INVITATION FOR YOU TO OUR ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE!

When: Wednesday, September 16
Time: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
Where: GT Student Success Center
       190 North Ave. NW

Get ready for a fun day for all members, newcomers, and guests! First Lady Val Peterson and the GTFWC Board will be hosts to our annual event! It is time to meet and greet, feast, and reserve your place on signup sheets for the programs and interest groups of your choice this year!

Find out what the excitement is all about! We have put together a slideshow that will highlight photos of (1) members and their interests, (2) our 2015 scholarship winners, (3) and events from the past year (really fun photos) and from earlier years (really earlier!). Also, Marie Johnson will present our website survey results (thanks to all those who contributed!). There is so much the GTFWC will be offering this year, including community service opportunities, special Newcomer events, and delightful family events with our GT women’s basketball and volleyball teams! What a treat for the family those will be!

Our theme this year is “Getting to Know You” and our hope is to take the first step toward this goal at Open House. Bring a guest or a prospective member to enjoy our fellowship. We look forward to a full house!

DIRECTIONS TO THE STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER:

Driving – Heading west on North Ave., enter Visitor Parking Lot past the three-tier parking deck adjacent to the Alumni House. (Fee). Park at the east end of the lot on the upper level. Take skywalk over North Ave. to sidewalk leading directly to the Student Success Center. Carpooling is encouraged.

For GPS, use Alumni House address: 190 North Ave., Atlanta, GA 30313.

Tech Faculty Women’s Club
Upcoming Events:
Sept. 16th Open House
Sept. 27th Newcomer Meet ‘N Greet
Sept. 30th Community Service with South Fork Conservancy at Zonolite Park
Oct. 4th Sunday Social
Oct. 21st Sweetwater Brewery Tour
Oct. 22nd Women Athletes Open Practice
Nov. 7th Newcomer Board Game Night
Nov. 18th GT Aware Home Tour
Greetings to all!

Welcome once again to another fun year with our Georgia Tech Faculty Women’s Club! I am honored to serve as your President for a second term and to have the pleasure of working with new members of the Board as well as with returning Officers and Standing Chairs. It takes a village to guide a club and I am thankful for them, as well as for each of you, as we join together in making the 2015-16 year of “Getting to Know You” a memorable one.

Marie Johnson, our 1st Vice President, has planned a great calendar of interesting programs to draw eager participation. I have been associated with Tech and lived in Atlanta for 13 years, but have never seen the GT Aware Home or been to the Wren’s Nest (both part of currently planned tours). That is part of what our club is about – getting to know the wonderful Tech Community and the great city of Atlanta in the company of friends, new and old! You will not want to miss these opportunities for learning – come join us!

Carol Griffin

OFFICERS FOR 2015-16

President: Carol Griffin
1st Vice President: Marie Johnson
2nd Vice President: Elaine Horton
Recording Secretary: Courtney Ervin
Corresponding Secretary: Connie Sholl
Treasurer: Cissa Fleming

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS FOR 2015-16

Friendship: Kathy McDowell
Historian: Jan Gaylord
Interest Groups: Marcy Fortnow
Membership: Ruth Chow
Newcomers: Ciku Gachugi Tonette Melvin
Online Presence: Gador Manzano
Scholarship: Christina Choi
Community Service: Sylvia Mallarino-Bras

Please remember to…

Come to OPEN HOUSE to receive your YEARBOOK and sign up for programs of your choice

Read the GTFWC NEWSLETTER for details on upcoming events and friendship notes

View our WEBSITE for facts, updates, forms and photos

Peruse delightful memories in our 2014-15 SCRAPBOOK

Send your own personal favorite holiday photo to Karen Mayne

Save those unused travel items for our holiday Shoebox Project
GETTING TO KNOW OUR NEWCOMERS!

