



Dunwoody Woman's Club December 2018 Newsletter

President's Message: Maria Barnhart

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving.

Susan Wittenstein and I felt a lot of gratitude as we attended the Georgia State University/Perimeter College Dean's Luncheon on Tuesday, November 27. The purpose of the luncheon was twofold; to recognize and show appreciation for the college's partners (including DWC) and to recognize selected student scholarship winners. DWC is proud to partner with this extraordinary institution of higher learning. Time and time again Susan and I received expressions of appreciation for our financial support of the Second Wind Scholarships at Perimeter College. Thank you for your support.

As we approach the Holiday Season, I hope we all take a moment to "reset" and enjoy this special time of the year. We have different traditions, but we all want to peace, love, understanding and hope. Take time to enjoy celebrations and quiet moments with family and friends.

I continue to be grateful for the Dunwoody Woman's Club. Members of this club continue to make a real difference in the lives of so many here in our community and other places as well. The added bonus is I have made lasting friendships. Thank you to each one of you for your support and your participation in service to our community.

My very best wishes to you for a joyous Holiday Season and Happy New Year. Love to all, Maria

Calendar

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event Sponsor</u>	<u>Meeting Place/Carpool Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
December 7	Home Life Toys for Tots	Home of Judy Bertrand	2:00
December 13	Christmas Luncheon	Dunwoody Country Club	9:00
December 14	Home Life	St. Luke's to carpool	9:30
January 4	Home Life	Interfaith Outreach Home	9:30
January 8	Book Club	St. Luke's	1:15
January 10	Home Life	1400 Mile Post Dr, Dunwoody 30338	10:30

Now until December 10 - Donate new, unwrapped gifts for children from newborn to age 15 – drop off only location Dunwoody Police Station, 4800 Ashford Dunwoody Rd. – Christmas for Kids Project.

December 12 – Decorate at Dunwoody United Methodist Church – Christmas for Kids Project (call Donna Knowlton at 404-308-1874)

Ladies – Don't Forget!

Christmas Luncheon

December 13

Dunwoody Country Club

9 a.m. Coffee

10: a.m. Meeting

12:00 p.m. Lunch

A Message from your Treasurer

Dues for 2019 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 your request to: Debra Love, DWC Membership Chairman, at debra1926@comcast.net

Questions – Call Faye at 770-409-1960 or Debra at 404-326-7990

Ways and Means – Home Tour: Chris Cox

The 2018 Home Tour was a great success with a net profit of \$36,759.69.

The top tickets sellers: Meredy Shortal (32), Chris Cox (13), and Bernice McGuire (9).

Bernice and Meredy were presented with gift baskets for selling the most tickets.

Thank you everyone that contributed to the 2018 Home Tour allowing us to continue to support our so deserving charities

Thank you everyone for supporting me as your 2018 HT Chair. It was a pleasure to serve our community and DWC

Membership: Debra Love

Remember to take your name tags home with you. At last month's meeting several of you turned them back in and seven of you left them in your car. Our new members need to know your name.

We have *nine* new members that will be inducted in the December luncheon: Beverly Clark, Linda Kenney, Nancy Reid, Jennifer Parker, Kay Moe, JoAnn Kostkan, Pam King, Carolyn Anderson, and Cora Keenan; be sure to welcome all of them.

These lovely ladies do not know many people in our club, so **PLEASE** wear your name tags at any DWC event so that they can get to know you by name. Reach out to them and invite them to attend a meeting or event with you.

With the help of the membership committee, this year we reached out in many ways to try to recruit new members. Please contact us with any unique ideas for the next year. We will be having another luncheon at Vintage Pizza in March.

