



# The Key Newsletter

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## Club Officers

### Presidents

Sharon Lee  
Sheree Crowe

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Lois Watts

### 2nd Vice President

Sandy Carter

### 3rd Vice President

Lisa Ann McDougald

### Treasurer

Maria Seibert

### Secretary

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## Presidents' Corner: Sharon Lee & Sheree Crowe

Welcome back! I hope you all had a great summer and your routines are running smoothly. I enjoyed visiting with the incoming members at the Summer Brunch and the Orientation. I look forward to getting to know everyone better. Although we have not met as a club the past three months, our Board and Department Chairs have been busy with the budget and planning projects. We have an exciting year planned. Please consider your role in this important organization for the next year. As you know, it takes all of us to be successful and make a difference in our community.

"Coming together is a beginning; Keeping together is progress; working together is success."

-Henry Ford

## Evening Guild: Jennie Meredith & Regina Maddox

SWC Evening Guild will meet Tuesday, September 20th at 6:15 pm at Provino's in Cumming. Evening Guild meetings are open to all members and prospective members and we ask that anyone who would like to participate please RSVP either via Evite invitation or directly to [reginalmaddox@aol.com](mailto:reginalmaddox@aol.com). This will ensure the restaurant has adequate space for our group.

We look forward to seeing the Evening Guild participants on the 20th!

Please note: Speaker topics and information covered at the monthly Evening Guild meetings will correspond to the monthly SWC Morning Meetings and provide an alternative for members and prospective members to fulfill their club meeting participation goals.

## 1st Vice President: Lois Watts

SWC is growing! We are extremely excited to welcome our new members! Thank you so much to everyone who made it to the New Member Orientation. It was a great group and we had a lot of fun! We have so much excitement and experience coming on board with these wonderful group of ladies. Our goal is to make sure that we work as a team and do great things for Forsyth County this year. New members, each of you has a sponsor and co-sponsor to work directly with you but all of our existing members are available to help with questions. We will be providing the contact list at the first meeting. Feel free to talk with your department chairs about any ideas you have to make this the best year ever! See you in September!

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Carolyn Watters

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Lee Ann Broscher

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**2nd Vice President: Sandy Carter**

Welcome to the club year for our new members as well as our returning members. We are so excited to get ramped up for a fabulous year of serving our community and building strong friendships!

I am taking over this role from Sheree but know she will be involved to help transition in the new year. As 2<sup>nd</sup> VP my role is make sure that all members are placed into a Department, meet the ladies in their group and get involved in Department meetings. It is the role of the Department Chairs to schedule these meetings at a convenient time that makes sense for your group. You will receive the Department lists and Chairs at the first meeting. This does not mean that you are tied to projects solely in that department but our goal is to help build stronger relationships in a smaller group setting- for those that attend Browns Bridge, as Andy Stanley would say, "circles are better than rows". We want you to jump in on the things that you are passionate about and fulfill your hours in a way that you enjoy.

Hour requirements are 30 hours for the year for existing members and 10 hours between now and December for new members. Don't worry- it is easy to do whether you work outside the home or not. Recycling counts as an hour a month, department and board meetings count and obviously we want you to choose service projects that are convenient to your schedule.

To report hours, I will make sure to have copies of this at every General Meeting.

Again, we are so excited to share this year with you and help meet the unmet needs of Forsyth County. I am confident we will make an even greater impact this year due to all of you ladies! Please feel free to reach out to me with questions- 404-317-9136

**3rd Vice President: Lisa Ann McDougald**

SAVE THE DATE \*  
Nite In Olde Cumming 2017  
Saturday, April 22nd\*  
Events 6140  
6140 GA 400, Cumming 30028

\*Participation is required for Sawnee Woman's Club Members, as this is our one and only fundraiser.

Stay tuned for planning meetings and club requirements. It takes all of us to make this event a success.

**Treasurer: Maria Seibert**

Dues of \$80 are due by October 31<sup>st</sup>. You can pay for your dues via PayPal on the Sawnee Woman's Club website. There is a \$2 processing fee. Or you can bring your check to our next meeting.

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.



