



The Key Newsletter

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Presidents' Corner: Sharon Lee & Sheree Crowe

Christmas is upon us and there is no better way to feel the Holiday Spirit, than by giving to others. Hopefully everyone is getting an opportunity to participate in the Holiday House, Operation Christmas Child, or Ariel's House. Count your hours and Keep those receipts for your gift donations (For every \$10 donation you can count 1 hour).

If you haven't signed up for the Christmas Dinner you have till the 10th of December. Look for the PayPal. It will be held at Bello Italia, 101 Meadow Dr. (Cumming) at 6:30. Cost is \$25 and includes salad, bread, entrée, dessert, and non-alcohol beverage.

Enjoy the Season.

"Giving pays the highest interest rate, and has the longest term, of any investment available."

-Jeffrey K. Wilson

Evening Guild: Jennie Meredith & Regina Maddox

SWC December meeting will be a dinner at Bello Italian (located in downtown Cumming at 101 Meadow Drive) on Tuesday, December 13th. The cost is \$25 and advance payment and registration is required. To register please visit the SWC website or Facebook page for registration link. :)

This is our club's annual Christmas Event with both the Evening Guild and Daytime Meeting participants in attendance - it will be FUN and we hope to see you there!

1st Vice President: Lois Watts

I hope all of you new members are enjoying being in Sawnee Woman's Club because we are certainly happy to have you. I look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas dinner this month. Just one order of business: If you have not paid your membership dues, please, please, please get your checks to Maria ASAP. Thank you. See you soon!

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2nd Vice President: Sandy Carter

Happy holidays! I apologize about not being present this past month as VP. I had to have foot surgery in November and will be no weight bearing for 11 more weeks. It has been difficult to move around and I appreciate all the thoughts and prayers!

With that being said, I have not received that many hours from members. Can you please email me your hours for the year by month and copy Sheree so we can total them. Department chairs have reports due by the end of January that we need to tally up and the more hours we can get now to start on the process, the less likely we will need to scramble in January! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 404-317-9136. I appreciate your help getting these into me before the holiday!

Hope everyone is doing great and look forward to seeing you soon! Can't believe how quickly the year is going!

3rd Vice President:

Nite in Olde Cumming 2017

Saturday, April 22^{nd*}

At Events 6140- 6140 GA 400, Cumming 30028

*Participation is required for all Sawnee Woman's Club members, This is our only Fundraiser.

"A Good team, like a good show, comes into being when the separate individuals working together create, in essence, another separate higher entity (the team- the show) which is better than any of those individuals can ever be on their own".

-Gary David

Goldberg

Treasurer: Maria Seibert

See attached Treasurer report for November. Club dues of \$80 were due by 10/31. Bring checks to December luncheon. (Make checks payable to SWC and please put "dues" in the memo line).

Mail check to Maria Seibert 6980 Wakehurst Place, Cumming, GA 30040

Use Paypal from our website (\$2 processing fee)

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact me at meseibert@gmail.com or 404-457-5320. Have a safe and happy holiday season!

Book Club: Tosha Banta

Book club will be Wed - Jan 25th at Jennie Meredith's house. Address is 5320 Avonshire Lane, Cumming, Ga 30040. The book is "The Girls" by Emma Kline.



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We will be donating money and/or buying much needed items for some of our public middle and high schools' fine arts programs in Forsyth County. We have a few leads from members that we are following and will determine the needs after the first of the year.





Conservation: Lisa LaFayette and Jeannie VanCuren



 The Five Points Challenge 5K was a success!! Thanks SWC for being a sponsor and to our Green Ladies Team of Nishreen, Sharon, Kim, and the two of us We each got to push our Mighty Denise up the hills and not let her get away going down the hills:0



 Thanks also to SWC for giving cash prizes to the winners of The America Recycles Day Contest. This year's theme was Pollinating Hummingbirds and we have winners from Midway and Kelly Mill Elementary!

 Thanks ladies, 56 donated bras will be shipped to The Bra Recyclers for women and girls in need.

 While holiday shopping or cleaning out closets and drawers, we are in need of new or gently used Elementary school aged Books for Read Across America Day and more Bras to fill another box!

 Happy Holidays from us to you! Keep it Green! 

