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LEADERSHIP: LEARNING ABOUT YOUR LEADERS

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Meet Armenda Barnes, GFWC Ga Treasurer

This country girl from southern Bulloch County has enjoyed being a clubwoman since 1992 when I joined Statesboro Junior Woman's Club. My grandmother-in-law, Esther W. Barnes (Past GFWC GA State President 1958-1960) was my influence to join the Junior Woman's Club. She said that not only would I make friends and do community projects in Statesboro but would make friends all over the state. This has been the dominant reason for me staying in a woman's club.

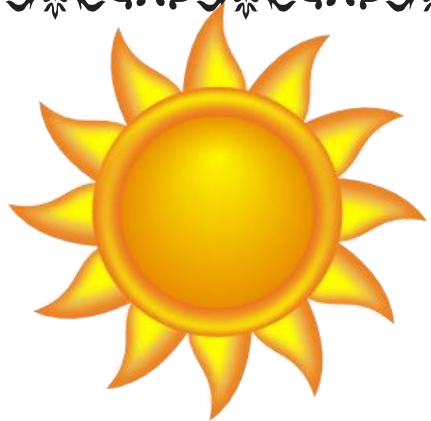
I was club president 1996-1998 and attended my first state convention in Atlanta in 1997. In 1998 I was asked to serve on the state Education Department Committee with Noni Needham and Sandi Nunnally who taught me a lot and became two of my very best friends in Federation.

In 2002 Jeri Lynn Cancel (GA Director of Junior Clubs 2000-2002) convinced me I should go for Director of Junior Clubs. So it came to pass that in 2006-2008 I was the GFWC GA Director of Junior Clubs and Jeri was the GFWC Director of Junior Clubs. I had the pleasure of serving as Junior Director with State President Kay Chadwick (Past GA Director of Junior Clubs 1992-1994)

“ I love to travel”

Alaskan Wilderness Rivers





To the Bahama Islands



In 2011 our club changed to the GFWC Magnolia Civic Woman's Club. We are a small club but are very supportive of each other and active on the District and State levels. We enjoy going to meetings together and all have made very dear friends around the state. My good friends and travel companions are Sheila Sanchez-Vesga and Julie Hamon.

Gary, my husband and best friend, and I love to travel. Our destinations generally revolve around fishing.

My other hobbies include teaching Silver Sneakers senior exercise classes at 180 Fitness Gym in Statesboro, reading, baking, and playing with my two grandchildren.

I look forward to serving as the GFWC Treasurer for the next two years and appreciate all of my fellow clubwomen's support and encouragement. Thank you for this opportunity.



To the Rocky Mountains:



Meet Shirene Daniell, Parliamentary Advisor

Thank you for the opportunity to share about myself and my family
I love being a part of Federation and getting to know ladies all over
our great state.

I was born in South Georgia, graduated high school in Florida, went to college back in Georgia and married and lived in Tifton, Georgia for 51 years. I taught at Tift County High School, directed and taught kindergarten at Northside Baptist Church Preschool and finished my career at ABAC as a Family and Consumer Science instruction.

I joined the GFWC Tifton Junior Woman's Club in 1978 and began my federation journey. I transferred my membership to GFWC Tifton 20th Century Library Club in 1999 and never looked back. Ha Ha.

As I volunteer in my community I usually bring Bill along with me. He is my driver, my supporter, a convention speaker, a loadmaster, and anything else needed. (He loves traveling with me all over the state and getting to know our club members).



I have two beautiful
grandaughters Ella & Ree
Daniell





Shirene and Sandra Huey – Bill always said we were “Two Hot Chicks” driving all over GFWC Georgia. Sandra served as GFWC Director of Junior Clubs with Shirene

Bill and I have 1 son and 2 granddaughters – beautiful, sweet, smart, loveable, active - etc., etc. I love taking the girls with me as I work on projects. They have been volunteering since they were babies and staying with Grandmamma.

