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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Yesterday I attended the North West District meeting. It is always wonderful to see and mingle with members from all clubs. It made me proud to see the professional participation of 16 AWC members attending with seven members serving as an officer or chair of an advancement area. The district president, Karen Clydesdale, led this meeting with a large agenda professionally with ease. There were three clubs serving as hostesses (Sandy Springs, Northside and AWC). Thanks to the direction of Cimi Douglass, the AWC provided the table decorations which were demonstrating the seven Grand Initiatives set forth by the GFWC International President Mary Ellen Brock. All decorations were very creative and admired by all.

The GFWC Georgia First VP Shelby Holland attended and spoke of her plans for her office of president in 2020-2022. Shelby related that there will be changes in the titles of the CSPs with international being a part of each with no international CSP. Everyone was encouraged to attend Institute in August 2020 to hear the changes. The GFWC-GA Junior Director-Elect related her plans for 2020-2022. Ida Dorvee and Julie Walters provided information on the National Convention to be held in Atlanta in June of 2020. The convention will require help of all of the club women in the state since there will be attendees from all states.

The Atlanta Woman's Club's 124<sup>th</sup> birthday is on November 11<sup>th</sup>. This will be the date of our November meeting and the state president Tina Daniel will be attending. The fourth week of November we will celebrate Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving seems late this year but the date is legislated. In 1941 Roosevelt made the final permanent change and a bill was signed making Thanksgiving Day fall on the fourth Thursday of November.

The survey results about the holiday party on December 10<sup>th</sup> reveal that many members are in favor of a holiday celebration for members. This survey revealed that members were in favor of always having a holiday celebration separate from A Seeded Event.

Do not forget the giving part of Thanksgiving. You can donate to the Atlanta Community Food Bank and provide meals for those less fortunate than you. See the "Donate" tab at <a href="www.acfg.org">www.acfg.org</a> for all of the ways to give to the food bank. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends eating turkey, dressing, pumpkin pies and other goodies.

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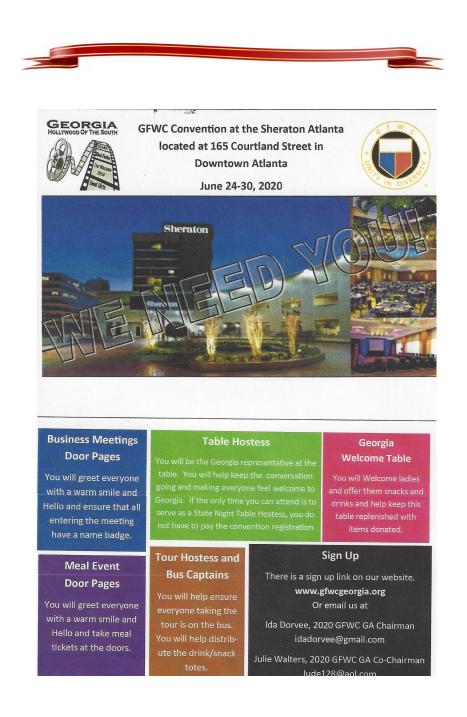
Dates to remember:

November Meeting November 11th

GFWC Georgia Convention - April 17-19, 2020@Unicoi State Park and Lodge in Helen, Georgia GFWC Convention hosted by GFWC Georgia – June 26-30, 2020 in Atlanta - You can sign-up to volunteer at:

http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07egioz999268301db&llr=lmygcp9ab

## Myra Carmon, AWC President 2018-2020



#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Congratulations, and a very hearty "welcome" goes to the three newest members of the AWC! Linda Hirsch, Shirley McQueen and Angie Gray are all ready to get busy and become involved. Their photos and bios are below, so please check these out and help these ladies feel welcome when you see them at the next meeting in November!



### Linda Hirsch

I grew up in a military family with most of my formative years spent in the Washington DC area. My past professions include, professional baker, teacher and glass artist. I have two sons, both professors, one at Chapel Hill, NC and one in Australia. I have lived in Atlanta for twelve years with my husband, an economics professor.



# **Angie Gray**

I'm originally from Cleveland, Ohio. I attended the University of Akron. I moved to Atlanta about 10 years ago and met my husband 6 months later. I have 3 daughters 7, 5, and 4. I live in the Buckhead area. I enjoy spending time with my family at Lake Oconee, gardening and working out (when I have time). I'm so excited to join this lovely group on women.

#### MEMBERSHIP CONT'D



# Shirley Inez McQueen

Harlem New York City native recently relocated to Atlanta, GA on September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from Hampton, Virginia. Although I still have my home in Virginia, it has successfully operated as Lady Neptune Bed & Breakfast Inn for 20 years in the vicinity of Buckroe Beach since 1998, and now a beautiful vacation rental. Married for 40 years to my magnificent husband, the late Onless McQueen (16 years my senior) to include our 2 successful and independent sons Jonathan and Joshua. I spend lots of my time traveling, dining out, partaking in social and some political events, and also quite a few meaningful events that concentrate on the wellbeing and investment of children (Daniel's Blessings) and (Women Connected by Love) Women's Club. I enjoy meeting people, dancing, a great glass of wine or martini (shaken not stirred) ....most of all I love to laugh.

