



## **Dunwoody Woman's Club February 2019 Newsletter**

**President's Message: Maria Barnhart**

*What is gratitude? The dictionary defines gratitude as the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness.*

I find myself feeling a deep sense of gratitude as I reflect on my first year as President of the Dunwoody Woman's Club. First, thank you for the confidence shown to elect me as your President. Thank you to the officers and committee chairmen who supported me and partnered with me to carry out our charitable service programs. I also appreciate the hard work and dedication by club members throughout the year. You helped with home tour, day of service, assisted with many projects that made a difference in the lives of children and families. I can assure you that one person cannot do this job alone. It is a **team effort** and I give credit to each one of you for your help and support.

I am honored that I will be your President for the second year and look forward to working with everyone. Let's keep this momentum going in DWC. Thank you to the members who agreed to continue with their role and members who accepted leadership positions this year. It am so very pleased to see new members embrace leadership roles in DWC. You will be surrounded with care and support.

Strengthening our community with our work is so very important to but it is not the only purpose. As we start a new year let's remember that membership in GFWC is more than our charitable work. We want to provide leadership opportunities and enrich the lives of its members through personal growth. And with all of these activities we form lasting friendships, which is a gift. And remember that we have fun along the way. I encourage you to watch for opportunities this year to take a small job or a bigger job in the leadership of our club. We need you and want you to share your talents with us. We want DWC to remain strong in our community for years to come.

Do not forget that **Installation of Officers and Chairmen takes place at the General Meeting on February 21 at the Dunwoody Library, Williams Room. 9:30 am light refreshments/ 10:00 am meeting**

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Maria Barnhart

## 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>
January 24	Conservation	First Watch	11:30
February 6	Arts	St. Luke's	10:00
February 13.	Arts	Adult Daycare of Dunwoody	10:00
February 14	Home Life	Pillow Workshop	9:30
February 28	Conservation Planning Mtg	Asian Café	11:30
March 6.	Arts	Museum of Art – Oglethorpe University	11:30
March 12	Public Issues	Making Casseroles – Saint Luke's	10:00
March 27	Card Party, Fashion show....	Saint Luke's	9:30
March 28	Joint CSP	The Abernathy Greenway	9:30

### **A Message from your Treasurer**

**Dues for 2019 were due in January**

**Dues are considered delinquent on February 1st.**

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

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 your request to: Debra Love, DWC

Membership Chairman, at [debra1926@comcast.net](mailto:debra1926@comcast.net)

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

### **Ways and Means – Home Tour: Chris Cox**

No report

**Membership: Debra Love: [debra1926@comcast.net](mailto:debra1926@comcast.net)**

Please welcome Joan Smith, our newest member, at [jsmith30215@gmail.com](mailto:jsmith30215@gmail.com).

Mark your calendars for our April 18th meeting to be held at Vintage Pizza. Tickets are \$12 and include pizza, salad, soft drink, tax and tip. We will be collecting checks at the next two general meetings.

Be sure and turn in "***What's my Line***" to Debra. Tell us something extraordinary or funny about yourself – we all that one.... Forms are at the sign in table at the general meeting.

## Collectors' Corner

- Medicine Bottles with the labels removed for the Atlanta Humane Society
- Medicine Bottles with the labels on to Roswell Recycling...
- Any pet supplies can be taken to the Atlanta Humane Society on Mansell Rd and please report to Kathy the items and value
- Please bring items for this year's Card Party's **Silent Auction** to the February 21 General Meeting. Martha Blondheim and Tecie Thatcher will be receiving your gently used or unused items such as purses, scarves, jewelry, household items, or unwanted gifts.

**Report monetary and items donated to any of the areas in Conservation to Kathy to be included in our 2019 Conservation report to GFWC GA..**

### COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

**Arts: Jan Slater: [janetslater13@aol.com](mailto:janetslater13@aol.com) 678-629-3446**

**Feb. 13, Wed. Adult Daycare of Dunwoody - Valentine Art project with clients**  
**March 6 - Wed. Museum of Art at Oglethorpe University**

1. On Wed., Feb. 13 we will meet at the Adult Daycare of Dunwoody on Dunwoody Pl. (facility faces Cottillion) from 10-12. We will be making Valentines with the clients at the facility as we did in Oct. and Dec. We are always well received. Please take time to join us as one-one help makes it more fun. If you need more information, please call Jan at 678-629-3446.

2. On Wed., March 6th we will be going to the Museum of Art at Oglethorpe University. The exhibit is called "Stories Without an End: Power, Beauty and Wisdom of Women in African Art of the Mehta Collection" The Museum does not open until 12:00. We will go to lunch (place to be announced later) at 11:30 and proceed to the museum about 1:00. Admission to the museum is \$5.

Carpool: Meet at Saint Luke's Presbyterian Church at 11:00.

