

Connection

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FROM YOUR PRESIDENTS

Happy holidays and New Year!

As the year draws to a close, we can find many things to be proud of:

- Though Share the Care we have helped The Amani Woman Center, Community Advanced Practice Nurses, NETworks Cooperative Ministry and Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA).
- We also rallied together to improve the lives of 54 foster children by giving them brand-new suitcases.
- We have benefitted Amani Woman's Center, which was founded by one of our graduate fellowship awardees.
- We have volunteered at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta's gift shop.
- We have learned about jazz appreciation, about the benefits of immigration and how to maximize them, about how volunteers improve patient care at Winship Cancer Institute.
- We've enjoyed each other's company at Tuesday Tastings the Fall Welcome, the Holiday Brunch and at June Seese's lovely home.

- Our interest groups; book clubs, bridge club and handwork group have enriched us.
- We've had field trips to the David J. Sencer CDC Museum, and to the Michael C. Carlos Museum. By the way, did you know that the CDC museum is named for member Jane Sencer's deceased husband?

We are raising a metaphorical glass to all of you, because all the members of our group make this possible.

Dee Zesiger and Lex Gilbert

January 23 meeting. Speaker: Darrell Neill, PhD-Goodrich C White Professor of Psychology, Emory University " Is There a Neurobiology of Socioeconomic Success in America?'

Hostess: Gloria Weisz

CALENDAR

Jan 23	Membership meeting Darrel Neill, PhD: Is there a Neurobiology of Socioeconic Success in America?
Feb 27	Membership meeting Margaret Foust: Thirteen Years in Community
Feb 10	Anniversary Celebration
March 27	Membership meeting Sara Elizabeth Macdonald: Fellowship Recipient
April 24	Membership meeting Melissa Forgey: An Overview of the DeKalb History Center and the History of the Houston Mill House
May 1	Spring Luncheon

Share the Care for January 2018

Nicholas House provides transitional group homes for families to keep them intact, adult education and training, youth programs and aftercare.

Needs: full-size personal hygiene and baby items, office supplies, blankets, towels paper napkins and towels, aluminum foil, plastic wrap

Make checks payable to Nicholas House, Inc

Share the Care

. Our beneficiary at the Holiday Brunch in December was Fulton County CASA. We have worked with them for ten years after a member became involved with the organization. Five staff members from CASA were welcomed to our luncheon where suitcases were presented as well as cash donations. Much appreciation is owed to Jackie Walker who arranged for members or EUWC to donate the 52 suitcases. CASA staff were overwhelmed with emotion. The suitcases were cheerful, and many had matching duffel bags. In their minds, staff were matching suitcases to individual children/ teens. CASA clients live in tumult and must sometimes collect their belongings in just a few minutes to move from one location to another. Packing belongs into a suitcase rather than plastic bags allows for dignity in a terrible situation for children and teens.

Cheryl Murphy has the best job! Each month she delivers our donations to an organization and is touched by how grateful people are. In October about \$300 and feminine hygiene supplies were given to **Community Advanced Practice Nurses.** The staff member who received them was overjoyed. In November, a large quantity of socks and about \$100 was given to **NETWorks,** an organization in Tucker. Again, staff were delighted to receive our donation. These are two of the 'shoestring' organizations for whom we make a real difference.

If you know of other small organizations whom we can really assist, please let me know. This year we dropped one group who is well funded so that we could add the Amani Center to Share the Care. Beautiful things can happen because of one person.

INTEREST GROUPS

Friday Morning Book Club: Book Club we will be meeting on the January 26 at **Barbara Froehlich's** home at 10 am. **Barbara** will also be leading the discussion of *Elephant Company* by Vicki Croke. Contact: **Margaret Foust**

First Thursday PM Book Club January's selection for discussion on January 4 will be *The Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly. For information about this discussion group, contact Joanie Edmondson at <u>404-325-1432</u>.

Contract Bridge groups meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at the Mason Mill Recreation Center (340 McConnell Dr.) from 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM. We bring our own lunch and beverage, and the hostess provides dessert. This is party bridge at its most fun. We hope that you can join us. For more information, contact: **Missy Cody or Mary Portier**.

Tuesday Tastings: meet with friends for lunch at neighborhood restaurants on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. contact: **Nicole Mills**

Lunch and a movie: join members for a movie and conversation

Handwork Group: (Quilting, Knitting, Beading etc.) meets the second Monday of each month at 1:30-? at Intown Quilters 1058 Mistletoe Road Decatur. Contact: Barbara Froehlich

Field Trips: Carolyn Arakaki and **Jackie Walker** have volunteered to establish an interest group. Field trips will be planned throughout the year. Carolyn and Jackie have several ideas of activities we would find interesting and enjoyable. Please reach out to them with your suggestions as well.

Volunteers Needed: Head of Publicity Committee, help for Teri Hopkin on membership committee.

List of projects

Share the Care

Each month members support a local charity through donation of goods and financial assistance.

Scholarships

The EUWC has established three endowed scholarships which are awarded annually: the Memorial Graduate Research Award, Rollins School of Public Health Scholarship and the Arts Scholarship.

EUWC Memorial Library Fund

The club makes an annual donation to the fund at Woodruff Library in honor of recently deceased members.

Volunteer Work

Members are regular volunteers for organizations such as Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, CASA and Amani Women's Center

November Meeting



Lex G with speaker DaVida Lee-Williams, Director of Guest & Volunteer Services, Winship Cancer Center



Sharon Gunn with MaryKay Wilcox and Martha Catherwood

Holiday Brunch



Amani Center's display of crafts



Beautiful Brunch desserts



Gloria Weisz, CASA's Robyn Ingram, Rosalie Cooper



CASA staff Maya Heard and Alma Owens



Dee Zesiger showing off the CASA suitcases



Carolyn Arakaki and Doris Mukangu from Amani Women's Center

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