

Atlanta Woman's Club

March 2025

Newsletter

President Peggy Pruett's message:

Hello Dear Club Sisters from the middle of the Pacific Ocean,

As you are reading this, we will be well into our 60th Anniversary trip. We started on the day after the February meeting with a log flight to FIGI (I saved up my pennies (?) for first Class letdown seats). We spent 5 days in beautiful Fiji and then a short flight to Auckland, New Zealand to board our Celebrity Cruise. We hit 8 ports in New Zealand, 2 Sea Days, and finish in Sydney, Australia. We will spend 5 days there and have tickets to the Opera House. Our trip home will consist of 3 flights for a total of 20 hours. We arrive home Saturday night (before setting up for club on Sunday) at about 11:00 pm. Forgive me if this is too much information but many have asked for details of I am sharing with all our wonderful vacation. Also, if I am a zombie at the meeting, just overlook me as still on Australia time.

We always do trips that will allow us to be with the indigenous people whenever possible. I have loved getting to know the strong women in the small villages who are helping to support their families by making and selling their beautiful creations. They are all so lovely and happy whether they are living in a small hut or more prosperous areas. We have danced with them in their traditional ceremonies. They have sung and danced with us in celebration of our anniversary. I have toughed nose and forehead in greeting with beautiful women. I have been so blessed to witness their pride in their land and their welcoming spirit. We strong women are the same wherever we are planted. We find our purpose and do it joyfully.

Back to the real world, we will be electing two BOT Candidates and a Recording Secretary at the March meeting. Be sure and read this entire newsletter as their bios will be included of that you will be ready to vote. We are very grateful to our new nominating committee for their work in securing the nominees for this election.

Our March meeting will be presented by the Civic Engagement and Outreach CSP. The speaker will be from the Georgia Justice Program Senior Social Worker Atoyia Johnson. She works with prison clients and recently released incarcerated and their families to provide much needed services. Many thanks to Jennifer Spivey and her Committee in their working in advance to get me the information I need while doing meeting prep in another part of world.

As my Pearl quote of the month, it is one of my own: “A woman can never have too many pearls!” I was so happy to have this visual to support my quote as a lovely art piece on the ship by Ann Carrington made entirely from pearls.



Peggy Pruett, President, The Atlanta Woman's Club

Symbol: Pearls

Motto: An Old Native American Proverb: "A Pearl is worthless in its shell."

First Vice President Darlene Kimes:

Executive Board Report
Submitted January 28, 2025
Darlene Kimes, 1st VP
Recommendation of New Membership
AWC Executive Board for Approval – February 10, 2025
Katherine L. Clinton



Katherine has led a career in Systems Engineering for over 35 years. That career has provided her with extensive experience in system design and analysis for aerospace and defense systems development. She is a highly skilled leader. The experience has allowed her to develop into a very analytical problem solver, strategic planner, and strategy developer. Katherine is a recognized leader with a reputation for on-time and within budget delivery on the programs for which she led. She has received several leadership awards throughout her career for those skills. Katherine is never satisfied with the status quo and strives to innovate. She has a strong passion for developing leaders and constantly works to provide the opportunities necessary for growth and development within her team members.

Katherine received her undergraduate degree in Mathematics and Computer Science from Albany State University, Albany, GA and a Master of Science in Computer Science from Florida Institute of Technology, Melbourne, FL. She has also received a Master of Science degree in Systems Engineering from Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, NJ. Katherine's leadership extends beyond her professional involvement and impacts on other affiliations and community involvement activities. She was featured in the Harcourt Brace and Company Contributions of African-American Scientists textbook for Grade K-6. Katherine currently resides in the Atlanta, GA area.

Interest: Arts & Culture, Education and Libraries

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Sponsored by Catherine Smith – Endorsed by Kameron Sheats & Darlene Kimes

Education & Libraries – Maria Krane

The Atlanta Woman's Club made a donation to Children Read in honor of its State President Cathy Jones. Handing the check to Children Read Board Member Marla Johnson is Maria Krane, Atlanta Woman's Club Chair of the Education and Libraries CSP.



Children Read strives to put books in the hands of children in lower income families. Research has shown that 61% of those families do not have any children's books in the home. This lack of reading material puts children at a disadvantage: 75% of students who are poor readers in third grade remain poor readers in high school. The average number of books for this population is one book per 300 children!

Atlanta Woman's Club members try to narrow this gap by reading to children, cleaning donated books and preparing them for pre-kindergarten children attending Title 1 schools, Sheltering Arms, Head Start and other programs for low-income families.

Announcement from Judy Reece:

APRIL MEMBERSHIP TEA: As a reminder, there is no business meeting in April. We will have our annual Membership Tea on Sunday, April 13. This is a chance to wear your Sunday best Spring attire (hats are welcome) and enjoy a proper lady's tea. As this is a chance to bring prospective members to enjoy the beautiful Wimbish House and meet your fellow club members, it is an all adult event. We look forward to entertaining you and your guests. There is no cost for this event but you will need to register yourself and your guests.

Second Vice President Ann Hazzard:

How To Develop Service Project Ideas and Partnerships

We encourage all members to actively suggest service project ideas and identify promising nonprofit partners. Here's some information on how to turn your community commitment into AWC action.

