

Georgia Tech Faculty Women's Club Newsletter

2011 Events

March 16
Rhodes Hall Tour
and Lunch

March 27
Sunday Social

April 20
Spring Luncheon

For details visit:
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***You are cordially invited to attend
our Annual Spring Luncheon
at Ansley Golf Club
Wednesday, April 20, 2011
11:00 am to 2:00 pm***



***America's got TALENT
Britain's got TALENT
The GTFWC's got TALENT***

YES, we've got talent! Come and enjoy a delicious three-course lunch and be entertained by some of your very own club members. The talent will include artists, authors, singing, dancing, and even an instrumentalist. Throw in some comedy, and there you have the recipe for a fun afternoon.

Don't miss this exciting event!

Committee: Sandra Rousseau (Chair), Karen Mayne (Co-Chair), Mary Lou Foley, Cecilia Santamarina, Judy Willis, Glenda Berthelot, LeShelle May, Carol Griffin, Mary Nelle Connelly

(Details on page 6.)

2010-2011 Officers

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President's Corner

Dear Friends,

Spring is on its way. We look forward to renewal. Since our last newsletter we have lost two beloved members, Ellie Kohler and Kathy Lohmann. In this issue you will find tributes written for them by dear friends, Marylou Foley and Harriet Thuesen, respectively.

Margo Dixon, past president and current chair of Interest Groups, is moving, along with her almost 1500 nativity sets, to Bethlehem, PA with plans to build a museum there which would house her collection. Our thanks go out to Margo for her friendship and many contributions to the Women's Club over these thirty years. Godspeed.

In the New Year we have visited the GT School of Music, shared an afternoon of fun and Tech spirit at a GT Women's basketball game and toured multi-million dollar homes. Thank you to the chairs of these events.

Our community service efforts this year included work at the Kids in Need and the Product Rescue Center at the Food Bank. In addition, we collected two barrels of food for the Food Bank at the Holiday Party. In early January, a small group of us prepared and served 150 bagged lunches for 120 women at the Atlanta Women and Children's Day Shelter. At the Spring Luncheon, we will be collecting gift



cards to benefit the shelter, so remember to bring your donation with you if you wish to participate.

We greet spring with a variety of GTFWC activities. Our interest groups continue their activities, some well into the summer. Check our website, www.gtfwc.gatech.edu, for contact information if you'd like to join them.

This is my final note to you as President. I want to take this bit of space to share my hopes for our club, a group of women very dear to me. When our members speak about how they came to know about GTFWC their stories usually involve someone inviting them to a club meeting, event or interest group; some one, an individual member, making a direct connection. Please be that "one" and find a GT spouse or faculty member to bring along next time you attend a GTFWC meeting. That is how we will grow and renew ourselves for the future.

See you soon,
Lynne Wepfer

GTFWC: Friendship, Service & Scholarship

If you wish to remember someone with a donation to the Georgia Tech Faculty Women's Club Scholarship Endowment Fund, please mail your check, **payable to the Georgia Tech Foundation**, to our treasurer:

Senka Petrovic
10635 Haynes Forest Drive
Alpharetta, GA 30022

or

Georgia Tech Foundation
760 Spring Street NW, Suite 400
Atlanta, Georgia 30308

Please include a short note with your check stating the purpose or designation of your gift, or note the purpose on the memo line of your check.

RHODES HALL 3/16

Time: 10:00 am – 12:30 p.m.

Place: 1516 Peachtree St NW
Atlanta, GA 30309

Hostess: Marylou Foley

Co-Hostesses: Ladies of the College of
Computing

Built in 1904, Rhodes Hall has been an Atlanta landmark for generations. The "Castle on Peachtree" functions today as a museum and an exclusive event venue, as well as the headquarters for The Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation.

Join GTFWC for a special tour of this unique site and learn more about its history and its connections to Georgia Tech.

Enjoy a box lunch in the entry hall of carved wood with views of the marvelous stained glass windows.

The cost for the lunch and tour is \$20 (indicate if you prefer the vegetarian option).



Parking and other logistics:

Members are asked to park in the lot on SPRING STREET - then cross the street and come up the back stairs to the house- and walk around to the front entrance.

There will be accommodations for members with limited mobility so come one come all!

Please **RSVP by March 9th** to Marylou Foley
mlhFoley@comcast.net

A Volunteer Opportunity with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

In recent years Ellie Kohler recruited, organized and directed volunteers for the Atlanta Symphony Decorator Show House. Many of us enjoyed volunteering our time for this lovely Spring time fundraiser. Judy Schmidt is staffing the house this year and she is hopeful that members of our club will be willing to help out again. As Judy wrote in her request, *"Our success relies on the generosity of volunteers who will give of their time and talents to help our cause."*

The house this year will be at 1945 West Wesley. The house will be called The Lotus House and it will feature a prayer room, called Poojah, which should be an interesting feature. The Opening Night Party will be April 15. The Show House will be open April 16 - May 8.

The shift hours are: Monday through Saturday (9:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.) and (1:00 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.) The Sunday shift will be 11:30 A.M. - 5:30 P.M. and this shift will earn 2 credits. The house will also be open Thursday nights if you have volunteers who would prefer evenings.

Judy Schmidt
cell - 770-364-6423



Philippa Ahuja (this year's hostess) and Nancy Allvine (last year's spring hostess) foreshadow good times to come at this year's Sunday social.

Seven out of seven hubbies surveyed agree that Sunday socials are fantastic events!



