

THE KEY

Sawnee Woman's Club April 2014

THE PRESIDENTS' CORNER

Although the final numbers are not in at the time of writing, in a word: WOW! It was a lot of fun! Thanks to all of you who helped make it so! Thanks to Lisa Ann and all of her committee chairs for their work! We are set with a date and a band already for March 21, 2015! Lisa Ann has agreed to serve again in this capacity and is already working on her committees for next year. Our goal is to get sponsorships early (never too early!), gather items for auction throughout the year and have them in much earlier, and sell a bunch of tickets - again!

Please write a quick note to your guests thanking them for coming and letting them know that we will have the same band, caterer, and set up on March 21, 2015. You save that date and tell them to save that date! Thank anyone that donated to you directly for the auction and any sponsors that you procured. Alison Compton has graciously agreed to send letters to sponsors thanking them and detailing the tax benefit they earn, but a personal note from the one that they actually donated to is really needed and often will insure that you receive from them next year.

Thank you to Amelia and Dennis Stockton and Forsyth County News for having their photographer at NIOC and for the publicity we received!

It is hard to believe that we are getting ready to wind down for the year. What an exciting and eventful year of successful volunteer projects we have had. I don't think anyone can say that we have not been hands on this year!

A few reminders...Check the website and read your newsletter. There is a club calendar found in both places. If you are going to miss a meeting please let Paula Glover know by email, phone, or text. She is the person who will document that you have touched base with the club. Sending it to another board member doesn't guarantee it will reach Paula. We try, but meeting days are very hectic and we don't always remember. Paula is the go to for all things attendance.

There are a couple of vacancies on the Board for next year. We will announce those in the April meeting. In addition, your Co-Presidents have several appointed positions and will be meeting to discuss these. If you are interested in one of those positions please email Carolyn at ccwcallaway@gmail.com and/or Kim at kbalose@gmail.com and let us know. We will gather the requests for each and discuss prior to appointing these positions. The Nominating Committee is working on the board positions.

Each year we reflect on what we can do to make this club better the following year. The Membership Committee will be sending out a survey and it really helps if we receive your input. It will only take a few minutes. Please fill it out online. The goal of this committee is to work with bringing in and training the new members, making them feel welcome and also work to increase general membership retention. If we do not hear from you we don't know how you feel and what your great ideas are.

We have come a long way through the years in our communication as a club. There is always room for improvement, but each member needs to take some responsibility for making sure that they read the newsletter and check the website occasionally. If you are still not receiving the yahoo group emails you are continuing to miss out on what is going on throughout the month with the club. Take a minute today to make sure that you are plugged in for communication purposes. This will be very important through the Summer months as we do not meet regularly and it is a way to stay current.

Book Club has been postponed to April 30th. We will meet at Sharon Lee's at 7:00 social, 7:30-9:30 discussion. We are reading Donna Tart's *Goldfinch*.

See you at the meeting on April 9th.

Have a safe Spring Break! Thank you for all of your help with all of our projects and Happy Easter!

Carolyn and Kim

1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

Thank you for supporting Nite in Olde Cumming and meeting your fundraising obligations to keep your membership in good standing.

Vote for 2014-2015 New Members

We will be voting on the proposed new members for next Club year at the April meeting. If you have any comments to share on the suitability of any of the nominated members for our Club, I must receive them in writing (mail or email) before the April meeting.

Lunch at Marlow's Tavern

We will meet for lunch at 11:30am on Friday, April 11 at Marlow's Tavern at The Collection. Special thanks are due to Tara Sakal for helping us secure a reservation for our group. If you'd like to attend, please RSVP to PaulaDeLongGlover@gmail.com by Wednesday, April 9.

May Luncheon

The May Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, May 14 at the home of Lois Watts at 1825 Turnberry Avenue, Suwanee 30024. Special thanks are due to Lois for opening her home to us, and to Debbi Little for helping to plan the event.

Lois and Debbi will announce further details at the April meeting regarding the time and the cost to attend. Please mark your calendars for this special date, as it is our final meeting of the Club year and we have important topics to discuss.

Absence Forms REQUIRED

Please remember that the Executive Board voted to waive attendance requirements for the January and February meetings due to inclement weather. However, if you have missed any other meeting, [you must complete the Request for Excused Absence form](#).

If you find that you can't attend an upcoming scheduled general membership meeting (April or May), please complete a [Request for Excused Absence](#) form and return to me to maintain your status as an Active member in good standing.

