



# Atlanta Woman's Club



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Hello Ladies,

This has been an extreme summer of heat. Hand claps to the Snippets for continuing to prune the roses all summer! Our Seeded Event Committee has met most of the summer. We have met with potential seeded event candidates and are planning the next event. We will host the Refugee Women's Network for their fall event on November 2. Peggy Pruett will be coordinating the volunteers so if interested mark the date now. We have fun helping the organizations with their fundraising! Children Read had some AWC volunteers this summer cleaning books.

This weekend is time for Leads and Institute in Athens. We have some members attending, and we will fill you in on any news.



We had the sad news this summer that a long-time member has died. Daisy Luckey Aukerman was loved by those that knew her. Daisy lived a full life of 100 years. She had been a pianist for our meetings before her retirement to an assistive living residence. Thanks to Karen McDonald for contributing the words below:

**AWC President: 1984-86, Mar. 1989-May 1990, 2004-2006**

**GA Music Teachers' Association Daisy Luckey Aukerman:**

Daisy Luckey Aukerman grew up in Harlem, Georgia and began piano study at the age of eight years old. She gained recognition in her early years by winning many local and state honors under the instruction of Mrs. Jule Hatcher. She was the recipient of three scholarships and chose to study

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at LaGrange College with Rosa Muller of the Leipzig Conservatory. Organ study was with Katherine Cline, a student of Virgil Fox.

At LaGrange College, she was named College Superlative and was elected President of the student body. After graduation, she began her teaching career at Druid Hills School in DeKalb County and also served as accompanist for The Atlanta Boys Choir at their debut in New York's Town Hall. Until recently, she served as organist for 34 years at Atlanta's historic First Methodist Church on Peachtree.

She maintains membership in GMTA, MTNA, Atlanta Music Club, Pro-Mozart Society, American Guild of Organists, Steinway Society, Mu Phi Epsilon and National Guild of Piano Teachers. In 2004, she received the Wall of Outstanding Alumni Award in a ceremony at LaGrange College. AWC has donated in her name to Tallulah Falls School, and to Daisy Shepherd Luckey Excellence in Music Scholarship fund at LaGrange College. Our club donates to TFS for any member's death. Because of the contributions from Daisy to AWC, the Executive Board voted to give an additional amount from Arts and Culture CSP.

We will meet on Monday, September 11th at 11:15. Civic Engagement and Outreach are in charge of the program. Jessica Johnson from The Scholarship Academy will be our speaker. I hope to see you then!

“Music with all its subtlety has immense power to unite people, spread love,  
and bring peace in the world!”

-Sanchita Pandey

**Connie Morris, AWC President 2022-2024**



## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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Ladies, as you know the Assistant Treasurer, Sheena Crawford has resigned from her position. An announcement was previously sent to the membership in the Weekly bulletin and this item has been discussed with the Executive Committee which satisfies our Bylaw protocol. The nominating committee met to discuss proposed candidates that will ultimately complete the remainder of Ms. Crawford's term which expires May 31, 2024.

Nominations are now closed. This document will be posted in the Weekly beginning August 28 and posted in the Club and on our member's only page by August 28. To reiterate, we will vote at the September meeting.

Attached please find the Bylaws, please refer to ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS:

**Section 4 – Resignation/Removal** Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the president and recording secretary. Any elected officer may be removed by the Executive Board whenever, in its judgment, the best interests of the Club would be served. The president may remove any appointed officer. Any change in officers will be announced in the Executive Board meeting and the next general membership meeting.

**Section 5 – Vacancies** A vacancy in the office of president shall be filled by the first vice president. A vacancy in the office of first vice president shall be filled by the second vice president unless she wishes to remain as the second vice president. In this case, the office of first vice president, and any other vacancies among the elected officers, shall be filled by nominations from the Nominating Committee and Executive Board with an election being held at the following general meeting.

**The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce that we have two qualified candidates for a September vote. The following biographies are listed in alphabetical order.**

### **Ann Hazzard:**

*Ann Hazzard is a psychologist who was a faculty member at Emory University School of Medicine for 35 years. In addition, she was the managing partner for Peachtree Psychological Consultants, a private practice group. Ann has also been an active Board member for several non-profit agencies (Georgia Council on Child Abuse, Kidscope, Kate's Club). Through these roles, she has developed a focused expertise in budget development and oversight, personnel management, and event planning.*

*As the principal investigator for several large grants, managing business partner, and non-profit Board member, Ann managed or oversaw large budgets. She selected and supervised*

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*employees and hundreds of psychology and pediatric residents. In addition, twice she chaired the Planning Committee for the Annual Convention of the Georgia Psychological Association.*

*Ann's varied experiences including her management of large budgets have prepared her to carry out and assume the duties as the Assistant Treasurer.*

