



## Letter from the Presidents

Dear EUWC members,

HAPPY NEW YEAR! We are predicting that some really wonderful things will occur in the coming months, and January is no exception. When you skim through the pages that follow, you will see plans for our Executive Board Meeting, Tuesday Tastings, Attic Brigade, and a membership meeting, all in January. Get out your calendar.

We would also like to send a special “THANK YOU” to those who made our holiday lunch such a success in December. Vanessa Payne and Richard Butler, our speakers, were an inspiration to us. Their concern for the foster children they serve through Atlanta Court Appointed Special Advocates shines through. Also, thanks to Loryne Haynie and Terry Coleman with the Emory Conference Center for getting us all spruced up for the holidays upstairs in HMH. To all those wonderful cooks who provided our meal, we say, “Hail to the chefs.” You will find photos of it all later in this newsletter. The celebration was just plain fun.

*Judy Michna and Alma Owens*



## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The executive board will meet on the lower level of Houston Mill House at 10 a.m. on January 10. The executive board is made up of all officers and committee chairs. Everyone who has ongoing business to report will have an opportunity to do so. Please contact [judmichna@gmail.com](mailto:judmichna@gmail.com) by January 8 to let us know you wish to be on the agenda.

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## February Field Trip

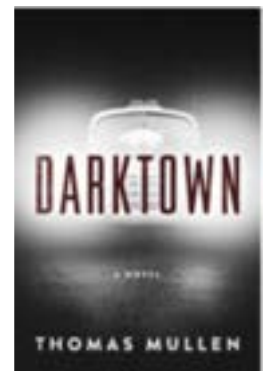
Our first field trip will be a visit to the David J. Sencer CDC Museum for the newly installed commemorative exhibition “CDC at 75”, in honor of its anniversary. We will have a docent led tour Friday February 17th from 12:00-2:00. Admission and parking are free and a photo ID is required for admission. Reservations are limited so RSVP to Jackie Walker: [jacquelinewalker@mac.com](mailto:jacquelinewalker@mac.com) ASAP. Friday is the only day this opportunity is available to us as a small group.



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## FEATURED SPEAKER FOR JANUARY

Atlanta author **Thomas Mullen** will be our guest speaker in January. Donna Pollet and Alma Owens recommended him and he will discuss his NPR Best Book ***Darktown***, a gritty novel about the first African American police officers on the Atlanta force. His historical crime fiction is internationally recognized and has won many awards. If you'd like to read ***Darktown*** before he speaks, here's your chance. He will also bring copies in January.



## Harking Back to the December Holiday Lunch

Almost 40 ladies, many in holiday attire, enjoyed the company, food, and the ambience of the Houston Mill House. The House was decorated with holiday arrangements and a brightly lit tree. Members contributed to a delectable lunch with salads, side dishes, and mouthwatering desserts.

Our year-round helpers, Loryne Haynie, liaison with the Conference Center, and Terry Coleman, ever present at meetings, were thanked with gift cards from the group.

Our special guests were Vanessa Payne, CEO of Atlanta CASA, and her colleague, Richard Butler. Each engaged us with stories of their organization, the needs of children and teens, the recruitment of volunteers, and their personal commitment.

EUWC donations were tucked into a monogrammed stocking. Vanessa and Richard were visibly surprised when the stocking was presented and they were told the donations totaled more than a thousand dollars.



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## 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 reach me at [thopkin@aol.com](mailto:thopkin@aol.com) or phone or text to 404-617-5172.

Thanks!  
Teri Hopkin

## Hostesses Needed

Food is part of what we have missed during our virtual meetings – that and hugs from our friends. We have small bites to accompany our coffee and tea that help to "share the care" among ourselves. YOU, too, can be a hostess for a meeting



Our hostesses provide a couple of food trays with fruit and other small bites, such as cookies or small pastries or cheese/crackers. The food can be homemade or purchased. All beverages, cream, sweeteners, napkins, cups, saucers, utensils, and tablecloths are provided by HMH.

If you would like more information on being a hostess, contact Missy Cody at 404-444-3410 or [mmcody50@gmail.com](mailto:mmcody50@gmail.com).

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## Tuesday Tastings on January 17, 2023



Happy New Year and welcome to our first Tuesday Tastings of 2023! This month, we are going to explore Ethiopian food. We have two choices, either Desta Ethiopian Restaurant on 3086 Briarcliff NE, Atlanta (at Briarcliff and Clairmont intersection) or the Abyssinian Restaurant on 926 Montreal Rd E #3 Clarkston (in the Clarkston Village Shopping Center. Barb Froehlich and Denise Ritchie have eaten at both Ethiopian restaurants and highly recommend them.

Following lunch, we will have an optional carpool adventure to visit the Amani Women Center on 3777 Church Street in Clarkston.

Please let me know if you would like to join us for Ethiopian food and/or a trip to Amani Women Center on January 17 by January 15.

The next Tuesday Tastings is scheduled for February 21, 2023. There are so many great places to eat! Please let me know of your favorite places or any places you might like to try for this outing anytime, preferably before January 31 if possible.

Please join us for Tuesday Tastings on January 17, 2023.

