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Letter From the President

Dear EUWC Friends,

The new year is a time of looking back and looking ahead. We've had some really good experiences this past year. I'm especially grateful for officers who have pulled together as we navigate this course. Social events under the leadership of Joan Edmondson and Dee Zesiger have cemented friendships. Teri Hopkin's programs have been intellectually stimulating. The Newsletter created by Becky Conover is eagerly anticipated by all. You have continued your generosity to Share the Care. I'm most proud that as new members have joined, you have welcomed them so they are genuinely a part of our EUWC family.

Looking ahead, what do you envision for EUWC's future? I'm serious in asking this question. Call me and let's talk. Of course, we want to see membership grow. The most successful avenue for this has been personal invitations to our friends and acquaintances. Veteran members and new members have opportunities to participate in leadership of EUWC. This can be a team of two or three working together. Please consider pairing with a friend to take an office for the 2024-25 year. Many hands make light work.

January 23 features speaker Stephanie Shapiro from NETWorks Cooperative Ministry. This is another of our long term relationships. NETWorks provides food, assistance with power bills and rent, and a broad range of services to the Tucker, Embury Hills, and Northlake areas. Each year they help with holiday gifts to families in need. I suspect we will be surprised to learn more about the range of services they provide. Make your check to **NETWorks Cooperative Ministry**.

See you January 23. Let's fill every chair!

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Learn more about EUWC on our website at euwc.emory.edu

December Holiday Brunch

About 30 of us gathered on the main floor of Houston Mill House to celebrate at our Holiday Brunch. Special guests were Vanessa Payne, CEO of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) and three of her staff who shared success stories of CASA. We appreciate the challenges of their task and how it must impact their personal lives. The job must surely follow them home. We were moved to tears with these heartwarming stories and were proud of our 18 year support of this organization. Gifts to CASA were tucked into a monogrammed stocking. Unfortunately we did not tally the amount donated.

Other guests included Loryne Haynie from the Conference Center and Kevil Kell from 60+ Engagement. Kevin's role is to establish and maintain relationship between graduates and the University and it is a worldwide task.

The mood of the day was heightened by the violin music of Carol Xu, our Arts Scholarship recipient, who entertained us with a variety of familiar holiday songs. Carol was enthusiastic in her response to our invitation to play and smiled throughout her performance. Her enjoyment made us more joyful.

Special gifts were given to Loryne Haynie and Terry Coleman, the ever-faithful gentleman who sets up the room at Houston Mill House for us each month.

Delicious food was shared. We certainly have some good cooks! Your presence and active participation made this a wonderful day.

SHARE THE CARE



This month's organization is NETWorks Cooperative Ministry. This organization works to address the food and financial needs of residents and to partner with them to find long-term solutions to poverty. NETWorks provides food, assistance with power bills and rent, and a broad range of other services to the Tucker, Embry Hills, and Northlake areas.

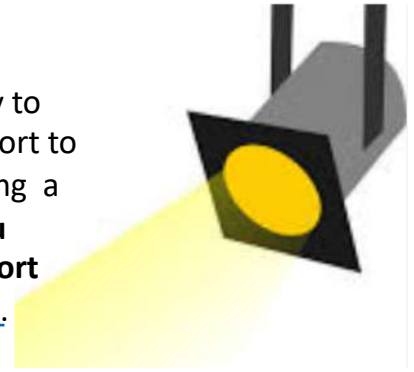
Make your check payable to **NETWorks Cooperative Ministry**. If you are unable to attend this meeting but would like to contribute, please mail your check to Jackie Walker, 2281 Brianwood Trail, Decatur, GA 30033.

Remembering Jane Carney

One of our most devoted members, Jane Carney, passed away on December 23. In 2015 Jane and her husband, Bill, endowed the Carney Fund which has paid for so many of the important events we have enjoyed during the last eight years. A member since 1982, Jane served the club as Programs Chair, Achievement Award Chair, on the Membership & Newcomers Committee, and the Long Range Planning Committee, among others. We have missed her smiling face and her friendship during her long illness.

Member Spotlight

One of the benefits of being a member of EUWC is the opportunity to meet new people with diverse backgrounds and interests. In an effort to help members get to know more about each other, we are including a short bio on various members in the newsletter each month. **If you would like to be included in a future newsletter, please send a short writeup about yourself to Becky Conover at bky0612@gmail.com.**



Margaret Foust

Margaret's daughter Sara, who lives in Ireland, wrote the following bio. Sara attended the January 2023 EUWC meeting when Thomas Mullen spoke.

Margaret Foust, my amazing Mom, who raised 5 strong, opinionated, intelligent children, assisted hundreds of women in breastfeeding as a LLL leader, lived in spiritual community at Koinonia Partners for 14 years, had a huge impact as an inspiring High School Math Teacher, retired and immediately started her next career as a photographer. She travels all over the world to see her children and grandchildren and, like me, she cries at the drop of a hat.

