



Atlanta Woman's Club



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, it is finally feeling like fall at times. The weather has been wonderful for walking and outside activities. I hope all of you have had an opportunity to enjoy. After summer, it is sometimes difficult to get back on schedule. The Fall 2019 Club Woman Magazine gave some tips on pitfalls for missing a deadline. Some of the pitfalls include: 1) Not making a list so you can prioritize; 2) Multitasking is less productive than focusing on one task. Our brain is not equipped to perform two tasks at a time; and 3) Time management. Not knowing how much time the task will take makes it difficult to manage time to prioritize. Good points to consider. For members who prepare reports, it is time to put reporting on your list and begin a draft report. This means of course that you will have to do multitasking since you are continuing with activities for CSPs, committees and offices.

All members of the AWC are volunteers and provide services to individuals and groups. In addition, members that are elected or appointed to positions are accountable to provide services designated by their position description. Volunteering is different from paid positions in companies since there is no pay increase pending; there is just the satisfaction of the advocacy efforts and the differences made in lives of individuals and groups. Thanks to all members for volunteering. We know that our committees and officers in collaboration with all others work to accomplish the mission of the AWC. Thanks for all your time and efforts.

The Seven Grand Initiatives continue since the quotas were not met last year. The AWC, the North West district and the state will be continuing to work on these initiatives. There are also "Three Brand Initiatives." The first date was September 23rd, 2019, asking you to call your legislators urging them to pass Miranda's Law. The second is urging members to call their legislators to vote for the 100th anniversary of women winning the right to vote on August 26th, 2020 and the third is

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to call legislators to vote in support of the 3D Gun Bill on October 23rd, 2019. (See Club Woman Magazine Fall 2019).

October is breast cancer awareness and Book Fair month. You will hear more about breast cancer awareness from Home Life. Remember the AAUW Book Fair will begin September 30th through the first week of October at Perimeter Mall.

Remember the date for North West District Meeting is October 26th at Maggiano's at Cumberland Mall.

It is time to get your flu shot at your local drug or grocery store or your doctor's office. They are free in most places.

*Trivia: October ("octo") was the 8th month on the Roman calendar. The Roman calendar had 10 months. January and February were added later.

Myra Carmon, AWC President 2018-2020



MEMBERSHIP

This month we are welcoming two new wonderful members to AWC. I know them to be excited and interested to get started as soon as possible. The CSP's that you listed on your application will be passed on to the 2nd VP who will then match you with the correct projects.

Please take a few minutes to say hello and welcome these ladies to our organization, see where their interests lie, think about any special areas that they might be interested in, and possibly point them in the right direction! We are very happy to have them be a part of this great club. Our members are our strength!



Ms. Lindsey Gardner

Lindsey Garland is the Development Manager at the Georgia Budget and Policy Institute (GBPI), where she holds primarily responsibility for executing the organization's annual fundraising strategy and operations. GBPI is a state-level policy research group that is working to build a fair and inclusive Georgia where all people prosper.

Prior to joining GBPI in 2018, she worked as a Fellow for the Robert W. Woodruff Foundation, where she supported grant work related to health, education, economic opportunity, arts and culture. Lindsey was a Fulbright Scholar to Athens, Greece in 2015.

Originally from Little Rock, Arkansas, Lindsey graduated from Agnes Scott College with degrees in political science and history. She holds a master's in Educational Policy Studies from Georgia State University. Contact Information: Email: lgarland@gbpi.org Phone: (678) 515 -8676



Yolanda Johnson

GABWA Past President (1999) Yolanda Johnson is the Director of Court and Family Services for the Fulton County Juvenile Court (Court), which is the largest independent Juvenile Court in the State of Georgia. In that role, she ensures the children who come through the court leave better able to learn, grow and thrive as a result of the programs, services and support provided by the Court.