Collectors' Corner

- 3"-6" plastic plant pots to go to AG Rhodes for the "Seeds for Seniors" program
- Clean mascara wands to go to a wildlife refuge to help clean the fur from small animals.
- Rain jackets, coats, mittens, warm scarves for both women and children.
- "after school snacks" for the Safe House

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

**Arts: Jan Slater: janetslater13@aol.com
new phone number 678-629-3446**

Be sure to attend the January 17, 2019 General Meeting. The Arts Community Service Program will host our guest speaker for that month. Our guest speaker will be **Katie Bishop Williams**, the **Executive Director** of the **Dunwoody Convention and Visitors Bureau**. Katie played a key role in the development of the first *Dunwoody Arts and Cultural Month*.

Here is a perfect place to get a special gift for everyone on your list! Stop by the **Spruill Gallery Holiday Artists Market** located at 4681 Ashford Dunwoody Road. The Market ends on December 23rd. The Market features over 100 local artists with a wide variety of uniquely made artisan gifts and home décor. A reminder that Spruill Arts Members always receive a 10% discount

Conservation: Kathy Hanna , Becky Schaaf & Gang
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Collection items: Gifts to be part of our donation to the Audubon Dec. meeting, for a Conservation Basket
Dates: Dec 4, was the bird feeder workshop
Jan. 24, 11:30 - 3:30..lunch at First Watch and tour of PAWS, a no kill animal shelter

On **December 4 from 10:00-12:00** we made **bird feeders** for you and for our parks.... We thank all who were able to attend as we need to help the birds have a warm and happy holiday season...

Jan. 24th 11:30 lunch at First Watch and then carpool from there to **PAWS**, the no kill animal shelter in Decatur that we have supported for the last 15 years.... More info to follow...

A special thank you to Margie who obtained our November General Meeting speaker, Juliette Cohen, Director from **Chattahoochee Riverkeeper**... We all learned so much and Juliette was delightful...

Adopt-A-Bench: Meredy asks that you consider giving the Christmas gift they will always remember! You can purchase a park bench with a 4 by 6 inch engraved plaque to be placed in the City Park of your choice. The cost of \$1,000 includes an 8 foot bench that features a green vinyl diamond pattern over stainless steel and professional installation in concrete. Now is the time to remember and celebrate your family and loved ones. The cost of the bench is tax deductible and checks should be made out to Dunwoody Woman's Club. Contact Meredy Shortal with any questions at 770-395-9704

Audubon: Now is the time to be feeding our birds and make sure they have clean water too

Dunwoody Nature Center: Pat reports that DNC has nothing going on to report to you about, but please make use of our park at this beautiful time of the year and when you have family come in for the holidays this is a great place to go and play....

Lost Corner Preserve: Diana reports that Sparkle Springs is going on from **Dec. 1-31-** Come and see the FOLC's entry that is at the City Green at City Springs..... **History Lecture Series** is Dec. 6 on Roads, Churches and Schools Development 1820-1960; Thursday 7-8:30, \$5 is a suggested donation to FOLC.. **Photography Club** meets Dec. 4 with beginner class at 6-6:45 and Club Meeting from 6:45-8:00 both are free....

Master Gardeners at Brook Run: November was the last listed meeting of the year...

Animals: We will be going to PAWS in Jan, but if you are looking to gift someone with a donation this holiday, all our shelters are a great charity to donate to.

Education: Susan Wittenstein sirwit@comcast.net

The Friends of the Dunwoody Library hosts fantastic sales three times a year. Their next sale is in January and they need inventory to sell. Do you have books, cd's, DVD's, magazines, puzzles, or vinyl records you no need? If so, please donate them to this group. You can drop them off anytime the library is open by leaving the items outside the Friend's room which is in the lobby. If you need assistance getting the items in from your car, please go on a Tuesday morning as there are normally volunteers there who can help you. You can get a receipt for your donation from the circulation desk employees. Please let me Susan know (sirwit@comcast.net) how many items you donated, this year, so I can include it in my report.

Home Life Community Service: Susan Crawford
770-698-8737 Susanpc1@bellsouth.net

Many thanks to all those members who attended and contributed to last month's successful **Golden Olympics**. Kim Reuning was this year's gold medal winner and \$730 was raised for Special Olympics. Also, thanks to Diane Norris, Debra Love, Jan Slater, Beverly Clark, and Noreen Rabin for taking time out of their busy schedules to decorate the **Interfaith Outreach Home** for the holidays. The lobby, activity room, and apartment doors now look very festive!