-Step 1: Identify Issue

Great ideas are sparked in many ways. You may have heard or read about a creative program in Atlanta or elsewhere. You may feel personally connected or called to address a particular social issue. You may have collaborated with an impressive local organization. Or you might raise your hand when your CSP leader asks for a volunteer to "scope out" an issue or organization.

-Step 2: Identify Local Organizations That Addresses Issue

If your starting point is an issue (or a program developed elsewhere), talk to friends or use the internet to identify organizations here, usually nonprofits, that are addressing the problem. We do make donations to national nonprofits, but most of our partnerships are with local organizations (or national organizations that have local chapters). Local partnerships allow us to do projects that integrate funding and volunteer time to maximize impact.

-Step 3: Gather Info About Potential Partner Organization(s)

You can gather information via the internet or personal or phone inquiries. Most organizations are eager to talk to potential donors and volunteers.

- Make sure that the organization is non-partisan (not political) and non-sectarian (not affiliated with a faith organization), as per our by-laws.
- Examine the organization's mission statement to ensure that it is a good match for a CSP's focus and member interests. Check out program descriptions and staff backgrounds.
- To determine if an organization is well-run, look it up on [Charity Ratings and Donor Resources | Charity Navigator](#) or [Nonprofit and Charity Reviews and Ratings | Donate, Volunteer, and Review | GreatNonprofits](#). Some newer or smaller organizations may not be rated, but may still be worthy.
- Examine the Annual Report of organizations when possible. This document is often available on the website or by request. This will help you assess an organization's size, transparency, financial health, accountability, and impact.
- Determine if group volunteer projects are likely to be feasible. See if the organization has a particular project in mind to which AWC could contribute.

-Step 4: Make the Pitch!

Talk to the 2nd Vice President, President, or a CSP leader about the organization and/or your project idea. They can help you determine next steps or can let you know of any potential problems they foresee. Soon you may be pitching the idea to a CSP or co-leading a project! Bravo!

GFWC AWC Executive Board and Committees

Officers

President	Peggy Pruett
1 st Vice President / Membership	Darlene Kimes
2 nd Vice President	Ann Hazzard
Recording Secretary	Beverly Williams
Treasurer	Judy Reece
Assistant Treasurer	Judine Heard

Appointed Officers

Corresponding Secretary	Sara June McDavid
Parliamentarian Advisor	Beth Jetha

Community Service Program Chairs

Ann Hazzard, 2nd Vice President & Dean of Community Service Programs
Lynn Brentnall, Arts and Culture (Co-Chair Page Henry)
Jennifer Spivey, Civic Engagement & Outreach (Co-Chair Jo Ellen Friedman)
Maria Krane, Education & Libraries (Co-Chair Aimee Berry)
Ursula Reynolds, Environment (Co-Chair Amber Hahn)
Connie Morris, Health & Wellness (Co-Chair Isabel Urrutia)

Special Appointed Committees

President's Advisor	All Past Presidents
Historian	Sara June McDavid
Women's History	Amanda Robinson
Tallulah Falls School	Donna Foland
1734 Society	Jo Dee Gonzalez
A Seeded Event / Fundraising	Connie Morris
LEADS	Myra Carmon
ESO Book Club	Penny Blackford
Website/Communications/ Weekly Bulletin/Bridge	Judy Reece
Member Events/Sunday Setup	Sandra Langford
Photographer/Social Media	Amanda Vincent
Newsletter Editor	Peggy Pruett (Shannon Lubell – Sept. – May)

Budget Committee

Treasurer	Determined by Bylaws Article XII Section 7
President of AWC	Judy Reece, Chair
2 nd Vice President of AWC	Peggy Pruett
Assistant Treasurer	Ann Hazzard
Chair of the BOT	Judine Heard
Co-Chair of the BOT	Karen Clydesdale
	Yolanda Johnson

Nominating Committee

Chair

Jo Ellen Friedman
Aimee Berry
Maria Krane
Beverly Williams
Jennifer Spivey – Alternate
Jennifer Quinn – Alternate

ByLaws Committee

Chair

Barbara Washburn
Jennie Lobato
Myra Carmon
Beth Jetha

AWC Board of Trustees

Trustee 2023-2025, Chair
Elected Trustee 2025-2027
Elected Trustee 2024-2026
Elected Trustee, 2024-2026
Elected Trustee 2025-2027
AWC President 2024-2026
1st VP 2024-2026
Treasurer 2024-2026
Assistant Treasurer 2024-2026
Past Chair BOT
Past Chair BOT
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Parliamentarian 2024-2026

Karen Clydesdale
Yolanda Johnson
Jo Dee Gonzalez
Gretchen Butler
Page Henry
Peggy Pruett
Darlene Kimes
Judy Reece
Judine Heard
Myra Carmon – no vote
Karen Bacheller – no vote
Karen Moore McDonald – no vote
Beth Jetha – no vote

Past Presidents of AWC

1994-1996
2008-2010
2010-2012
2012-2014
2014-2016
2016-2018
2018-2020
2020-2022
2022-2024

Lucy Willard
Karen Moore McDonald
Karen Bacheller
Karen Clydesdale
Judine Heard
Cimi Douglass
Myra Carmon
Jo Dee Gonzalez
Connie Morris