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**Parliamentarian: Carolyn Watters**



All in Favor...Notes from your Parliamentarian

Ladies,

The bylaws committee made up of Parliamentarian, President, Co-President, Past President, and the two Evening Guild facilitators, met this summer to review and propose revisions for our bylaws and Standing Rules. The main impetus for this change was to keep us in compliance with our Evening Guild meeting. We also looked at clarifying attendance and other minor changes. Attached to this newsletter you will find a copy of the bylaws and standing rules with markups showing the proposed changes. Please read these prior to the meeting you are attending and be ready to vote at the September meeting. Should you have any questions please submit them to Carolyn Watters at [ccwcallaway@gmail.com](mailto:ccwcallaway@gmail.com) by Sunday Sept. 11th.

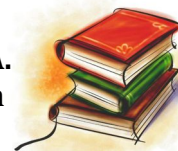
Note: If you open the attachment on your iphone the markups MAY NOT show up. They will on your computer.

We know that your time is valuable and in an effort to keep our meetings efficient, if you have anything that you need to discuss at the meeting please contact Sharon Lee at [sharcery@yahoo.com](mailto:sharcery@yahoo.com) or Sheree Crowe at [Sheree.crowe@gmail.com](mailto:Sheree.crowe@gmail.com) prior to the meeting. Any announcements or business not on the agenda should be brought up when the President calls for any new or unfinished business. She will call on you to have the floor at that time if needed.

Have a great month!

**Book Club: Tosha Banta**

**Book club book for meeting Oct 5<sup>th</sup> is Behind Closed Doors by B.A. Paris** at the home of Tosha Banta. We will plan to go to see The Girl on the Train when it comes out sometime after its opening October 17th. The next book club will be Wed., Dec. 7. No book selected at this time.



**Arts: Andrea Preston and Lee Ann Broscher**

This year, the Arts Department will award two deserving middle school musicians with band scholarships. Our middle school band directors will nominate a student by sending in their story. The student may be an honor band student needing assistance to attend an event or a gifted student who simply can't afford private lessons to hone their talent. If each of the 10 Forsyth County public middle schools submits a story, we may ask for a few volunteers to help score the stories.



**Conservation: Lisa LaFayette and Jeannie VanCuren**



Welcome to the 2016-2017 year!

1) Recycling at home allows you to record one SWC volunteer hour each month.

2) Adopt-A-Stream Workshops:

Sept. 10, 9-1, Macro invertebrate Assessment

Sept. 17, 9-1, Chemical/Bacterial Certification

For info. contact: [keepforsythcountybeautiful.org](http://keepforsythcountybeautiful.org)

3) 28th Annual Lake Lanier Shore Sweep

Sat., Sept. 24th, 8-1

For info. contact: [lakelanier.org](http://lakelanier.org)

Let's have a year filled with conscious regard as to how we are making our footprints each day:).

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**Education: Kim Bacastow and Jamie Barrett**



Welcome back! We hope you all had a wonderful summer break. The Education Department is planning our projects for the year and will have further information soon.

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**Home Life: Wendy Goodrow and Debbi Little**



Home Life is looking forward to a great year with 3 areas to support. The first is Family Promise. We will see where they need help this year. Second, is the Community Garden that was started last year and is housed at Forsyth Central High School. Third, is The Place of Forsyth County. We will have many donation and volunteer opportunities coming up in November and December as we will be supporting the Holiday House for children in need.

**International Outreach: Kimberly Funderburg/Marilene Cunningham**

The International committee is ready to start a great year of assisting with some wonderful projects. We will be involved in the following:

Unicef

Wounded Warrior Project

Hands for Freedom

Treat the Troops

Operation Smile

Heifer International

Operation Christmas Child

The beauty of these projects is that some are very time sensitive so we need to get lots of volunteers to complete a project. This is true of Operation Christmas Child in which we use donated toys, toiletries, art supplies, etc. to fill gift-wrapped shoe boxes that are then sent to children who might not enjoy a special Christmas. Treat the troops is on going at various times during the year. Items appreciated by the troops (cookies, toiletries, magazines, etc.) are wrapped and sent. Other projects are basically collecting change and small bills at each meeting and then sending the money to an organization.

We hope you find a project that speaks to you so you can support that project!

