

# **The Key Sawnee Woman's Club**

**General Meeting**

**Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

**Marie's Italian Deli**

**9:30 AM**

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

**Wow! I can't believe it is already the middle of February. Hope you are all staying warm and dry in all of this crazy weather we have had lately. We are now starting to really ramp up for NIOC. I ask that each of you really step up this year to make this a great event. Adrienne, Paula and the NIOC committee chairs are putting in a lot of extra time and effort for this and they need our support!**

**Hopefully the Department Chairs have all either had a meeting with the members in their department or have one scheduled. We want all of you to have a say in what your department is doing this year as well as the plans for next year.**

**Kim Balose has been busy with her nominating committee and they will present the slate of officers for 2013-2014 in March for a vote in April. There is still time to let her know if you are interested in any of the open positions: President, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, 3<sup>rd</sup> VP, Treasurer and Recording Secretary.**

**A special thanks to the Education Department for our food and the speaker from last month. I now know what to wear to make myself look taller☺ Our next general meeting is March 13th at 9:30am and the Public Affairs Department is in charge of our program.**

**See you on Wednesday!  
Beth Daffin**

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

### **Membership:**

Please remember to get your New Member proposal forms in ASAP. Bring them to the meeting next week, or email them to me at [ccwcallaway@gmail.com](mailto:ccwcallaway@gmail.com) or efax to 678-679-1358. Names will be read out at the March meeting and we will vote on new members at the April meeting.

### **Attendance:**

Attendance has been very good this year at our meetings. However, we do have some members that are in danger of being dropped due to missed meetings. Please send in excused absence forms. If you have extenuating circumstances we will help you come up with a plan, but you need to get in touch. If you do miss a meeting, get a copy of the minutes so that you stay in the loop.

### **Proposal on Meetings:**

At Wednesday's meeting you will be voting on a proposal to change the meeting time. This was approved by the Board last week. I want to tell you that much thought and worry went in to this. We presented the club with two survey's – one online and one at the December meeting. The membership committee met a few times to go over the surveys and to discuss changes that were being considered. We understand that we are not going to please everyone, even though we would like too. We discussed several options: Evening meetings, lunch meetings, split meetings, alternating meetings and we looked at the pros and cons of both. The membership committee is made up of a variety of women and all working situations are represented: working/non-working/working at home/ CEO of the home. I say all this to explain that we tried to do what we feel was genuinely in our club's best interest. We looked at members who had exited the club and found that even if given the opportunity to return for evening meetings there was little interest – not all, but the majority. The proposal to the Board was to change our meeting time to 8:30 social and 9:00 meeting. This is being proposed in order for those women who do work to be able to get out of the meeting a little earlier.

As hours or membership concerns arise for whatever reason, as they do throughout the year, the committee will take each individual's situation into consideration.

Hopefully we can make it work for each member. That is our goal.

The overriding feeling that really permeated our discussion, and solidified our decision was that we all knew when we committed to joining the club that meetings take place on the second Wed. morning of the month.

If there are any questions concerning this, please feel free to ask us.

### **Book Club:**

We had a great meeting last Wed. at Jennie Meredith's. I want to thank all of you that have agreed to host this year and those that already hosted last fall. I think all have really enjoyed it. We are never at a loss for conversation – related to the book – and not. We are reading *The Cover of Snow* by Jenny Milchman. Beth Daffin will be hosting the next meeting at her home at 4430 Sugar Creek Lane on Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30. Tosha Banta is hosting in March. Lois Watts is hosting in

**April. It is the last Wed. of each month. Check out Amazon's review of the current book and plan on reading and meeting with us.**

**Thanks,  
Carolyn Watters  
First VP, Membership Chair**

### **2nd Vice President**

**Hello Ladies, please do not forget to get your hour sheets and fill them out and return to me. If you have any questions about hours feel free to ask me.**

**Thanks,  
Amelia Stockton**

### **Treasurer**

**Please bring any check requisition forms filled out and ready to be approved!**

**Thanks,  
Kim and Debbi**

### **Arts Department**

**The Elementary School Art Contest has started. The paper was delivered to the schools last week and the kids have the month of February to do their artwork. The theme this year is My Favorite Thing To Do Is... The artwork will be picked up from the schools the week of March 4<sup>th</sup> and the reception at Barnes & Noble will be in April. Thanks to all who signed up for a school!**