Anne Teddlie

I am a wife, a mother, a sister and aunt, and a retired software developer. We moved to Sagamore Hills 38 years ago from Norfolk, VA, and are now in the chaos of moving to a 1500 sf cottage at Park Springs, out near Stone Mountain. Pre-Covid I did a lot of volunteer work, rocking babies at Grady, working at church, and recording books for the print-impaired at the Georgia Radio Reading Service. Currently I'm only doing the book recording. I'm in 3 book groups (down from 5), do needlepoint and cross-stitch with moderate success, and spend time at our condo in Fernandina Beach. I'm glad to join the club, and look forward to getting to know and working with all of you.

Martha Catherwood

I was born and raised in Oakland, California. After graduating from high school I headed off to Stanford, fulfilling my father's fondest wish (and, due to his skill at subtle persuasion, my own). My mother told me years later that he had wanted me to go to Stanford "because that's where the smart boys are." I majored in math, and soon discovered a love for computers. Stanford didn't have a computer science major then, but I took every programming course available; I think there were five of them. As graduation approached, many of my friends headed for graduate school, but I was sick of school and so needed to find a job. I sent my resume, such as it was, to an unknown company that was seeking someone with a BS, MS or PhD in math, computer science, or physics. I soon got a call asking me to come in for an interview (my first). After a few preliminaries, my interviewer said, "Do you mind if I ask you a few questions?" I was expecting something like, "What is your greatest strength/weakness?" Instead he took out a piece of paper, wrote a number on it, and said, "What is this number in binary?" Panic! We had touched on that in class, but it had been several months. For an eternity I dug into my memory banks, and finally came up with the answer. Two increasingly difficult questions followed. Two more eternities. Finally it was over. I walked out thinking, "Well, that was a learning experience.

Member Spotlight (continued)

Next time read the job description and review relevant class notes.” Much to my surprise, I got a call a week or so later offering me the job. My boss told me later I was the only person he had interviewed who got his questions right. I guess I wasn't the only one who didn't read the job description! After graduation I joined the seven founders and seven other employees, mostly engineers, as employee #15 at Four-Phase Systems. The goal—to produce the first-ever all semiconductor computer. The goal was accomplished a little over a year later when our little (24K of memory) computer just beat out the IBM 370 to market. But I was now preparing to marry one of those smart Stanford boys and move to Los Angeles, where he was starting medical school at UCLA. Fortune smiled on me when my boss announced that the company was opening a marketing office in LA and I could continue in my existing job there. That didn't work out as well as expected as my boss's antipathy for salesmen was matched only by their fervent desire to have me customize software to meet their customers' very specific needs. I had to pick a side. I made a risky bet on the salesmen. My good luck held when a systems engineering job opened up at the branch and I beat out the very flaky competitor whom the branch manager clearly preferred. I could never confirm it, but I believe one of my friends at the home office interceded on my behalf. I loved that company and that job. I loved the constant challenge, the wonderful people with very different skill sets and backgrounds that I worked with, and the “do whatever it takes” attitude of a start-up company; as a twenty-something with minimal responsibilities, I didn't mind the 80 hour work weeks and the all-nighters. The company grew to be listed on the New York Stock Exchange, but the challenges became less as my competency grew, and soon my husband had finished his medical training and was ready to move on to a fellowship in San Diego. I was ready to do something different too. I became a mom and a “professional volunteer” in the UCSD women's club, the PTA, EUWC, Egleston, animal rescue, as a poll worker, and the latest: carting wood chips from pile to trails, pulling ivy, and planting things that sometimes even grow, at three neighborhood parks. And Four-Phase Systems? It was swallowed up by Motorola a few years after I left. I was glad I wasn't there.



Friday AM Book Club

We will meet using Zoom on Friday, January 26th, at 10 am to discuss *How Lucky* by Will Leitch with Margaret Foust leading the discussion.

There is room for new members. For any questions contact Margaret Foust at 404-633-9932 or margaretfoust@yahoo.com.

First Thursday PM Book Club

We will meet on February 1st at 1 pm to discuss *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout at the home of Sharon Gunn.

The next meeting is on March 7th to discuss *Sweetness of Water* by Nathan Harris.

Happy Reading, Everyone!

For further information or to join our great discussion group, temporarily contact Margaret Foust at 404-633-9932.

January Tuesday Tastings

Hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday season and your New Year has started well! Our first Tuesday Tastings for 2024 will be at noon on January 16 at **KINDRED**, a restaurant highly recommended by Joanie Edmondson. It is located in Oak Grove Market at 2751 Lavista Road, Decatur. This "eclectic neighborhood restaurant" serves American flavored foods including small plates. For more information about **KINDRED**, go to <https://kindreddecatur.com>.