We love traveling and have traveled over most of Europe. One site that is on my “bucket list” is Normandy, France, and the surrounding battlefields. I would especially like to visit Normandy on the D-Day reenactment, June 6. As a part of Bill’s military service, he was a part of the 51st anniversary. Now it my turn. Not to parachute in as Bill did, but to drive in.

I am looking forward to serving this administration as Parliamentary Advisor and working with Tina and all the ladies of GFWC Georgia.



Shirene with her son, Jay Daniell – all dressed up!



Meet Cimi Douglass Corresponding Secretary

About me in a nutshell - I was born and raised in New Orleans, Louisiana until I was transferred to Houston, TX to open a satellite law office for my firm. I met my husband in Texas and we eventually moved from Texas to Memphis TN and then to Atlanta 23 years ago. I am married to Wynn, who has two adult children and three grandchildren, and together we have two children of our own – Ty, 22 yr. old and graduate of GSU and Keely, 17 yr. old rising Senior at Centennial High School.



My background – The top 2 questions I’m asked all the time when people meet me for the first time are “Is Cimi your full name or is it short for something” None of the above, Cimi Marie Birkhoff Douglass is my full name. Second, are you “Spanish, Italian?” And the answer to that question is - I am a strange mix of mostly Dutch and Indonesian on my father’s side and French and a little Spanish on my mother’s side. My father was born and raised in Indonesia, a Dutch Colony at the time. In the early 1940’s the Japanese invaded Indonesia; my grandfather was placed in a POW camp and sent as a laborer to assist in building the Burma Railway (Bridge over the River Kwai was the fictional movie that is based on the construction of the Burma Railway in 1942–1943) while my grandmother and children were sent to a work camp. After the Japanese surrendered in 1945 my father’s family fled to Holland and lived there until they learned about a church that sponsored families to immigrate to the United States and they signed up. My father’s family immigrated to the U.S. when he was 17 yrs. old, leaving his girlfriend in Holland. He vowed to go back to marry her once the family was settled. Her name....was..... wait for it.....Cimi. To make a long story short, he met my mother while bagging her groceries, eventually they married and he told her about Cimi. She loved the name and when I was born, she wanted me to have that name. Who would do that? Well, my mother did – obviously very open minded and confident at the time. So that’s how I got my name and that’s the backstory on my ethnic origin. Dad never became a citizen of the United States, but had his permanent green card. He passed away in 2008. Cimi (in Holland) still hangs on to the idea that he named me after her because of his love for her. And mom is still as independent as ever and my biggest cheerleader.





So what makes me tick: As you can imagine being the daughter of an immigrant and a strong and independent mother –I was raised in a very strict environment, and taught to work hard, be self-sufficient and that there's no excuses – you must earn your keep. I don't follow that entire philosophy with my kids, I never want them to feel that they need to earn their keep with me, my love is always unconditional but I definitely stress to them that the key to success is to work hard and be nice. You can be the smartest person in the world, but if you don't work hard or not nice you will not go far and definitely will not be respected among your peers.

I'm proud of the work ethic my parents instilled in me, but will admit that it is hard to turn it off and relax. I try to have hobbies, but my hobbies turn into tasks since I'm a compulsive finisher. In all honesty, I'd rather clean out my closet because it is a good use of my time. And that brings me to why I love being a part of my Club and this organization. I joined The Atlanta Woman's Club in 2008 after dad passed and this organization became my new hobby. I love knowing that I can put my talents to work for the greater good.



So that's me - I'm a no-nonsense person, I have lived in the same house for 22 years, married to Wynn for 25 years (together for 28 yrs), I've worked at the same law firm for 22 years and have the same core group of friends longer than that and have two wonderful children. Club life introduces me to new people from all over the State, in various careers, in different seasons of life, with tons of different personalities and lots of experiences to learn from, and.... it gives me plenty of "hobbies" to do for others.

I look forward to learning more, doing more, and giving more during the next two years!

