

## connection

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#### **Letter from the President**

Dear Friends,

Does it seem to you that only yesterday we were dressing for the Fall Welcome at Lullwater House?

We have surely had a busy year with excellent programs, events, and social activities. Judy and I so appreciate your support throughout the year.



Your attendance and participation made it possible. I'm counting on you for next year.

The achievement I'm most proud of for 2022-2023 is our increase in membership. We are anticipating these ladies to become truly engaged with EUWC. We veterans welcome you with open arms. EUWC needs your skills, especially general planning and computer graphic skills. Our website looks more 'hip' and current thanks to Susan Neel. We remain fiscally sound and have been good stewards of our resources. So, we have a lot to be proud of as we enter our 105<sup>th</sup> year. I'm writing prior to the meeting of the Executive Board at which time a decision will be made on how to observe this anniversary.

We will be spending time over the summer to write, edit, and print the Yearbook so it will be ready when we see you in September. In the meantime, enjoy your summer, your break in scheduling, your travels, your time with family. The Fall Welcome will return in September with another great year for EUWC.

Your President, **Alma Owens** 

#### **EUWC 2023 ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNER - TERI HOPKIN**

Congratulations to Teri Hopkin, recipient of the 2023 Emory University Woman's Club Achievement Award. Teri received a remarkable seven nominations, an indication of how highly she is regarded. This wife and mother serves our organization and still manages to happily indulge two grandsons whom she loves very much.

Teri sets high standards for her personal achievement, very high standards indeed! You must watch attentively to observe that she completes each task with precision, making it appear that it was the easiest thing ever done. She is well-read and follows current events, making her a great conversationalist. She is loyal to friends and has maintained long-term relationships with a great number of our members. She has volunteered with CASA and with community schools. During each election cycle she is actively involved in encouraging citizens to register to vote.

As a young girl in Miami, Teri discovered that she was admired for her singing. Yes, she can really sing! Consequently, she ended up with a degree in voice from Florida State University. That led to a career in teaching and performance. She has sung hundreds of recitals as a soloist, has performed with an orchestra supporting her, and has played roles in operas with other distinguished performers. In fact, she sang lead roles with the Atlanta Opera in four productions. Under the direction of Robert Shaw, she sang with the Atlanta Symphony Chorus and the Atlanta Symphony Chamber Chorus. After teaching at both the high school and college levels, perhaps her proudest achievement was building the voice program at Emory University.

Teri's activities at EUWC have been numerous. She has been responsible for Share the Care, has been Recording Secretary, has functioned as Corresponding Secretary, and most recently, has assumed the very important position of Program Chair. Her husband says that being Program Chair has been energizing and quite enjoyable for her. We have all benefitted from her outstanding selection of speakers and noteworthy topics for our monthly meetings. Who can forget the response we had to author Thomas Mullen's discussion of his novel *Darktown* when our aisles were filled with autograph-seekers? The appeal of these programs has helped to attract new members and invigorate existing members.

As Corresponding Secretary, Teri has consoled and cheered many of us as we have faced challenges and difficult times. Her loving and sensitive notes and cards are a testament to her graciousness and empathy. Since the first day she joined us, she has been a shining light for EUWC. She draws you in with her sparkling eyes and her warm smile. She captivates our spirits with her wit and reassures us with her easy-going manner. She has truly made a difference to so many of us in so many ways. This special member deserves this award to recognize her valued contributions to our organization.



## A Note from our EUWC Achievement Award Winner

Dear Friends,

I was surprised and my heart was warmed by your kind award last Tuesday. As I said then, we all deserve awards for our investments, actions, and good will. I surely appreciate this acknowledgment and want you to know I won't rest on my laurels!

I'm excited about next year's programs and hoping I'll use fewer stamps in writing to members who become ill or have difficult times.

Let's all take good care of ourselves and participate as much as we can next year. We surely enjoy each other, don't we?

Affectionately,

Teri Hopkin

## Spring Luncheon

Many thanks to Ann Marie Factor and Louise Freer for arranging our Spring Luncheon at the Druid Hills Golf Club. We had a great turnout and everyone enjoyed spending time together in this beautiful setting. It was a wonderful way to wrap up our 2022-2023 year.



#### **HOW ABOUT A SELFIE?**

Everyone would appreciate seeing your photo in the Directory section of our Yearbook, especially our newer members from the last few years. It's a good way to remember those you've just met or hope to meet! Since our Yearbook will be updated over this summer, please snap a photo of yourself on your phone and email it to Missy Cody at mmcody50@gmail.com. Thank you to all members!

## Membership

We welcomed 15 new members this year! Personal outreach is key to recruiting new members, so please consider inviting friends to hear interesting speakers at our monthly meetings or to join us at one of our many social events.