NEWCOMER MEET 'N GREET

Date: Sunday, September 27, 2015
Time: 4-7 pm
Place: Home of Peggy & Paul Benkeser, 857 Monroe Circle, Unit B, Atlanta, GA 30308
Hostesses: Peggy Benkeser, Ciku Gachugi, Tonette Melvin, Kathy McDowell
Bring: An appetizer or snack to share; beverages will be served

If you are a member of GTFWC, you and your spouse/SO are invited to this event, along with a guest who is a newcomer or potential GTFWC member and spouse/SO. This casual get-together is designed to welcome newcomers to the Georgia Tech community over light snacks and beverages.

Please RSVP to Kathy McDowell (kathymcdee@gmail.com) by Sept. 24.

NEWCOMER BOARD GAME NIGHT

Date: Saturday November 7, 2015
Time: 7-9 pm
Place: Home of Cissa Fleming, 397 4th Street, NE, Atlanta, GA 30308
Hostesses: Ciku Gachugi, Tonette Melvin, Kathy McDowell
Bring: An appetizer, a beverage, and a board game or other game for a group

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Please RSVP to Ciku Gachugi (wanjikugachugi@gmail.com) by Nov 4.
Join us for our first Service Project of the year...

Wednesday, September 30th
8:30am – Noon

Zonolite Park, 1160 Zonolite Place NE, Atlanta GA 30306

Hostess: Sylvia Mallarino Bras, Community Service Chair

Cost: A few hours of your time trailblazing!

Please join us in helping South Fork Conservancy restore Zonolite Park, a formerly abandoned industrial wasteland. This 12-acre park now features a meadow, a pond, and forested trails that follow the South Fork of Peachtree Creek. We will be removing invasive plants so that the ecosystems can continue to thrive. Please wear closed shoes, long sleeves, pants, sunhats, and bring gardening gloves, bug spray, and sunscreen. Tools will be provided.

If you would like more information about this non-profit group that is helping connect Atlanta’s trails, check out http://saportareport.com/south_fork_conservancy_zonolite_park.

To sign up, please send Sylvia an email at SylviaMallarino@AtlantaFineHomes.com or call her cell at 404-786-3944.

Future Service events:

- January 27th
- March 5th
October Sunday Social

Covered Dish Evening

5:30 - 8:30 pm

Place: Home of Marcy Fortnow
4420 Crestwicke Pointe NE
Atlanta, GA 30319

Hostesses: Marcy Fortnow and Sheron Curtis-Stokes

Cost: Free, just bring a dish to share!

Join us for a Mediterranean inspired evening of food, drink, friends and fun! Catch up with old friends and new for a wonderful relaxed potluck evening. Bring an appetizer, a side, or dessert from countries like Spain, Italy, Greece, and points further East. The Sangria will be flowing!

RSVP by 9/28 with your creative contribution to marcy@fortnow.com (847-347-3871).
Brewery Tour at Atlanta’s SweetWater Brewing Company

Date: Wednesday, October 21, 2015

Time: 5:30-7:30 pm

Place: SweetWater Brewing Company
195 Ottley Drive
Atlanta, GA 30324

Hostesses: Kathy McDowell & Emily McDowell

Cost: $20 members, $25 guests

Join us for a brewery tour and catered BBQ dinner at Atlanta’s own hometown brewery, SweetWater Brewing Company. Through this VIP program, GTFWC members and their guests will start with a private tour of this craft brewery which opened in Atlanta in 1997. Following the tour, we’ll have time to mingle in a private VIP area set aside for GTFWC, taste six of SweetWater’s craft brews (5 oz. pours), and enjoy a BBQ menu featuring pulled pork/buns, mac ‘n cheese, and coleslaw (vegetarian option available). When it’s time to go home you’ll take a SweetWater souvenir glass with you.

Space is limited to 35pp, so be sure to sign up if you are interested!

Please RSVP by Wednesday Oct. 14 to Kathy McDowell, kathymcdee@gmail.com, to be part of this VIP Tour.

