



Dunwoody Woman's Club February 2018 Newsletter

President's Message

Jan Slater

Thank you to the entire Dunwoody Woman's Club for your support during the last year and a half. The sudden death of our president Sherry Murphy put us all in shock. The strength and organization of our club has given us the ability to continue. I am constantly amazed at the diversity and expertise of the women in this club. It has been a real inspiration to me as an individual, and one that I will cherish.

Sometimes opportunities arise that we question how to respond. Accepting the second presidency was my opportunity and I am so glad that I took it. It has afforded me the chance to do many different things that I would not have done. Of course, "living the volunteer spirit" is what I had chosen to do in retirement. The Dunwoody Woman's Club has provided diverse opportunities to do this, but more important are you the members that I have met.

Much love to you all,
Jan

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>
February 7	Arts	Home of Marcia Seaton	1:15
February 8	Home Life	St. Luke's Presbyterian Church	10:00
February 22	Conservation	St. Luke's to carpool	9:30
March 15	General Meeting	Vintage Pizzeria	11:00
March 22	Conservation	St. Luke's to carpool- Tour The Atlanta Beltline	9:15

Membership: Chris Cox, Debra Love

We installed 7 new members at the Christmas Luncheon.

Welcome to Pat Troxel, Karen Turner, Susan Clark, Ann Smith, Sharon Rogers, and Lee Dees Giesecke
What a lovely event!

The new Membership Committee consisting of Kathy Hanna, Jan Slater, Kim Reuning, Noreen Rabin, Karen Turner, Ann Smith and Chris Cox met at Debra's home on January 26th to discuss their plans for the coming year. Be on the lookout for the fun things they have planned.

The best new members come from personal referrals. Who will you share this club with?

On a personal note, this is my last News Letter as Membership Chair. It has been an honor to serve. The club is in very capable hands with Debra and her committee attracting and engaging new members in the coming year.

Volunteer Day of Service – Maria Barnhart, Chairman

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GFWC GEORGIA DAY OF SERVICE

Who: GFWC Dunwoody Woman's Club will be joining with other members across the state for a Day of Service.

What: State-wide Collection of Personal Care Items for Domestic Violence Victims. We will donate these items to a local shelter. In addition, we will be raising awareness for our national signature project: **Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention.**

When: Saturday, April 28, 2018. Time is 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Where: At the Kroger grocery store on Dunwoody Club Drive – We have received approval to set up in front of the store.

Next steps – We will be taking t-shirt orders at the general meeting on February 15. The cost is \$12.

Make your check out to DWC and in the memo line put t-shirt and size. There will be a table set up to take checks at the February 15th general meeting. Sizes are: Small, Medium, Large, Extra Large, and 2XL, 3XL. Faye Cashwell, Treasurer, will send in one order for the T-shirts. **The deadline for t-shirt orders is February 28th.**

Let's all work together and support this effort. We will wear our T-shirts on the day of the event.

The GFWC Georgia Day of Service will be a visible force in our local communities helping domestic violence victims break the cycle of violence and allow them and their families to thrive on their road to recovery.

The Dunwoody Woman's Club wants to do their part and join club members from across Georgia on the GFWC Georgia Day of Service. Thank you for your support. Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks.

Ways and Means – Home Tour: Maria Barnhart
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No report this month.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

Arts: Becky Schaaf 770-457-7126
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Wednesday, February 7, 2018 1:15 pm You do not want to miss the Musical Program of Ravel 's Bolero and the 1812 Overture. Call Marcia 770-457-6476 or Becky 770-457-7126.

Wednesday, February 28, 2018 1:15 Pm – Join us for “Guo Pei: Couture Beyond” exhibition. SCAD Museum - \$8.00 admission. 1st US exhibit of China’s Guo Pei. 40 gowns on exhibit. Carpool from Saint Luke’s – time to be announced.

Thank you to all who participated in the Arts programs this year. I hope you enjoyed.

