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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Spring Time. Atlanta and surrounding areas are showing signs of spring with beautiful blooming trees and flowers. Members of the Atlanta Woman's Club have had a busy spring with the GWC North West District Meeting, the GFWC Georgia State Convention and our annual AWC Membership Tea.

The GFWC North West District meeting was well attended with 16 AWC members in attendance and several participating as officers or committee members. The program was presented by Red Door Food Pantry. They indicated that the food pantry is heavily utilized and there are many families still hungry. Awards were presented and the AWC members were disappointed with only a few awards.

The GFWC Georgia State Convention was held at Lake Blackshear in Cordele. There were many activities and meetings. The President's convention agenda included presentation and adoption of changes to GFWC-GA bylaws and meetings to prepare for the 2020 convention. Deb Strahanoski, GFWC First Vice-president, presented the greeting and spoke at the banquet on Saturday night about GFWC updates. There were 8 AWC members at the convention. The activities included a presentation by Girl Scouts. The GFWC Georgia President's special project for the 2018-2020 administration is Girl Scouts of U.S.A. Another interesting presentation was made by Berit Kimrey of Heifer International who spoke of the need for milk for the children in Africa and how she participated in a project where they stood in line for milk. It was touching to see the need in some countries and the great work Heifer International is doing. Again, the AWC was awarded only a few silver pieces or certificates. The 2020 convention will be in Atlanta.

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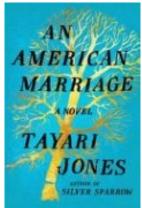
The Annual Membership Tea was held on April 14th. There were over a hundred ladies attending the tea. AWC members, potential members, organizational guests invited by our CSPs, and friends enjoyed a pleasant afternoon of great fellowship, beautiful music, good food – and tea. Thanks to everyone who helped make it a successful event.

The AWC will read to children at the Pajama Program on May 14. You can sign-up online and must have a background check.

Myra Carmon, AWC President 2018-2020



ESO BOOKCLUB



The last book club before summer will be on Monday May 20th. We are reading an Oprah selected book *An American Marriage* by Tayari Jones. Local nationally known best-selling author Tayari Jones will be joining us. Books will be sold at the General Meeting, Monday, May 13th for \$16.00, cash or check.

Melodie Rogers, ESO Book Club

ARTS



The Atlanta Woman's Club Arts CSP will be volunteering alongside PaintLove, at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Egleston (1405 Clifton Rd. NE) with a mural project. Designer and artist Simone Wilson created an incredible "Under The Sea" themed mural. Now, it's up to us and our community, along with the kids and families at the hospital to bring it to

life! The Prep Session will be on **Monday, May 6th from 4p-7p**. The Mural Kick Off will be on **Tuesday, May 7th from 4p-7p**. All supplies to create the mural will be provided. Volunteers are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing that you won't mind getting a little paint on. Volunteers may also bring bottled water and light snacks in case you work up an appetite. If you are available and interested in volunteering, please email Billie Harris at hawcinc@live.com.

On **Saturday**, **May 18th from 4p-6p**, the Atlanta Artist Center will host a special reception for the Atlanta Woman's Club Arts CSP sponsored exhibit "Power Lines". All members are encouraged to attend. There will be an awards ceremony for the participating artists. Light refreshments will be served. Come join us for this amazing opportunity to meet the artists and experience their work. Please RSVP to Billie Harris by Friday, May 17th.

Arts CSP will continue our ongoing volunteer project with drawchange on **Monday**, **May 20th 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.

Where "ART" Thou?



Here are more opportunities to support the arts community in Atlanta this month......

- * **ART SALE:** "Art of Giving" A retrospective of Corinne Adams' fine art, photography, and mixed media for sale on **May 2nd-4th from 10a-5p each day** at Wing & A Prayer Studio (3725 Powers Ferry Rd.). All proceeds benefit photography education for kids at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Boys and Girls Clubs, Cool Girls, Hirsch Academy and more in partnership with Atlanta Celebrates Photography and Illuminate Atlanta
- * **Decatur Lantern Parade: Friday, May 10th @ 9pm...** make your own lantern at home or attend a lantern-making workshop (where supplies and guidance are provided) to walk with in the parade. For more details visit www.decaturlanternparade.com
- * **Decatur Arts Festival: Friday, May 24th-Sunday, May 26th** will take place in downtown Decatur. If you'd like to attend, please visit www.decaturartsfestival.com. If you'd like to volunteer, please visit www.decaturartsfestival.com/volunteer/

Note: Always remember to keep track of your hours when you volunteer with the club and any art related activity you may attend outside of the club, to submit to the Arts CSP Chair at the end of the year.

Billie Harris, Arts CSP Chair

MEMBERSHIP



The Atlanta Woman's Club invites you to the **Spring Membership Mixer** on **Wednesday, May 15th from 6:30-8:30p** at The Wimbish House. This will be an evening of light fare, wine, and friendship. Members, friends and prospective members are welcomed! Our Community Service Chairs and other Executive Committee members will be available to answer questions about our organization and show you around The Wimbish

House. Please RSVP by May 10th to Jo Dee Gonzalez at jodee.gonzalez12@gmail.com or membership@atlwc.org



Jo Dee Gonzalez, 1st Vice President, Membership Chair

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