Yolanda served two terms (2006-2014) as an elected member of the Atlanta Board of Education (Board). During her time on the Board, she used her legal background to guide the development of policies and procedures related to student discipline and special education. As a school board member, she saw firsthand the challenges teachers and school systems face in their efforts to educate all children with resources that are constantly shrinking.

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Prior to serving on the Board, Yolanda worked as an attorney with the Georgia Department of Corrections (DOC), an experience that inspired her run for the Board. She came to believe that the key to keeping children out of prison lies in exposing them to options for supporting themselves, and the best way to do that is through quality education.

Yolanda continues to serve the community through projects within Impact Church, where she holds the title of Impactor. She also serves as the Treasurer for the Adams Park Residents Association.

Yolanda is originally from Oklahoma City, and she received a B.A. in Journalism and a Law Degree from the University of Oklahoma. She lives in historic Adams Park, and enjoys swimming, reading and storytelling.

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Other Membership News.....

I hope everyone has received their new directories, but if not, be sure to come see me at the next meeting on October 14th.

I also want to remind the membership that in November, I will begin collecting the 2020 dues, which is \$75.00, and includes the price of a new name tag. You might have noticed that the current ones are looking a little bit shabby... so it is time to refresh!

Also remember that we are always accepting new members, so if you would like to bring a friend (or several!) or a co-worker with you they are always welcomed.

In order to be eligible to join, they must attend at least one general monthly meeting, and either a second meeting, or another club event, such as the yearly Tea. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Once eligible, I will then forward the application materials to the candidate. Once they have returned the application to me, along with a short Bio, dues/fees (\$85), and a recent photo, the Executive Committee will vote on each application. If the majority approves, then the applicant will be declared a member and will be introduced to the membership at the next general membership meeting.

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Thank you in advance for paying those dues as promptly as possible, as we do have a deadline of February 1st, and once that date arrives, we will have to delete that member from the roster. And of course we really do not want to have to do that at all!

Here's hoping that cooler weather is on the horizon, and that fall really will come to Atlanta! Meanwhile, stay cool!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS!!

Daisy Aukerman October 2

Karen Bacheller, October 12

Melissa Bernadel, October 16

Christine Craig, October 1

Natasha Foreman, October 27

Donna Foland, October 24

Cate Hearn, October 19

Page Henry, October 10

Vanessa Lauren Massie, October 21

Jennifer Quinn, October 27

Diane Sauvigne, October 15

Ruth Yurchuck, October 4

Jo Dee Gonzalez, Membership Chair, 1st Vice President

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INTERNATIONAL

The International Community Service Program will have a program speaker from UNICEF for our speaker at our October meeting. In addition, we will collect food for the Atlanta Food Bank to mark World Food Day. We will also collect money for the annual UNICEF donation. The committee thanks everyone who donates to these two organizations.

Patricia Walsh, International CSP Chair

HOME LIFE

Kroger Pharmacy has graciously agreed to administer flu shots to members after the Oct meeting. All insurance accepted; if you have Medicare Part B bring a copy of your card; even if you don't have insurance Kroger is offering a discounted price of \$25 (down from \$40). Credit cards will be accepted.

Catherine Smith, Home Life CSP Chair

PUBLIC ISSUES

16 Bars: A must-see movie about incarceration, imagination and inspiration

The National Center for Civil and Human Rights, in partnership with Lightyear Entertainment, invites you to the Atlanta premier of 16 Bars, a feature-length music documentary about a unique rehabilitation effort in Virginia that invites inmates to write and record original music. This public film screening and dialogue examines incarceration in America and the role of artistic expression as a cathartic rehabilitation tool. After the screening, Resonant Pictures Director Sam Bathrick and Grammy-winning artist/activist Todd "Speech" Thomas will discuss the film, how they envision art as a form of rehabilitation, and how communities can support formerly incarcerated citizens as they return to ordinary life. See more information about the film or view the trailer at www.16barsthefilm.com/. Admission is FREE. Please note the screening location is SCADshow, not the Center for Civil and Human Rights.

