Emory University Woman's Club

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Letter From the President

Dear EUWC Friends,

It was such a pleasure to see everyone at our October 27 meeting! Nadine Kaslow, Director of the NIA Project, gave a thoughtful and engaging presentation. We appreciated the opportunity to learn more about the project's important work.

Our recent field trip was another highlight. Many thanks to Carolyn Arakaki, Debbie Seligman, and Michiyo Allen for organizing our visit to the new Arthur M. Blank Hospital, followed by lunch. It was wonderful to see so many members there—and what an impressive, state-of-the-art facility!

At the meeting, I was pleased to announce that Maria Augostini, wife of Emory University President Christopher Augostini, will host our Holiday Luncheon at Lullwater House on December 15, from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Please watch for the invitation, which I'll send soon. An RSVP will be required so that guests' names can be provided for access to the grounds. Because seating is limited, the luncheon is for EUWC members only. We're grateful for this special opportunity to celebrate the season together!

Sally Oakes shared information about potential volunteer opportunities. Please see more details elsewhere in this newsletter. Atlanta CASA is also sponsoring Holiday Wrap 2026, a fun way to bring holiday joy to children and youth in foster care throughout Fulton County. The event takes place Saturday, December 5, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Learn more and sign up at the Atlanta CASA website.

Looking ahead to spring, we'll be exploring a new location for our Spring Luncheon. A local restaurant with a large event room may be one possibility. If you'd enjoy helping plan this special gathering or have suggestions for this event, please let me know. I would love to have your ideas and help!

Please join us for our next meeting on November 17. Melita Easters, Executive Director of the WIN List, will present "Changing the Face of Power: Electing Women." We look forward to seeing you there.

Wishing you all a happy and enjoyable fall season. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

Warmly, Patty Higgins

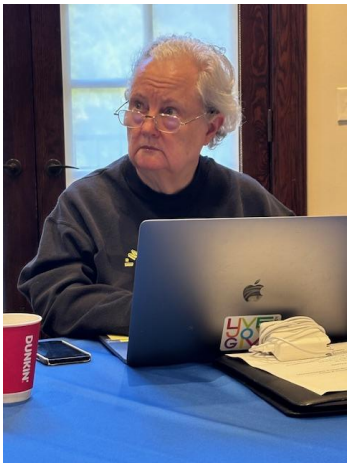


Monthly Meeting, October 27



















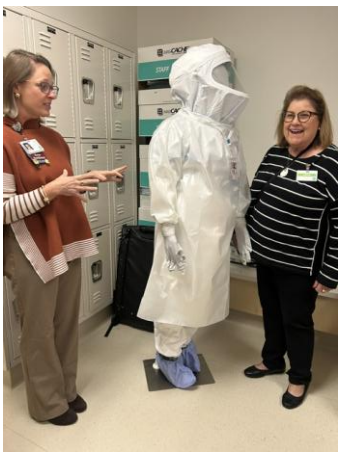
To learn more about EUWC, visit our website at euwc.emory.edu

October Field Trip to CHOA and Tuesday Tastings

A group of 18 EUWC members gathered on October 20 for a guided tour of CHOA's Arthur M. Blank Hospital. Following the tour, ten members lunched together at Novo Cucina-Briarcliff Italian restaurant. The next field trip is on November 19 (see page 6 of this newsletter), however, there will be no Tuesday Tastings scheduled during the months of November and December. The Tuesday Tastings program will resume in January. Watch for announcements of scheduled events in future newsletters.













Have you renewed your membership for 2026-2027?

If you have not yet paid your current dues ($20.00), please bring a check (payable to EUWC) or cash and pick up the 2026-27 Yearbook/Directory at the next monthly meeting. You may also use the form on page 10 of this newsletter and pay with check via mail.

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.

Inspired to support a *Share the Care* organization but don't have cash or check on hand? EUWC members may now go through the EUWC website to donate ONLINE to *Share the Care* groups. Go to euwc.emory.edu/share-the-care and you will see "DONATE TO" buttons following the current *Share the Care* programs for which this is possible.