Happy Holidays to you all! And please consider joining us on Thursday, January 10, for a 2019 Home Life Planning Meeting at my house, 1400 Mile Post Dr, at 10:30am.

Dates to Remember

December 2018

National Stress Free Month

Family Holiday Month

World AIDS Day

International Day of Persons with Disabilities

Walk With a Doc at Brook Run Park on Saturday, December 8, from 9-10am

Upcoming Programs

December 7 Home Life Toys for Tots 2:00pm

Judy Bertrand (1750 Dunridge Court) will again graciously host our annual Toys for Tots event. Please bring a NEW unwrapped toy(s) and consider bringing refreshments to share. A Marine will speak and accept the toys. Please plan to join us for this lovely holiday event!

December 14 Home Life Lutheran Towers 9:30am

On Friday, December 14, we will meet in the Saint Luke's Presbyterian Church parking lot to carpool to Lutheran Towers to fill goodie bags and deliver them to the residents.

January 4 Home Life Interfaith Outreach Home 9:30am

Please join us at IOH (5200 Buford Hwy) to take down and store the Holiday decorations.

January 10 Home Life 1400 Mile Post Dr, Dunwoody 30338 10:30am

Please call or email Susan if you will be able to attend the Home Life 2019 planning meeting.

International Outreach: Linda Mote 678-429-0570
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"What does Christmas mean to you? Maybe it's your whole family gathered by the fireside with a decorated tree glittering in the background or racing down the stairs on Christmas morning to see what Santa Claus left you. But have you ever wondered where your favorite traditions came from? For example, the American term "Santa Claus" is derived from the Dutch word for old St. Nick, Sinterklaas. The Christmas tree only became a European and American sensation after a German prince brought one with him on a trip to England in 1840. In this look at Christmas around the world, you may recognize more of your holiday favorites—and get ideas for new traditions to start," reprinted from Reader's Digest.

FINLAND-In Finland, families decorate the holiday tree with geometric mobiles made out of straw. It's also customary to enjoy a sauna on Christmas Eve before Santa's visit; according to the ancient custom, this ritual cleanses the body and mind. Read about more fun Christmas traditions with this.

GERMANY-In Germany, it is traditional for children to decorate their Christmas lists with pictures and then leave them on the windowsill overnight. Then, the Christkind delivers gifts at Christmas. Also, in Germany, it's a tradition to leave a shoe or boot outside the front door on December 5, so that Sinterklaas will put small presents in their shoes for the following morning (Saint Nicholas Day)

GREAT BRITAIN-Mistletoe was first hung as a Christmas decoration in Great Britain. However, the tradition of kissing under the mistletoe is most likely of Scandinavian origin.

HOLLAND-Children in Holland receive presents from Sinterklaas on December 5, not Christmas Eve or Day. And if they leave carrots for Sinterklaas's horse, he'll leave sweets for the kids.

ICELAND-Thirteen jólasveinarnir, or “Christmas Lads,” deliver presents to children in Iceland. Originally, the Christmas Lads were pranksters. Each showed up on a specific day around Christmas and performed a trick or prank.

IRELAND-It’s traditional for Irish families to leave out mince pies and pint of Guinness as a snack for Santa.

ITALY-Italian families celebrate Christmas Eve with the Feast of the Seven Fishes and eat lentils during the holiday season to ensure luck and wealth for the following year. The children in Italy receive gifts from La Befana during Christmas.

JAPAN-Children in Japan receive their Christmas presents on their pillow during Christmas night. And a traditional Christmas meal in Japan is fried chicken.

NORWAY-Here, people hide all the brooms in the house on Christmas Eve to prevent witches from stealing them for a midnight ride. It’s also a Christmas Eve tradition to leave a bowl of porridge in the barn for the gnome who protects the farm.