Many thanks,
Paula Glover
1st Vice President

3RD VICE PRESIDENT

Our 29th Annual Nite in Olde Cumming was an absolutely, fun, fabulous event! Many, many thanks to all the wonderful ladies of Sawnee Woman's Club for your priceless help; without you Nite In Olde Cumming cannot happen. We will have an official report for NIOC 2014 at our April meeting.

CONSERVATION

SWC Conservation Department
Think Globally. Act Locally.

Events & Updates:

April 12 (10am to 11-11:30am) - Litter Clean Up Market Place Boulevard

- We will meet in professional offices at end of Market Place / Bald Ridge

The Master Gardeners are very grateful for our continued funding, most recent \$125, for the rain garden at the Juvenile Justice Complex. We will be scheduling a visit soon to see how the rain garden is progressing and for a certificate presentation.

We are donating \$200 to Cedar Hill Enrichment Center for two new bee hives. Bees are busy little pollinators who numbers have been declining in recent years. They are also responsible for 50 crops in Georgia. This fall we will tour Cedar Hill's grounds and see how the bee hives are progressing.

Cumming Elementary is still waiting on approval for planting trees. We recently donated \$100 towards this effort for Arbor Day. Due to the nearing end of the school year and our club year we will most likely complete this project in the fall.

Your Recycle Reminder:

The Recycling industry is big business in Georgia, yet every year, Georgians collectively pay more than \$100 million to bury raw materials worth nearly \$300 million to manufacturers based right here in our state. Those manufacturing feedstocks are also known as recyclable material, and about 40 percent of what Georgians set out as 'garbage' could have been recycled.

Forsyth County Convenience Centers generated \$60,000 in revenue for Forsyth County in 2012 from plastic #1 and #2.

Help to do your part by recycling every month at home or in the office – you'll be helping to create jobs, grow our local economy, and redirecting valuable materials from living in a landfill FOREVER.

Recycling counts as one (1) hour of volunteer service with the club.

Bring the following items to club meetings for reuse.

- Wine corks
- Plastic caps – small, medium and large (ex. soda & Gatorade)
- CD/DVDs (old)

EDUCATION

We have two Education Events occurring in April

Tuesday, April 15th, 7pm

Educate Yourself- Wine Tasting- Marie's Deli, \$15 a person, includes

appetizers. Spouses are welcome please pay at the April meeting, we are limited to 30!

Thursday, April 17th, 10 am

Scholarship Reading- Amelia Stockton has graciously offered her home to host our scholarship reading. Her address is 2725 Bordeaux Blvd

Have fun on Spring break and we look forward to seeing you guys on April 9th at the general meeting.

Kristin & Debbi

ARTS

A big THANK YOU to all who have volunteered to help make the 2014 art contest a success! We will vote on the overall grade-level winners after the general meeting on Wednesday, April 9. Each club member is encouraged to vote!

The Art Reception will be Thursday, April 24 at Barnes and Noble at The Collection from 5:30—8:30pm. The grade-level winners and honorable mention winners will have their work displayed at the reception. Light refreshments will be served. Once again, we will need many volunteers for the reception to run smoothly. There will be a sign-up sheet at the meeting if you would like to help. This is a very exciting time for our young artists and their families!

We took a group of girls from Jesse's House to see the musical play, *The Unauthorized Autobiography of Samantha Brown*, at the Aurora Theatre, in downtown Lawrenceville. We all met for the Sunday matinee and it was a great show. The girls weren't sure they would like it, but ended the play with applause and hoots of appreciation. It might have helped that it was a very well done play about a teenaged girl and her road trip.

HOME LIFE

Our mom from MNO is employed! We are now seeking housing for her and her two boys. Wendy and I will be meeting with Jerry Dupree from the YMCA next week to discuss assisting his clients.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

HI, Ladies!! The next meet & greet is April 30, Wednesday...anytime between 9am-3pm. Snacks, cookies, water due before NOON on April 29.

I will not be in attendance at the meeting on April 8th however, I know there were a few of you thinking about going to the airport together on the 30th. If you are planning to possibly do that, please reply to me and I will help to coordinate the carpool efforts...we will set up timing, place, and maybe lunch after? (I am thinking it might be easier to head down around 9:30-ish and stay for an hour or two...depends on how busy USO expects to be. Plenty of time to decide.)

If you are willing and able to provide something for the troops in the cantina, please give me notice to make arrangements to get them from you by the 29th. If more convenient, go ahead and bake now and tuck into your freezer!

INTERNATIONAL

Please remember to bring your spare change to the April General Membership meeting for Heifer International.

SUNSHINE

Happy April Birthdays!

Sandy Carter – April 12th

Amelia Stockton – April 18th

Tara Sakal – April 23rd

Annie Ross – April 26th

Karla Oler – April 29th