



The Key Newsletter

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Presidents' Corner: Sharon Lee & Pamela Creque

Welcome to Sawnee Woman's Club 2015 - 2016!

We are thrilled to announce that we will be adding an evening guild to our club. This meeting is being added to accommodate our career ladies. We will be reaching out to past and sustaining members that left Sawnee Woman's Club to see if the evening guild could be a fit for their life style. Please take a look at ladies that you know and invite them to one of our meetings. The first meeting for the evening guild is Tuesday, October 13 at 6:00 pm, at Three Chimneys Clubhouse. We encourage all of you to join us, for the first meeting, as we launch this new edition to our amazing club!

We are excited as we are celebrating the 125th Anniversary of GFWC, and are beginning the celebration of 120th Anniversary of GFWC Georgia. We are so proud to be a part of this dynamic organization, and look forward to working with them as we continue to grow our club.

"Unity is strength...when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved." Mattie Stepanek

Warm Regards,

Pamela and Sharon

NOTE: Executive board has the responsibility of supplying refreshments for September General meeting. Please contact Sharon (678-231-9083) as to what you can bring if you have not done so.

Also, we will meet for **lunch at Marie's Italian Deli after the meeting on Wednesday. This is open to all members who wish to join in the fun!**

1st Vice President: Sandy Carter

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the New Member Orientation last month. It was a fun social time with great food and conversation. I appreciate all of those who helped out, spoke during the event and welcomed our new members. We will be making introductions at the General Meeting. If you are sponsoring a new member, please make sure that you stay

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in contact with them throughout the year. New members, your sponsors are there to answer any questions that you have but always feel free to give me a call as well! I will be sending a message out this week to a few folks to help with greeting at the General Meetings. Stay tuned!

We are changing our format with new members this year and are not doing a separate New Member Project. Our goal is to encourage new members to get active with their sponsors and departments on projects that are currently in place. These will be included in our newsletter and announced at the General Meeting. Please do not feel overwhelmed - we offer multiple projects at different times of the day and evening so that you may have greater flexibility in participating and in completing your required hours of service, which is 10 by the end of December.

If you are not currently getting emails from the Yahoo Group, please contact me ASAP. This is how we communicate with each other and we will get you added. If you find you can't attend our September General Membership Meeting, please email, text or call me **before** the day of the meeting so I may keep accurate records. There is a form on the website for excused absences and I need to have that filled out if you are missing a meeting, in advance, if possible. Please remember to sign in when you arrive- I promise to have the list alphabetized this time!

If you have a friend who is interested in attending our General Meeting, please email me their name and contact information. We are going to recruit most of the year and only have a few select meetings where we are voting that they are unable to attend. We encourage you to reach out to others and see if they are interested in joining our great group of ladies in helping to meet the unmet needs in Forsyth County.

Thanks so much and look forward to a great year!

Sandy Carter

2nd Vice President: Sheree Crowe

Hi all!

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 :-)



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Our 2015-16 Department Chairs are:

Arts - Andrea Spillers + Madonna Decker
Conservation - Denise Carleton + Lisa LaFayette
Education - Kim Bacastow
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Attached is a copy of the Department Roster with your SWC ID#, Sponsors and Department Chairs with phone numbers. During the September meeting we will break up into departments to discuss our plans for the year. each member will have responsibilities to make this an excellent year!

Reporting hours of service... updated Tracking Guidelines will be available at our meeting and we will also cover everything in detail.

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

Welcome everyone! Our September general meeting is always so much fun; it's time to reconnect with friends we missed throughout the summer, and especially special as we make time to meet and greet our newest members.

Nite in Olde Cumming is our only fundraiser; we need all hearts and hands to make this night a huge success. The bigger the success, the more we can give back to people in need of Forsyth County.

Nite in Olde Cumming 2016 is Saturday, March 19th at Three Chimneys Farm and Clubhouse. By popular demand, and for the third year in a row, the best band in Atlanta is returning for awesome entertainment and one of the best catered buffets in the South will be wowing taste buds. Band X is THE band of the South; plan on bringing a hair dryer and a change of clothes if dancing makes you glisten. Chef Kern has another fabulous buffet in the works; you and your guests will rave over the food and wonderful service their staff goes over and beyond to provide. Our guests LOVE to gamble; casino tables will turn Three Chimneys Farm and Clubhouse into a mini- baby Biloxi

Please save these dates TODAY:

Friday, March 18th 2016 for Nite in Olde Cumming Set Up... figure around 9:30am

Saturday, March 19th 2016 @6:15pm for Nite in Olde Cumming. This is member arrival time as



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we prepare to meet our guests.

Sawnee Woman's Club Membership Requirements:

Each member is to purchase at least ONE ticket. You'll be given FOUR to sell; make it your goal to sell at least 10!!! Price is TBD... plan on \$50- \$75

Donate a spectacular item or mixture of items totaling at least \$50 for Silent Auction. Trips, vacation homes, time shares, spa treatments, gift cards to trendy restaurants, business services, and upscale handbags/scarves/accessories are just some ideas.

Show up at NIOC looking fabulous. Ladies, we are the party hostesses so YOU MUST ATTEND!

Work ONE shift during the event. If you don't show up for your shift and your only excuse falls into, "I got a better offer for the evening", and another member has to cover you, all I can say is "Bless your heart"

Help with Set Up/Clean Up

Husbands/Older Adult Children who attend will be honorary Set Up/Clean Up Team

Ok, did I mention our sponsors cover the main cost of Nite in Olde Cumming? Securing sponsors is not required for membership. However, they are crucial for our many donations made to Forsyth County charities. My 20 year old son was a sponsor last year; he's already committed for 2016. Who's in with him? Begin hitting up anyone you can think of! Sponsorship levels will be in Nite in Old Cumming packets. These will be distributed in October.

