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FROM YOUR PRESIDENTS

We have had a terrific close to our EUWC year. The volunteers who worked on the Spring Luncheon arranged a delicious meal and a lovely setting. We were very pleased to have Wanda Swan of Respect and her colleagues as our guests. It was also a treat to have Doris Mukangu show (and sell) some of the products of the Amani Women Center. And what a special welcome for our new Officers! Congratulations to Lex Gilbert and Dee Zesiger, our new Presidents.

The Old/New Executive Board met May 16 to make plans for the coming year. Look for some exciting changes in activities, including some field trips for next year. Planning is well underway.

Barbara Hund, Martha Catherwood and your Presidents dined with our new Graduate Fellowship recipient Sarah MacDonald at Murphy's Restaurant, courtesy of Laney Graduate School. Special thanks to Jay Hughes, Assoc. Director for arranging all of this. Sara is another deserving fellowship winner.

It has been a privilege to serve as your Presidents for the last year. We thank you for all your help.

Judy Michna and Bette Walton



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PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT......
and check your personal listing in our EUWC
Yearbook. Is everything up to date? Your
email? Phone number? Address?

During the summer we're working on the new Yearbook, and need your corrections. Please telephone or email any updates to **Martha Catherwood**, and we will incorporate in the new Yearbook. Thanks much for your help!!!

Teri Hopkin's new email address thopkin@aol.com

EUWC 2017 Achievement Award

The Achievement Award for 2017 will be given to a woman who seems unable to use the word "N-O". When her name is revealed, you will understand.

I think the first qualities we all notice about this year's award receiver, are her enthusiasm, joy, and energy! She is a most sincere "gusher" and you feel so good when you are around her positive spirit. As you may imagine, she has had many Emory Woman's Club responsibilities since her retirement from her career; too many to name and count. In addition, she has contributed to her community and neighborhood in the same manner that she does with us.

She is very involved with her family and her husband's family and she is a loyal and true friend to those who do not get out much. She sees how to help and gives it even before she is asked. If you hint that you have a need, of course, she is right there providing for the need-and more!

Now, here are some specific facts about our Achievement Award winner and she will recognize herself, I think, immediately. She was born in the South: in Shreveport, Louisiana. Because she was an "army brat" (according to her husband), she grew up all over the U.S. and lived about 3 years in Helsinki, Finland. Ithaca, New York, was her home during the high school and college years, and she graduated from Cornell College. She earned her master's degree at the University of Michigan while she was a high school teacher in Ann Arbor. In addition, she also worked at the Bureau of Industrial Relations at the University of Michigan. Ann Arbor is where she met her husband, Dale. In case you have not guessed already, our admired and revered 2017 Achievement Award winner is **Joanie Edmondson**!

Dale took a job in San Francisco, and Joanie found work at the University of California San Francisco and at Tymshare Corporation. They originally lived in Marin County but then relocated into the great city of San Francisco.

In 1980, the Edmondsons moved to Atlanta and Joanie began working at the Emory University Business School Executive Education Program that was followed by employment at CDC where her main activity was in Communications involving satellite transmission of CDC programs to health departments around the U.S. As technology progressed, she was involved in other projects such as the design of new buildings on the CDC campus. She is truly amazing!!

Joanie and Dale have been members of a gourmet club for over 20 years. She has the reputation for being an excellent cook and can make the most delicious dishes ever! Several people have told me this!

She has held office in her neighborhood Civic Association for 8 years. She also has been a very active garden club member in her neighborhood and her garden shows the love and attention that she has given it. Yes, she has held various offices in this active garden club also. Along with gardening, she is an avid reader and a big fan of intelligent, thoughtful films.

The last detail about Joanie that you have to know is that her sweet little dog and her handsome big cat are good friends to each other and adore their caring human just as we do. Congratulations, Joanie! Please come to the podium to accept your award.

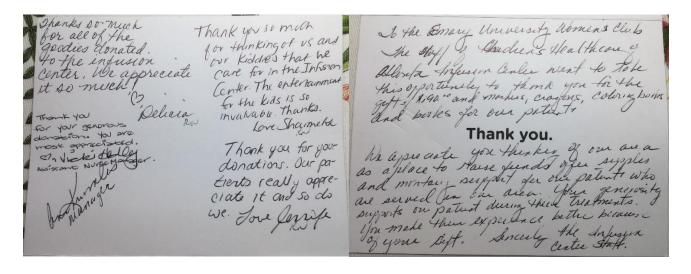


Sharon Gunn introducing the 2017 EUWC Achievement Award winner



The 2017 EUWC winner: Joanie Edmondson.

