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We are now into the time of layers! There is a chill in the air, the leaves are turning to yellows, golds, and reds. The Apples are ripe for picking up in the North Georgia Mountains. All because of the seasonal change into fall. Change means to make or become different. Each of us that are involved with The Atlanta Woman's Club have a chance to improve ourselves through leadership, volunteering, and friendships. We can and are making a difference in others' lives.

November means our new administration has been working and planning for 5 months. We've heard great speakers at our general meetings, celebrated members, volunteered, and attended lots of meetings. We had 7 members attend the NW District meeting in Lafayette, Ga. The ladies of the district had planned an entertaining day for us to learn more about GFWC GA.

I want to thank Sandie Clendon, our corresponding secretary. Sandie continues to send cards to our members and serves with a special grace!

Kim Sekulow, our GFWC GA President, will be our November 14th speaker. I hope you will attend as we celebrate the 127th birthday of our Atlanta Woman's Club and hear Kim talk about the great things happening amongst the GA Clubs.

"Everybody can be great because everybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love."

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

Connie Morris, AWC President 2022-2024



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MEMBERSHIP

We were excited to welcome our New Member Jo Ellen Friedman. She is Maria Krane's sister-in-law and excited about membership in AWC. Please review her information below and make her welcome in your committees and club work.

JO ELLEN FRIEDMAN



Originally from Indiana, I have lived and worked in Gainesville FL, New Orleans LA and lastly Houston TX. My husband Bruce and I moved to Atlanta three years ago from Houston. I have three children, two step-children, and seven grandchildren. I graduated from Indiana University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications and Political Science. For most of my working career, I was an IT project manager/business consultant, specializing in energy companies. Now that I am retired, I enjoy gardening, quilting, reading and traveling. While in Houston, I was active in community outreach projects focused on families and children in crisis. I hope that the experience I gained on these past projects will be of value to the programs at AWC.

Jo Ellen is sponsored by Maria Krane and endorsed by Jo Dee Gonzalez and Peggy Pruett. She is interested in the following CSPs: Civic Engagement & Outreach, Education & Libraries, Environment and Health & Wellness. She is willing to assist with special events, being a greeter at the meetings and assisting the CSP hosting general meetings with set-up.

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Be watching the AWC weekly which will arrive in inbox each Monday morning for information on how to renew your membership for 2023. They are due in January with a Conflict of Interest Form completed and signed.

Peggy Pruett, 1st Vice President, Membership

LEADS/LEADERSHIP

AWC 101, an annual workshop that briefly reviews the various elected and appointed positions within the Atlanta Woman's Club, will be held virtually on Saturday, December 10th, 2022. There will also be a review of the various affiliates of GFWC.

This year there will be a brief of overview of AWC's bylaws along with Robert Rules. All members are invited to attend. Please register on-line by November 18th, 2022 by clicking the link found underneath the "GFWC AWC Newsletter 2022" link. All registered members will receive the Zoom Meeting details via email.

Submitted by Judine Heard

Myra Carmon, LEADS

ESO BOOK CLUB

All Little Secrets Her by Wanda M. Morris

Well, it is no secret now that the AWC book club held on Monday, September 26, 2022, at 6:30 PM was an enormous success! This lovely event was hosted by AWC members Maria Krane, Sara June Mc David, and Penny Blackford at the club room of the Heritage Place Condo located at 211 Colonial Homes Dr. NW.

What made this such a fun event was we were privileged to have author Wanda M. Morris as our guest! In addition, there was lots of food and drink, the space was warm and inviting and the participants were engaged and enjoyed reading the book. As the author's husband said as they were driving home "they really got the gist of your book."



For those of you that are not familiar with Wanda M. Morris, you are in for a treat! She is the award-winning author of *All Her Little Secrets*, which has been praised by Karin Slaughter as "brilliantly nuanced" and reviewed by the Boston Globe, LA times, New York Times, Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Seattle Times, and South Florida Sun Sentinel, among others. It was named as one of the "Best Books of 2021" by Hudson booksellers and selected as the #1 Top Pick for "Library Reads" by librarians across the country. It was selected as Book Buzz Pick, by Good Morning America, serialized by Entertainment Weekly and a *Marie Claire* book club pick. *All her Little Secrets* won the 2022 Lefty Award for Best Debut Mystery Novel, and 2022 Georgia author of the Year for Best First Novel. Ms. Morris has also been nominated for multiple forthcoming awards, including the Anthony Award, the Strand Critics Award, the Macavity Award, and the Crook's Corner Book Prize.

Her new book *Anywhere you Run*, came out October 25, 2022, and has been named as one of the "Fifteen Standout Historical Fiction Book to Read This year" by Oprah Daily. Publisher's weekly gave a starred review, saying "Finely sculptured characters and crisp dialogue help make this a standout."