# THANK YOU

**Thanks to our hostesses for their snacks and smiles!** This year's hostesses brought joy with their goodies. In many cases it was hard to call the meeting back to order because everyone was enjoying the social time provided by our hostesses:

- Carolyn Arakaki
- Becky Conover
- Rosalie Cooper
- Joanie Edmondson
- Sharon Gunn

- Terry Hurst
- Susan Neel
- Mary Reed
- Jackie Walker
- Dee Zesiger

Consider signing up for next year's hostess slots at our initial meeting of 2023-24. Our hostess team wishes each of you a pleasant and productive summer.

#### **SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER**

The next EUWC gathering will be in September at our Fall Welcome. Watch for emails with details later in the summer. This will be a perfect time to introduce friends and colleagues to our merry group, that is, if they are interested in learning, service and fun! We look forward to meeting them and seeing you back with us!

#### Review of 2022-2023 Share the Care

At the inception of EUWC, community service became a cornerstone of our organization. The face has changed through the years and continues to be visible and recognizable. In years past, we brought foods, clothing, sewing supplies, or art supplies for donation. This past year, healthy snacks and colored pencils were given in addition to about \$3,400 in cash. Kindness and generosity live in EUWC.

## **Financial Notes**

Please note that the EUWC Fiscal year ends **June 30**. Outstanding receipts for 2022-2023 expenses must be submitted to Bette Walton **ASAP** in order to be reimbursed.

Also, if you have not yet paid your 2022-2023 dues, please send a check to Bette.

Bette's address is 867 Castle Falls Drive, Atlanta, GA 30329.

## **Help Needed!**

We need some assistance in locating the EUWC engraved silver punch bowl. If you happen to know where it might be stored, please contact Alma Owens.

### **Corresponding Secretary Request**

Do you know of a member who is ill? Injured? In need of a little cheering up? Death in a member's family? Please contact me so that I may correspond with her on behalf of the membership. Please contact Teri Hopkin at <a href="mailto:thopkin@aol.com">thopkin@aol.com</a> or phone or text to 404-617-5172.

### FIELD TRIPS

Thanks to Carolyn Arakaki and Jackie Walker for arranging a diverse selection of outings this year – the CDC Museum, the High Museum, SCAD, and the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir. Turnout for the mandir was our highest for the year.





Carolyn and Jackie would really appreciate suggestions for trips next year. All suggestions will be valued. Please contact them at <a href="mailto:Cnarakaki2@gmail.com">Cnarakaki2@gmail.com</a> and <a href="mailto:Jacquelinewalker@mac.com">Jacquelinewalker@mac.com</a>.



## **Friday Morning Book Club**

On May 26 we will discuss *The Woman Warrior* by Maxine Hong Kingston led by Barbara Hund at her place at Park Springs at 10 am. There will be Zoom access for those that can not be there in person. This is our last meeting of the 2022-2023 EUWC year; we will reconvene September 22.

For any questions contact Margaret Foust at 404-633-9932 or margaretfoust@yahoo.com.

### 1<sup>ST</sup> Thursday PM Book Club

On June 1 we'll have an outdoor discussion of *Before and After Loss* by Lisa Shulman, with Deb Bourgeois leading.

Over the summer we plan to read Fiona Hill's book *There's Nothing For You Here,* with review at our first fall meeting on September 7.

For any questions contact Joanie Edmondson at 404-325-1432.

There is space in each of our book clubs for new members. If you're interested, please call Joanie Edmondson at 404-325-1432 or Margaret Foust at 404-633-9932.

# Spring Luncheon Photos



Laurie Stephens-Hunter, with Co-Presidents Alma Owens and Judy Michna



Officers for '23-'24- Jackie Walker, Bette Walton, Joan Edmondson, Becky Conover, Missy Cody, Alma Owens



Gerda Reichert with daughter Chris Jones



Judy Michna with Carol Penn and Ann Marie Factor



Bonnie Schaud, Susan Todd-Raque, Patti Higgins, Barbara Hund



Jackie Walker and Michyio Allen



Joanie Edmondson and Linda Size



Becky Conover, Debbie Seligman, Vicki Bedwell, Ginny Robinson, (in back) Margaret Foust



Missy Cody with Penny Whittington



Caitlin Risener, 2023-2024 Graduate Fellowship Recipient



**Deb Bourgeois** 



Barbara Hund



Lindsay Paroczai with Linda Size



Barbara Froehlich



Bee Nahmias, Mary Bartlett, Marsha Jones



Carolyn Arakaki, Rosalie Cooper, Michiyo Allen

## **EUWC Membership Form 2022-2023**

Name	
Address, including PO Box	
Telephone	
Email	
Spouse/Partner Name (if any)	_
Do you want to be listed in the yearbook? Yes No	
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If you are a new member, may we list your address and phone num in the newsletter? Yes No	ıber
Please complete this form and send with your check for \$20 made to <b>EUWC</b> to: <i>Bette Walton</i> 867 Castle Falls Drive NE  Atlanta, GA 30329	out