16 Bars: Atlanta Premier

Saturday, October 5, 5-9 pm

SCADshow, 173 14th Street, Atlanta GA 30309

8th Annual Standing Strong Together Candlelight Vigil

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and the Partnership Against Domestic Violence (PADV) is collaborating with several organizations to host the 8th Annual Standing Strong Together Candlelight Vigil, which will remember the nearly 100 lives lost to domestic violence in Georgia in the past year and provide a forum for survivors to share their stories of overcoming

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abuse. A candle will be lit for each life lost to give family and friends a chance to grieve and to raise awareness. FREE and open to the public. For information and directions, see www.padv.org.

8th Annual Candlelight Vigil

Wednesday, October 16, 6 pm

Intercontinental Buckhead Windsor Garden, 3315 Peachtree Rd NE, Atlanta GA 30326

Run Like Hell 5K

Why? Because it's the largest cemetery run in the country, one of Atlanta's favorite neighborhood 5K fundraisers, and all proceeds go to the restoration and preservation of historic Oakland Cemetery. And because 2019's is the TWELFTH annual Run Like Hell 5K, a Peachtree Road Race qualifier that welcomes runners, joggers, walkers and teams of all levels, as well as leashed dogs and strollers! Plus, you get a Run Like Hell t-shirt (and it's guaranteed to be in your size if you preregister before October 1). The course has been tweaked for a faster start and follows an entirely paved keyhole route with gently rolling soft turns, which covers several areas of the Cemetery and the Memorial Drive Greenway to the state capitol. Registration is \$40 plus fees. For details on registration, packet pickup, parking, post-race festivities and other perks, see <https://oaklandcemetery.com/event/rlh/>.

Run Like Hell 5K

Saturday, October 12, 9 am – noon

Oakland Cemetery, 248 Oakland Avenue SE, Atlanta GA 30312

Lisa Banes, Public Issues CSP Chair

CONSERVATION



Conservation CSP will sponsor a trip to Atlanta Botanical Garden (ABG) on Thursday October 17, 2019 to visit our annual Scarecrow entry. This year's entry is called "Cats in the Catacombs" aka "Dia de los MEOWrtos." 🐱 We will meet at the ABG box office at 3:30 PM. ABG members are admitted free and guest passes are available. First come first serve. Please contact Page Henry at 770-366-1747 or via email at page.henry@harrynorman.com if you wish to attend. This is a fun time for the "kid" in all of us.

Many thanks to our outstanding committee:
Page Henry, Karen Johnson, Azam Zadeh, Catherine Smith, Maria Krane, Sara June McDavid, Pat Walsh, and Penny Blackford

Page Henry, Conservation CSP Chair

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Here are photos of our Conservation committee and our "Cats in the Catacombs" Scarecrow

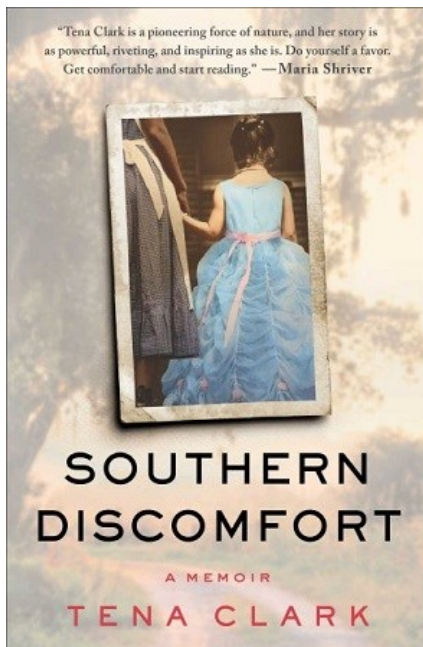


ESO BOOK CLUB

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

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WOMENS HISTORY

Laura Isabelle Moore Wylie, also known as Lollie, was an amazing woman who was one of the original organizers of the Atlanta Woman's Club and impacted the history of the city of Atlanta, Georgia. She is an inspiration for women to follow their passions in life. Let's explore her fascinating accomplishments.

