



The Key Newsletter

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Presidents' Corner: Sharon Lee & Pamela Creque

Greetings,

I would like to welcome all of you to a very exciting year for Sawnee Woman's Club. Your board has been working hard to make this year stimulating and productive.

I appreciate the experience of collaborating with current, new and perspective members, as we reach out to our community, district, state, nation, and the world, to aid in bettering life for those we touch.

The GFWC motto is "Unity in Diversity". As we begin a new club year, may our diversity lead us to greater levels of achievement, and as we work together may we develop love and respect for each other, as Sawnee Woman's Club sisters.

"Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence." Vince Lombardi.

Warm regards,

Pamela

Hopefully you all have been having a wonderful summer. I enjoyed meeting many of our new members at the summer brunch. Those of us who made it to ladies night at 57 Main had a lot of fun. It was a great turnout. Thank you Tasha for organizing.

Although summer is not over its time for the children to go back to school and for us to gear up for a busy fall season.

Which leads to our **School Supply Collection Project.**

Georgia Federation of Woman's Clubs would like us to collect school supplies, Kleenex, and hand soap. These would be given to District presidents to be divided and give to schools which have the most need.

We are a relatively wealthy County compared to many others in our district. Please consider picking up a few extra supplies to donate to this project.

We will be collecting at the New Member orientation [on August 13](#) at Three Chimneys. Or you can drop them at Pammy's before [August 13th](#). Her address is [4232 Lanier Ridge Walk, Cumming GA 30041](#). Please call for gate code (404) 432-4397).

Please let us know if you would like to take on a larger role in the club. We are still in need of co chairs for some committees, help on NIOC committee, and we have several other open spots.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can

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change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." -Margaret Meed

If I don't see you at the New Member Orientation we look forward to seeing you all at our first General meeting, [September 9th.](#)

Sharon

1st Vice President: Sandy Carter

We are so excited to begin our new year at Sawnee Woman's Club!

Our New Member Orientation on August 13th is going to be a blast! Get ready to meet our wonderful new members and help them understand all about the great things we do as a club. If you have someone who is interested in joining SWC, please invite them to our general meeting and send me their contact information so we can keep them informed.

Please remember to mark your calendars for our general meetings and let me know via email or text if you can't make it. We have forms on our website to submit for excused absences.

If your contact information changes, please submit that to me via email so we can update the roster. Printed copies will be distributed at the meeting.

Feel free to call me with any questions! Looking forward to a great year!

Sandy Carter

2nd Vice President: Sheree Crowe

Hello new and returning members!

This is going to be another amazing year for SWC! you have an Executive Board and Department Chairs committed to working hard AND we have awesome members ready to make a difference in our community. i'm SO excited!

As Second VP i am "Dean of Departments" meaning i am responsible for appointing Dept Chairs and keeping track of hours of service. The 2nd VP is also chair of the Appropriations Committee made up of Dept Chairs. The Appropriations Committee is responsible for organizing the club's annual plan of work and long-range planning for future projects. if you have any questions about either of these, i'm your girl :-)

Our 2015-16 Department Chairs are:

Arts - Andrea Spiller + Madonna Decker

Conservation - Denise Carleton + Lisa LaFayette

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Each member will be receiving (or has already received) a copy of the Department Roster.

a. if you have any concerns or comments, please let me know anytime. there is no harm in changing departments to best fit your personal interests and opportunities.

b. please consider how you can serve your assigned department so that ALL departments are represented by new and returning members.

c. your Dept Chair will contact you personally. if you haven't communicated yet, please contact them. we need everyone to be active and responsive.

Reporting hours of service... detailed information will be emailed to all members and available online soon.

a. updated Tracking Guidelines will be available for your yearbook.

b. use the online form to post your hours online as you go or turn in your hours monthly using the Project Hours worksheet.

c. we will cover everything in detail at the New Members Orientation and our first meeting in Sept.

if you have any questions or concerns or suggestions... email me @ Sheree.Crowe@gmail.com or call /text me anytime [770.354.3657](tel:770.354.3657).

thanks! Sheree Crowe, Second VP

3rd Vice President: Lisa Ann McDougald

Hope everyone is enjoying their summer! Our 31st annual Nite in Old Cumming is Saturday, March 19, 2016 at Three Chimneys Farm and Clubhouse. Please SAVE THE DATE TODAY! Nite in Old Cumming is Sawnee Woman's Club only fundraiser; we need each member's heart and hands to make this a fabulous, memorable event. Band X is returning with their awesome music; Chef Kern has another delicious buffet in the works.

Looking forward to another great year!

Lisa Ann

Book Club: Lois Watts

August book club to be held at Jennie Meredith's house on August 26th. We will be reading The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah. More specific details to follow.

Mary Kay Andrews beach party event on August 19th at noon at Garden Plaza in Lawrenceville. More details on the Mary Kay Andrews website. We will have a table for 10. First come, first serve. If you would like to attend, please contact Tosha Banta. toshabanta@comcast.net. If table is full, tickets may be purchased for \$10.



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Treasurer: Kim Balose & Maria Siebert

Dues of \$80 are due by October 31st !