"Art is the only way to run away without leaving home." Twyla Tharp. Choreographer

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

February 22 carpool at 9:30 to the Roswell Recycling Center, lunch at Sage Alpharetta

March 22 carpool at 9:15 to tour The Atlanta Beltline with Trees Atlanta's Sandy Murray

CONSERVATION: Kathy Hanna, kak1941@aol.com and Lyn Thompson 404-368-8229

February 22, 9:30 for carpool from upper lot Manhasset side of St. Luke's to **Roswell Recycling Center...** Lyn is our Recycling Chairman for this Program and has set up at tour with Trevor, the director who guided 6 of us last year.... This facility recycles just about everything in a very easy and systematic way, you will be amazed at how easy it is to help save the planet from trash... We know DeKalb has curbside recycling but there is so much more we can do the help the garbage problem....

March 22, 9:15 for carpool at St. Luke's to the **Atlanta Beltline** for a walking tour with Trees Atlanta's volunteer, Sandy Murray (speaker at General Meeting in Nov.) with lunch at a Ponce hot spot after the easy walk.... Arts and Public Issues might join this party...

Adopt-A-Bench: Meredy is still collecting donations for park benches in all 9 of Dunwoody Parks...

Animals: Becky thanks all 15 who made the trip to the Chamblee Animal Shelter... Continue making your donations of newspapers, supplies, and of course, checks to any of our local shelters and PAWS.. Remember your pets during the cold weather.... Thanks to our members who wrote checks to the shelters....

Audubon: Carey asks us to join Atlanta Audubon member and photographer Daniel Zdonczyk for a presentation on bird photography, featuring some of the amazing photos he has captured in 20 years as a photographer.. The

monthly meeting is on Sunday, **Feb. 25, 3:30-5:30** at Manuel's Tavern... Don't forget to join this wonderful organization: <https://www.atlantaaudubon.org/>

Brook Run Gardens: Nancy shared that on **Feb. 10th from 11:00-noon** there will be a lecture on **Raising Tomatoes**, all are welcome to come to the BR Barn.

Dunwoody Nature Center: Pat reports that DNC plans for it's popular Free First Saturday... The **February 3rd, 11AM** family friendly program features Birds of Prey, and on **March 3 at 11AM**, we will acknowledge the National Day of Unplugging (our electronic devices)... Registration for members for summer camps is in full swing... This month we will concentrate on Birds, with February 10 being a Common Birds Scavenger Hunt Hike... The **Great Backyard Bird Count** takes place on **February 16-19 at DNC**.. In February, visit us and remember "A snowflake is winter's butterfly"! For more information: www.dunwoodynature.org.

Lost Corner: Diana reports that the next volunteer day is **Feb. 10 9AM- noon**, bring your tools... **Photography Beginners Session** is Tues. **Feb 6th** from 6:45-8PM at the cottage, Free; **Knitting Workshops Mondays at 6:30-8:30 Feb-May** for \$20 per class at the cottage; **Secret History of Lost Corners Lecture Feb. 4, 4:00-5:00** at the cottage, \$5 donation; **Lost Corner Cottage and grounds tour Feb. 4, 4:00-5:00PM**, \$5 donation; **History of Sandy Spring Lectures, Feb 8 7:30-8:30** at the Cottage, \$5 donation....

Dunwoody Garden Club's card party/fashion show/ luncheon is Feb. 20th please join us... Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased from Carey, Su and Nancy in the C Gang..

GA Native Plant Society: Native Plant Marketplace on February 10th in Macon

A tip or two: Follow Walter Reeves on "Lawn and Garden Show" on WSB radio Saturdays 6-9AM.... GA Power has a new solar program, suggests getting a Keen Smart Vent zoning system and Wemo Insight energy-wise use monitors... Sign up to stay informed about Power Outages by going to georgiapower.com/storm... Make the switch to energy-efficient LED lighting.... Atlanta Watershed Management asks us not to put fats, oils, and greases in our sewers... GA Conservancy hosts Stewardship Trip; the next one is Feb 23-26 on the Satillia River (paddling), go to www.georgiaconservancy.org/trips for more info...

Education: Margie Stafford
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No report this month.

Home Life Community Service: Susan Crawford & Suzanne Bentz
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We had a great meeting on January 11 and goals and projects are planned for the year.