Education: Kim Bacastow and Jamie Barrett

Happy Holidays! Please remember that the Education Committee is actively collecting children books. These will be dispersed in March for *Read Across America Day* on Dr. Seuss's Birthday. Thank you very much for your support.



Home Life: Wendy Goodrow and Debbi Little

Just a reminder that the soft deadline for turning in items for Holiday House is December 5, 6, & 7th at Freedom Tabernacle on Freedom Parkway or my home at 4220 Tall Timbers Dr, Cumming



Still looking for volunteers. Please go to the sign up genius or email Wendy.

Collecting Prom Dresses for those that can't afford one!

International Outreach: Kimberly Funderburg/Marilene Cunningham

Thank you to everyone who participated in Operation Christmas Child. We, as a club, contributed to a very worthwhile project! The boxes of goodies will be received by children internationally as well as by Native American children here in the US. Additionally, we contributed our budgeted amount of \$250 to assist with shipping expenses. Special thanks to Patti McDonald for getting the shoeboxes donated for us to use and for sending information about volunteer opportunities for those who wanted to help receive contributions from the community! There are thousands of boxes that will be sent from GA...so happy our boxes will be included to make some children very happy!



Public Issues: Dawn Ham-Kucharski & Lisa Lewis

--Georgia Burn Foundation

Bring any pocket or loose change to the meetings each month! We are collecting change for the GA Burn Foundation. We know you have seen our wonderful firefighters collecting change in their boots along major intersections around the county. The pocket change we collect at the meetings helps them with this drive. Thanks to your generosity ladies, we have donated over \$100 to this great organization! <http://www.gfbf.org/>

In addition, Lisa is collecting cases of bottle water to take to our Firefighters. You can bring donations to day or Guild meetings (to Dawn). Please contact Lisa at 770-337-7626 for additional information for drop off.

--Donations for Veterans

Lisa Lewis is coordinating donations of toiletries for both men and women veterans. They are in dire need of daily living toiletries, including feminine hygiene products). Please contact Lisa at 770-337-7626 or via lewis_800@comcast.net for additional information.

--Special Olympics Forsyth County

Thank you so much to the SWC ladies! We look forward to continuing to donate to this organization and volunteering for their events throughout the year. Winter games: Bowling, Basketball, Floor Hockey, and Power Lifting began training this November with state competition in late January 2017. Dawn is one of the new bowling coaches, and is having a blast. SOFC appreciates our club's support, and we will be looking for SWC volunteers for the Spring Games



come March 31st and April 14, 2017. For more information please visit www.soforsyth.com

Public Issues Department November Gathering:

Thanks to those who attended the meeting at El Rio. Those in Public Issues—please see email sent to you, from Dawn, dated November 14, 2016 and reply to Dawn at alexhksmom1@comcast.net, if you have not yet done so, to sign up for our breakfast treats that we are bringing to the day time January meeting.

**Looking ahead to January 2017: Sam Shoemaker, the Executive Director for The Children's Center for Hope and Healing, has agreed to be both our speaker at the day General Meeting on January 11, 2017 at 9 a.m. and the Guild meeting on January 17, 2017 at 6: 15 p.m. He spoke to the club last year, and is truly amazing. Sam looks forward to presenting to us at both sessions.

<http://www.hopeandhealingga.org/>

SWC Public Issues wishes all our club members and their families a wonderful holiday season!

Upcoming Events

Monday, Dec 12-Saturday, Dec 17

Volunteers needed at the 2nd Annual Holiday House. Times vary so please use sign up genius to help out. Please see the Home Life section of newsletter for more Information.



Tuesday, December 13

Christmas Dinner, 6:30pm at Bello Italian Restaurant. See the Presidents' Section of the newsletter for more details.

Wednesday, January 11

General Meeting, 9:00am at The Villas Of Canterfield (new Independent Living Building)

Tuesday, January 17

Evening Guild, location to be determined

Monday, January 23

***Reporting Meeting for all Department Chairs, 6:30PM, at Panera Bread in Cumming.** We will be working on GFWC Reports which are due Feb. 1

Monday, January 30

Board Meeting, 9:30 am at Panera Bread in Cumming.

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