DONATE NOW



Holiday Wrap at CASA – Gingerbread and Giving Event

December 5th, 2026 - 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
395 Pryor Street SW, Atlanta, 1st Floor Room 1132 (Juvenile Court)

Join the staff of CASA and other volunteers to wrap holiday gifts and spread joy to children and youth in foster care across Fulton County. Go to atlantacasa.org@holiday-wrap/ for details and volunteer opportunities.



The holidays are just around the corner, and EUWC President Patty Higgins was pleased to announce at the most recent meeting that the **EUWC Holiday Luncheon** (December 15) will be hosted at Lullwater House by Maria Augostini. Invites will be emailed soon and RSVP is necessary, so check your emails carefully for this upcoming notification.

Want information about Senior Community?

If you are interested in touring Viridian Towers, 1825 Clifton Rd NE, Atlanta (formerly Wesley Woods), contact Carolyn Arakaki. When we have a group, we can arrange a trip.





NOVEMBER PROGRAM

SPEAKER: MELITA EASTERS, Executive Director Win List
"CHANGING THE FACE OF POWER: ELECTING WOMEN"

Melita Easters is the founding chair of Georgia WIN List and has served as Executive Director since 2015. WIN List is a 22-year-old Political Action Committee dedicated to Changing the Face of Power in Georgia by electing Democratic women to statewide office and the Georgia General Assembly who are committed to reproductive freedom and economic, educational and legal equality for all women. Georgia WIN List has become the leading PAC for electing Democratic women in Georgia and has supported the election of more than 75 women, 46 of whom currently serve. Georgia currently ranks 19th in the nation for the percentage of women in its General Assembly and leads the nation for the percentage of Black women legislators. More information at: www.georgiawinlist.org.

Ms. Easters is a creative strategic thinker, political strategist and author/playwright with deep connections to Atlanta's civic, business and political community. She combines fundraising, leadership, communications, event planning and organizational skills with her background as a former journalist and television producer. She has worked to raise millions for progressive causes and candidates and was the pioneering visionary behind Atlanta's two largest and most financially successful events for women – the Women's Foundation Numbers Luncheon and the WYCA's Salute to Women.

Ms. Easters is a UGA graduate. She has served as State News Editor of the Tifton Gazette and a political reporter for the Atlanta Journal and Constitution, winning several awards for her work. She was a producer of the Lawmakers on Georgia Public Television and later served as press secretary for Roy Barnes during his first bid for governor. She served in leadership roles on numerous non-profit boards, including the Atlanta Women Foundation, the Atlanta International School, The Georgia Shakespeare Festival and as board chair for UGA's independent student newspaper, The Red & Black. She received the National Council of Jewish Women's 2021 Hannah G. Solomon Award for public service and was inducted into UGA's Grady Fellowship in 2018.

Melita has two daughters and nine practically perfect grandchildren.

SHARE THE CARE: ATLANTA CASA

CASA
Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN
ATLANTA

Atlanta CASA (court appointed special advocates) is an organization that attends to the needs of Fulton County children in foster care situations. They recruit and train community members to become effective and empathetic volunteer advocates for these children. Advocates contribute to the well being and growth of the children assigned to them. Our donations help ensure a meaningful holiday for the children and teens. In past years we have donated small suitcases with wheels and purchased gifts requested on children's wish lists. Additionally, we have given randomly selected gifts we thought the children and teens would enjoy, many of which were ordered through Amazon and delivered directly to CASA's office. For more information on Atlanta CASA go to the program's website at atlantacasa.org.

Friday Book Club

On October 23rd we had a stimulating discussion of ***Foster*** by Clair Keegan led expertly by Peggy Brann on Zoom.

Our next meeting is December 11th on Zoom to discuss ***The Frozen River*** by Ariel Lawton led by Barbara Hund.

There is room for new members. For any questions contact Margaret Foust.

