



Dunwoody Woman's Club December, 2017 Newsletter

President's Message:

Priorities

As we come to the month of December, the word "priorities" pops into my head! There is so much to do and so little time to do it. It comes to the point where we have to make choices. How do you make yours? What are the most important things for you to get finished?

Personalities definitely come into play here. We all have our own special way to keep track of what to do and when. Are you a list maker or a note reminder? Do you use your iPhone or a pencil and paper? It really doesn't matter as long as it works for you.

"The Collect for Clubwomen" has been a special poem for me in addressing many things this year. Here it come again. "Let us take time for all (well maybe not all this month) things; Make us grow *calm, serene, gentle.*" Try taking 1 minute to 5 minutes each day to be quiet. Close your eyes. Relax. Be faithful to this exercise. You might find the month will go smoother.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to you all!
Love, Jan

Calendar

Please double check with Main Article; This Calendar may have typos and/or omissions!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Meeting Place/Carpool Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
December 15	Home Life	Saint Luke's to carpool	9:30
December 15	Public Issues	Home of Marilyn Dumon	2:00
January 2	Home Life	Interfaith Outreach Home	9:30
January 9	Book Club	Dunwoody Country Club	1:15
January 16	Education	Home of Margie Stafford	lunch time

A Message from your Treasurer

Dues for 2018 are due in January
Dues are considered delinquent on February 1st.

Active: \$60, Associate \$75, Sustaining \$85.

Let's set a record and have everyone paid on time! Remember, your dues are tax deductible since the Dunwoody Woman's Club is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization and members receive no substantial benefits other than the newsletter in exchange for their dues. Please use this notice and a copy of your check for tax purposes.

Dues checks **payable to Dunwoody Woman's Club** should be **mailed to:** Faye Cashwell, 140 Forrest Lake Rd., Johns Creek, GA 30022

If you are requesting a change of membership status, please send a written request to: Chris Cox, DWC Membership Chairman, at cczbz@bellsouth.net or 4867 Springfield Drive, Dunwoody, GA 30338.

Questions – Call Faye at 770-409-1960 or Chris at 770-668-9362.

Christmas Luncheon: Joyce Niemann

Ladies
Don't forget to mark your calendars!

Christmas Luncheon

Thursday, December 14th
Dunwoody Country Club

10am Meeting
11am Cash bar
12pm Lunch

Membership: Chris Cox, Debra Love

We have 6 members who will be installed at the December Luncheon at Dunwoody Country Club.
We have 5 perspectives who have expressed interest in joining but due to various other commitments will not be able to complete membership requirements in time for installation.
All of the new and perspective members are referrals from existing members

Think What a nice opportunity it is to share the wonderful work and friendships that being a member of DWC would be for one of your friends!

Ways and Means – Home Tour: Maria Barnhart
404-310-0546 or email me at mariavbarnhart@gmail.com

At the November general meeting we recognized the three top Home Tour ticket sellers. Each received a gift basket to in recognition of their efforts. Be sure to congratulate them once again when you see them the next time. Thank you ladies!

Meredy Shortal – sold 35 tickets
Bernice McGuire – sold 16 tickets
Noreen Rabin – sold 12 tickets

Ticket money and unsold tickets! One last reminder - If you have any ticket money or unsold tickets please turn in to Maria Barnhart. Please call or email me if you have questions. (See my email address and phone number shown at the top of the newsletter article.) Thank you very much for your cooperation and assistance.

DONATIONS

Dunwoody Police Department Christmas for Kids project – bring unwrapped gift for age 0 (infant) to age 16 to the luncheon meeting Thursday December 14th.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

Arts: Becky Schaaf 770-457-7126
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The Arts Program invites you to attend a private tour of Regina's Kitchen and the chance to purchase some of her small batch award winning jams and jellies.... Please let Becky know if you can join us for a wonderful holiday event at 2:00 on Dec. 8th on the same street that Barb and Bill Robinson live on.... Becky Schaaf 770-457-7126 or becky.schaaf43@gmail.com

Conservation: Kathy Hanna, Becky Schaaf
Kathy Hanna, kak1941@aol.com, Becky Schaaf, becky.schaaf43@gmail.com

Thank you to one and all for the great support our Conservation Gang has received from the membership all year long and we all wish you a **Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah**

Dunwoody Nature Center: Has wonderful programs for children during the holiday breaks and many great programs you can avail yourself of, go to <http://www.dunwoodynature.org/> for more information... Many thanks to Pat for all she has done for us with DNC, you are a gift to this community...

Adopt-A-Bench: This is one perfect gift to be given to your family, close friends or to yourself... A bench in one of Dunwoody's 9 parks with a plaque of your choice would be perfect... Many thanks to Meredy for 3 years of making this available to the community...

Audubon: We have delivered your donation of bird related items for the Dec. 10 at 3:00 Auction and annual meeting... All are welcome to attend at Manual's Tavern on North Ave at Highlands... Thank you Carey for keeping us in the wildlife loop all year long... and thanks Diana for helping us do the bird feeder workshop on Dec 5th...

