglass and Judy Reece hosted the meeting. A video inspiration with many photographs of events held during the year was shown. Thanks to Britton Rogers and Cimi Douglas for developing this video.

Thanks to each of you that attended the meeting; since our lives as we once knew have changed, we have to protect ourselves and others against the coronavirus by practicing social distancing and sheltering in place. We were excited to have a virtual meeting and to be able to see and hear many of you during this short time that we were together. I hope all of you and your families are healthy.

We continue working to achieve our mission: "Our mission is to encourage our members to become interested, involved citizens of the community by engaging in charitable activities that benefit the community as a whole." We achieve the mission in many ways through CSPs, seeded events and work of all members; even though during the pandemic it is nearly impossible to engage in community activities due to social distancing.

I want to recognize and thank our contemporary presidents who paved the way for the status of our thriving club today. Thank you to Daisy Luckey Aukerman (president 3 times), Sarah Helen Kilgore, Lucy Willard, Karen Thomson McDonald, Karen Bacheller, Karen Clydesdale, Judine Heard, and Cimi Douglass. Thank you for your past and present contributions.

I want to thank Cimi Douglass, Judine Heard and Judy Reece for their continued mentoring, help and guidance over the past two years.

It has been a privilege to preside as President of the Atlanta Woman's Club and to represent the AWC in district and state conventions and

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Institute over the past two years. Many of the activities and members' participation are shown in the video. I am so proud of our members' participation in the community.

I want to thank all members of the Executive Board including the officers, the CSP chairs, the Committees, the BOT members and the past presidents for supporting me and the club by performing their designated duties and by working with the 1st VP to practice innovative ideas to increase membership such as having evening gatherings so working women could attend. In 2019 the membership increased slightly. Thanks to the 2nd VP for providing excellent oversight to the CSPs who planned meetings and provided opportunities for all members to participate in volunteer activities. Helping with reports takes time and knowledge of reporting. Thanks to those who assisted with reports to try to help meet the requirements to win awards. In my opinion the CSPs are the Heart of the organization since they along with members are visible in the community. Thanks to all CSP chairs and their committees.

The treasurer and assistant treasurer have a huge responsibility for being good stewards of our resources and making sure our income and expenses are in check. Reports are prepared for boards and members and they have many other duties such as check writing. The treasurer and assistant treasurer are members of the Budget Committee preparing budget reports for the BOT, Executive Board, and the Membership. Thanks to the treasurer and assistant treasurer for performing these essential duties.

Communication is essential for our organization. Communication is facilitated by the weekly bulletin, the newsletter, social media and the web site. Thanks to these dedicated members that make this communication possible.

We have many leaders in the AWC that make us proud. Thanks to all members of the Executive Board including officers, LEADS Chair for AWC, District, and the State, and the President of North West District. Many of the AWC members hold offices in the AWC, District and the State. Thanks to all for your leadership.

The AWC members elect members to the Board of Trustees and the president, 1st VP, treasurer and assistant treasurer are members of the BOT. Some of the many duties include maintaining and oversight of AWC properties, executing contracts and overseeing personnel. Thanks to the BOT members for performing these duties that take time and effort.

Members have participated in member activities including the Membership Tea last year, the holiday party, book club and bridge. These events offer time for members to have a little fun and get to know other members better. Thanks for members that plan and orchestrate these events. These events were enjoyed by members and there are snippets of some of these events in the video.

Lastly but surely not least is our parliamentarian; she made sure we were following our bylaws and did so with knowledge of the bylaws and Roberts Rules. She was a great asset for me during this presidency.

In the May meeting we usually celebrate memorials. We did not have any deaths this year so we did not have a formal ceremony.

Congratulations to our newly installed president Jo Dee Gonzalez and to all of the officers and Board of Trustee new members that were installed in our May meeting. Thank you for agreeing to assume these leadership roles for the 2020-2022 term.

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Congratulations to our newly installed president Jo Dee Gonzalez and to all of the officers and new members of the Board of Trustees that were installed in our May meeting. Thank you for agreeing to assume these leadership roles for the 2020 – 2022 term.

In closing, we have had many changes due to the coronavirus. The Georgia and international conventions were cancelled and you see cancelled signs everywhere you go. While walking during this time of sheltering in place, I walked on the sidewalk by the Catholic church and each day I read three signs: love cannot be cancelled, you cannot cancel Faith and you cannot cancel hope. I know as AWC members we will continue to have love, faith and hope. Thanks again for the opportunity to represent the AWC as President for the past two years. It is always wonderful to work toward goals and missions and to collaborate with strong dedicated women.