### **Judy Reece:**

*I became a member of AWC in 2014. I am currently chair of Member Events and also chair of Communications. I am a member of the Seeded Event Committee. I personally produce the Weekly Bulletin and do most of the maintenance to the AWC website. I have been a member of various CSPs and presently am a member of the Education & Libraries CSP. I have been Club Secretary, head of the Nominating Committee, served on the Bylaws committee and later served as chair of the Bylaws committee.*

*Outside of AWC: I have a degree in Management. I am retired; previously I was Director Information Systems Development for Norfolk Southern Corporation. One of the areas my group was responsible for was sending freight bills to our customers. I was responsible for our departmental standards and was the department liaison with Audit and with Law. Until the end of last year, I was on my condominium board for 8 years where I served as president three times.*

*I would be happy to serve you as Assistant Treasurer fulfilling the remainder of Shena Crawford's term. I will bring to the table my attention to detail and my desire to add to making our organization run smoothly.*

On behalf of the nominating committee, we would like to thank both Ann and Judy for agreeing to run for this position. Please know that we will vote on the above referenced candidates at the September meeting.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to email any one of our Nominating Committee Members.

Respectfully submitted,

**Cimi Douglass, Chair** (cimi.douglass@gmail.com)

**Barbara Washburn** (bwashburn41@gmail.com)

**Billie Harris** (hawcinc@live.com)

**Jeenie Lobato** (jclobato99@gmail.com)

**Ursula Reynolds, Alternate** (ursulabreynolds@gmail.com)

**Melissa, Bernadel, Parliamentarian** (mbernadel88@gmail.com)

**\*\*Please note that Page Henry resigned from the Nominating Committee due to her BOT position. Pursuant to our Bylaws, an officer cannot serve in two elected positions. We would like to thank Page for her previous participation in the Nominating Committee.**

## MEMBERSHIP

We were very pleased to accept three new members into our club at the June meeting. These ladies have met all requirements and are anxious to become involved. Be sure to read their bios and make an effort to get to know them at meetings and through your CSP activities.

### GWEN HURLEY



Gwen is interested in supporting the Civic Engagement, Education and Libraries and Health and Wellness CSP's. She is also willing to help with Special Events. Her email address is ehurleyg@gmail.com and her phone number is 678-523-5920. She is sponsored by Peggy Pruett and endorsed by Connie Morris and Lisa Banes.

Gwenevelyn (Gwen) Hurley, originally from Texas, has made her home in Douglasville, Georgia. She proudly served as an officer in the United States Air Force from 1987 to 1996 until she resigned her commission to attend law School. Upon graduation, she accepted a position in the DeKalb County Solicitor's Office from 2000-2001. From 2001-2015, she worked in various federal agencies such as the Federal Labor Relations Authority, the Department of Labor, and Homeland Security. In 2015 Gwen was appointed to the position of Administrative Law Judge. During her tenure, she has served as a judge for both the Social Security Administration and the Department of Health and Human Services.

She received her B.S. in Business Administration from the University of Tampa in 1987 and her J.D. from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill in 1999. Gwen is very good at organizing and planning. Gwen enjoys spending time with her husband and family. She also enjoys reading, exercising, traveling, listening to music, dancing, and partaking in fine dining.

### LAURA YOUNGBLOOD



Laura is interested in supporting the Health and Wellness and Environmental CSP's as well as volunteering for special events. Her email address is llf3127@gmail.com and her phone number is 678-231-9873. She is sponsored by Cimi Douglas and endorsed by Peggy Pruett and Jo Dee Gonzalez.

Laura grew up in St. Simons and has lived in Georgia the majority of her life. She graduated from Emory University with a Master's in Child Health and has been a pediatric nurse practitioner for the past 25 years. She currently works at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta in the AFLAC Cancer and Blood Disorders Center and is actively pursuing her Doctorate degree through the University of North Georgia.

Together with her husband Dan, they have four children (two in college and two in high school) and currently live in Marietta. Laura has a love for the outdoors and enjoys trail running, hiking and spending time on Lake Lanier.



## MEMBERSHIP CONT'D

### ELOISE (Weesi) KISGEN



Eloise's nickname is Weesi. She is interested in Arts & Culture and Health & Wellness. She is also willing to helping with Special Events. Her email address is [wkisgen@gmail.com](mailto:wkisgen@gmail.com) and her phone is 404-932-0267. She is Sponsored by Connie Morris and endorsed by Peggy Pruett and Lisa Banes.

I am a native Atlantan and have enjoyed volunteering for many years. Having been involved in a variety of organizations (Boy Scouts of America, Children's Hospital at Egleston, Cathedral of St. Philip Episcopal Church, Buckhead Church, and The USO), I feel I could bring good organizational skills to The Atlanta Woman's Club projects and enjoy working with others.