If you have any monies that you need reimbursed for, please mail form and receipts to Maria and I will cut you a check and mail back to you. My address: 6980 Wakehurst Place, Cumming GA 30040.

**Arts: Andrea Spillers & Madonna Decker**

The Arts department is busy planning for a wonderful year spreading our color all around town! Mark your calendars for a day at **Parson's, Saturday, August 8th 10am-4pm**. Family Promise of Forsyth will be on site. Guests will receive a \$5 Coupon from Parson's for any donation of \$5 or more to Family

Promise. On **Tuesday, August 25th 11am-11pm, Chili's** will give 10% to Family Promise of Forsyth. Guests must bring the flyer (attached). If you'd like to join a group for lunch, please email andreaspillers@gmail.com. Let's have some fun and help the children of our community overcome!

For all the crafty ladies, whether you paint, write, shoot awesome pics, knit scarves or bake with the best, get busy & ready to sell your goods at the Family Promise of Forsyth's 1st Annual Bed Race & Festival. SWC will host a booth of our fine threads, jewels & breads, **Saturday, November 7th, 9am-2pm, Forsyth Central High School**. All sales will go to Family Promise of Forsyth.

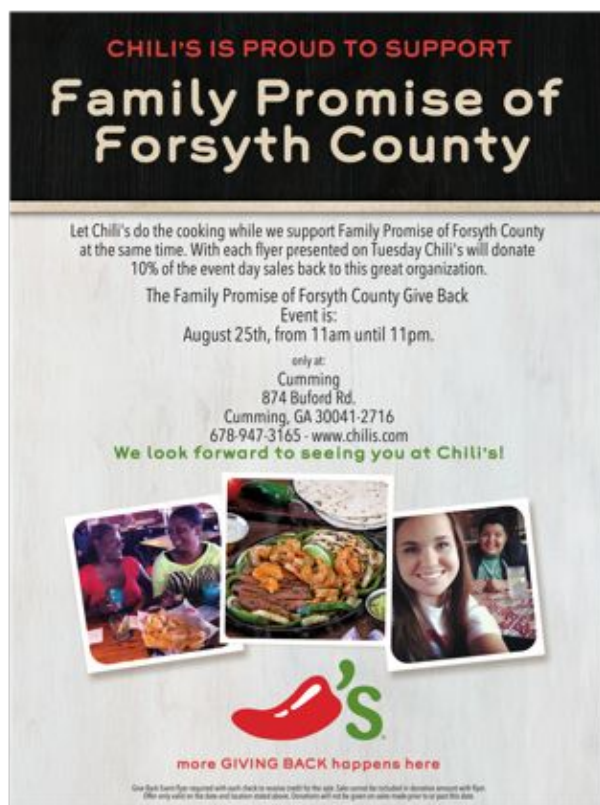
Taking our paint-brushes to the street, we will be supporting United Way & Leadership Forsyth by giving the Born Learning Trails in the parks of Forsyth county a face lift. Some just need a little blush/touch up and others need a full make over complete with stencils. Please let me know if you have a good eye and a steady hand, you will be asked to help with the parks using stencils. For those whose gifts lie elsewhere, you may join me with the "touch up" trails

Sawnee Woman's Club Bible Study- We are celebrating our 3rd annual study with the announcement that we are official. Woo Hoo! Members may record 1 hour under Education for each month they attend. We meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month (same day as general meeting) @ 7pm. In the past we have met at houses, Polo club & Marie's Deli. We come together for fellowship, prayer, a light bite, wine and a study. This year, each month's book will be independent of the others so it's all good if one month just doesn't strike your fancy & you want to skip it. If reading another book is just not in your activity wheel, no worries, all are welcome to join us. Just give us a head's up for planning purposes. Throughout the year we will host some off the grid excursions such as our October, "Tribulation Trail" (TT) experience and our annual retreat in February to somewhere warm, with a beach & good food Here is the line up: September, "The Love of God" by Oswald Chambers, October "The Harbinger" and watching the video "The Isaiah 9:10 Judgment" by Jonathan Cahn, November is the Armor of God with



a Thanksgiving feast (yum!), December is on the gifts of the Spirit with a celebration and we will be entering our new year with Biblical Psychology in January. We will post the location once we know our head count for September. If you would like to participate in September, just let me know and I will add your name to our order. We would like to support our local store, Heavenly Dove by placing the order with them.

That's our good news for now. If you have any questions, please contact andreaspillers@gmail.com. Together Madonna & I will be happy to get you involved in our works of art!



Conservation: Denise Carleton & Lisa LaFayette

Denise Carleton & Lisa LaFayette Co-Chairs
dcarleton@bellsouth.net / l2hotlanta@yahoo.com



We're excited to start a new SWC year. We'll keep members in the loop about all the things our department members plan in future newsletters and at meetings. So stay tuned!

Upcoming Events:

September – Adopt-A-Road Litter Pickup.

October – Forsyth County Fire Department's Trunk or Treat Event.

November 7 – 3rd Annual Five Points Challenge 5K. Come run, walk or sleep in as part of SWC's Pink Ladies Team. SWC will sponsor this event again this year. Registration opens 8/1 on active.com. For more info, contact Denise Carleton.

