

The Key Sawnee Woman's Club

General Meeting

Wednesday, September 14th, 2011

Social 9:00am-9:30am

Regions Bank off of Hwy. 9 and Buford Dam

From the President's Corner...

Welcome back everyone. I hope that you all had a great summer and are ready to get to work for Forsyth County and beyond! Your executive board has been working hard this summer coming up with lots of projects for the 2011-2012 year, so please give them a special thank you. We have a phenomenal group of new members that are energized and ready to help out this year. Please take a moment to introduce yourselves to these ladies at the meeting.

You will find our budget for 2011-2012 attached in an Excel Spreadsheet. Print this out and look over before our meeting Wednesday. We will be voting to approve this budget at that time. Also, see the attached Adobe file that Paula and Wendy put together on NIOC. They are way ahead of the game on this, but still need some help with committee chairs.

Be advised that we will be taking pictures for our notebook informational pages at the meeting so come dressed how you want to be remembered for the next year! Notebook inserts will be available at the meeting along with a yearbook information form to fill out.

Executive Board, do not forget that we are in charge of food for this month! Next month's meeting will be Public Affairs.

Thanks,
Beth Daffin

1st Vice President

As we start our new year we are so excited to welcome the following 15 new members to Sawnee Woman's Club:

**Michele Alcock
Lee Ann Broscher
Alison Compton
Melissa Cotton
Annette Felahis
Marcia Fervienza
Yatesy Harvey
Sandy Key
Jennie Meredith
Alice Metrick
Jennifer Payne
Pam Pye
Cathy Sakal
Cathy Salmon
Adrienne Sipe**

Please wear your nametags and introduce yourselves and let's make this great group feel welcome! New members unable to attend the orientation and dinner please plan to meet right after the meeting for a mini orientation and to get your notebooks. If you have any questions at all please do not hesitate to ask me, another board member, or your sponsor.

I would like to take just a minute to remind you of our bylaws in regards to attendance. We have nine meetings from Sept. to May. The Christmas luncheon is not mandatory which leaves us with 8 meetings that require your attendance. Of those 8 you are allowed to miss 3. Two are excused if you send notification to me using the form in the back of your binder. You can use that form, or you can use it as a template for the information needed and just send me an email. I have to receive it in order for it to be excused. It is supposed to be sent prior to the missed meeting. This is certainly preferable, but sometimes not feasible – you can't predict a child's illness for instance. You will be excused as long as I have the form within the week of the meeting. In other words if you miss on Wed. get it to me by Saturday. You are then allowed one more absence for any reason –an unexcused absence. That means that out of our 9 meetings you can attend 5 and remain in good standing. That is almost half! Please put the second Wed. of each month on your calendar now so that you can plan to meet with us.

When you arrive at the meeting please take your name tag and sign the attendance log so that I count you present.

Several of us have worked hard to get an accurate membership roster. I realize that throughout the year your contact information may change. Please let me know at

678-643-1731 or ccwcallaway@gmail.com if you have any changes to your contact information. Also, if you are not receiving group emails from both Yahoo and Mail Chimp please make me aware of this. I am really excited about this year and look forward to working with all the new members as they complete a new member project, learn more about our club and our community. I always look forward to seeing all the returning members. I love summer, but miss seeing all of you!

See you Wednesday!
Carolyn Watters

2nd Vice President

The August service hours sheet will be distributed at the meeting.

Please remember the following when recording your hours:

COUNTS TOWARDS HOURS:

- *Personal sponsorships of \$200 or more
- *Additional Silent Auction item
- *Executive/Department meetings
- *State Meetings

DOESN'T COUNT TOWARDS HOURS:

- *Dues
- *NIOC ticket
- *General meetings
- *Silent Auction item (\$50)

Thanks,
Kara Zimmer

Treasurer

Please review the attached budget for final approval at the General Meeting.

Dues of \$80 are due by the October meeting! Please make checks payable to SWC.

