Annual Open House
Women of Georgia Tech

First Lady Val Peterson and the GTFWC Executive Board cordially invite
GT faculty wives and women faculty to gather
Wednesday, September 19, 2012
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

This highly anticipated event will be held in the President’s Suite at the Student Success Center overlooking historic Grant Field. So whether you’re a newcomer or a GT veteran, join us as we CELEBRATE and CHEER the beginning of GTFWC (since 1921) and women students at Tech (60 years)! Greet returning friends and welcome newcomers to our Club! Enjoy meeting our women athletes and cheerleaders! Preview the year’s exciting new programs, interest groups, and service projects available to members while you enjoy our delicious buffet lunch. Reminisce as we share vintage photos and smile as we share current ones. Don’t miss this fun and exciting time! Directions adjacent.

— Carol Griffin
I hope you have enjoyed your summer and are ready for a new academic year!

Our board is looking forward to welcoming returning members and newcomers at our annual Open House. This year - September 19th - we will be returning to the President’s Suite in the Student Success Center. Our 1st VP, Marylou Foley, and our Open House Co-Chairs, Carol Griffin and Susan Bucknall, have lots of special surprises in store. Our theme for 2012-13 is “Women of Georgia Tech – Past, Present, Future” – so please join us as we celebrate Our Past: a rich legacy going back to 1921, Our Present: a vibrant membership and an enticing slate of programs and projects for 2012-13, and Our Future: a glimpse into the world of emerging technologies and exciting research going on right here on campus.

Our Club’s purpose has changed very little over the past 91 years: promoting friendships and learning opportunities for faculty wives and women faculty, and serving Georgia Tech and the greater Atlanta community through our scholarship program and service projects. Several of us spent a few delightful hours perusing the GTFWC repository in the GT Archives last spring and confirmed that – dues of $1 per year notwithstanding - the spirit of the Club has not changed, and friendship and service have always been at our very core.

This year we are offering a variety of programs – daytime, evening, and weekend - and hope that you will find something to fit your schedule! Starting up this year is a brand new Interest Group: Spanish Conversation. Our Community Service program has expanded to include more projects throughout the year. Also this year we are reaching out to the GT Women’s Resource Center to participate in and offer volunteers for the Women’s Leadership Conference to be held on campus in November. If you are unable to come to Open House, please check our website or our Facebook page to find out about the many opportunities for involvement and fun!

I would like to encourage you to bring a potential member with you to Open House. When I came to the Club as a newcomer, I had already been affiliated with Tech for 27 years (first as a student and then as a faculty wife)! However, I don’t know what I did before I found this this wonderful community of Georgia Tech women. Your invitation can make a difference!

On behalf of the 2012-13 board, welcome back!

Judy Willis
mjwillisgt@bellsouth.net
Join us in October as we step back in time
at an historic private home in Sandy Springs— Glenridge Hall

SHH – we are on a secret hunt – to find and visit a private estate with a fascinating history – reflecting another part of historic Atlanta! The first “clue” was seen at the Millennium Gate last February – but now our great detective/hostesses are going to reveal a True Treasure!! You must be on the list to receive the map!

SIGHTS – oh my, oh my – antiques and more will greet your eye! Some “homey touches” still abound, but the grandeur of the views are still around! From the hidden driveway to the terrace wall, around every corner there is more and more!!

SIGH- will there be ghosts? Maybe — but certainly coffee and lunch! Sign up today – making your $16 check payable to GTFWC – and indicate your sandwich choice – (from Atlanta Bread Company – tuna, chicken salad, turkey, or vegetarian). Please send your reservation to: Susan Eckert, 1053 St. James Crossing NE, Atlanta, GA 30319. DEADLINE: SATURDAY -OCTOBER 13! — Marylou Foley

Date: Wednesday October 17, 2012
Time: 10:30am – 12:30pm
Cost: $16 for boxed lunch and tour

Hostesses: Sharon Garrison, Dianne Enslow, Susan Eckert
Place: Directions to this private estate will be sent only to registered attendees

We are sad to note that two of our members passed away within the last four months: Sharon Poehlein and Bamby Ray. Sharon and Bamby were special people and will be missed and fondly remembered by all who knew them.

Best wishes to Thelma Gersch who was 92 on July 9th.