The countdown for 2020 dues has begun, so please either send in a check for \$75.00 or pay online. Just go to atlwc.org, and follow the prompts. If you have any questions or problems do not hesitate to let me know! Many thanks for taking care of this as soon as possible. It makes it so much easier to keep track of everyone and to keep the records straight for the New Year.

### **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Naomi Alvis, November 19
Brittany Clark, November 10
Rosa Conrad, November 19
Kelly Feyock, November 16
Kimberly Gordon, November 21
DR. Sarah Helen Kilgore, November 20
Leigh Reynolds, November 23
Meyer Stevie, November 11
Lise Tassy, November 2
Karen Moore Thomson, November 3

See you in November,

Jo Dee Gonzalez, Membership Chair, 1st Vice President

#### WOMENS HISTORY

Archive Atlanta Podcast featured the Atlanta Woman's Club about a year ago, but they are up to 56 total episodes now including recent episodes on the Mansions of Peachtree and The Herndon's. Please continue to check in and catch all the great podcasts at <a href="https://www.archiveatlantapodcast.com">www.archiveatlantapodcast.com</a>.

The December meeting of the History Committee will occur on Thursday, December 5th at 10:30am at the Sandy Springs Heritage Center located at 6075 Sandy Springs Circle in Sandy Springs, GA. The meeting will begin with a 30 minute tour of Grit, Gumption and Grace focusing on historical women of Sandy Springs. We will begin the business portion of our meeting at 11am in the museum's committee meeting room.

## Leigh Reynolds, Women's History Chair

## **HOME LIFE**

Calling all AWC Clubwomen!! Volunteers are needed for the 2019 Atlanta Home and Lifestyles Magazine: Home For the Holidays Show House and Marketplace benefitting Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. The Atlanta Woman's Club will be volunteering on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, shifts are 9:15a-1:00p and 12:30p-4:30p. This event is located at 4825 Woodvale Dr., Atlanta, GA, 30327. Sign up on the Volunteer link at <a href="https://www.atlantaholidayhome.com">www.atlantaholidayhome.com</a>. Each volunteer gets a ticket to return to tour the house. Volunteering two shifts or more gets you a year's subscription to Atlanta Home and Lifestyles Magazine. Thank you.

# Catherine Smith, Home Life CSP Chair

#### **ARTS**

**Every 3rd Friday of the month from 9:15a-11:00a**, the Arts CSP will volunteer with drawchange at a local school specifically started for homeless children. We will assist kindergarten children with their art therapy projects by encouraging them to be creative, being a listening ear, re-iterating the importance of "Please" and "Thank You", and other positive behavior. No art experience required.

Kennestone Hospital (340 Kennestone Hospital Blvd., Marietta, GA) will be displaying the artwork of our very own Catherine Smith (Home Life Chair) in their lobby starting on Friday, Nov. 22nd. The Arts CSP will be organizing group to visit her display after the Thanksgiving Holiday, as Catherine will be traveling and we'd like her to be present for our visit. We do hope you join us in supporting our talented club member and the amazing way she contributes to the world of Art. Please stay tuned for the exact date in December of our visit to Catherine's exhibit. \*Feel free to visit the exhibit at your convenience as well.

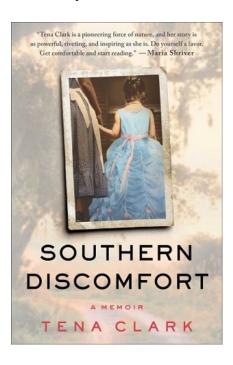
# Billie Harris, Arts CSP Chair

#### ESO BOOK CLUB

# Hello Readers,

Thank you for all that attended last Monday's Pie event with Amanda Wilbanks and Kristen. I hope you had as much fun as I did. It was wonderful to celebrate the art of pie making. Thank you to everyone who brought drinks or perfect appetizers.

Coming up next: Book Club Meeting, Monday, November 18th, 6:30 p.m. at Page Henry's home (1408 Waterford Green Way, Marietta, GA 30068). We are reading *Southern Discomfort*, a memoir by Tena Clark.



Tena Clark is a Grammy award winning songwriter, music producer, and a civil rights and women's rights activist. Tena Clark "has written and produced for some of the greatest legends such as Aretha Franklin, won a Grammy for her work with Natalie Cole, nominated for a Grammy with Patti LaBelle and also worked with artists such as Leann Rimes, Dionne Warwick, Chaka Khan and Maya Angelou."

I will be selling her book in paperback for \$15 at the October 14th AWC General Meeting. Please come out and meet Tena on Monday, November 18th.

**Melodie Rogers, ESO Book Club** 678-954-5854 (home) 206-948-2451

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