Sunday Social 3/27

Time: 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Place: Krish and Philippa Ahuja
75 Silverwood Road, Atlanta, GA 30342.

Co- Hostesses: Chris Powers and Claire Roper

Find fine food and fun at our **Sunday Socials!** They are a wonderful opportunity to meet faculty and spouses from all across the Tech community for scintillating conversation and warm conviviality. All members and spouses and guests are invited.

Directions: FROM 75:
Take the Mt. Paran Road exit. Continue all the way. Cross Lake Forest. We are the second street on right. If you hit Roswell, you've just missed us.

Sign up to bring an appetizer, salad, vegetable, or dessert. In lieu of a beverage donation, please bring a beverage of your choice to share. The hostess provides the entrée.

Please **RSVP by March 25th to Chris** at jpowers@mindspring.com

Until we meet again... By Margo Dixon*

I joined the Georgia Tech Faculty Wives' Club (as it was called then) in 1981. At meetings back then, I was considered a "younger" member. Thirty years later, as I leave Atlanta for Pennsylvania (where I know no one, yet), I am taking stock of my friendships: the good friends, the better friends, the friends I shall miss.

In the "Better Friends" column are so many of you whom I have met at GTFWC. Many have passed away, and that saddens me. Those who are alive and well and cheerfully greet me at GTFWC events will be sorely and dearly missed. I've tossed away past programs and directories, to lighten my load. But I shall hold the memories in my heart and mind, and you, dear friends, in my heart. Please know that you have a guest room and mints on the pillows waiting for you in Bethlehem, PA. Just e-mail me when you are on the way!

*The unabridged version of this letter can be found on our website www.gtfwc.gatech.edu

Adios, Au Revoir, Auf Wiedersehen...

Ellen Hagelow Kohler

Ellie Kohler passed away on December 19th 2010. She arrived at Georgia Tech in 1964 after she married Ed Kohler and instantly became a member of the Tech family! Totally joining Tech, Ellie and Ed lived in a dorm, where they also raised their own sons. Ellie also taught in the Atlanta School system and was secretary for two large firms.



The perfectly organized lady, Ellie served as President of GTFWC in 1982-83 and also on numerous committees for programs and events every year. Ellie totally understood the importance of being part of GTFWC. She understood the impact of friendships among women – always welcoming and offering guidance to newcomers, supporting the learning and outreach of special interest groups, and providing that extra care to members in need and to the retired members of the community. Ellie understood how we reach out to the Atlanta community through service with other organizations, such as the Show House for the Atlanta Symphony where she headed the volunteers.

Ellie saw GTFWC as more than “ just a group of women” – but as a group that nurtured and sustained each other and helped to make the path a little easier for succeeding generations of women through scholarships and leadership.

We remember Ellie Kohler for all that she gave to each of us and to GTFWC and hope that we can each carry on her legacy.

Kathy Lohmann

GTFWC member Kathy Lohmann passed away January 13, 2011, following a three year valiant struggle with ovarian cancer. She had been an active member in the GTFWC for many years and continued to participate during her illness, hosting or co-hosting various events. She was awarded a well deserved Elsie Paris Friendship Award in 1997. Kathy was an avid reader and she attended the GTFWC book club as long as her health allowed.



During her illness she compiled an impressive 187 page cookbook, FLAVORITES by Kathleen M. Lohmann, and dedicated the cookbook to the memory of her mother. The cookbook contains most of the recipes Kathy made for her family and numerous friends. Kathy's mother lived with her and her family in their home for several years prior to her mother's death in 2007. Kathy devoted much of her time caring for her mother during those years. Kathy was a registered nurse as well as a certified diabetes educator and she continued to maintain a professional interest in diabetes education during her illness.

Jack and Kathy's daughter, Ashley, graduated from Stanford University in June, 2010, and Kathy was thankful that she was able to attend Ashley's graduation. One of Ashley's graduation gifts was a special quilt Kathy quilted for her. She also quilted a beautiful wall hanging for Jack for their 25th wedding anniversary on November 15, 2010.

Kathy's warm personality and generous nature will be sorely missed by the Georgia Tech community as well as many, many others.

Spring Luncheon Menu and Reservation Form

MENU

Caesar Salad

*Petit Bistro Filet Medallions with Mashed Potatoes and
Vegetable of the day*

OR

Vegetarian Pasta Primavera

Chocolate Layer Cake

Iced Tea or Coffee

\$30 per person

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**Gift cards (Target, Publix, etc) will be collected to support
the Women's and Children's Day Shelter**
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Please return this form by April 14, 2011 to:

Karen Mayne, 493 Guilford Circle, Marietta, GA 30068

Please include a check for \$30 per person (payable to GTFWC)

Name _____

Phone _____ or e-mail _____

Guest name(s) _____

Please select a menu choice for each person attending;

Beef entrée _____ Vegetarian entrée _____

DIRECTIONS TO ANSLEY GOLF CLUB

196 Montgomery Ferry
Drive, N.E. Atlanta, 30309
404-875-1687

From Buckhead or Downtown

Travel on Peachtree to the WSB-TV station on Beverly Road. Take Beverly Road to a flashing red light. Turn left on Montgomery Ferry Drive. At the first fork in the road, bear right. At the second fork, bear left. The clubhouse will be on the left at the top of the hill. Valet parking is available.

For other directions go to:

www.ansleygolfclub.org

**Need a ride or
want to give a ride
to our Annual
Spring Luncheon?**

Please contact
Rosa Arriaga
(arriaga@cc.gatech.edu)

