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Welcome back ladies!

This is the first newsletter since June, so I have quite a few things to share with you all. And please don't forget to check out the Weekly Updates every Monday, in order to see volunteer details, CSP info, birthdays, general club information, and reminders.

~ As you know the September meeting of the Atlanta Woman's Club traditionally marks the beginning of a "new" club year, as our administration basically works from June to June. I hope everyone had a great summer and stayed safe and healthy! The meeting, hosted by Darlene Kimes, Civic Engagement CSP Chair, was well attended with close to 10 guests joining us. It was so great seeing everyone's faces again! Hopefully it won't be too long before we can meet face to face although it really is too hard to predict when that might be. But let's all keep our fingers crossed that it will be soon.

~ In July Connie Morris held a New Member event at the Atlanta Hospital Hospitality House. Established 40 years ago, AHHH is a home away from home for "weary travelers" in need of life-saving medical treatment here in Atlanta. They are able to stay at the house at very reduced rate for as long as they need to, have 3 meals a day, time to themselves or time to socialize with the other residents. Meals are provided by volunteer organizations or individuals, and at the end of July, a few new members, Connie and myself prepared a wonderful pasta dinner for the residents. We also were given the chance to meet with them and hear about their experience there. They were so very gracious and it was equally as special for us and extremely fulfilling.

~ The seeded Event committee has met a few times, working under Karen Clydesdale on several events approaching in 2022. After our long break due to Covid restrictions, we are looking forward to these great projects!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONT'D

~ The chairman of the Woman's History Research Center, Hope Royer, contacted me about featuring the Wimbish House in the fall issue of the WHRC Newsletter. It is such an honor and I hope you will check out the article that Judy Reece posted in the Update last month.

~ I would like to send a very heartfelt "Thank you" to Melodie Rogers for her many years of service to the AWC as leader of our ESO Book Club. Melodie has done an outstanding job suggesting books for us, finding authors and organizing fabulous meetings with dinner, and providing all of us a chance to mingle and visit with each other when we didn't always get the chance at meetings. I know that everyone always looked forward to these evenings and if you get the chance to thank her yourself, please do so! We will all miss her dedication and sharing her love of books with us. You may find a book suggestion here and there from Melodie as well.

~ The Annual Convention was held in June in Savannah and the State Board and Institute was held at Unicoi State Park & Lodge last weekend. The three day event was filled with informational workshops, inspirational speeches and a lot of laughs with new and old friends.

~ A hybrid meeting of the NW District will be held on October 16th, both in person and on Zoom. (Cimi Douglass, NW District President was sent the call out on September 7). I encourage everyone to attend whether you are a new member, old member, part of the administration, or whatever, you will discover that it is a great opportunity to learn about the workings of GFWC Georgia and the NW District and also see a lot of familiar faces. Cimi Douglass will be presiding.

~ I am looking forward to seeing you all soon, via Zoom on October 11 at our next General Meeting. Don't forget to register! Billie Harris, our Art CSP Chair, will be hosting and has arranged a great program for us.

~ I have seen tons of pumpkins in the stores this week with Halloween decorations everywhere. It looks like fall is definitely on its way, bringing with it some cooler temperatures and leaves full of yellow, orange and brown. What a gorgeous season we are blessed with! Enjoy! Wishing everyone a very Happy October and a Happy Halloween!

~~ Jo Dee
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Jo Dee Gonzalez, AWC President 2020-2022



BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy Birthday to Daisy!

Her birthday is October 2nd.



Daisy Aukerman will be 99 on her birthday!

For our newest members who do not know Daisy, she was president of the club from 1984-1986, 1989-1990, and from 2004- 2006 and she played a key role in the club over her many years of membership. She joined the club in 1980.

Many members will remember that she played the piano at club meetings. Her address is.....

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GFWC/AWC101

Interested in becoming more involved in Atlanta Woman's Club as a leader or do you just want to know more about our club and how it functions? Join us virtually, Saturday, November 6, 2021 from 10:00a until noon. This session provides an excellent opportunity for any member interested in taking on leadership roles within our club or just want to know more about the workings of the club. Register today! The link can be found in the body of the email below the newsletter link.

For more information, contact Judine Heard.

FARE: GFWC GA CHALLENGE

125th Anniversary of GFWC Georgia Challenge



To celebrate this amazing accomplishment one AWC member is eligible to win a \$125.00 Gift Card!



The GFWC GA 125th Anniversary challenge for September is for each club to distribute 125 FARE Flyers within your communities. As one of the largest clubs in the state, AWC should be able to complete this task. With everyone participating this should be a

The information on the flyer is [Food Allergies: Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Each member that participated, please remember to contact Karen Clydesdale via email with the number of flyers, the locations, and hours that you spent distributing the flyers. Please submit this information to Karen by **October 8th** at karenclydesdale@bellsouth.net. The member that has distributed the most flyers will win the gift card. In case of a tie, the names will be put in a container and the winner will be announced.