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please feel free to contact Denise Ritchie at [denise.martyn.ritchie@gmail.com](mailto:denise.martyn.ritchie@gmail.com) or 404 593-6125.

## SHARE THE CARE

At our well attended December Holiday Brunch, the focus of our giving was CASA, Atlanta Court Appointed Special Advocates. Tucked into their Stocking was an excess of \$1000. EUWC's association with CASA goes back to 2005.

In January, the **Infusion Center of Children's Healthcare** will be our focus. They provide chemotherapy, immune suppressants, and gamma globulins to children and teens from all over Georgia and the Southeast. Infusions are provided for treatment of cancers and management of organ transplants. The children and youth need activities to keep them occupied while receiving their treatments.

Typically we make a monetary gift to our spotlighted agency of the month. Let's try a different approach in January and instead bring boxes of colored pencils to contribute for the kids. Remember how excited you were to get a brand-new box of crayons? If you have been donating \$25, consider this. A box of 50 colored pencils sells for \$8 at Target, and three of those almost equals the check.

If you prefer to write a check, they may be written to *CHOA Infusion Center* and include *Account # GFT – 1000930* which ensures the donation goes to the infusion center and not a general fund.



As always, thank you for your generous support.

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## ATTIC BRIGADE MEETING

The Attic Brigade will assemble *immediately following the EUWC January 24 meeting* to do some planning for the year. We will have an opportunity to see the attic and indicate our preferences for different tasks. We need at least three groups: those who manage packing and storage of books and objects to retain in the attic (the largest group), those who will work with Susan Neel to store materials on our website, and those who will coordinate with Emory library staff to transfer appropriate materials to Emory. Needless to say, this effort will have to begin with an assessment of what is up there in the dim recesses of our historical clutter.



## Friday Morning Book Club

In January we return to our regular schedule on the 4th Friday of the month. We meet on January 27th at 10 am to discuss *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. It will be led by Barbara Froehlich. At present the plan is to continue on Zoom. There is space for a few new members. Contact Margaret Foust at 404-633-9932 or [margaretfoust@yahoo.com](mailto:margaretfoust@yahoo.com).

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

Our group will meet on January 12 this month to discuss William Krueger's *Ordinary Grace*. On February 2 we will turn to *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray.

For further information about this group, contact Joanie Edmondson at 404-325-1432.



## *New Member Spotlight*

Nancy Halsema joined EUWC in late summer after being invited by book club member, Alma Owens. They met at the hairdresser and talked about books. Nancy was hooked on the book club and is now an active participant in the Thursday afternoon book club. She hosted the December meeting in her home in Roswell.

She and her husband Jim, an architect, have been married 55 years and boast of 3 successful sons, 3 amazing daughters in law, and 7 fabulous grandchildren. [Just like Lake Wobegone, everyone is above average.]

In addition to using her interior design talents in her home, history buff Nancy busies herself as a docent at Barrington Hall and with Little Free Libraries. There is a large one in her front yard. Nancy has been instrumental in adding the little libraries in Roswell, Alpharetta, and Johns Creek.

We are delighted to have this petite, bundle of energy with us in EUWC and anticipate becoming fast friends.

Remember, never overlook an opportunity to share EUWC, including while having your hair done.

## *Holiday Luncheon Fun*



1: Vanessa Payne; 2: Alma Owens, Vanessa Payne, Judy Michna, Richard Butler; 3: Richard Butler; 4: Peggy Brann; 5: Cheryl Murphy, Carol Penn; 6: Becky Conover, Judy Michna, Jackie Walker;; 7: New member Michiyo Allen, Carolyn Arakaki; 8: New member Nancy Halsema; 9: Carolyn Gilbert, Dorothy Chitwood



1: Carolyn Gilbert,  
Dorothy Chitwood



2: Martha Catherwood,  
Margaret Foust



3: Bette Walton, Peggy  
Brann, Dee Zesiger



4: Barbara Froehlich,  
Melia Haile



5: Margaret Foust,  
Ginny Robinson



6: Carol Penn savors  
great sides

7: Luscious desserts





## **Remembering Felicia Altman Gilbert, 4/22/1917 – 12/23/2022**

Fe was born in Berlin, Germany in 1917. Her parents were Alice Hall Altman, actress, and George Altman, Director of the State Theater in Hanover. Both her parents were US citizens, from long-time expatriate families who had emigrated from the US to Germany, one to open a branch of a family bank and the other as an inventor for Krupps. Although her father was Jewish, her mother was Lutheran.

In the early thirties, Felicia was sent to boarding school in Switzerland for protection from growing antisemitism in Germany, while her older brother Ralph, a medical student, remained in Berlin with and her parents. When Hitler rose to power in 1933 the family fled from Germany to Nice in winters and Switzerland in summers. In 1939 they moved to the U.S., enabled by their hereditary citizenship, while many others of their exiled community traversed the Pyrenees to escape the Nazis.

The family settled in San Francisco, while Felicia went to New York and became a student at the Art Student's League. Felicia was a wonderful painter and studied with the best of the era.