Lollie, born in 1858 in Coden, Alabama, moved to Atlanta six years after her father died in 1859. In 1877, she married Hart Wylie and had two daughters. Sadly, her husband died in 1887. That same year, she published her first book of poems called "Legend of the Cherokee Rose". After her book was published, she took a position as the society editor for *the Atlanta Journal*, becoming the first woman to hold a paid position at a Georgia newspaper.

As a professional writer, she edited two periodicals, published a novel, and wrote another collection of poems, "The Arcades". Between 1890 and 1892, she independently published a newspaper called "Society". Although she earned her living as a writer, Wylie's passion was music. She wrote the music to a song called "Georgia", that was the official state song from 1922-1979. She wrote many other songs, and the play "the Golden Goose" in 1914. It was awarded Best Play by an Atlanta Author.

A "Lollie Belle Wylie Day" was held at the Woman's Building at the 1895 Cotton States and International Exposition. Lollie Belle Wylie was honored by the woman's board of the exposition and the program of the Woman's Building was entirely made up of her literary works. This is the same time that a meeting of the counsel of the General Federation of Women's Clubs came together to form the Atlanta Woman's Club.

Wylie founded the Georgia Women's Press club in 1891, and served as vice president. The Press Club gathered women writers from all parts of the state for discussions of business and camaraderie. She would often plan the meetings, her earnest love for literature and her energy was noted in an article in a May 1891 edition of the Atlanta Constitution.

Later in 1909, Wylie co-founded and organized the Atlanta Writer's Club, she was the president for seven years. She is also responsible for creating the Author's Grove, a living memorial for writers in Piedmont Park in 1918. Eighteen trees were planted and dedicated by local civic organizations in memory of authors, journalists, and poets. The first tree was dedicated in honor of Jacques Futrelle, a citizen of Atlanta who died on the Titanic in 1912.

Lollie died in February of 1923, at the age of 64 following a brief illness. She was buried in Oakland Cemetery. Posthumously, a granite marker was placed in her honor at the Author's Grove and a beech tree was planted. In 2013, she was given the Georgia Women of Achievement award.

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Leigh Reynolds, Women's History

ARTS

The Arts Committee had a wonderfully productive meeting last month, and can't wait to jump into our projects and activities. Keep in mind that volunteering with the Arts CSP doesn't require any background experience for some of our projects. We are focused on supporting local artists and art related organizations, as well as encouraging and uplifting our community through the use of art. We also focus on bringing awareness to the importance of including art in our everyday lives even if just by visiting an exhibit or donating art supplies to a local school. There are tons of ways to support the Arts without picking up a paintbrush or pencil. Join the Arts CSP to find out how!

If you haven't already, please download the GroupMe App on your mobile device and submit your full name and mobile number via email to hawcinc@live.com to be added to the AWC Arts CSP group to stay in the loop!

This Month:

- * Currently on display at Mason Fine Art (415 Plasters Ave. NE, Atlanta, GA) until Friday, Oct. 11th is **Atlanta Celebrates Photography's Teen Spirit Exhibit**, a collaborative program that encourages and provides an opportunity for teens who are patients at Children's Hospital Scottish Rite and Egleston, to explore their identities, including (and in spite of) their diagnosis through writings and photographic self-portraits. These courageous and inspiring teens consist of Sickie Cell, amputee, and cancer patients who through this program, can tell their stories. AWC will be visiting the exhibit on **Thursday, Oct. 10th at 12:30p** and **Friday, Oct. 11th at 6:30pm**. *The exhibit is a panoramic wall located in the rear of the gallery and takes about 30mins to move through. There will be a sign up sheet to join us at the General Meeting.
- * **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. *We still encourage members to assist drawchange on other needed days/projects at your convenience. There will be a sign up sheet at the General Meeting.

Billie Harris, Arts CSP Chair

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