Please RSVP by January 14 to Michiyo Allen at michiyo.allen01@gmail.com.

Looking forward to seeing you on January 16 at noon!



EUWC Hostess Update

Happy New Year to all! Please review our Hostessing needs for the new year.

First, we would be remiss if we did not offer our thanks to our November 14th hostesses: Susan Neel and Missy Cody. Thank you from all of us!

Serving as a hostess requires bringing a simple refreshment such as cheese/crackers, mini muffins, cookies etc. to our meeting. Everything else is provided by Houston Mill House (serving utensils, plates, forks, napkins and coffee/tea). Keep it simple.

While you are updating your 2024 calendars, please consider Hostessing for any of the following meetings. We are still in need of 2 additional hostess for our upcoming January 23rd meeting. Please join Susan Todd-Raque who has already volunteered.

Additional available hostessing opportunities are available for the following meetings:

January 23	Need 2 additional hostesses Susan Todd-Raque	toddraque@mindspring.com
February 27	Need 1 additional hostess Becky Conover Debbie Seligman	bky0612@gmail.com Das9@comcast.net
March 26	Need 3 hostesses	
April 23	Need 2 additional hostesses Alma Owens	alma@owensemail.com

Please contact your Hostess leaders to volunteer: Patty Higgins at pattyhiggins@bellsouth.net or 678 910-4639 and Bonnie Schaudé at bschaude@att.net or 404 863-0717. We thank you in advance for your support!

December Meeting Photos



CASA Representatives & Deb Bourgeois



Vanessa Payne, Alma Owen



Kevin Kell



CASA Representative



CASA Representatives



Carolyn Xu



Terry Coleman



Linda Size, Sharon Gunn



Judy Michna



Alma introduces Carol Xu



Vicki Bedwell, Teresa Libbey



Bonnie Schaude, Patty Higgins



Michiyo Allen, Carolyn Arakaki, Becky Conover, Deb Slover, Teri Hopkin



Teri Hopkin, Rosalie Cooper



Carolyn Arakaki, Barbara Hund



Carol Penn, Alma Owen



Bette Walton, Martha Catherwood



Bette Walton, Judy Michna



Susan Ford Neel, Susan Todd-Raque



Margaret Foust



Vicki Bedwell, Ginny Robinson

Officers 2023 – 2024

President	Alma Owens
Vice Presidents, Membership	Joanie Edmondson, Dee Zesiger
Vice President, Yearbook	Missy Cody
Vice President, Newsletter	Becky Conover
Recording Secretary	Jackie Walker
Treasurer	Bette Walton
Parliamentarian	Cheryl Murphy

Standing Committees

Achievement Award	TBA
Archives	Judy Michna, Carol Penn, Barbara Hund, Terry Hurst
Corresponding Secretary	Teri Hopkin
Field Trips	Jackie Walker, Carolyn Arakaki
Finance	Martha Catherwood, Bette Walton, Terry Hurst, Alma Owens, Judy Michna
Graduate Fellowship/Scholarships	TBA
Hostesses	Patty Higgins
Long Range Planning	Linda Size
Member Communications	Martha Catherwood
Memorial Library Fund	Cheryl Murphy
Oxford Liaison	Carol Penn
Past Presidents' Luncheon	Cheryl Murphy
Photography	Joanie Edmondson, Sharon Gunn
Programs	Teri Hopkin
Share the Care	Cheryl Murphy
Spring Luncheon	Mary Reed
Tuesday Tastings	Michiyo Allen
Webmaster	Susan Neel

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please mark your calendar with these upcoming EUWC events. Hope to see you there!

January 16	Tuesday Tastings	Kindred, 2751 Lavista Road, Noon
January 23	Membership Meeting	HMH, 10 am – noon
January 30	Executive Board Meeting	HMH, 10 am – noon
February 20	Tuesday Tastings	TBA
February 27	Membership Meeting	HMH, 10 am – noon
March 19	Tuesday Tastings	TBA
March 26	Membership Meeting	HMH, 10 am – noon
March 26	Past Presidents' Lunch	HMH, 12:30 pm

HMH – Houston Mill House, 849 Houston Mill Road, Atlanta, GA 30329

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 Teri Hopkin so that she may correspond with them on behalf of the membership. Phone or text Teri at 404-617-5172 or email at thopkin@aol.com.

EUWC Membership Form 2023 – 2024

Name _____

Address, including PO Box _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Spouse/Partner Name (if any) _____

Emory Community Affiliation (if any) _____

Do you want to be listed in the yearbook? **Y / N**

If you are a new member, may we list your address and phone number in the newsletter? **Y / N**

Please complete and return this form, along with a check made out to **EUWC** for \$20, to:
Bette Walton, 867 Castle Falls Drive NE, Atlanta, GA 30329

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