Congratulations to Lynne and Bill Wepfer on the occasion of their daughter’s recent wedding. If you know that one of our members sadly passes away, is maybe feeling under the weather, receives some joyous news, or anything that deserves recognition, please inform susanbucknall@yahoo.com. —Susan Bucknall
Elections are over – so what happens next?

Check in for our BRIEFING in House Room 216 at 10:00AM – opening with a guided tour provided by the Secretary of State’s Office. We start from the historic stairways. Afterwards, we will CAUCUS in House Room 216 to learn more about Georgia Tech’s roles at the Capitol. You may be surprised by the impact of GT.

Staff from the GT Office of Government and Community Services will reveal the active role that Tech plays here! Maybe “lobbying” isn’t a negative word!

TAKE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION and be sure to pre-register by noon Friday NOV 9! RSVP by contacting Pat Olson: pholson325@att.net. Mail your $12 check — payable to GTFWC – to Pat at 3745 Evonvale Overlook, Cumming, GA 30041. Please indicate your sandwich choice: smoked turkey, tuna salad, chicken salad with almonds and pineapple or an organic wheat wrap stuffed with organic spinach, freshly made guacamole and pico, mushrooms and asiago with freshly made salsa. Box Lunches will be delivered by Jason’s Deli with a side of fresh fruit. Please check the Nov. 7 First Wednesday E NOTES for updates and for carpool or campus parking information.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 14
BRIEFING TIME: 10:00AM – 1:00PM
PLACE: Capitol Building –206
RSVP: By November 9 to Pat Olson pholson325@att.net and mail check for $12 to the address below
HOSTESSES: Jan Gaylord, Pat Olson, Mary Nelle Connelly, Susan Eckert

PHOTO ID Required for Entrance to Capitol!

DIRECTIONS (Allow ample time to arrive. There will be a security check at the Capitol door. Bring that ID!)

Take I-75/85 South to Exit 248A (Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive). Note: this exit is LEFT off the interstate!. Bear right onto Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive but immediately move to the left lane. The Capitol will be on your left. Turn left on to Washington Avenue. Turn left on Mitchell St. The Capitol Parking lot will be straight ahead. (Essentially you are going counter-clockwise around the building to reach the parking lot.) Parking is $5 per car for guests (DOWNSIZE by car pooling suggested for deficit reduction!)
GTFCW reaches out to serve

Serving the Georgia Tech community as well as the Atlanta community at large remains an important part of the GTFWC’s mission. Members have the opportunity to serve in several projects, spread throughout the year, and to give back to our neighbors. Everyone is welcome to help make a difference! Here’s what we have planned for the first half.

**Foster Care Support Foundation**
*October 4, 2012, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. – RSVP Katrien by 9/28/12*

On October 4, 2012, we will lend a hand in the Foster Care Support Foundation Inc., a favorite of our First Lady, Val Peterson. This organization serves a vital need in Georgia by providing free clothing, infant equipment and developmental toys to children in foster care. They serve children in DFCS county homes and private agency foster homes. Our volunteers will help sorting donations, restocking, filling orders from foster families, and more. Foster Care’s website is [http://www.fostercares.org](http://www.fostercares.org/)

**Atlanta Food Bank**
*November 8, 2012, 9:00 am-noon – RSVP Katrien by 11/4/12*

The Atlanta Food Bank’s Product Resource Center (PRC) is a long time favorite of our group! After a short training, we will inspect and sort through food drive and salvaged food items and package them for distribution to more than 700 non-profit partner agencies. For volunteers it is a great hands-on experience in a lively and social atmosphere.

**Gift Card Collection**

No time to volunteer during the day? No problem, during our December 5 wine and cheese party, we will show our commitment to families in need in the Atlanta area by donating gift cards for designated supermarkets. Please bring your gift cards to our get together.

—Katrien Hemelsoet
Save Space for the Sunday Social

Bring your spouse or significant other, a side-dish and a good appetite to this year’s Sunday Social. It’s a great opportunity to get to know each other with nothing on the agenda but fine food.

On **Sunday, October 28, 2012**, you are cordially invited by Katrien Hemelsoet and Lee Suddath to join them for a delightful evening of food, fun and friendship after a busy homecoming weekend. Entree will be provided.