Praise Jesus- SEC Football season is here. GO DAWGS!!! See you Wednesday!

Treasurer: Kim Balose & Maria Siebert

It's that time of year again. Your dues of \$80 are to be paid before the end of October. If you are writing a check, please make it out to SWC and put dues in the memo.



Also, the 2015-2016 budget is attached. It has been approved by the Executive Board and will be voted on for final approval Wednesday. Please take a minute to print it out and look over it. Bring any questions with you to the meeting or feel free to email me at meseibert@gmail.com.

Thanks,
Maria



Book Club: Lois Watts

Thank you to Jennie Meredith for hosting our August book club. Currently we are reading, Judy Blume 's new novel, In the Unlikely Event. We will meet at Kim Balose's home on Sept 23 at 7pm to discuss. Please email Kim by Sept 20th at kbalose@gmail.com to RSVP. Our October book is First Grave on the Right by Dorynda Jones and Sharon Lee will be hosting.

Book club usually meets the last Wednesday of the month and is open to all members. If you read the book and attend the discussion you receive one hour of credit. It is a fun way to get to know other members. Happy Reading and hope to see you all next week at the general meeting and on the 23rd at Kim's.

Lois Watts

Arts: Andrea Spillers & Madonna Decker

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**

DEPARTMENT MEETING: There will be a brief department meeting for those that are on the education committee after the general meeting on Wednesday, September 9.



Home Life: Wendy Goodrow and Debbi Little

Debbie and I would like to meet with our committee immediately following our regular club meeting so we can get the ball rolling on some wonderful outreach programs for our community!

Wendy Goodrow
678-644-5644

**International Outreach: Kimberly Funderburg & Lynda Pope**

We are excited to get this new year of SWC rolling and serving the unmet needs of Forsyth County and beyond! Here are a few reminders:



Our committee meeting will be immediately following the September general meeting. We will keep it to 30 minutes or less.

UNICEF- Please hand out the Halloween boxes to your family and friends. These boxes are to collect change during trick or treating in support of UNICEF. Boxes will be available at the September meeting.

Operation Smile- Please collect yarn and large scraps of fabric for our hospital gown project. Bring them to our next meeting or drop off to Kimberly Funderburg at 3965 River Club Drive, Cumming in Chattahoochee River Club.

Warrior Project- we are searching for a local veteran or military family that we can come alongside and do a service project to support them in appreciation of their service. We would like to help them according to their needs which could mean a service project, monetary donation or even sponsoring them for some much deserved R&R time with their family. Please contact Kim Funderburg or Lynda Pope with their information, back story and willingness to participate.

Operation Christmas Child- 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.

GFWC Awareness: Pamela Creque

Federation Awareness

GFWC Georgia District Meeting
Saturday, September 26
Gainesville, Georgia



Sawnee Woman's Club will be providing breakfast and door prizes. If you would like to provide a door prize, please bring it to the general meeting.

We would love to have a strong presence from our club at the meeting. If you can go, please contact Pamela Creque 404 -432-4397. The deadline is September 16, and the check needs to go out a couple of days prior to that date. The cost is \$12.00 per person which includes snacks and lunch.

September 26. GFWC Georgia Fall District Meeting

October 22 - 25 GFWC Southern Region Conference

Social Events

There are several Upcoming Public Events taking place in the next two months.

It would be a lot of fun to go as a group and support other Non-Profits.

If you are interested in one or more of these events, **please contact Sharon or Pammy** . Also, specify if you would rather go as couples with spouse or for ladies night.

September 15, 7:00pm, **Author of The Help**, Kathryn Stockett at Lanier Tech. Conference Center. (This Event is free, but we need to RSVP in advance)

October 10th 6:00 pm, **Bark n Boogie Ball**, Benefits the Humane Society. This one



Optional, so pull out the bling and the ball gowns. Tickets are \$120. Totally worth the money!

October 11, Polo for Parkinson's at Chucker Farm. Gates will open [at 1:00 pm](#) and the match begins [at 2:00](#). (In addition to a rousing polo match, we'll also have lunch provided by 'Cue BBQ, an open bar (beer, wine & champagne), a silent auction, raffles, champagne divot stomp, and a "Best Hat" contest. Tickets are \$50)

October 21, 11:30-3:00, Altrusa Woman's Club Fashion Show at Polo Golf & Country Club (including lunch served before the show, price \$30)

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, September 9

General Meeting, 9:00am at Three Chimney's clubhouse.

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Lunch at **Marie's Italian Deli** in Cumming **After the General Meeting**. Open to all members. RSVP to Debbi Little.

Wednesday, September 9

Bible Study Group at Andrea Spillers' home, 7:00-9:30pm. See Arts Section of newsletter for more information.

Tuesday, September 15

Author of **The Help**, Kathryn Stockett to Speak at Lanier Tech Conference Center.

Wednesday, September 23

Book Club, 7:00pm, at Kim Balose's home. See Book Club section of newsletter for more information.

Saturday, September 26

GFWC District Meeting. See the GFWC Federation section of the newsletter for more information.

Monday, September 28

Board Meeting, 9:30am

Saturday, October 10

Bark and Boogie Ball, 6:00pm. Benefits The Humane Society. See the Social Event section of the newsletter for more info.

Sunday, October 11

Polo for Parkinson's, 1:00 pm at Chucker Farm. See Social Events Section of the newsletter for more info.



Thursday-Sunday, October 22-25

GFWC Southern Region Conference.



Wednesday, October 21

Altrusa Woman's Club Fashion Show,
at Polo Golf and Country Club, 11:30-3:00.
See Social Events section of newsletter.

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.

Friday, March 18, 2016

NiOC SET-UP

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/>