**See you at the meeting,  
Lee Ann Broscher and Alison Compton**

### **Conservation Department**

**Hope everyone is doing well. Below are a few Conservation tips from Sawnee EMC.**

- **Program your thermostat. Programmable thermostats can knock 10% off your heating bills.**
- **Consider lowering the water heater temperature from 130 degrees to 120 degrees and save about \$75 annually.**
- **Clean refrigerator coils once a year.**
- **Set the refrigerator temperature to 37 degrees and the freezer to 5 degrees.**
- **Use the kitchen exhaust fan when cooking and turn it off when finished.**

**Set your calendar for our Adopt a Road Trash Pick up for Saturday, February 23 at 10 am. Meet at the medical office building's parking lot at the corner of Marketplace Blvd. and Bald Ridge Marina. Bring your children if they need volunteer hours for school or clubs. Wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather. Bags, gloves and vests will be provided.**

**Don't forget to recycle the glass and plastic items you use in your homes. If ever in doubt about whether or not it can be recycled, ask Denise Carleton.**

**Thanks for all you do to help our environment and helping to keep Forsyth Beautiful.**

**Tammie Fowler  
Denise Carleton**

## **Education**

**No Report**

## **International**

**We are over half-way through our calendar year 2012-2013, and we are now focusing on increasing the donations for the Heifer Project. As you know, this project is meant to collect money to buy a cow for impoverished families around the world, which will help feeding and transforming sick and malnourished children into healthy boys and girls.**

**But this is not all: the Heifer International is involved in two other projects I'd like to share with you and ask for your help. The first one is the project REACH to help Haitian families rebuild from the recent natural disasters once the emergency first responders are back home. The money donated will also be used to buy animals to the families, so they can use the production of this animal to support themselves. To donate, you can either bring me or Kim your money on an envelope during the meeting or click here: <http://heifer.org/give-landingpage/campaign/reach-out>.**

**They had another interesting idea for the month of February - the Valentine's month. Instead of buying your sweetheart a gift (or asking them to buy you a gift), what if you showed your love for each other through an action of care for the world around you? This month you can make an online donation to one of their many different projects. Go online and check it out: <http://heifer.org/give/alt-gift#proddescjump>. This is the quickest shortcut you have to make a difference.**

**On a side note, our committee is getting together this Wednesday after the general meeting to discuss new ideas for the 2014. We are focusing on more hands-on project. If you have anything in mind you think would be interesting for the International Department to work on 2014, bring your idea to the meeting. It will be more than welcome.**

**Thank you and see you in the meeting!**

**Márcia and Kim**

### **Home Life Department**

**Please save your receipts from food purchased for families even if you don't ask for reimbursement. I need these receipts to turn into United Way.**

**Thanks for all you do!  
Beth Buursema and Pam Pye**

### **Public Affairs Department**

**We are once again participating in the Special Olympic Games being held at Forsyth Central on April 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be a sign up sheet at the meeting!**

**Thanks,  
Jennie and Kim C.**

### **Sunshine**

**Happy Valentine's Day and Happy February birthdays to:  
Carolyn Watters  
Wendy Goodrow**

**Karen Beyer  
Sunshine Chair**

### **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.**

**Thanks,  
Amelia Stockton**

**Social**  
No Report

**NIOC**  
Nite in Olde Cumming - Big Island Luau!!  
The Warehouse  
May 3, 2013  
7:00pm-11:00pm

**Please make sure you get your Silent Auction item donated right away and bring it to the 2/13 meeting with you so you can be entered into a drawing for prizes courtesy of our Silent Auction Committee! Cash donations will not qualify you for the drawing, only donation items valued over \$50.**

**Also, please be prepared to pay for any tickets you have sold or at least buy the one you are required to purchase as we would like to get those taken care of as early in the process as possible. We will have signups for calling on potential Silent Auction donators and Sponsors at the meeting and several announcements to make so make sure you come!**

**Adrienne Sipe and Paula Glover**  
NIOC Committee Chairs