Thanks,
Kim Bacastow and Debbie Little

Arts Department

The Arts Dept. is excited to expand on-going projects, the *Elementary Art Contest* with support from Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and *Culture for Kids* which has provided outings for the girls at Jesse's House. This year we are adding a new project in cooperation with CASA called *Suitcase Art* which will provide decorative suitcases for children who find themselves having to leave their homes in a crisis situation. The Arts Dept. will also continue to support the *Egg Project* and designate funds for the *Laura Holt scholarship*.

Thanks,
Karen Beyer and Sharon Lee

Conservation Department

Hope everyone is doing well and getting ready for a fun and busy year. The Conservation Department wants to remind everyone that preserving the environment is everyone's business. There are many little things you can do to help conserve and preserve our little space on the planet. One thing you can do that is very easy is to recycle. Many of the local garbage companies offer recycling cans/tubs for you to use. You can recycle paper, plastic and glass. Remember you can count recycling as Club hours. For every 10 things done per month you get 1 Club hour. I will pass out an information sheet at the meeting with other recycling ideas.

We have adopted a one mile portion of MarketPlace Blvd., from Bald Ridge Marina to Mary Alice Park. We are required to pick up trash on that one mile once a quarter. We will do a pick up during the month of September on a Saturday mid morning. I don't have the date yet but will let you know at the meeting. The pick up lasts about 2 hours and gloves, bags and reflective vests will be provided. There is a sidewalk on that road so the pick up is easy and out of the way of the traffic. You can come for a little bit or the entire time. You can bring your children as long as you are responsible for them since the Club will take no responsibility for them. If anyone is interested, we can do lunch after the pick up. You are able to count your time as Club hours.

We are not participating as a Club but if anyone is interested, there is the Lanier Shore Sweep September 24 from 8 am – 1 pm. For more information, contact Tammy Wright at Keep Forsyth Beautiful.

Also, if you have electronics that need to be recycled, the Electronics Recycling Day will be held October 1 at the Fairgrounds. If you need more pink recycling bags, let me know and I will give you some. They are great to use at the grocery store and carrying items around.

See you at the meeting,
Tammie Fowler

Education

Hello, from the Education Department! We are excited to offer our Forsyth County Senior Scholarships again this year. We will fund a \$2,000 and a \$1,000 scholarship. Information will be on the school websites later this year. We will also bring back Dr. Suess' Birthday Reading at the Library on March 2nd. We would also like to try to resurrect the Puppets we purchased several years ago to perform for all FCS 3rd graders to teach important lessons on tolerance if anyone is interested.

**See you at the meeting!
Karen Smith**

International

The transition center has communicated an immediate need for middle/high school backpacks. I need your help - please bring gently used or new large backpacks to the first meeting. I will be collecting the backpacks at our first meeting as the students need to get these backpacks as soon as possible.

Operation Christmas Child will be getting underway shortly. Please start collecting small items to put in the shoeboxes that will be delivered to kids in need throughout the world for Christmas. I will be putting the shoebox instructions up on the website but until that happens you can find the instructions at the following link [www.samaritanspurse.org/index.php/OCC/Pack A Shoe Box/](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/index.php/OCC/Pack_A_Shoe_Box/). I will collect the filled shoeboxes at the November meeting.

**Thanks,
Susan Matray**

Home Life Department

Beth and I are excited about our Home Life plan of action. We have proposed to continue with Sacs of Love. The counselors and teachers continue to commend us for our action to help children who do not have access to food on the weekends. We will be supporting 22 students again for this year. If you have a book bag you would like to donate, please bring it to the September meeting. We are also looking at supporting organizations that support and assist Kids in Crisis. More info on these projects will be shared at the September meeting.

**See you guys soon!
Kristen Joyner and Beth Buursema**

Public Affairs Department

We have a great plan of work scheduled for you ladies. See you on Wednesday!

Lynn Kirby

Sunshine

Happy September Birthdays to:

Chantal Bagwell

Karen Beyer

Beth Buursema

Julie Enger

Heather Hill

Sharon Lee

Christine Murphy

Karen Smith

Thanks,

Karen Beyer

NIOC

Please see the attached file!

Publicity

Please see Amelia Stockton with any ideas for a Sawnee Woman's Club Logo. The Forsyth County News has graciously offered to help us design this!

Thanks,

Amelia Stockton