Please contact co-host Lee Suddath by October 23, 2012, to reserve your seat and sign up to bring an appetizer, a side dish or a dessert. We will assemble from **6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.** at **5076 Mt. Vernon Way, Dunwoody, GA 30338**.

Katrien Hemelsoet
khemelsoet@gmail.com
Lee Suddath
lsuddath@earthlink.net

To Do List

- Send in your 2012 GTFWC membership form (attached) – get a jump ahead of the lines at Open House
- Decide which special interest groups you’d like to join
- Sign up for a Community Service activity
- Mail in your reservations to visit historic Glenridge Hall and Georgia’s Capitol
- Track down your favorite recipe for the Sunday Social

2011 Scrapbook hot off the press

Hello, everyone!
The 2011 GTFWC scrapbook is finished and has gone to publishing. It’s a great record of a busy year in which so many of you participated.

Once the book has arrived, you will be able to order a copy for yourself through Shutterfly. You can order a 12x12 or 8x8 book.

Watch for Shutterfly discount offers to order the book at the best price.

Let me know at the Open House what you want to do.

— Elaine Horton, Historian/Parliamentarian
Special Interests?

We have eight interest groups open to all club members. The groups meet monthly and provide members the opportunity to learn and interact on topics of mutual interest. This year we added a new interest group: Spanish Conversation. It is open to all levels of Spanish speakers, from novices to native speakers.

Members sign up for Interest Groups at the Fall Open House on September 19 or by contacting the group’s chairperson(s). Watch for the Interest Group Update section of the Club Newsletter or on the website. Suggestions for new Interest Groups are welcome, and we are always looking for leaders. Please remember to pay your annual Club dues!

Interest groups meet monthly, and participation is free with your GTFWC membership. You’ll find groups for book lovers, walkers, international dinners, lunch expeditions, and needlework. You don’t have to be from France to join the French group — just willing to give the language your best shot. ¿Habla Español? Do you have a few years of high school Spanish or were you born or raised in a Spanish-speaking country? Come join this evolving and what will be a very lively and fun group. We’ll decide when and where to meet, where to go, what to eat and drink — but one thing is for sure, we’ll be doing it in Spanish!

Please contact Sylvia Mallarino Bras at SylviaMallarino@AtlantaFineHomes.com with any further questions or suggestions. — Sylvia Mallarino Bras

Women’s Leadership Conference

As part of our outreach - and community service, GTFWC is working on sponsorship of the Georgia Tech Women's Resource Center’s 14th Annual Women's Leadership Conference, November 2-3, 2012 at the Georgia Tech Ballroom. This year's theme, "HORIZONS", will touch on broadening personal horizons, our perception of the community we live in, and our global horizons.

Within this broad spectrum, we hope that many GTFWC members will find ways to volunteer - either as Room Moderators during workshop sessions, or as Workshop presenters ( we DO have a huge variety of experiences and expertise we can share!)or other roles. Our goal is to get at least 25 of us there helping at least some of the time ( there is plenty of pre-conference work to do , too).

So please contact volunteer@gtwl.com to offer your services and go to womenscenter.gatech.edu/wlc after September 28 for more information.

Think of what you may offer to our future leaders - and then contact the GT Women’s Leadership Conference or Judy Willis for more information. Yes, we can help make a difference on Campus! — Marylou Foley

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Georgia Tech Faculty Women’s Club 2012-2013

Welcome to the Georgia Tech Faculty Women’s Club, providing wives of faculty members and women faculty opportunities for friendship and service at GT and in Atlanta. (includes all academic, research, and general faculty members)

Our scholarship program assists students who are children of GT employees.

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Guests are welcome, so invite someone to join you at the next GTFWC event.

Please return GTFWC Membership Forms and Scholarship Donations to Senka Petrovic, 10635 Haynes Forest Drive Alpharetta, GA 30022

Membership dues are $35.00 *

Membership checks are made payable to “GT Faculty Women’s Club.” Checks to the Scholarship Program are made payable to “GT Foundation.”

*According to our By-Laws, Article VIII, section 2: Those who do not pay their dues by the second regular meeting (October) shall be ineligible to participate in Club events.

GTFWC Membership Form

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Sign below ONLY if you do NOT agree to permit photos of yourself to be posted on the GTFWC Facebook Page and/or the GTFWC website: Name: ____________________________ Date: ____________