December – Senior Reuse Craft at the Charles Place Senior Center in Forsyth County.

Items to Bring to Meetings:

Children's books grades K thru 5 (new and gently used)
Bras (clean, new and gently used) (learn more about this new project at September meeting)
CDs/DVDs (old movies, games, music, etc. for craft projects)
Wine corks
Drink caps (CLEAN!!!)

Did you know?

Recycling at home counts as one volunteer hour each month.
You can now record your volunteer time at the Humane Society under Conservation.
Every \$10 you spend on a Conservation project or event counts as one volunteer hour.

Recycling Tip:

When we put the wrong things in our recycling bins, or fail to prepare them correctly, then we're further mucking up the works down at an already challenged sorting facility. Don't assume something is recyclable and toss it in your bin...this creates issues for processors and it gets landfilled in the end. Learn more at GA Recycling Coalition on Facebook.

**Education: Kim Bacastow**

The Education Department will continue our tradition of awarding high school student college scholarships in the spring of next year. The number and amount of each scholarship will be decided soon in the annual budget process. Our department, along with any club members who wish to volunteer on this project, will oversee the dissemination and collection of the scholarship applications, judge the entries, and select scholarship winners. Our department will also pursue a book donation of positive and inspirational reading materials to the residential facility of Wellspring Living, a shelter for girls and young women coming out of sexual exploitation. Other educational initiatives will include supporting local library programs with volunteer hours, promoting school mentoring opportunities in the community, and participating in another book drive benefitting a local elementary school in conjunction with the Conservation Department. As a club, we offer a monthly members' book club and a members' bible study. Each of these activities qualifies for hours within the Education Department. (Outside book clubs or bible studies do not count toward club hours).

In October, we will feature a speaker at our monthly general meeting speaking on a topic of interest that will "educate" us all on a relevant subject. I will let you know who is coming when it is confirmed. If you have ideas for education volunteer opportunities that may be considered for this year's plan of work, please pass them along ASAP. We will not have funds to put toward projects, but can incorporate some "hands on" projects. I'm looking forward to joining you all on many fulfilling SWC projects this year!





International Outreach: Kimberly Funderburg & Lynda Pope

Hello!

Welcome new and veteran members to a new Year! We are ready to take on our new roles as co- chairs for the International Committee and we have some great things planned!

Two of the projects we will be participating in this year are **Operation Smile** and **Operation Christmas Child**. Operation Smile is an organization of medical volunteers that provide safe, effective and free cleft lip and cleft palate repair surgery for children born all over the world. Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world. Shoeboxes full of small gifts are collected and distributed worldwide through Samaritan's Purse.

We have already begun collecting items for Operation Christmas Child. Please bring them to the next meeting or drop them off at Kimberly Funderburg or Lynda Pope's house. We both live in Chattahoochee River Club. Remember, we will be providing the logo' d Operation Christmas Child boxes, so we just need "stuffers". We will bring empty boxes to the future meetings when they become available but the submission date is early, so don't wait to start selecting items for the boxes.

Some gift ideas for shoeboxes are:

Toys: dolls, cars, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, light up toys that make noise. Please include extra batteries.

School Supplies: pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

Non-liquid hygiene items: toothbrushes, bar soaps, combs, washcloth, toothpaste, etc.

Accessories: T-shirts, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair bows/clips, jewelry, watches, flashlights with extra batteries.

Do not include: used or damaged items, war related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food, out of date candy, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers, aerosol cans.

Shoe boxes are for boys and girls ages 2 to 14 years old.

We would like to add another project that will benefit all veterans, both prior service, or men and women currently serving our country. Our desire is to keep this one close to home with something similar to the cookies for the soldiers visiting the

Upcoming Events

Thursday, August 13	New Member Orientation Dinner , 7-9 pm at Three Chimney's Clubhouse
Friday, August 14	Leads Seminar , Athens, Ga.
Saturday, August 15	Georgia State Institute , Athens, Ga.
Wednesday, August 19	Mary Kay Andrews Event at noon at Garden Plaza in Lawrenceville. Please see Book Club Section of newsletter.
Tuesday, August 25	Dine Out at Chili's to benefit Family Promise of Forsyth. For further details, see Arts Section of newsletter.
Wednesday, August 26	Book Club at Jennie Meredith's house. The book for this month is The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah.
Monday, August 31	Board Meeting, 9:30am at Three Chimney's Clubhouse
Wednesday, September 9	Lunch at Marie's Italian Deli after the general meeting for those who are interested. RSVP to Debbi Little.
Wednesday, September 9	Bible Study Group , 7-9:30pm
Saturday, October 31	Dues of \$80 are due!
Saturday, November 7	Five Points Challenge 5K. For more Information, see the Conservation Section of the newsletter.
Saturday, November 7	Family Promise of Forsyth Bed Race/ Festival. For more information, please see the Arts Section of the newsletter.
SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2016	NITE IN OLDE CUMMING

Keep checking the SWC calendar often for updated events/times. The link to the website is...
<http://sawneewomansclub.org/calendar/>