Fe's older brother Ralph and his wife Pat became well known for their expertise in ethnic art. They collected ethnic art from around the world and owned a gallery on La Cienega Blvd. in Los Angeles that was a destination for art enthusiasts and the glitterati of Los Angeles. Ralph Altman was appointed the founding Director of the Fowler Museum at UCLA.

While visiting her parents from New York, Felicia met and fell in love with Irving (Gil) Gilbert, who was boarding with her parents as a transportation official during the war. They had been singing his praises and although she initially resisted her parent's encouragement, his charm ultimately won her over.

Their first son, Eric (Ric) was born in 1945, followed by Ralph in 1947. When Ralph was only a few months old, both Felicia and Ralph contracted polio. Felicia spent 6 months in a polio ward and Ralph stayed home with a private nurse. Ric was sent to his paternal grandparents to protect him from contracting it as well.

After returning home, Felicia became pregnant with Bruce, who was born late in 1949. Her doctor recommended that she terminate the pregnancy for her health, but she was determined to have her child.

The children were born and raised in Los Angeles, in the Los Feliz district and in Laurel Canyon. Gil became an executive at Airstream Trailers and Felicia taught art.

In the 70's, after the children were on their own, Fe and Gil moved to Olive Mill Road in Montecito, CA where they resided until Gil's death in 1998. The large house and garden, themselves works of art, were filled with art. Felicia orchestrated the landscaping and Gil built two Japanese style tea houses. It was a warm and welcoming home, frequented by their reading group, which included a Nobel Laureate, musicians, photographers, and writers. It was also the gathering place of the extended family's Christmases that Fe loved so much.

After Gil's death, Felicia came to live in Atlanta with her son Ralph and his family. In 2002 Fe joined the Emory University Woman's Club at urging of her daughter-in-law and Ralph's wife, Mary Odem, professor of History at Emory.

Felicia not only painted for most of her life, but she also wrote. She had several short stories published, but in 2005 she published the first of two memoirs, *Of Many Houses, A Young Girl's Journey from the Third Reich to the New World*.

In 2014 Emory University Woman's Club named her as the Achievement Award winner for Literature and Arts. The last several years of Felicia's life were difficult, as both her hearing and eyesight diminished. She would say that it is wonderful to live a long life, but not *too* long. She maintained her sharp wit and sense of humor until the end.

## 2023 Schedule

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January 10	Executive Board Meeting	HMH 10-12
January 17	Tuesday Tastings	Restaurant TBA
January 24	Membership Meeting: Thomas Mullen, <i>Darktown: Atlanta History Through the Lens of Crime Fiction</i>	HMH 10-12
February 21	Tuesday Tastings	Restaurant TBA
February 28	Membership Meeting: Lance Gunderson, <i>Energy, Power, and Society in the Anthropocene</i>	HMH 10-12
March 14	Tuesday Tastings	Restaurant TBA
March 21	Membership Meeting: Richard Freer, <i>The Supreme Court and Federalism: Who Decides Matters of Policy?</i>	HMH 10-12
March 21	Past Presidents' Luncheon	HMH Upper Level
April 8	Scrumptious Saturday	Home of Vicki Bedwell
April 18	Tuesday Tastings	Restaurant TBA
April 25	Membership Meeting: Stephanie Prince, Graduate Research Fellowship Recipient, <i>Neural Activity Underlying Memory in Health and Alzheimer's Disease</i>	HMH 10-12
May 16	Spring Luncheon	HMH 11-2
May 23	Executive Board Meeting (old and new boards)	HMH 10-12

## Officers 2022 – 2023

Presidents	Judy Michna & Alma Owens
Vice Presidents, Membership	Rosalie Cooper, Joanie Edmondson, Denise Ritchie
Vice President, Yearbook	Barbara Froehlich
Vice President, Newsletter	Becky Conover
Recording Secretary	Jackie Walker
Treasurer	Bette Walton
Parliamentarian	Cheryl Murphy

## Standing Committees

Achievement Award	Rosalie Cooper
Archives	Martha Catherwood, Carol Penn, Alma Owens
Corresponding Secretary	Teri Hopkin
Facebook	Lex Gilbert
Field Trips	Jackie Walker, Carolyn Arakaki
Finance	Martha Catherwood, Bette Walton, Cheryl Murphy, Alma Owens, Judy Michna
Graduate Fellowship	Bette Walton, Barbara Hund
Hostesses	Missy Cody
Long Range Planning	Joanie Edmondson
Member Communications	Martha Catherwood
Memorial Library Fund	Cheryl Murphy, Carol Penn
Oxford Liaison	Carol Penn
Past Presidents' Luncheon	Cheryl Murphy
Photography	Joanie Edmondson, Sharon Gunn
Programs	Teri Hopkin
Publicity	TBA
Scholarships	Rosalie Cooper
Share the Care	Alma Owens
Spring Luncheon	Ann Marie Factor, Louise Freer
Tuesday Tastings	Nichole Mills, Denise Ritchie
Webmaster	Susan Neel

## **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

Emory Community Affiliation (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

If you are a new member, may we list your address and phone number in the newsletter? Yes  No

Please complete this form and send with your check for \$20 made out to **EUWC** to: *Bette Walton*

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