February 8 Home Life Saint Luke's Presbyterian Church 10:00am:

February is **American Heart Month** and we will be meeting at Saint Luke's Church on February 8 to receive instructions on making scarves for the **HeartScarves** Project. We are calling all ladies who knit or crochet to help with scarves about 3-4 inches wide by 50-60 inches long. Distributed in hospitals and at support network meetings through The National Coalition for Women with Heart Disease, a hand made scarf offers comfort, support, and encouragement for a woman with heart disease and becomes part of her healing journey. Our goal is 20 scarves.

We will also be assembling Valentine goodie bags for the staff and teachers at Hightower Elementary School as part of the Community Improvement Project. Please bring a bag of individually wrapped candy.

The first week of February is "Women's Heart Week". There are several ways to "Go Red". Members are encouraged to:

- Know your Heart Score ~ take the My Life Check and Go Red Hearst check up.
- Live Healthy with heart-healthy recipes and exercises.
- Know the Signs of a Heart Attack.
- Start Walking
- **Wear Red to the February General Meeting** as a sign of heart health awareness.

**March 28 Annual Card Party, Fashion Show, Silent Auction and Luncheon 9:30am
Saint Luke's Presbyterian Church**

Tickets are available at the February 15 General Meeting.

Proceeds will be designated to Camp Sunshine and Ronald McDonald House

Tecie Thatcher and Martha Blondheim are working on a wonderful Silent Auction display. They will gladly take any items that you may have to donate for the silent auction. Please bring any items to the February General Meeting. Thanks to Kathy Hanna for handling a new area to the auction. We are calling it a "wine pull" and are looking for donations of bottles of wine.

Attendees will have an opportunity to purchase a wine cork with number and go home with a bottle of wine.

International Outreach: Linda Mote 404-504-2402
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Ladies, I am looking forward to being the International Outreach chairman for the next year. Do you have ideas for programs? Please send them to me.

World Cancer Day, 4 February 2018. A truly global event taking place every year on 4 February, World Cancer Day unites the world's population in the fight against cancer. It aims to save millions of preventable deaths each year by raising awareness and education about the disease, pressing governments and individuals across the world to take action.

11 February, "On this International Day, I urge commitment to end bias, greater investments in science, technology, engineering and math education for all women and girls as well as opportunities for their careers and longer-term professional advancement so that all can benefit from their ground-breaking future contributions." — *UN Secretary-General, António Guterres*

Public Issues: Marilyn Dumon
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February 13, 2018 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Meet at Saint Luke's – Make Valentine Cards for Veterans at the VA Hospital.

Important announcement: Program on Human Trafficking at Dunwoody United Methodist Church. **The event is Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 7:00 pm.** It is a hard topic to discuss but we must be informed to be able to help end this horrific problem in our communities. This falls under the Public Issues CSP (safety for children).

There are several speakers and we want to be sure we get the word out to DWC members. As we know this is a major problem in many cities including Atlanta.

We hope members will consider attending this important program.

Standing Committees

Book Club: Sharon Doyle

No report this month.

GFWC Clubwoman: Judy Bertrand

Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

GFWC members are strong advocates for youth and empowering the next generation of leaders. Whether providing scholarships for college, sponsoring after-school programs, or donating clothes and books, clubwomen play a large and important role in improving the lives of young people. Ensuring healthy relationships among teens is another way members can help. Support youth and the GFWC Signature Program: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention by participating in Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month this February.

Before becoming adults, one in three U.S. teens will experience physical, sexual, or emotional abuse in a relationship. Loveisrespect, an organization dedicated to helping young people prevent and end abusive relationships, is celebrating its tenth anniversary this year and offers several resources that you can use to promote Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. Respect Week 2018 takes place February 13 through 17. On February 14, raise awareness by participating in Wear Orange Day, and share photos wearing orange using the hashtags Orange 4Love and #RespectWeek 2018.

Visit <http://www.loveisrespect.org/resources/teendvmonth/> for sharable social media images and more ideas about promoting Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. You can see project ideas for Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month in the Signature Program section of the *GFWC Club Manual*. Let's use this month to start a conversation about healthy, happy relationships.