For more information: http://sweetwaterbrew.com/
We are so excited to be invited to this event on Thursday, Oct. 22nd. To join us, please register at the link below before October 16th. There is no charge. You can enjoy a meal with our wonderful Georgia Tech women athletes and receive a free T-shirt!

If interested, RSVP at the following Link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1vsd_tmR_OmqDUgdkdV2Pjj1SFINibhj2PpeFrAq9IXk/viewform?usp=send_form

Questions? contact Catherine Greene, Director of Basketball Operations, Georgia Tech Athletic Association, office: 404-894-5416 email: cgreene@athletics.gatech.edu

Parking details will be forwarded closer to the event.
Aware Home

Date: Wednesday, November 18, 2015

Time: 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Place: 479 10th Street NW, Atlanta GA 30308

Presenter: Dr. Brian Jones

Hostesses: Maureen Marsolan momarsolan@aol.com
           Sue Cross sue_cross1753@hotmail.com

We invite you to the Aware Home Research Initiative (AHRI) at Georgia Tech, an interdisciplinary research endeavor involving faculty and student researchers from multiple domains across campus. AHRI researchers are interested in three main research areas: Health and Well-being, Digital Media and Entertainment, and Sustainability, as well as investigating how these new technologies can impact the lives of people at home. One such area involves "Aging in Place", how can we use technology to enable elderly people to stay longer in their regular home with limited or not managed care? As an example how can one check if you have taken your medication and alert you about it? Also, how can you know if your parents are moving about and being active without any loss of privacy? This research has influenced both the broader research community and industry in considering the importance of the home in our future.

Join us for an optional lunch at Atlantic Station following the program.

Please RSVP by Wednesday November 4th to Maureen Marsolan to be included in tour.

For more information: http://awarehome.imtc.gatech.edu/
FRIENDSHIP NOTES

After a year in Belgium, Katrien Hemelsoet and Frank (CoC) Del-laert will head next to Palo Alto, CA. Frank has received an extension on his leave of absence and will be working for a startup in the Bay area, while Katrien finishes her teaching degree, daughter Zoe attends high school there, and son Thomas returns to Georgia Tech.

GTFWC extends its sincere sympathies to Sue and Steve (Admin) Cross upon the death of Steve’s mother, Imogene Cross of Cincinnati, OH in May.

GTFWC also extends sincere sympathy to the Grovenstein family on the death of Lillian Grovenstein, a long-time member of GTFWC. The Grovenstein family has had deep connections with Georgia Tech, including Lillian’s widower, Erling Grovenstein, a retired Chemistry professor; son John Grovenstein, formerly with Human Resources; and Lisa Grovenstein of Institute Communications.

GTFWC is grateful for healing of Paul Benkeser (BME), husband of Peggy, who underwent and recovered from heart surgery in May.

Welcome to Emily and Matthew (ME, MSE), Kathy McDowell’s son and daughter-in-law. Matthew has joined the faculty at Georgia Tech.

Congratulations to Laura Sievers and husband Carsten (ChBE) on the birth of Natalie Kathryn on Aug. 10, 2015.
GT Faculty Women Coming Along Side One Another

Is there someone you know in the Georgia Tech Faculty Women’s Club who is celebrating a joy, mourning a loss, or needs a note of encouragement during a life challenge?

We would be happy to send a note of support on behalf of the GTFWC.

Simply send your request at any time during this coming year to Kathy McDowell, Friendship Chair, at kathymcdee@gmail.com.

Please include the situation, full name, and mailing address if you have it.

Reminder: Members who have not sent in their membership form and dues may download the form from:


Bring your completed form to the Open House, or mail it to

Cissa Fleming 397 4th Street, NE Atlanta, GA 30308-2004

Did you find Buzz on every page? Have a quick look back to see if you can find out which events he’s thinking about.

For more information, check out our club’s website

www.gtfwc.gatech.edu

Have a great Autumn!