SPAIN-The Spanish dish, turrón, a confection made from honey, egg white, sugar, and toasted almonds, is served during Christmas. Recipes date back to the 16th century.

RUSSIA-Here, Christmas is celebrated on January 7, and Babouschka brings gifts to children. Babouschka, meaning old woman or grandmother in Russian, is based on the biblical story of the woman who didn’t give a gift to the baby Jesus. So, to repent, she gives gifts to children.”

May you and your family have a wonderful Christmas as you enjoy the traditions of the season.

Public Issues: Noreen Rabin rabin@msn.com
Donna Knowlton dfknowlton@comcast.net

It’s that time again for the Dunwoody Police Department’s (DPD) **Christmas for Kids project**. Partnering with **I Care Atlanta, DPD and other groups** will host a Christmas celebration for deserving children and their families at Dunwoody United Methodist Church on December 13. There will be a dinner, Santa, and gifts. **Here are the two ways you can help**. Donate a new unwrapped gift (newborn to age 15) and drop it off at the Dunwoody Police Dept. until the deadline of December 10. You can volunteer to help decorate on Wednesday December 12th. Contact Donna Knowlton (404-308-1874) and help complete a team to decorate for the event.

Dates to Remember

December 2018

National Drunk and Drug Prevention Month
Impaired Driving Month

Upcoming Programs

Saturday, December 15th, 12:00 PM – Wreaths across America, Old Roswell Cemetery - It is not too early to sponsor a wreath. You can check out Roswell Historical Society for more information. They have a page set up for you to order wreaths on line. The wreath laying ceremony will start at 11:00 AM and the special program will start at noon. We’ll carpool from St. Luke’s at 10:15 AM. Thank you to those who sponsored a wreath.

Tuesday, December 11th, 10:00 AM – Yellow Dot Safety Program, Dunwoody Police Department, 4800 Ashford Dunwoody Road - The program is designed to help first responders provide life-saving medical attention during the first “golden hour” after a crash or emergency. A yellow, peach-shaped decal placed on the driver side rear window of a vehicle will alert first responders that vital medical information is stored in the glove compartment. At homes of people using the yellow dot program, first responders will be alerted by the decal placed at the entrance, telling them to look for the medical information card in the glove compartment or on the refrigerator. Dunwoody residents can sign up on the 11th. Sandy Springs residents are welcome to attend to hear about the program but will need to sign up in Sandy Springs. Implementation of the Sandy Springs program is underway, but incomplete. Please email or call Donna or Noreen if you plan to attend.

Standing Committees

Book Club: Jean Kammerer

The Book Club group met on December 4 to discuss the Killers of the Flower Moon by David Gramm. We had an excellent roundtable discussion about the Osage Indian murders and the initial starting of the FBI.

Our next meeting is on January 8, 2019 (note change of date) where we will discuss A Fall of Marigolds by Susan Meissner and led by Debra Love. We meet at St. Luke’s at 1:15 PM. All are welcome.

Dowager’s Investment Club Debra Love - debra1926@comcast.net

Meets the first Wednesday of the month at the Dunwoody Country Club at 1:15 – **except** for the month of January, which will be held at the home of Diane Norris. We will meet for lunch before at The Peachtree Café in Norcross. Come and join the Wall Street wizards and learn about investments.

GFWC Clubwoman: Judy Bertrand

Take Part in National Wreaths Across America Day

Please consider taking part in National Wreaths Across America Day on December 15. This annual event, at which wreaths are placed at graves, aims to honor our nation’s veterans and ensure they are remembered for their sacrifices. Ceremonies will take place at Arlington National Cemetery and at over 1,200 additional locations in all 50 states, at sea, and abroad.

Wreaths Across America encourages every volunteer who places a wreath on a veteran’s grave to say their name aloud and take a moment to thank them for their service. The charity’s website states, “A person dies twice: once when they take their final breath, and later, the last time their name is spoken.” The tradition of reciting our veteran’s names is a small act that goes a long way toward preserving the memory of our fallen heroes.