Myra Carmon, AWC President 2018-2020



MEMBERSHIP

Although our summer “break” will be upon us soon, let’s take this opportunity to continue volunteering in the community when we can, and to spend time with family and friends...while social distancing and quarantining as needed, and to encourage friends and neighbors to learn about the Atlanta Woman’s Club. As always, feel free to reach out to the new Membership chair, Connie Morris at momconnie@bellsouth.net for any information about the club and becoming a member. Also keep an eye out for information in the Weekly Update regarding any social gatherings that may come up over the next few months whether on Zoom or maybe even in person when and if the time is right!

Lots of summer birthdays to celebrate!
Happy Birthday to:

Aimee Berry
Penny Blackford
Gretchen Butler
Johanna Bunch
Myra Carmon
Cydnie Cole
Janea Cook
Barbara Culmer-Ilaw
Ada Duke
Pamela Deritas
Lori Director
Cimi Douglass
Ashley Hall
Ann Hazzard
Judine Heard
Afshan Ishtiaq
Yolanda Johnson
Joanne Kenna
Darline Kimes
Jennie Lobato
Marie Hamilton
Ellen Milholland
Durette Ofosu
Dinah Peevy
Jamilla Porter
Judy Reece
Ursula Reynolds
Melodie Rogers
Denise Whiting-Pack

As I move on to a new position in the 2020-2022 administration, I hope everyone has a wonderful and safe summer. I thank you all for your support of the Membership Committee over the past 2 years, and I so enjoyed working with all of the new, the prospective, and the current membership! It has been a great ride! I am looking forward to seeing you all, virtually or in person, in September or possibly sooner!

STAY SAFE!! WASH YOUR HANDS!

Jo Dee Gonzales, 1st Vice President, Membership (2018-2020)

2019 CERTIFICATES OF ACHIEVEMENT FROM GFWC NORTH WEST DISTRICT

GFWC ATLANTA WOMAN'S CLUB
BEST OVERALL
TALLULAH FALLS SCHOOL AWARD

GFWC NORTHWEST DISTRICT
BILLIE HARRIS
MEMBER POETRY AWARD

GFWC NORTH WEST DISTRICT
BEST COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC RELATIONS

GFWC ATLANTA WOMAN'S CLUB
WOMEN'S HISTORY AWARD

GFWC ATLANTA WOMAN'S CLUB
SECOND PLACE
PUBLIC ISSUES COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

GFWC ATLANTA WOMAN'S CLUB
SECOND PLACE
INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

GFWC ATLANTA WOMAN'S CLUB
SECOND PLACE
HOMELIFE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

GFWC ATLANTA WOMAN'S CLUB
SECOND PLACE
EDUCATION COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

GFWC ATLANTA WOMAN'S CLUB
SECOND PLACE
CONSERVATION COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

GFWC ATLANTA WOMAN'S CLUB
SECOND PLACE
ARTS COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

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

Officers

Jo Dee Gonzalez, President
Connie Morris, 1st Vice President
Penny Blackford, 2nd Vice President
Peggy Pruett, Recording Secretary
Gretchen Butler, Treasurer
Barbara Washburn, Assistant Treasurer
Sandie Clendon, Corresponding Secretary
Beth Jetha, Parliamentarian

Board of Trustees

Lisa Banes, Chair (2019-2021)
Donna Foland, Co-Chair (2019-2021)
Beth Jetha, Parliamentarian (2020-2022)
Gretchen Butler, Treasurer (2020-2022)
Barbara Washburn, Asst. Treasurer (2020-2022)
Jo Dee Gonzalez, AWC President (2020-2022)
Connie Morris, AWC 1st Vice President (2020-2022)
Judine Heard (2020-2022)
Sara June McDavid (2020-2022)
Karen Bacheller, Past BOT Chair
Karen Moore McDonald, Past BOT Chair

Community Service Program Chairs

Penny Blackford, Dean of Community Service Programs
Billie Harris- Chair/Chloe Feyock- Co-Chair, Arts and Culture
Darlene Kimes- Chair/Amber Hahn- Co-Chair, Civic Engagement and Outreach
Barbara Washburn– Chair/TBD– Co-Chair, Education and Libraries
Page Henry– Chair/TBD– Co-Chair, Environment
Kelly Feyock– Chair/Maria Krane– Co-Chair, Health and Wellness

Committee Chairs

Myra Carmon, President's Advisor
Sarah Helen Kilgore, Historian
Ursula Reynolds, Women's History
Lucy Willard, Tallulah Falls School
Myra Carmon, 1734 Society
TBD, GFWC GA Special Project
Karen Clydesdale, A Seeded Event/Fundraising
Judine Heard/LEADS/GFWC GA Home Life
Melodie Rogers, ESO Book Club
Karen Johnson, Peachtree Women's Writers Alliance
Cimi Douglass and Judy Reece, Website
Lisa Banes, Marketing/Public Relations
Judy Reece, Member Events/Communications/Weekly Bulletin/Bridge
Britton Rogers, Social Media
Billie Harris, Newsletter Editor