PAWS & SPCA: If you have an interest in adopting an animal please think of taking one from one of our local shelters, they have loving animals that need a good home and someone to love... We will be going to the new shelter in Chamblee for our Jan 25th meeting... I know there is a new cat that adds it's thanks to Beck for a very kind heart and a year of help...

Recycling: As you clean out to make room for all your holiday gifts remember to recycle as much as you can; Lyn kindly supplied us with lists of where to take items and something new is Morgan Falls isn't open 24/7 any longer, just 9:00-5:00, due to vandalism...

Master Gardeners/Community Gardens: Thanks so much to Nancy for a wonderful year including the tour of the Atlanta Beltline with so many of you... We will try again for a tour of Polly Cranston's garden in June...

Lost Corner: What a wonderful asset this new SS park is to all of us, we saw it born and see it becoming a wonderful park serving so many directions... We are so grateful to Diana for bringing us into that loop and for making it a great CIP for the Club... We will continue to share all the good news from that park...

Special Events: Thanks to Barb and Bill Robinson for offering their home for a wine tasting and an Art's Program on jellies and jams (look for the Dec. 8th Art's event announcement). We will schedule for 2018.. Thanks to Jill and Donna for keeping us up to date on the plans for the Veterans Memorial... Thanks to Marge who even with being the Education CSP has stayed with us on water & air quality issues... Su we can't thank you enough for the wonderful General Meeting speaker on Trees Atlanta, we have asked her to be our tour guide for our March 22 program on the Beltline... Marilyn, Jan, Kim and Faye this program has had your support and attendance all year long... Marilyn thank you for taking over for me with our lecture and tour of Pike's nursery when I was recovering from hip replacement surgery...

Education: Margie Stafford
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Come to my house around lunch time January 16. for a January blues party. Projects with your hands- book repair- For the soul- conversation- For the club- planning for new year- For the mind- readings of member's writing. Project title -fellowship. Details later. Just save the date. No parking problems, no space limit. Come and go as you like. Details later.

Home Life Community Service: Susan Crawford & Suzanne Bentz
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Thanks go out to Mona Walasek, Debra Love, Faye Cashwell, Linda Mote, Martha Blondheim, Becky Schaaf, Lyn Thompson, Diane Norris, and Susan Crawford for decorating **Interfaith Outreach Home** for the holidays. It looks magnificent and put us in the holiday spirit. What goes up must come down and we are planning to dismantle the decorations on Tuesday, January 2nd at 9:30 a.m.

Thanks to everyone for supporting our annual Toys for Tots event at the lovely home of Judy Bertrand. Thirty-one members attended and we collected 139 toys. It was an honor to have Gunnery Sargent Laura Johnson speak to us and take the toys back to the warehouse for distribution. She has been in the Marine Corp for 14 years and served two terms in Iraq. She is married and has a five year-old son. She said that the Atlanta Toys for Tots event is the largest in the nation and all the toys stay in Atlanta.

On Friday, December 15 at 9:30 a.m. we will meet at Saint Luke's parking lot and carpool to Lutheran Towers to fill goodie bags and deliver them to the residents. Those who have signed up to date are: Linda Mote, Diane Norris, Faye Cashwell, Noreen Rabin, Ann Smith, Jan Slater, and Judy Kane.

International Outreach: Linda Mote 404-504-2402
lmote@mindspring.com

We delivered 70 pinecone bird feeder kits to the International Community School for a winter fundraiser. International and Conservation worked on this project together.

In October we delivered coats, toys and games for the **Refugee Christmas Store** where refugee parents can purchase, at a greatly reduced prices, new toys and coats for their children. We delivered more items on Dec 2.

December 1 World Aids Day-End isolation, End stigma, End HIV transmission

December 10 Human Rights Day-"Where, after all, do universal human rights begin? In small places, close to home -- so close and so small that they cannot be seen on any maps of the world. [...] Unless these rights have meaning there, they have little meaning anywhere. Without concerted citizen action to uphold them close to home, we shall look in vain for progress in the larger world." -- *Eleanor Roosevelt*

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas from around the world:

Vrolijk Kerstfeest, Joyeux Noël, Frohe Weihnachten, ,Mele Kalikimaka ,Nollaig Shona Dhuit,Chag Molad Sameach (שמח מולד חג)(meaning Happy festival of the Birth), Buon Natale,Felicem Diem Nativitatis (Merry Day of the Nativity), Danistayohihv &Aliheli'sdi Itse Udetiyvasadiv, God Jul or Gledelig Jul, Feliz Natal or Boas Festas (Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year), Blithe Yule, God Jul, Schöni Wiehnacht

Public Issues: Marilyn Dumon
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Again this year we will be sending Holiday cards to all the patients at the VA hospital in Atlanta. Do you have any of the "free cards" sent in the mail that you could donate? My family and I have signed 50 cards but we need 400 more so each vet will receive one. Our cards are usually the only ones they receive during the season!!!

Sign cards and bring them to the Christmas meeting luncheon or stop by my house on Friday, December 15 at 2:00 for punch and cookies and signing.

Have a happy holiday season if I don't see you before the New Year.