Thursday Book Club

We will meet on November 5th at noon to discuss ***The Girl with All the Gift***s by M. C. Cary led by Margaret Foust at Joanie Edmondson's home.

On December 3rd we will discuss ***The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife*** by Anna Johnston, hosted by Sharon Gunn and led by Alma Owens.

For further information or to join our discussion group, contact Margaret Foust.

Upcoming EUWC Events

11/17/26	EUWC Monthly Meeting Speaker: Melita Easters	Miller-Ward Alumni House 815 Houston Mill Road, Atlanta
11/19/26	Field Trip	Tour of Oakland Cemetery

November Field Trip



The next EUWC field trip will be to visit historic **Oakland Cemetery.**
Address: 248 Oakland Avenue, SE, Atlanta, GA

The tour is scheduled for **Thursday, November 19,** at 11a.m.

Opened in 1850, Oakland Cemetery is situated on 88 acres of green space and serves as the final resting place for over 70,000 Georgians. In addition to author Margaret Mitchell, notable residents include Mayor Maynard Jackson, golf legend Bobby Jones, Morris Brown College Founder Wesley John Gaines, 6 Georgia governors and 25 other Atlanta mayors.

There is a tour fee of $7.52 per guest. Please write your check payable to EUWC and mail to Becky Conover at 2333 Sagamore Hills Dr, Decatur, GA 30033 by November 6. Details about parking and where to meet will follow in a later email.

If you are interested, please RSVP by November 6 to Debbie Seligman.

A VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ORGANIZED BY SALLY OAKES

A few EUWC members have asked me about the book-cleaning and repair event I've been arranging and coordinating through the Emory Cares Program for a few years. The program supported is called **Children Read**, www.childrenreadatlanta.org. Here's the low-down:

Volunteers will gather to wipe donated books with a non-toxic cleaner and make minor repairs. Such repairs might include making sure all the pages are intact, scotch taping the torn pages, putting contact paper over inscriptions or stickers over scribbles, etc., and adding Children Read stickers.

Two other ways to participate would be to:
-- collect books for birth through kindergarten ages. Grandkids might have outgrown some appropriate age books, thrift shoppers might find some bargains, neighbors might gather some. We can bundle them and bring them with us when we meet.
-- Make book bags for the teachers' books (I can provide a sewing pattern and instructions) or simply provide new or like-new reusable grocery bags.

The actual event will take place at 2936-M North Druid Hills Road. This site is behind Ameris bank, across the street from the Publix end of Toco Hills Shopping Center. The location is not wheelchair accessible, but walkers can be accommodated.

How about we look at some dates in early- to mid-January? Time and day can be adjusted, but typically it's a Saturday morning from 10-12. It is possible to arrange for a weekday, but we would have to ask. Due to space restrictions, the event would be limited to 10 volunteers/workers.

To finalize it, as a group we will choose a 1st and 2nd choice date and check with ***Children Read*** staff to see if either date is available. Once a date is agreed upon, it's all set! To indicate interest and/or for more information, please contact me.

Sally

Did you know ...?

ECHOES FROM THE PAST

Founded January 18, 1919, the EUWC is the oldest continuously operating organization on the Emory Campus. Its purpose is to foster social life among its members, promote the welfare of the student body & provide service to the University and the community.

Our organization has three endowed scholarships. The first, established in 1966, is designated for graduate research, the second and third established in 1998 are designated for Fine Arts and the Rollins School of Public Health. If you are seeking a way to honor or memorialize a loved one or someone associated with Emory, you might want to consider making a gift to one of these scholarships. You will find a detailed explanation of how to donate on page 32 of the *2026-2027 EUWC Yearbook*. More information about the scholarships is available on pages 29-31.

Submitted by: Judith Michna, EUWC Archivist

AARP Defensive Driving – Driver Safety Course

The EUWC has a unique opportunity to offer a Defensive Driving & Driver Safety Course to members, their friends, and relatives.