Other Events in the area:

1. 11th Annual Student and Instructor Jewelry Sale - Feb. 10th from 11 am - 5 pm at the Spruill Center for the Arts on Chamblee-Dunwoody Rd.
2. New Hallway Exhibit "Everything Will Be OK" through Feb. 28. Closing reception/Thurs., Feb. 28 6-8.
3. Calling all artists--enter the next exhibit "Looking Good on Paper" Submit entries Feb. 12-13. Exhibit opens with a reception on Feb. 21. Spruill GALLERY on Ashford-Dunwoody Rd.
4. Atlanta Jewish Film Festival - Wed., Feb. 6-Tues., Feb. 26. For complete list of films AJFF.org.
5. Save the Date - ARTISTIC AFFAIRS fundraising event - March 23 at the Atlanta Athletic Club.

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**Feb.28 Lunch with Brent Walker and Planning Meeting**

**March 28, Tour of Abernathy Greenway with Linda Bain and Spruill Guild**

On **Feb. 28th** we will meet at **The Asian Cafe at 11:30** to dine with **Brent Walker, Director of Parks and Recreation** and after lunch do our planning for the Conservation year..Please bring ideas for projects and programs and with any luck we will be able to implement them this year

Thanks to all of you who contributed to **PAWS** at our Jan. field trip, it was awesome...

**March 28th 9:30** we will carpool to **The Abernathy Greenway** for a tour with SS Conservancy's Linda Bain and the Spruill Guild.

**Adopt-A-Bench:** The Conservation Program has incorporated this project as part of our plan of work. Meredy Shortal, as chairman, reports that the Adopt-A-Bench project is alive and well under the wing of the Conservation Program, a truly natural fit for park benches...Valentine's Day would be a great time to gift one to a sweetheart.

**Dunwoody Nature Center: Summer Camp** Registration Opened Feb 1 for members and some classes still have openings, but hurry... The slots go very quickly so become a member and be first on the list next year. to register for any programs or to see their newsletter contact the center at

[dunwoodynature.org](http://dunwoodynature.org). **The Great Backyard Bird Count**, Pat says classes for adults and children will be on February 15-16-17-18 from 10 to 11 with actual bird watching and data collection to follow. Join us for a fun evening for **Galentine's Day Pinot and Picasso** on Feb. 13 from 6:30 to 9:00. Contact DNC for information at [www.dunwoodynature.org](http://www.dunwoodynature.org). And most importantly, we announce our new *Executive Director, Michael Cowan* to the community; he will be speaking to DWC in the near future, we welcome him as he continues to carry out our mission in Dunwoody Park..

**Lost Corner:** Diana reports that members are renewing their memberships to the garden beds for the year. **Master Gardener Lecture:** February 18, 7-8:30pm is on Lawn Care for Spring & Summer.....

**Family Nature Series-Walks & Talks** with Rosanne Guerra will be about Deer on Feb 9 at 6:30pm....

**History & Ecology Lectures,** The Natural History of Sandy Springs is Feb. 21st from 7 to 8:30pm...

Register at: [friendsoflostcorner.org](http://friendsoflostcorner.org) under Programs & Classes...

**Master Gardeners at Brook Run:** Nancy reports that on January 12th (second Sat) from 11-12 at the Greenhouse Barn by the Skate Park, this lecture will be **Companion Planting**. Richard Osterholtz will speak on how growing certain plants together can benefit all the plants, what to grow together and what not to grow near one another...

**Tips: Please plant trees** this month for **Arbor Day**... Trees Atlanta is offering to plant Neighbor trees in your yard or parks, or contact Arbor Day Foundation for 10 seedlings to plant at the Lost Corner Preserve.. If you do plant trees please let Kathy know as it's the GFWC Grand Initiative for Conservation. in 2019 we again will be asked to plant 56 trees for DWC...

**Riverkeeper** will be hosting a Sweep the Hooch on April 6, contact them to sign up to clean up local creeks, the river or the banks of Lake Lanier, [www.chattahoochee.org](http://www.chattahoochee.org). They have in 2018 had 4,015 students receiving full scholarship to floating classrooms, distributed 598 rain barrels to homeowners, and removed 32 tons of trash from the watershed. Now is time to fertilize all plants and lawns. Cut back ornamental grasses

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The Friends of the Dunwoody Library hosts fantastic sales three times a year. Thank you to everyone who donated items and shopped at the sale. It was a successful one and the community that enjoys the programs and services at this location appreciate your help. Their next sale is in May and they need inventory to sell. Do you have books, cd's, DVD's, magazines, puzzles, or vinyl records you no longer 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](mailto:sirwit@comcast.net)) how many items you donated this year so I can include it in my report.

Thank you to all the members and spouses who read to the Kindergarten students at Hightower Elementary. They really enjoy having different people read to them. The volunteers all report back that it's a great experience for them as well. We read most days (Monday to Friday) from 12:30 to 1:30 pm. The library will have books ready for you so all you need to do is show up. Diane Norris generously manages the schedule. If you can help out, please let her know ([dianenorris@bellsouth.net](mailto:dianenorris@bellsouth.net)). She'll let you know what dates are open. You can also join the "sub list" if you don't know when you are available. Diane will reach out to you when you are needed.