### WE HAVE A NEW "CLUB BABY"



Congratulations to one of our new members, Elizabeth Emmanuel and her husband on the birth of their beautiful daughter Kalena Emilianne Emmanuel. She was born on July 4th, and weighed 5 pounds and 10 oz. Kalena means flower and she certainly lives up to her pretty name. We look forward to seeing many pictures!

A beautiful family.

### RESIGNATION LETTER

We are sad to announce that Shena Crawford, our Assistant Treasurer has had to resign due to her new job obligations. We are sorry to lose her and wish her well in her new position.

## MEMBERSHIP CONT'D

We look forward to seeing each of you at the September meeting. Please be sure to register and pay with the new signup method that Judy has created for us. Registration is a must in order to give a correct number to the caterer. Paying when you register will save you money. It is \$15 when paid ahead and \$20 when paid at the door. There are no refunds if you are a no show because we have to pay the caterer for the number registered. If you register without paying and do not come, you will be asked to pay the lunch fee afterwards. The goal is for everyone to come, and have a great meeting learning what is going on in the club, hearing opportunities to become involved and enjoy a lovely luncheon with your fellow members. See you there.

**Peggy Pruett, 1st Vice President, Membership Chair**

## ARTS & CULTURE

Arts & Culture is excited for fall! Stay tuned for exciting projects, outings and service work we will be doing the rest of the year into 2024. December is Art & Culture's meeting month and we encourage your involvement. We had a zoom call in June to discuss potential opportunities for service work.

**Jennifer Quinn, Chair**

**Jo Dee Gonzalez, Co-Chair**

## EDUCATION & LIBRARIES



Volunteers from the Education & Libraries CSP met at *Children Read's* office to clean books in July.

The volunteers in the photo are: Maria Krane, Connie Morris, Weesi Kisgen, Amanda Vincent, Judy Reece, Aimee Berry, and Rachel Brad-dock.

We are scheduled to volunteer to clean books again on Saturday, November 4th.

Save the date.

## EDUCATION & LIBRARIES CONT'D

Other opportunities exist to volunteer with *Children Read*, delivering books to preschool classrooms in the Atlanta City and Dekalb County school systems. Volunteers available to read to preschool classrooms are also needed. These are weekday activities that you can provide solo or in pairs. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Sara June McDavid at [sjmcdavid@gmail.com](mailto:sjmcdavid@gmail.com).



Fall projects will include volunteering with the Atlanta Fulton Public Library at *Streets Alive* on Sunday afternoon, October 22nd. Library staff will be bringing their fun and flashy bookmobile to the Wimbish House driveway for the event. We will be promoting library use and helping people sign up for library cards. A fun project with the Georgia Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled is being planned for November. Please watch for details in the *Weekly* and the October *AWC Newsletter*.

**Sara June McDavid, Chair**

**Maria Krane, Co-Chair**

## CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH



The Civic Engagement and Outreach CSP led AWC participation in the Georgia Justice Project's Back-to-School event. During June and July, members contributed 50 backpacks filled with school supplies. On July 22nd, seven AWC volunteers worked at the event running the bingo game, serving lunch, and distributing backpacks.

Pictured:  
Jo Ellen Friedman, CSP Chair Yolanda Johnson, Pat Walsh



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH CONT'D



Connie Morris and Eloise Kisgen

Amanda Robinson and  
Beverly Williams



## CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH CONT'D

The Civic Engagement and Outreach CSP is facilitating the September 11th, 2023 General Meeting. Our luncheon speaker will be Jessica Johnson, founder and executive director of The Scholarship Academy, a nonprofit organization that helps low-income, first-generation families create four-year college funding plans. A recipient of over \$200,000 in scholarships, Jessica is the author of the nationally-recognized "College Funding Toolkit."



Through The Scholarship Academy, Jessica has helped students claim more than \$60 million in private scholarships, earning several national fellowships including the Pepsico Black Changemakers award, Echoing Green, the Ashoka Changemaker Award, the Points of Light Foundation's Civic Accelerator and most recently, The Roddenberry Fellowship.

With a solid commitment to creating educational pathways, Jessica currently serves as the Atlanta Public School Board of Education's At-Large Seat 9 representative. She has previously served on APS Equity Community Advisory Board, the Fulton Office of Workforce Development's Youth Council Chair, and is an Inaugural member of the Atlanta Youth Commission.

Her civic awards include Atlanta Business Chronicle's 40 Under 40 Award, Outstanding Atlanta, Ebony Magazine's Educate Young Minds Award, and Root Magazine's Top 100 Emerging Leaders. Jessica received her bachelors' degree from Howard University, and her Master's degree in Public Administration from American University. She is a member of the Pi Alpha Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

**Yolanda Johnson, Chair**

**Janecia Heard, Co-Chair**

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