

# The Key Sawnee Woman's Club

## General Meeting

Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Christmas Luncheon 11am

Tam's @ The Cumming Playhouse

101 School Street

### From the President's Corner...

Wow!! I truly hope that all of you had as wonderful a Thanksgiving as I did! We all have so much to be thankful for at this time of the year and you ladies are at the top of my list.

We have started a NEW Yahoo Group, so please be sure to check your junk email for your invitation to join! If you have not received an invitation then please go to the Yahoo website and search for our group [sawnee\\_womansclub@yahoo.com](mailto:sawnee_womansclub@yahoo.com) and ask to join. This is hopefully going to be our method of communication after the first of the year.

Thanks to Home Life and NIOC for all of the great food last month and we are looking forward to an informative program from the Arts committee in January. We have our Christmas Luncheon this month at Tam's and then don't forget that we will be meeting at Three Chimneys Farm clubhouse starting in January. The address is 3625 Three Chimneys Lane, Cumming, GA 30041.

Merry Christmas and see you on the 14<sup>th</sup>,  
Beth Daffin

### 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

#### *New Member Project*

January 17<sup>th</sup> is the date, and Cool Bees located at 10 Atlanta Hwy is the place, for our very fun get together! The time will be confirmed at the January meeting, but we are tentatively planning on 7:30pm. We will be creating Suitcase Art! These one-of-a kind suitcases will be used when children are removed from their troubled homes. All New Members and Sponsors are invited to attend and any other members that can come – feel free to join us. We do have limited space for creating

our art, and new members will get those spots first, but you can come, have a glass of wine, and get to know each other better. The more the merrier! Please let me know you are attending [ccwcallaway@gmail.com](mailto:ccwcallaway@gmail.com) before January 15<sup>th</sup>. If you are not a new member and wouldn't mind bringing a bottle of wine or an appetizer to share let me know that too. I know this will be a great night to do good for our community and have some fun so ...Thanks in advance for helping make this a great event!

### *Membership Drive 2012*

It is that time again! Our membership drive has begun! Have your proposed new member forms COMPLETELY filled out and then hand them in any time *before the March meeting*. I will begin collecting them next week at the luncheon, but you can scan and email them to me at [ccwcallaway@gmail.com](mailto:ccwcallaway@gmail.com) or fax them directly to me at 678-679-1358. Whichever way is most convenient for you. If you email or fax it I will send you an email back confirming receipt. If you do not receive that confirmation please know that I may not have gotten it from you and we need to touch base. I will return any that do not have all the information so fill them out. We certainly have a great group of new members this year that have helped grow our club and proven to be excited about volunteering. Let's keep this up and bring in another great group!

Here is what our Bylaws say regarding Members

#### Article III. Members

##### Section 2. Membership Drive

- A. An annual membership drive will be organized by the New Member Committee beginning in January of each year with invitations to go out to prospective members in May.
- B. Names of prospective members must be presented in writing by a sponsoring Club member and a co-sponsoring Club member, both of whom are willing to me mentor the prospective member during the New Member period. The deadline for submitting a prospective New Member will be the date of the March General Meeting. A list of the prospective New Members will be presented to the Club by the New Member Committee at that time. All prospective New Members must be approved by the Executive Board and then by a vote of the general membership.
- C. An Active Member may sponsor only one prospective member and may co-sponsor no more than two prospective members per year. A New Member may co-sponsor only one prospective member.
- D. Objections to any prospective member must be made in writing to the New Member Committee no later than fifteen days after the date of the March General Meeting. If two objections are received, then no invitation will be extended.

Sponsoring more than one has never been an issue as we usually have members that are willing to sponsor in your place if needed. We will work that out as needed.

**Just know that if you sponsor a new member (and we want you to do so) you need to mentor them.**

*New Members*

**Please let me know at [ccwcallaway@gmail.com](mailto:ccwcallaway@gmail.com) if you are not receiving club emails. The Yahoo group is in the process of being revamped, but at this time I am unable to add new members to that distribution. Paula Glover has added you all to Mail Chimp so you should be getting everything that goes out on Yahoo groups through Mail Chimp. We are creating a new Yahoo Groups and you will be added to that. Also, we have a Facebook group too so check that out.**

*All Members*

**If anyone has any feedback about the club regarding New Members and/or Membership in general I welcome all suggestions. Remember to send any changes to your contact information and any excused absence forms to me at the above email, bring to the meeting, or fax it to me.**

**What a great year this has been! We have been enthusiastic in serving our community in the many ways that we have done so and we have made many new friends within our club. Merry Christmas to you all and may you be blessed beyond measure in 2012!**

**See you next week!  
Carolyn Watters**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

**The November Service Hour sheet will be available at our luncheon.**

**As the year is coming to a close - please remember your Service Hour obligation:**

**New members: 10 hours between September and December  
Existing members: 30 hours each calendar year (January - December)**

**If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.**

**Thanks for all that you do for our community!  
Kara**

## **Treasurer**

**Dues of \$80 are now past due! Please make checks payable to SWC. If you cannot make the meeting please mail your dues to:**

**Kim Bacastow  
1330 Grove Park Lane  
Cumming, GA 30041**

**Thanks,  
Kim Bacastow and Debbie Little**

## **Arts Department**

**The Culture for Kids Program provided an outing to Agatha's Mystery Dinner Theatre for 15 boys and counselors from The Lodge on Nov. 26th. The outing was a first for many of the boys who enthusiastically participated in the interactive theatrical experience!**