Thank you note from Egleston Infusion Center



News from Share the Care

What an incredibly generous group you are! The thank you note from Egleston Infusion Center expresses their appreciation (See above). I wanted you to see their thanks. Also, we collected 27 kits and \$120 for the migrant farm workers.

We don't meet again until September. Over the summer, Cheryl Murphy and I will be contacting the groups we supported 2016-2017. This is the time to decide whether we would like to make changes. Traditionally EUWC has chosen groups that support and assist women and children and are specifically underfunded. Adding an organization would mean, of course, dropping another. Please let us know of groups that may be receiving high levels of support from other charitable organizations and to whom we are not making a significant contribution. Likewise, let us know of groups that are especially in need of our support.

The agencies we supported 2016-2017 are School Within a School, Community Advanced Practice Nurses, NETWorks Cooperative Ministry, CASA of Fulton County, Nicholas House, Genesis House, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Infusion Center, Emory School of Nursing Migrant Worker Program,

We have discussed donation of suitcases for Fulton County CASA. Plans with CASA Staff are underway to work out the logistics of this.

Again, we have such enthusiasm and generosity that occasionally we overflow with the joy of assisting others! So that we maximize our efforts let us remember to support one organization each month.

Gratefully yours, Alma and Cheryl

April Meeting



Jessie Wilson of Emory Medical School Mentoring Program, and Carol Hawley



Jane Todd, Jessie Wilson Margaret Foust, Bette Walton





Spring Luncheon













Arakaki, Carol Hawley







Judy and Bette with President's gifts

Kay Nicolaysen



Gifts for the Amani Women's Center



Marian Compans admiring crafts from Amani Women's Center



Doris Mukangu from the Amani Women's Center

A Mother's Day event at The Amani Center

A Mother's Day event was held at the Amani Women Center on May 12, 2017. That Friday morning Rosalie and I met Doris Mukangu (Amani Director) and Reggie her coworker at Rosalie's garage to load all of the donations of EUWC into their mini-van (donated by Bette Walton). It was filled to the brim! Out we drove to the Sewing Room of the Amani Center. There we were met by Dee with her van filled with additional boxes of donations carefully sorted and labeled, including a vacuum cleaner and a micro-wave. We unloaded everything into an office converted into a storage space. We met all of the women in the Sewing Room and gave them each an attractive Toiletry Bag with a card inside which read, "No matter where you are from, we are glad you are our neighbor."

Then Doris told the women, several with children, that they could "go shopping" and pick out whatever they wanted from our donations. The women were so delighted as they left with high chairs, baby strollers, car seats, diapers, as well as clothes for themselves and their family. The children took away toys and games. The books (many donated by Cynthia Smith) were put into the reading corner. It was so rewarding to see our donations put to good use. I just wish that all of the EUWC members could have seen their donations so needed and so appreciated. "Doris just told me that Amani Center made over \$700 in sales of the handicrafts table (jewelry, art and animals) displayed during our gathering of the EUWC spring luncheon. Proceeds will go to the education of the refugee children." Thank you, thank you for your generosity!

Several EUWC members have said they want to volunteer individually to work at the Amani whether it is transportation of the women to and from the Sewing Center, or reading to the children once the Reading Center is open, or giving more bags of donations. They still need mannequins for the sewing room, industrial sewing machines and a sofa or two. Rosalie and I will serve as Liaison persons between the Amani Center and the EUWC this next year. Contact us if we can facilitate your continued help.

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Interest Groups (open to all EUWC members)

Handwork Interest Group (Quilting, Knitting, Beading etc.) meets the second Monday of each month at 1:30-? at Intown Quilters 1058 Mistletoe Road Decatur. Our next meeting is June 12. Contact: **Barbara Froehlich**

The Friday Morning Book Group The final meeting till the fall will be on May 26th at 10 am at Grace Stone's home. We will be voting on our choices for books for next year and discussing **Being Mortal** by Atul Gawande. Contact: **Margaret Foust**

First Thursday PM Book Club

Our group meets monthly year around, and begins at 12:30 pm. The summer schedule and book selections are as follows:

June 1: The Things They Carried by Tim O'Brien

July 6: Fates and Furies by Lauren Groff

August 3: People in Trees by Hanya Yanagihara

September 7: *The Son* by Philip Meyer

Contact: Joanie Edmondson 404-325-1432.

The **EUWC bridge group** 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**

Lunch & a Movie meets sporadically to see good movies. Friends and family are welcome. Lunch before the movie is optional. Email notices are sent out to the membership regarding the day, time and location to meet.

contact: Avril Sutin

Tuesday Tastings meets the third Tuesday each month at a different restaurant. contact: **Nicole Mills**

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