If you missed seeing and hearing Wanda Morris at book club, Atlanta Authors & Roswell Reads will present a conversation with Wanda Morris, author of *Any Where you Run* on Saturday, November 5 at 2 pm at Roswell Public Library, 115 Norcross Street, Roswell GA 30075. To register for a free, alive in person event go to wandamorrispresentationlive.eventbrite.com or to watch on ZOOM go to wandamorrispresentationzoom.eventbrite.com.

Our next book club will be held on Monday January 16, 2023, at 6:30 PM and will be hosted by Page Henry. Stay tuned for more details and the name of the next book selection.

Penny Blackford, ESO Book Club

Steam Punkin' Entry at Atlanta Botanical Gardens

What a lovely change to have cool mornings and pleasant days. Autumn is here and means it is that time of year for AWC's Environment CSP to enter AWC's scarecrow in the Atlanta Botanical Gardens annual event. AWC has entered this contest since 2013 and only missed 2020 because of COVID. This year thanks to the talent and artistry of our very own Catherine Smith, all that needed to be done was to spruce up Steam Punkin' whom Catherine had created earlier.

On Thursday September 15th, Catherine Smith her husband George, Connie Morris, Sandra Langford, and Penny Blackford met at the Wimbish House in the Sunroom to bring Steam Punkin' back to life. (See pictures). A new shirt replaced the previous one, the skirt was removed to have it cleaned, bottle tabs were clued to replenish the flowers, the corn was painted, and George, made a sturdy base for Steam Punkin' to stand on. Catherine and Penny met again on Monday, September 19 to do the final changes. On Friday October 23rd, 2022, Billie Harris and her husband Flav, met Penny at the Wimbish House to transport Steam Punkin' to the Atlanta Botanical Gardens. Billie and Flav have performed this labor of love faithfully for over six years.

On Sunday, October 23rd, 2022, the Environment CSP sponsored a AWC trip to the Gardens to visit Steam Punkin.' Meher Stevie, Environment CSP chair, coordinated this fun outing. Two good omens occurred, first Steam Punkin was placed by ABG staff in an ideal position close to the restaurant so it was seen by most visitors to the ABG, and Steam Punkin' was featured on the ABG Facebook Page. (pictured above)

May these good omens be signs that 2022 may be AWC's lucky year. Keep those fingers crossed and tune in next month to see if AWC won a prize.



ENVIRONMENT CONT'D



Submitted by Penny Blackford

Meher Stevie, Chair

Judine Heard, Co-Chair



L'Oréal Paris honors drawchange founder/CEO, Jennie Lobato,
as a Woman of Worth

A prestigious award that recognizes 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. For seventeen years, L'Oréal Paris' Women of Worth has recognized over one-hundred-fifty women who beautify the world by turning their life's work into social impact.

Drawchange has reached over 14,000 children in 8 cities and four countries. This recognition will ensure they are able to effectively and efficiently increase that number to reach those children often forgotten in our societies.

Lobato exclaims, *"It feels surreal. I'm not used to being in the spotlight. I usually want the children's smiles and transformations to be what is in the spotlight. Today, I honor myself as the Woman of Worth that I am."*

Lobato reflects, *"I am humbled and honored to share my story in partnership with L'Oréal Paris. One of the most memorable moments on set was when I recorded the brand's iconic tagline in my native tongue of Spanish."*

About drawchange: Founded in 2009 by Jennie Lobato, drawchange is a 501c3 non-profit organization dedicated to empowering impoverished children through the use of art therapy-based programming. During drawchange sessions, children learn how self-expression can be the first step to healing as well as establishing identity. Through a multifaceted curriculum of art therapy-based projects and education, children from lower socio-economic situations are provided the mental health tools and support often missing in their lives. The change in drawchange encourages each child to imagine and prepare for a brighter future. Learn more about our organization at www.drawchange.org. You can also find us on facebook and instagram: @drawchange

Jennifer Quinn, Chair

Jo Dee Gonzalez, Co-Chair

EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES

Education and Libraries CSP will be volunteering at Children Read on Saturday, November 12th at 10:00 a.m. We currently have a waiting list to participate. If you are interested, please contact Sara June McDavid at sjmc david@gmail.com. The CSP will be holding a children's book drive for Children Read in November and December. Please bring new or gently used children's books to the general meeting. New books for preschoolers and early readers are especially needed.

We are making exciting plans with the librarians at the Ponce de Leon Branch Library to support their STEM programming with an emphasis on reaching girls. They have submitted a proposal and budget request including STEM project kits, 4 small programmable robots and books providing varied coding activities. All of these items will be used by girls in the branch's Girls Who Code club. They will be added to the library's collection and catalog and will be available for checkout by all children using the branch. Education & Libraries CSP is also in discussion with the AFPL library system regarding sponsorship plans for an adult program in 2023.

Sara June McDavid, Chair

Maria Krane, Co-Chair

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