Course Description:

· John Steward, husband of EUWC member Pat Riley and a certified AARP Defensive Driving Course Instructor, will teach the course.
· The six-hour course includes updated content aligned with Georgia Laws. The course can be taught in one six-hour session or two three-hour sessions, depending on membership preference.
· Upon course completion, attendees will receive an AARP Safe Driver Certificate, which, in accordance with Georgia law, requires insurance providers to offer a minimum discount of 10% on car insurance.
· The course format comprises instructor discussion, didactic explanation, video examples, and PowerPoint slides that highlight key points.
· Updated course content includes sections on new road signage (e.g., bike boxes), discussion of newer electronic or AI-driven vehicles, options for seniors electing to transition from driving to other modes of transportation, as well as a section on how best to introduce this topic to seniors who need to make this transition.
· The course provides a handy driving guidebook and vehicle safety checklist.
· The course costs $20 for AARP members and $25 for non-AARP members. Anyone 25 years of age or older is eligible to take the course.

Options for Offering the Course:

During the course description discussion, EUWC President Patty Higgens expressed reservations about the EUWC budget limitations vis-à-vis the cost of reserving the Miller Ward House to host the course. Here are some options to consider:

· The EUWC could open and advertise the course to the Emory Community and see if there is sufficient interest, which would facilitate the University's willingness to cost-share the use of the Miller Ward House facilities.
· The course can also be co-sponsored with Georgia State University at Perimeter College. This venue does not require a room or equipment fee. If enough members are interested in this option, we will need to arrange food offerings to cover the six-hour session.

Next Steps:

AARP requires a 90-day advance notice to provide the material and schedule the class. EUWC members who are interested in taking this course, please contact Patty Higgins and/or Pat Riley.

EUWC CALENDAR
2026-2027

September 1	Executive Board Meeting	Miller-Ward Alumni House
September 22	Fall Welcome	Miller-Ward Alumni House
October 27	Membership Meeting	Miller-Ward Alumni House
November 17	Membership Meeting	Miller-Ward Alumni House
December 15	Holiday Luncheon	Miller-Ward Alumni House
January 12	Executive Board Meeting	Miller-Ward Alumni House
January 19	Membership Meeting	Miller-Ward Alumni House
February 23	Membership Meeting	Miller-Ward Alumni House
March 23	Membership Meeting	Miller-Ward Alumni House
April 27	Membership Meeting	Miller-Ward Alumni House
May 18	Spring Luncheon	Druid Hills Golf Club
May 25	Executive Board Meeting	Miller-Ward Alumni House

PROGRAMS:

OCTOBER	"EMPOWERING SUICIDAL WOMEN TO HEAL FROM DOMESTIC VIOLENCE" Nadine Kaslow, Director of Nia Project, Emory Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences
NOVEMBER:	"CHANGING THE FACE OF POWER: ELECTING WOMEN" Melita Easters, Executive Director WIN List
JANUARY	"GEORGIA WATCH UPDATE" Liz Coyle, Executive Director, Georgia Watch
FEBRUARY	"FEM-AI: FEMALE ENHANCED MEDICINE WITH AI" Dr. Anant Madabhushi, Biomedical Engineering, Emory Departments of Pathology, Biomedical Informatics, Urology & Radiology, & Imaging Sciences
MARCH	"DECODING THE MEDIA: FINDING TRUTH IN THE AGE OF INFORMATION OVERLOAD" Samira Jafari, Head of Standards and Practices, Atlanta Journal-Constitution
APRIL	"WILD SISTERS: VOLUNTEER NURSES IN GERMAN OVERSEAS COLONIES 1884-1914" Hayley Roy, Doctoral Candidate, Emory Department of History

EUWC Membership Form 2026 –2027

Name _____

Mailing address:

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Telephone _____

Email _____

Spouse/Partner Name (if any) _____

Emory Community Affiliation (if any) _____
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Please complete and return this form, along with a check payable to **EUWC** for $20 to Becky Conover.