If you would like to participate, the Dunwoody Woman's Club will be participating in this program at 12:00 pm on December 15 at the Old Roswell Cemetery. You can also sponsor a wreath by checking out the Roswell Historical Society for more information. Wreaths are \$15.00 with a check payable to the Roswell Historical Society.

Legislation: Linda Mote

It's important to have buy-in from seniors and advocates on our priorities as we count on them to let their legislators know what's important to them," said Vicki Johnson, chair of the Georgia Council on Aging, which convenes CO-AGE. "The explosive growth Georgia is experiencing in the number of older Georgians means we need as many voices as possible to ensure that we are able to meet their needs both now and in the future. Without more funding and programs, Georgia's seniors will have fewer options for help and more will end up in nursing homes, which will cost taxpayers considerably more than the cost-effective programs we support."

Funding for home and community-based services is a good investment for Georgia. Not only do older adults prefer to stay at home, the cost to Georgia to provide such services is roughly one-tenth the cost of nursing home care. Currently, however, there is a waiting list of more than 7,000 individuals who are seeking assistance with such tasks as bathing and dressing, transportation to the doctor and home-delivered meals.

The remaining three CO-AGE priorities address service issues, with an emphasis on housing:

- New for 2019 is expanded **Medicaid Coverage for More Georgia Seniors**. This legislation will direct the Department of Community Health to develop a waiver to increase the Medicaid income eligibility limits for seniors to those used for senior low-income housing eligibility, saving precious resources for critical needs such as food and medicine.

- There is a lack of affordable housing for persons needing help with activities of daily living, such as meals, meds, dressing, bathing. **Medicaid-Funded Assisted Living** will allow Medicaid funding to pay for Assisted Living facilities.

Finally, Personal Care Home providers do not always comply with licensure and code enforcement. CO-AGE and the Georgia Council on Aging are calling for tougher **Personal Care Home requirements** to increase penalties and sanctions for those homes not complying with existing regulations"

Leadership: Donna Knowlton and Bernice McGuire

GFWC Leadership Structure

GFWC is a community service organization with many levels of membership. The Executive Committee and Board of Directors represent GFWC members on a national scale. The Board of Directors consists of region officers, state presidents, state directors of junior clubs, committee chairmen, committee members, and special appointments. GFWC members involved with these directorial committees are chosen by the GFWC International President at the beginning of her two year administration. During her administration, the GFWC International President lives at GFWC International Headquarters in Washington, D.C. All national members of GFWC have leadership responsibilities and are expected to attend the GFWC Annual International Convention in the summer.

Following the national level is the regional level. GFWC consists of eight Regions:

GFWC Great Lakes Region

Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin

GFWC Middle Atlantic Region

Delaware, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania

GFWC Mississippi Valley Region

Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota

GFWC New England Region

Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont

GFWC South Central Region

Arizona, Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas

GFWC Southeastern Region

District of Columbia, Kentucky, Maryland, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia

GFWC Southern Region

Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, and South Carolina

GFWC Western States Region

Alaska, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

Each region holds an annual conference in the fall. This conference is separate from the GFWC Annual International Convention.

GFWC has members in each of the 50 states. State federations host individual conferences each spring.

County and district levels are contained within the state level. These two Federation categories vary from state to state; some states choose not to have county and district levels, whereas other states contain multiple counties and districts.

The sixth organizational level of GFWC is local. GFWC is comprised of thousands of local clubs; each club elects officers and works independently on various projects in their community.

GFWC

“The organizational architecture is really like that of a centipede that walks on hundreds of legs, and one or two don’t count. So if you lose one or two legs, the process will go on, the organization will go on, and the growth will go on.” - Mukesh Ambani (born 1957) is an Indian business magnet and philanthropist.

Stage Door Players; Sharon Clark, Lois Kroeger

No report

Tallulah Falls School: Linda Mote, Diane Norris

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The following is some information on the GA GOAL program. Please consider a contribution as you are doing your taxes and designate TFS for this scholarship program.