**Mark your calendar! Arts will sponsor the new member project, Suitcase Art, to benefit CASA. This fun event will take place on Tuesday, January 17th at 7:00 p.m at Cool Bees in Alpharetta. Please reserve your spot by e-mailing Carolyn Watters at [ccwcallaway@gmail.com](mailto:ccwcallaway@gmail.com).**

**Karen Beyer  
Sharon Lee  
Arts Co-Chairs**

## **Conservation Department**

**Merry Christmas to all you ladies! Remember to conserve this season and turn out lights when you are no longer in the room and set your thermostat so that if you are not in the room or on vacation your heating system does not come on. Also, recycle all those paper and boxes you will be receiving at Christmas!**

**We will be helping Keep Forsyth Beautiful (KFB) with their annual recycling of the Christmas trees on January 7 from 10 – 3. The county brings in the chipper and we help KFB take the trees off cars/SUVs and throw them in a pile. If you are lucky like Wendy's daughter last year, you might find lights and ornaments! We will be working at the Vickery location which is located in the parking lot between Vickery Middle and Elementary Schools. It is easy to find. KFB has designated this site the Sawnee Woman's Club location. Put in on your calendar and come help. We will be working shifts so plan to help 10:00 – 12:30 and 12:30 – 3:00 pm. If you can't work that long, that is OK. Just come on out and help when you can. Bring your**

**kids if you like and dress for the weather as we are outside the entire time. Here is my cell number if you need it for directions. 770-557-5361.**

**Thank you for all you do to help keep our community clean. I hope each of have a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous 2012.**

**Tammie Fowler**

### **Education**

**We have been asked to switch from hosting March meeting to hosting the January meeting. Please let me know if you have any good ideas for a speaker.**

**All counselors at the High Schools have been contacted with the scholarship information.**

**See you at the luncheon!**

**Happy Holidays!**

**Karen Smith**

### **International**

**Don't forget to bring in your Heifer change!!**

**Thanks,**

**Susan Matray**

### **Home Life Department**

**Thank you all so much for your continued support of Sacks of love. Remember that your next drop off date will be Friday, December 16 and this will be the last drop off for the Holiday break. We have reached out to Gladys and will have more details on the toy donation that we mentioned in the last meeting. For those that were not there, a local doctor contacted Gladys and wanted to provide a toy for all of the kids that are part of Sacks of love.**

**We have great news. We applied for a grant from United Way for SOL and we got it. We were awarded \$4,000 and are working out the details with United Way as well as Gladys to determine the best way to use this money. Please stay tuned for more details.**

**Beth and Kristin**

## **Public Affairs Department**

See you on Wednesday!

Lynn Kirby

## **Sunshine**

Happy December birthdays to:

Kim Cooper

Tracy Wakefield

Sending get well wishes to Lois Watts recovering from surgery.

Our sympathy goes out to Dee Dee McCormick on death of her father in law.

Thanks,

Karen Beyer

## **NIOC**

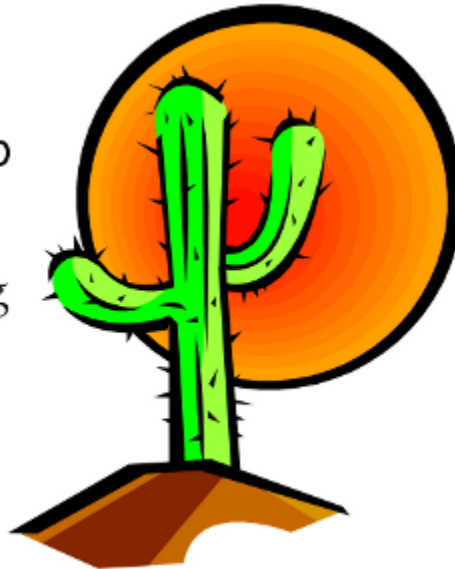
Sawnee Woman's Club

presents the 27th annual

Nite in Olde Cumming

Cinco Celebration

Friday, May 4, 2012 7pm  
Forsyth Conference Center



Thank you all for your enthusiasm at last month's NiOC 2012 kickoff! We distributed information kits to all members at the meeting. The kit included info sheets for you, cover letters you can share with potential auction donors and sponsors, and forms for sponsorships and silent auction donations. If you did not receive your kit, check the member's file box or contact Paula. At the Christmas luncheon, Kara will be distributing your 4 tickets to sell, as well as invitations that you can mail to friends. Please remember that if you sell 3 tickets by the January meeting, you'll get your own 4<sup>th</sup> ticket FREE! Now is a great time to be seeking

**donations! Ask your favorite retailers for a donation to the silent auction or invite them to become a sponsor. The earlier they participate, the more recognition we can give them.**

**Thanks again for your support and Merry Christmas!**

**Paula Glover & Wendy Goodrow**

**P.S. – Planning team members should mark their calendars for a NiOC meeting immediately following the January meeting. We'll head over to Chepe's near the intersection of Sharon and Old Atlanta Roads for a working lunch. All SWC members are welcome to attend.**

### **Publicity**

**Hello ladies, please keep me informed of your projects, take pictures and do a short write up and e-mail them to me at [stocktondl@bellsouth.net](mailto:stocktondl@bellsouth.net) and I will get them in the Forsyth County News.**

**We now have a SWC logo! Special thanks to the Forsyth County News for helping put this together!**

**Thanks,  
Amelia Stockton**

### **Social**

**Our Christmas luncheon is set for 11am on Wednesday December 14<sup>th</sup> at Tam's Backstage. The cost will be \$20. If you have not already paid please give your cash or check(made out to SWC) to Debbi. We will be upstairs and it is a buffet.**

**Don't forget your Secret Sister gifts!**

**Debbi**