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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well we are all sheltering in place with some restrictions being lifted on Friday and Monday. Hopefully people will be cautious and not rush into places and situations that are not adept at keeping social distances. This virus has kept all of us isolated but has an enormous death toll that has caused an added challenge and emotional drain. My thoughts are with the impacted families.

This virus has really made changes in the normal life of GFWC-GA as well as national. The AWC has cancelled meetings, state convention is postponed and international convention has been cancelled; these are the right things to do to due to this coronavirus pandemic.

A virtual meeting was held with present officers and advisors of the AWC to discuss the possibility of a virtual General Meeting. It was determined to schedule a meeting on May 18th for installations and several other business items. It was good to see pictures of members and hear their voices. The plans for the May 18th meeting are in progress.

I feel that I am in front of the computer many hours with classes and meetings but we are fortunate to have ways to connect during this period of Sheltering-in-Place. I hope all of you and your family are safe and healthy. I hope to see all of you on-line on May 18th. If everyone that gives a report could send prior to the meeting to Judy Reece (judy.reece@att.net). If you have items for the agenda, please send to me at mcarmon@gsu.edu.

Myra Carmon, AWC President 2018-2020



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SAVE THE DATE: MAY 18TH, 2020 - GENERAL MEETING



This will be the date of the next AWC General Meeting. We will have a virtual meeting and will install our new officers. Details are still being worked out. The meeting will probably begin at 10:30am and last for about an hour or so. Watch for an email that will give you more details about the meeting and tell you how to register for the meeting. We're looking forward to joining virtual hands with you!

MEMBERSHIP

Congratulations to the AWC's newest member Marie Hamilton. Marie was voted into membership at our March meeting. Marie is excited to join our club and become involved. Her photo and bio are below, so please check them out and help her feel welcome when you see her again at an upcoming meeting!



Marie Hamilton is currently the Managing Director of the Georgia division of Energy Harness Corporation which is a LED manufacturing, installation and maintenance company. Her career has included various roles including a consultant supporting Ernst & Young projects, VP of Learning and Development for FICO, and sales Director for Your Encore Corporation. She earned a master's degree from Georgetown University in Organization Development and Change Management.

Marie is a South Carolina native but spent most of her life in New Jersey before coming to Atlanta. She has been an avid supporter of women and young girls. She is a past board member of Girls on the Run. She is an active member of Impact Church having played an active role in building their small group program. She resides in mid-town Atlanta. She has three daughters and three beautiful grandchildren that are the loves of her life.

Jo Dee Gonzales, 1st Vice President, Membership

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS (CSP)

This is been a very active year for the CSP groups of AWC. Unfortunately, some events planned came to a halt with Covid-19. The CSP chairman all spent the budgeted dollar amounts! These are some of the places we donated monies since June 2019-April 2020.

Arts: (Billie Harris, Chair) Arts Bridge Foundation, Atlanta Celebrates Photography, Hillside Conant School, drawchange, Atlanta Artist Center, Lakeside Drama Association, Full Radius Dance, and Seven Stages Theatre

Education: (Gretchen Butler, Chair) Little Free Library, Children Read, Southern Education Foundation, The Pajama Program, and HOBY

Conservation: (Page Henry, Chair) Captain Planet Foundation, The Arbor Day Foundation, A wreath on the grave of Rebecca Lowe at the Oakland Cemetery, and International World Peace Rose Garden

Home Life: (Catherine Smith, Chair) United Way, Atlanta Hospitality House, The Giving Kitchen, Girls Inc., Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, and National Breast Cancer Foundation

International: (Pat Walsh, Chair) Heifer School Milk Program, Heifer for Dream Blanket, Haiti Nursing Foundation, Carter Center, and Operation Smile

Public Issues: (Lisa Banes, Chair) Georgia Justice Project, National Trust for Historic Preservation, National Women's History Museum, and Youth Spark

These are the totals of our President Myra Carmon's 2019 report to state:

Projects: 87

Volunteer Hours: 3,319.50

Dollars Donated: \$153,419.99

In-kind Donations: \$14,203.29

Our next report is for 2020 year. Let's work on our numbers as soon as we can get out and volunteering. Let me know if you have made masks, made monetary donations for meals for the hospital employees, volunteered at the Food Bank.

Keep a record of your nonprofit donations and maybe they will be some that the 2020 President can report as In-kind donation. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act will let taxpayers deduct up to \$300 in charitable donations from their taxable income. This rule will apply only to charitable contributions made in 2020.

Thanks to all CSPs for a job well done! You make the Atlanta Woman's Club members proud of all your efforts and impact in Atlanta Metro area, the State, Nationally, and International non-profits.

I am very thankful that I have been able to serve the Atlanta Woman's Club these past two years as 2nd Vice President.

Connie Morris, 2nd Vice President, Dean of Community Service Programs

ARTS

If you haven't had a chance to check out Google Arts & Culture, be sure to! It's a fun and exciting online art realm where you can take virtual gallery tours, engage in interactive art experiments, and discover a vast array of fun and engaging art experiences. Visit www.artsandculture.google.com or download the Google Arts & Culture App on your smart phone or device. Stay safe and connected to the Arts!

Billie Harris, Arts CSP Chair



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