2019 GOAL Tax Credit

In exchange for contributions to Georgia GOAL taxpayers receive a 100% state income tax credit! In addition, if they itemize, taxpayers receive a federal charitable income tax deduction for the amount of their contribution to GOAL.

- *Given the new federal limits on the deductibility of state and local income taxes, this is significant! By converting some of your state income taxes into a charitable contribution (to GOAL), you may gain back a deduction, thereby reducing your federal tax burden.*

If I redirect some of my Georgia income tax payment to GOAL, can I designate that it be used to provide scholarships at a specific school?

Yes. The designation of a particular school (or multiple schools) is permissible, and, as long as the school(s) meets the legal requirement that all funds raised in one calendar year must be fully allocated to specific student recipients by the end of the following calendar year, the donor's donation will be obligated to provide scholarships to eligible students to attend the designated school(s). At least once a year, a school's financial aid office will recommend to GOAL qualified applicants for receipt of GOAL scholarships, the amount of which is based on applicant household income and family size.

Tax Credit Limits Based on Filing Status

- Single individual or head of household – any amount up to \$1,000
- Married couple filing a joint return – any amount up to \$2,500
- Married couple filing a separate return – any amount up to \$1,250

Women in History: Suzanne Bentz

December — Lucia

Before entering primary school, my grandchildren attended Svenska Skolan (Swedish School) of Vienna for four years. There they learned to read and speak Swedish, and acquired a taste for Ikea's Swedish meatballs, gingersnaps, and lussekatter (Lucia cats) sweet yeast rolls.

They also looked forward to the Feast of Saint Lucia, celebrated annually at the school on December 13. Saint Lucia was a third-century martyr “who according to legend brought food and aid to Christians hiding in the catacombs of Italy using a candle-lit wreath to light her way and leave her hands free to carry as much food as possible.” She was martyred because her jealous husband ratted her out for spending more time on those poor souls than on him!

Today, Lucia has been adopted by other countries but is especially revered in Scandinavia where she is seen as a symbol of light amid the long dark winters, signaling the arrival of Christmastide. Lucia, or Sankta Lucia, is represented as a lady in white (a symbol of the white baptismal robe) and red sash (symbolizing the blood of her martyrdom) with a wreath of candles in her hair.

At the Vienna Skolan, the competition to be Lucia is intense. The chosen little girl gets to wear the coveted wreath of candles. (Thank God they use battery-powered candles today!) On the day of celebration, parents and friends gather in the school's common room. Soon conversation grows quiet. From afar, we hear the sweet voices of young children singing the well-known “Sankta Lucia” as they near the hall. Lucia enters first followed by little girls in white robes bearing lighted candles in their hands. Behind them are young boys carrying poles mounted with golden stars. (My grandson liked being a Star Boy as he got to wield a big stick with a star mounted atop, and wear a bishop's robe and mitre. He was all about Star Wars at the time.) Gingerbread boys bring up the processional rear. (Imagine giggling little boys in pixie-like costumes.) Christmas carols and a telling of the Sankta Lucia tradition are followed by fellowship and a lot of those great Swedish treats.

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It is said that to vividly celebrate Saint Lucia's Day as it occurs across Scandinavia and wherever Scandinavian expats reside will help one live the long winter days with enough light. Given that thought, it seems to me that the ladies of the Dunwoody Woman's Club hold true to Lucia's mission, bringing a whole lot of light and comfort to the people of the Dunwoody community and beyond...the schools we support, the elderly and the sick, the military, the men and women who man our fire houses and police stations, among many others. Lucia worked her good deeds centuries ago, and is no doubt proud of DWC members and what she witnesses today from above amid those twinkling stars.

YEARBOOK AND HANDY DANDY PHONE BOOK: Diane Norris dianenorris@bellsouth.net

If you have not received your yearbook, they are available at the General Meetings. Please make note of the following changes:

DWC COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ~2018-2020 Diane Norris

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No report.



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