ARTS & CULTURE

The Arts & Culture CSP will be hosting the October General Meeting. Our speaker is Stephanie Owens, Executive Director at NBAF (National Black Arts Festival). NBAF has a legacy of providing stellar artistic and educational programs in music, dance, film, visual arts, theatre, and the literary arts. NBAF's mission is to expose, educate, engage and entertain audiences by presenting and supporting art and artists of African descent. If you'd like to learn more about NBAF before our meeting, visit their website at www.nbaf.org.

Members who are interested in joining the Arts and Culture CSP, please email your name and mobile number to hawcinc@live.com. Make sure to also download the GroupMe app on your mobile device to stay up to date with projects and volunteer opportunities. You will be added to the AWC Arts & Culture GroupMe via your mobile number.

Billie Harris, CSP Chair

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH

The committee did not meet over the summer. A tentative meeting is scheduled for September 23, 2021. The chair has been in contact with committee members by email and, provided precursory documents from the 2nd Vice President that will assist in planning and finalizing our calendar and donations. We anticipate our planning process will be completed in October. In November we will start working on our year end reporting form. By December we should be on target with our planned activities and donations. We are actively, recruiting members for our Civic Engagement Committee. We welcome existing members and newcomers. Persons interesting in joining the committee can contact me at 404-955-9897 or email at d51kimes@gmail.com. Our September activity included selecting a Guest Speaker for our monthly general meeting. The guest speaker is **Rebecca DeHart** who will speak briefly on Redistricting.



Rebecca DeHart is the CEO at Fair Count, a nonprofit organization in Georgia working to build long-term power in communities that have been undercounted in the decennial census, underrepresented at the polls, and torn apart in redistricting. Leading a team of 70 employees at its height, Rebecca has stewarded Fair Count's on-the-ground organizing, advocacy, and media campaigns to achieve a record self-participation rate in the 2020 Census and unprecedented turnout in the Georgia 2020 General and the 2021 Runoff Elections. She has more than 20 years of political, campaign, policy, and advocacy experience.

She was the President of Steel Cut Strategies, LLC, a firm specializing in campaign management, communications, and governmental affairs. It was there that Rebecca capped off her 13-year lobbying career where she was well known for her efforts advocating for access to healthcare, reproductive justice, and safety for women, children, and families. In 2012, she became the Senior Vice President of a political direct mail firm, serving as both the Chief Creative Strategist and General Consultant to races across the nation. Preceding the founding of her firm, Rebecca was the Communications Director and Lobbyist at the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association and the Executive Director at the Georgia Commission on Family Violence.

Darlene Kimes, CSP Chair/Amber Hahn, CSP Co-Chair

MEMBERSHIP

Membership renewal for 2022 will be due by February 15, 2022. On November 1 you may go to the events calendar to renew online. The dues are \$65. Please mail checks to the Wimbish House or my home address which is 886 Plymouth RD. NE, Atlanta, GA 30306. The Conflict of Interest Form is due annually and is to be sent at time of renewal. You will find it in the Members area under the Community Tools. Please read the Conflict of Interest Policy prior to signing the form.

New Members



Susan Sussman

I am a new resident of Atlanta, Georgia and am happy to be here. I was born in South Jersey, grew up in Philadelphia, PA and we moved to Santa Fe, New Mexico to raise a family. My three adult children and son-in-law are now scattered across the country so I decided to accept the job offer at Georgia Tech Research Institute to start a new chapter of my 2nd adulthood.

I would like to volunteer and give back to my community. There is much to learn about the Atlanta area and I look forward to meeting lots of new friends in the Atlanta Woman's Club. I volunteered over the years serving the schools, my church and the health community. Today, my interests are in the arts, environment and the preservation of historic sites of interest.



Jena Dunham

A North Georgia Apple Capital (Ellijay) native, I moved to Atlanta after college graduation and have loved living and working in this amazing city. A graphic designer and writer by trade, I now serve as the Vice President of Brand Marketing for EarthLink, one of the nation's leading internet service providers. My husband and I were married in November of 2018, and have enjoyed renovating our new (to us) home, traveling, and spending time with our friends and family. I am the daughter of a retired minister and a school principal – service to others and community has always been part of the fabric of my life, and I'm honored to join the leagues of incredible women from the AWC.

FAVORITE THINGS | red lipstick, international travel, Tallulah Bankhead's voice, autobiographies, Southern magazines, fried okra, costume jewelry, custom stationery, and Driving Miss Daisy

Connie Morris, 1st Vice President, Membership Chair

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