GTFWC Rings in Holiday Season 2014

Get in the mood for Christmas, Hanukah, Kwanzaa or anything else you fancy with GTFWC’s annual Holiday Cheese and Wine reception. As you can see from the photos of the 2013 festivities alongside, merriment prevails.

As always when GTFWC is involved, there will be good food to savor, including wine, a variety of fine cheeses and hors d’oeuvres galore in a different venue. This year will offer a specially scrumptious feature: a contest for the best dessert! So, ladies, whip out your aprons and your recipes and get to work. To register your entry, contact Nancy Allvine, nallvine@mindspring.com, or view our website, http://gtfwc.gatech.edu/event/holiday-wine-and-cheese-reception/?instance_id=328

This year the event also supports Nicholas House, http://nicholashouse.org, and Stand Up for Kids, http://www.standupforkids.org. Your contribution of cash or gift cards for discount stores, supermarkets, etc., will help them in their work.

Thanks to committee members Cissa Fleming and Ruth Chow, co-chairs, Nancy Allvine, Michaele Arkin, Stephanie Cradick, Marylou Foley, Marcy Fortnow and Claire Roper.
The crisp, autumn air reminds us that we are well underway with the new academic year and with the GTFWC events and programs. Our activities began with a great kickoff at our traditional Open House in September. I am pleased to say that members have responded very positively to our 2014-15 Calendar of activities with a show of great turnouts for the Bloomingdales Personal Shopper Event, our Project Open Hand community service event, and the Newcomer’s Tour held in October. Thank you so much to everyone involved - all planners, organizers, and participants! It was a fantastic month!

And what a delightful prelude to Thanksgiving our November program brought to us! Our fun Bread Beckers’ Event had twenty-nine members in attendance! The greatest part of the program was sampling the delicious recipes that were cooked right before our eyes! Healthy cooking is now a new resolution for me!

But wait, there is more! As described above, there is a special holly, jolly, Holiday Party just waiting for everyone in December! I am smiling just thinking about the fun that is to come! You will not want to miss it!

If you think the fall term was interesting and enjoyable, just wait until you hear what is planned for spring! Mark your calendar for a tour of Atlanta’s historic Wimbish House and an exciting Georgia Tech women’s basketball game in January (more volunteers are needed here!), and an intriguing program featuring Georgia Tech book authors in February. Read all about it!

It has been quite a terrific 2014, and thanks to members like you, I know the rest of the year will follow suit. How grateful I am to be part of this organization!

Wishing everyone happy and healthy holidays,

Carol Griffin
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Dear Members,

The new year is upon us and I am deeply honored to serve as your President for 2014-15 and am equally honored to be working with such an enthusiastic and capable Board!

Our theme this year “New on the Horizon at GTFWC” encompasses many things – new members, new activities and new programs!

Many of us may not be aware that over 60,000 refugees have been resettled in Georgia during the past 25 years, making us one of the top six states for refugee resettlement. Most have been housed in the Clarkston/Stone Mountain area of DeKalb County.

The children who enter the U.S. as refugees face special difficulties. Many are dealing with trauma issues, have limited English, and have had their education interrupted or denied altogether.

On Tuesday, January 13 GTFWC volunteers will help out at the Global Village Project, an innovative, accredited, special purpose school for refugee girls and young women whose schooling has been interrupted or never begun. Now in its fifth year, the school equips these girls with the academic and social skills they need to succeed in the U.S. Current students aged 11 to 18 speak 15 languages and come from 11 countries but have lived in 23.

We will prepare lunch for the 34 girls at our homes and then deliver and serve it to them at the Global Village Project in Decatur. Some suggestions for what to make will be provided closer to the date.

Given the diverse backgrounds of our members, we would love to have participation not only from our English-speakers, but also from anyone who speaks Swahili, Somali, Sango, Arabic, French, Rohingya, Hakha Chin, Matu Chin, Lingala, Kinyarwanda, Kirundi, Dari, Pashto, Burmese, Karen, or Nepali.

Well, we are an international city after all....
Come and join the yearly GTFWC Basketball event on Sunday, January 18, at 2 pm at the McCamish Pavilion where the Georgia Tech Lady Jackets take on Pittsburgh. Bring family and friends and enjoy the fast paced game from the wonderful Callaway Club level, which is reserved for our group.

Complimentary pizza and drinks are included in your ticket price. Young guests of all ages can enjoy fun games and a photo opportunity with Buzz the mascot.

Arrive early, around 1.30 pm, with the chance of getting a parking spot in the lot off Fowler Street. To receive your ticket and name tag from one of our members look at the EAST Entrance (off Fowler Street and parking lot) and look for a sign from our GTWFC club. If you cannot find our ticket person at the East Entrance, please call Stephanie at 415.225.0646.

Just fill out your registration form on page 7 and return it by Wednesday, January 14, to be part of this exciting event and experience an arena where basketball history is made.