Standing Committees

Book Club: Sharon Doyle

NO BOOK CLUB IN DECEMBER**

At our January 9 meeting we will discuss both "Killing the Rising Sun" by Bill O'Reilly and "Rules of Civility" by Amor Towles. Many thanks to our presenters, Joan Rush, Sally Haer and Debra Love for agreeing to share their time in January.

Meanwhile have a happy, healthful holiday season and safe and sane New Year. Happy reading!

GFWC Clubwoman: Judy Bertrand

GFWC Clubwomen Offer a Helping Hand to Hurricane Relief Efforts

Over the last few months, the American people have faced many tragedies, both natural and man-made. While the images of devastation that appeared in newspapers and on television screens gained our immediate attention, it is the memories of neighbor helping neighbor in the aftermath of these crises that will remain with us for years to come. As always during times of rebuilding and recovery, GFWC clubwomen stand out as community leaders and are among the first to offer assistance.

Only two days after Hurricane Harvey made landfall 30 miles north of Corpus Christi, Texas President Patti Poe established the GFWC Texas Hurricane Relief Fund. Clubs from California to Maine have contributed to the fund donating an astounding \$95,000! Immediately following the storm, financial gifts were used to purchase water, food, and other essentials needed by individuals forced to flee their homes. Today, funds are being allocated to help with long-term rebuilding efforts. For example, a relief check was presented to Camp Aranzazu to repair their recreation facility. The camp provides therapeutic programs that are designed to enrich the lives of children and adults with special needs and chronic illnesses. A donation was also presented to Dianne Browne, a member of GFWC Woman's Club of Aransas Pass. Dianne operates a daycare that was severely damaged during the storm. Additional funds received will be given to local libraries so that their doors may reopen once again. President Poe sends "A big Texas thank you!" to everyone who has contributed to the fund.

GFWC Florida President Mary Powell is also grateful for the assistance provided by clubwomen in the wake of Hurricane Irma. She recently stated, "Florida is well on its way to recovering from the hurricane, and we are thankful for your generous donations. We are in this together, and together we will succeed. GFWC Florida appreciates all that you have done and continue to do to help your Federation sisters who suffered. You are truly the best!" While great strides have been made in Florida, at least one club continues to face difficulties. The historic clubhouse owned by the Bradenton Woman's Club experienced extensive structural damage. Club members are currently raising funds to replace the building's roof and restore the interior.

In this season of gratitude, GFWC Headquarters is thankful for the thousands clubwomen across the nation who never fail to be generous with their time, their financial resources, and their hearts. Thank you.

Legislation: Linda Mote

No report this month.

Leadership: Donna Knowlton and Bernice McGuire

(Happy Holidays! A gift for the membership.)

A LEADERSHIP SURVIVAL KIT

A rubber band

To remind you to be flexible

A paper clip

To help you hold things together

An eraser

To remind you that no mistake or misunderstanding is permanent

Bubble gum

To remind you that the child within is important

A crayon

To inspire you to go out and color the world

Post It Notes

To keep the communication flowing

A quote

To inspire the leader within

Snickers Bar

To keep you laughing

A yellow pencil

To write down those great ideas

A Band-Aid

To remind you to heal problems and hard feelings

A glue stick

To keep your team together and bonded

A highlighter

To remind you to highlight the strength of your team members.

Adapted from GFWC Georgia Leadership Program

Stage Door Players; Sharon Clark

No report this month.

Tallulah Falls School: Linda Mote, Diane Norris

No report this month.

Women in History: Lee Hedden

Flannery O'Connor

Flannery was born March 25, 1925, in Savannah, Georgia, the only child of Regina Cline and Edward Francis O'Connor. Her father died when she was fourteen and the family moved to Milledgeville, Georgia, to live on Andalusia Farm,

O'Connor demonstrated her literary talents early on for school publications. She entered Georgia State College for Women, now Georgia College and State University, in an accelerated three-year program and graduated in June 1945. In 1946, she was accepted into the prestigious Iowa Writers' Workshop at the University of Iowa for a master's degree. O'Connor's first story, "*The Geranium*," was published in 1946. She had also begun what was to be first novel, *Wise Blood*, published in 1952.

Flannery O'Connor pursued her writing, spending time at Yaddo, a Saratoga Springs, New York artists' retreat. Her work, shaped by her experiences growing up as a Catholic in the South and religion, was a recurring theme in her writing.

She wrote two novels and thirty-two short stories, as well as a number of reviews and commentaries. O'Connor was best-known for her short stories, which appeared in several collections, including "*A Good Man Is Hard To Find and Other Stories*" and "*Everything That Rises Must Converge*."

After battling lupus for more than a decade, Flannery O'Connor died at age thirty-nine on August 3, 1964, in Milledgeville, Georgia. She received many honors, including an O. Henry Award in 1957 and the National Book Award in 1972. In 1992 O'Connor was inducted as an inaugural honoree into Georgia Women of Achievement, and in 2000 she was inducted as a charter member into the Georgia Writers' Hall of Fame. The United Postal Service, in June 2015 honored O'Connor with a new postage stamp, the 30th issuance in the Literary Arts series.

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No report this month



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