Legislation: Linda Mote

A coalition of Georgia conservation groups is rallying behind a new effort to pass a constitutional amendment that would set aside about \$40 million each year for more parks and green space, armed this year with powerful supporters and a governor who is open to the idea.

The measure, **House Bill 332**, struggled to gain traction during last year's legislative session. But conservationists are marshaling forces this year in hopes the plan can land on the November ballot. They released a poll Friday suggesting a broad majority of voters back the idea.

"This is an investment in an economic engine that's really important to the state of Georgia," said Robert Ramsay, the head of the Georgia Conservancy. "And we have that opportunity because Georgia's been so blessed with natural resources."

The legislation would dedicate 75 percent of the existing state sales tax on outdoor recreation equipment to a conservation fund to buy new parkland, protect water and wildlife, and improve existing green space.

Justice Day at the Capitol on Feb 26, to tout the success of criminal justice reform in our state;

Crossover Day on Feb. 28, **Get Georgia Reading Day** on March 5; and **Children’s Day** on March 7

Leadership: Donna Knowlton and Bernice McGuire

FOLLOWSHIP (The Forgotten Side of Leadership)

Every successful leader knows the importance of having good followers. A good leader knows how and when to be a follower herself. There are twelve qualities that are essential for good followship.

A good follower **LISTENS, HEARS, RESPONDS, OBSERVES, QUESTIONS, ANTICIPATES, ACCEPTS, PARTICIPATES, COOPERATES, CREATES, PREPARES, and EVALUATES.**

She makes specific suggestions for changes and improvements. She offers advice and constructive criticism when asked to do so. She gives “feedback” to others in the organization and has the privilege and the obligation of training with GRACE.

- Guidance
- Respect
- Accountability
- Creativity
- Excellence

Leadership Manual of GFWC Florida

“There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it.”

***Edith Wharton
Vesalius in Zante (1564)***

Stage Door Players; Sharon Clark

February 18 STAGE DOOR PLAYERS Sunday, February 18th, 2:30 PM we will be attending the performance of Picnic. Following the play we will be going to Asian Café for dinner. Sign-up at the General Meeting in February. Deadline for reservations is Friday, February 15. 770 396 1726 for play reservations. Mention DWC for seating.

Tallulah Falls School: Linda Mote, Diane Norris

No report this month.

Women in History: Lee Hedden

No report this month.

DWC COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ~2018-2020 Diane Norris dianenorris@bellsouth.net

We are excited to begin working on our two-year Community Improvement Program for 2018-2020 ~ Hightower Elementary School. Projects that we are currently working on include:

1. Reading to Kindergarten students on a daily basis. We now have 16 readers and 4 subs but can use a couple of **more readers**. If you can spare one hour, please contact Diane to get on the schedule.
2. We are collecting **Box Tops** for Education. Please bring them to the General Meeting.
3. Members can **bring** individually **wrapped snack items** to the General Meeting for fourteen teachers that are tutoring students two days each week.
4. We are strategizing with the Atlanta Area Council, Boy Scouts of America about projects that we can work on together. Stay tuned!!!
5. EIP Reading Specialist is leading "Chat and Chew" book club. We gave a donation of \$127 in 2017 that they are using to purchase books for the students. There will be 11 students from third grade meeting once a week for 30 minutes. We are in the process of submitting an application for GFWC grant to further fund this project for other grade levels.
6. At the February Home Life Meeting on February 8, 10:00 a.m. at Saint Luke's Church, we will be filling goodie bags for the staff and teachers (90) for Valentine's Day.

So, you are asking, "**How can I help?**" There are some opportunities highlighted above.

Announcements

"Please support the Dunwoody Garden Club's card party, luncheon, and fashion show. The date is February 20th from 10-2 at the Dunwoody United Methodist Church. Tickets are \$25. Contact Bonnie Barton for tickets: 770-639-3510 or bonniebarton@bellsouth.net. Deadline for ordering tickets is Feb.12.

This group has been very supportive of our projects. Also, the funds raised come back to the community."



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