— Stephanie Cradick

Date: Sunday, January 18
Time: 1:30 pm
Place: McCamish Pavilion
965 Fowler St NW
Atlanta, GA 30318
Tickets – $7 (adult), $3 (child)
RSVP: Stephanie Cradick
1711 Homestead Ave NE
Atlanta, GA 30306
Stephanie.Cradick@gmail.com
Deadline: Wed., Jan. 14

Our October Event at Bloomingdales was a huge success with 32 members in attendance. It was expertly coordinated between Marie Johnson, Julie Roberts (Bloomingdales Personal Shopper) and Mara Maddox (Bloomingdales Public Relations Manager) and our many thanks go out to them. The highlight was seeing our very own lovely ladies striding so gracefully down the ‘catwalk’ in tune to Julie's commentary on current trends. It's clear we ladies know how to shop because our little event raised a total of $3800 for The Living Room - a housing information, placement and financial assistance agency for low-income people who are homeless, or at risk of becoming homeless due to HIW/AIDS. — Susan Bucknall
Tour Historic Wimbish House

The one the developers missed

Come join us for a tour of historic Wimbish House, one of the few survivors of the grand mansions that once lined Peachtree Street.

Designed by W. T. Downing, then one of Atlanta’s best architects, and built in 1906, the magnificent old house has been lovingly restored. It is now owned by The Atlanta Woman’s Club, and is a designated national, state and city landmark.

The tour is free, but there is a small charge for parking across the street. Since there is parking for only six cars outside the house, carpooling is strongly recommended. — Susan Bucknall

Date: Wednesday, Jan. 21
Time: 10 am — 11.15 am
Where: 1150 Peachtree St., NE
Atlanta, GA 30309
Host: Susan Bucknall
RSVP: susanbucknall@yahoo.com
Deadline: January 14

Friendship Notes

GTFWC extends our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Judy Book, whose husband Wayne (ME, retired) recently underwent open heart surgery, and to Sheron Curtis, whose father is recovering from brain surgery. — Kali Beyah
What does a book on *Fabrication of SiGe HBT BiCMOS Technology* have in common with the tale of William Chandon, a Christian knight, who is trapped between his forbidden love for the Sufi Muslim princess, Layla al-Khatib, and his Christian heritage amidst the glory of medieval Muslim Spain?

They are both written by **John Cressler**, a professor in GT’s School of Electrical and Computer Engineering. And GTFWC members and their guests will have the opportunity to hear Prof. Cressler discuss his trilogy of historical novels, *Anthems of Al-Andalus*, during a special program on February 18, 2015. (Of course, he may be willing to talk about his other books if you insist). Book club members, get ready!

“John D. Cressler must have researched thoroughly, and it shows in the amazing details that he adds in for the wars, the language, the city, the people, etc.,” wrote one reader of the first two novels, *Emeralds of the Alhambra* and *Shadows in the Shining City*.

Another guest will be Prof. **Kristie Macrakis** of GT’s School of History, Technology and Society, author of *Prisoners, Lovers, and Spies: The Story of Invisible Ink from Herodotus to al-Qaeda*. Prof. Macrakis has been interviewed on C-span and her book has been widely reviewed, including by the UK’s *The Daily Telegraph*. *The Washington Times* described the book as “an utterly fascinating account” and added, “the author knows her territory.”

**Thomas Lux**, Bourne Chair of Poetry in GT’s School of Literature, Media, and Communication, will also present. Mr. Lux has published 12 full-length poetry collections and has been awarded grants and fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation and the Mellon Foundation. His work has earned three grants from the National Endowment for the Arts.

We will enjoy the program in the beautiful surroundings of the Ferst Room in the Georgia Tech Library with its sweeping views. The event will conclude with a question and answer session. Books will be available for purchase and signing after the program. The library will also have on display the Frank Neely collection of Napoleon-related medals from its own archives.

**Date:** Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2015

**Time:** 5:30—8 pm (A light supper and wine served at 5:30 pm; program begins at 6 pm)

**Where:** Ferst Room, GT Library

**Hosts:** Judy Willis and Sheila Isbell

**RSVP:** Judy Willis, mjwillisgt@bellsouth.net

**Deadline:** Wednesday, Feb. 11

**Cost:** Free — but book early
WOMEN’S BASKETBALL GAME
SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2015
AT 2PM
GTFWC RESERVATION FORM

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Number of ADULTS $7 each = __________________________________________________________
Number of CHILDREN $3 each = ______________________________________________________

TICKET INCLUDES PIZZA AND DRINKS
TOTAL AMOUNT :

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO GTFWC AND MAIL WITH YOUR RESERVATION FORM TO:
STEPHANIE CRADICK
1711 HOMESTEAD AVE NE
ATLANTA, GA 30306
Stephanie.Cradick@gmail.com
415.225.0646.

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT ENTRANCE OF THE MCCAMISH PAVILION ONE HOUR BEFORE GAME.

GTFWC YEARBOOK IS NOW ONLINE!

For those of us who are not slaves to paper, the GTFWC 2014 Yearbook is now online. To view it, simply go to https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B0j0bH5EIcEiMeIh6TDhfQmxhUEk/view