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**Public Issues: Dawn Ham-Kucharski & Lisa Lewis**

--September 2016 Project in Honor of 9/11

We will be taking food and refreshments to two local fire houses on 911 to thank them for their service. We are asking for items to go along with sand which platters. For example, breads, buns, rolls, bags of chips, dips, salsa, crackers, cookies, brownies, bottled water. Please drop off any donations to Lisa Lewis house 3685 Valley Crest Way Cumming (770-337-7626) by Saturday 9/10. Lisa will deliver the items on Sunday. Public Issues will supply the meat/cheese trays.

Bring any pocket or loose change to the meetings each month! We are collecting change for the GA Burn Foundation. I'm sure you have seen our wonderful firemen collecting change in their boots along major intersections around the county. The pocket change we collect at the meetings helps them with this drive.

Finally, with Christmas a few months away, Forsyth County Firemen collect new toys for their foundation "Ariel's House". They are in need of any new toys (unwrapped) board games, dolls, trucks, card games, action figures, etc. For the teenagers they are collecting gift cards. The firemen will pick up our donations in December. Please remember to pick up a toy for a needy Forsyth child when you are out shopping! See Lisa Lewis for details.

--Special Olympics Forsyth County

Thank you so much to the SWC ladies who volunteered to serve the families at the August 5, 2016 Athletes, Coaches, and Families Special Olympics Forsyth County Aquatic Center Party. The event was a blast, and the donated luau decorations from SWC completed the event. Your support helps the athletes to soar, especially as they prepare for State of Georgia Fall Games October 7-9 in Gainesville in areas of equestrian, golf, bocce ball, and softball! We look forward to continue to donate to this organization and volunteer for their events throughout the year.





Finally, they are currently hosting a raffle fundraiser which includes awarding multiple items, including 2 round trip tickets on Southwest Airlines; \$500 and \$250 Amazon Gift Cards; a 42 Inch Smart LCD TV; Braves Memorabilia; and much more. Tickets are \$5 each through September 22, 2016—drawing on the 24<sup>th</sup> at Battle of the Bats at Central Park (need not be present to win). Contact Dawn ([alexhksmom1@comcast.net](mailto:alexhksmom1@comcast.net) or 734-780-1627) if interested in a ticket—they are \$5 each.

--Miracle League Forsyth County

Miracle League is a national organization that provides baseball to individuals with disabilities and celebrates all athletes as winners. Thank you for assisting as a buddy with these athletes. Fall season will resume, on Saturdays, in September 2016. For more information, visit <http://www.miracleleaguecfc.com/> and scroll to the bottom of the page to find out about how to be a volunteer buddy: volunteer buddies for players are always needed—only an hour of your time—no athletic skill necessary—just a smile, some walking shoes, and support. The 2016 Fall games at Coal Mountain Park Miracle League Field are as follows:

Game 1 Sept. 10  
Game 2 Sept 17  
Game 3 Sept 24  
Game 4 Oct. 1  
Game 5 Oct. 15  
Game 6 Oct. 2

\*\*Please contact Dawn ([alexhksmom1@comcast.net](mailto:alexhksmom1@comcast.net) or 734-780-1627) with any questions

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### **Upcoming Community Events:**

Hunger Awareness Lunch--Benefit for the Place, September 20, 12:00  
Ticket price: \$20 per person.

Purple Purpose Luncheon, Benefit for Family Haven, October 6, 11:30-1:30 at  
The Metropolitan Club, \$50 per person  
Contact: Qutinette Dansby at [qdansby@familyhavenga.org](mailto:qdansby@familyhavenga.org) or 770-889-6384

**Upcoming Events**

- Saturday, Sept. 10-Oct. 2      **Miracle League Games**—See Public Issues section of newsletter.
- Wednesday, September 14      **General Meeting**, 9:00 am at Villas At Canterfield. 815 Atlanta Highway, Cumming, GA 30040
- Tuesday, September 20      **Evening Guild**, 6:15pm at Provino's in Cumming.
- Saturday, September 24      **Lake Lanier Shore Sweep**, 8am-1pm. Please see the Conservation section of the newsletter for more details.
- Monday, September 26      **Board Meeting**, 9:30am at Antebellum James Burgess. 1520 James Burgess Rd.
- Wednesday, October 5      **Book Club**, 7:00pm at the home of Tosha Banta. Please see Book Club section of newsletter for Further information.
- Wednesday, October 31      **Dues of \$80 are due**

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

Sawnee Woman's Club is also on Facebook and Twitter. Please "like" and "follow"!