**Home Life Community Service: Susan Crawford**  
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Many thanks to all who brought items to January's General Meeting for both the **Totes 2 Tots** and the GFWC Georgia MLK Day of Service **Pack the Pantry** for Ronald McDonald Houses events. We collected and delivered 74 totes for foster children and approximately \$778 worth of pantry items to the Gatewood and Peachtree-Dunwoody Ronald McDonald Houses. These generous donations were greatly appreciated by both of these worthwhile organizations.

**February is American Heart Month (below is from the GFWC GA Monthly Connections)**

“As women, we tend to put others ahead of ourselves. But if we don't take care of ourselves, we can't take care of everyone else around us. If you don't make your health a priority, who will? Making a commitment to your health isn't something you have to do alone, invite your family and friends to achieve better health goals with you and make a **Go Red Healthy Behavior Commitment** today.

**“Journey to Healthy Living”. The meaning of GO RED:**

**G:** GET YOUR NUMBERS - Ask your doctor to check your blood pressure and cholesterol.

**O:** OWN YOUR LIFESTYLE - Stop smoking, lose weight, exercise and eat healthy.

**R:** REALIZE YOUR RISK - Heart disease kills one of three women.

**E:** EDUCATE YOUR FAMILY - Make healthy food choices for you and your family and teach your family the importance of staying active.

**D:** DON'T BE SILENT - Tell every woman you know that heart disease is our No. 1 killer.”

This month's **Walk with a Doc** from 9-10am on February 9 on the Brook Run Park front field will host Dr. Gina Lundberg as she discusses Heart Health.

**Remember to wear RED on Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at the General Meeting.**

### **Upcoming Programs**

#### **Ongoing HeartScarves Program**

Last March our club sent 30 knitted scarves to The National Coalition for Women with Heart Disease's HeartScarves project. These scarves are distributed in hospitals and at support network meetings and provide comfort, support, and encouragement for women with heart disease. These red scarves can be knitted or crocheted and need to measure about 3-4 inches by 50-60 inches. Please bring completed scarves to the **March** general meeting.

#### **February 14 Home Life Pillow Stuffing & Hightower Teacher Valentine Bags 9:30am**

Please join us in stuffing and sewing up pillows for cancer patients at Northside Hospital. This is a very worthwhile project and no sewing experience is needed. Afterwards we will assemble Valentine goodie bags for the Hightower teachers and staff so **please bring a bag of individually wrapped candy with you.** We will meet in the Session Room at Saint Luke's Presbyterian Church.

#### **March 6 Home Life Dunwoody DowWagers 1:15 pm**

The Dunwoody DowWagers Investment Club meets the first Wednesday of each month in the Dunwoody Country Club's Card Room. Please contact Marilyn Dumon or Diane Norris if you are interested in joining this group.

#### **March 27 Home Life Annual Card Party, Fashion Show, Silent Auction and Luncheon**

Our **Annual Card Party, Fashion Show, Silent Auction and Luncheon** will be Wednesday, March 27, from 9:30am-2:00pm at Saint Luke's Presbyterian Church. Please bring your **Silent Auction items** for Martha Blondheim and Tecie Thatcher to the **February 21 General Meeting**. You can also purchase \$25 tickets at that time.

#### **March 28 Joint CSP Event Playable Art Park on Abernathy Greenway 9:30am**

We will meet at Saint Luke's Presbyterian Church's Manhasset parking lot to carpool for a tour of this park and be joined there by members of the Spruill Guild. Linda Bain, the visionary for this green space, will be our speaker and lunch will follow at Hammock's. Please plan to join us!

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These are the **international days** currently observed by the United Nations. The United Nations designates specific days, weeks, years and decades as occasions to mark particular events or topics in order to promote, through awareness and action, the objectives of the Organization.

**4 February-World Cancer Day**-Nearly every family in the world is touched by cancer, which is now responsible for almost one in six deaths globally. On World Cancer Day (4 February) WHO highlights that cancer no longer needs to be a death sentence, as the capacity exists to reduce its burden and improve the survival and quality of life of people living with the disease.

**6 February-International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation** -Female genital mutilation (FGM) comprises all procedures that involve altering or injuring the female genitalia for non-medical reasons and is recognized internationally as a violation of the human rights of girls and women. Globally, it is estimated that at least 200 million girls and women alive today have undergone some form of FGM.

**11 February-International Day of Women and Girls in Science** -Over the past 15 years, the global community has made a lot of effort in inspiring and engaging women and girls in science. Unfortunately, women and girls continued to be excluded from participating fully in science. According to a study conducted in 14 countries, the probability for female students of graduating with a Bachelor's degree, Master's degree and Doctor's degree in science-related field are 18%, 8% and 2% respectively, while the percentages of male students are 37%, 18% and 6%.

**20 February=World Day of Social Justice** -"Migrant workers, like all workers, are entitled to fair treatment and fair treatment for migrant workers is also key to preserving the social fabric of our societies and to sustainable development." — *Message from ILO Director-General, Mr. Guy Ryder*

**21 February-International Mother Language Day**-has been observed every year since February 2000 to promote linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism at least 43% of the estimated 6000 languages spoken in the world are endangered. Only a few hundred languages have genuinely been given a place in education systems and the public domain, and less than a hundred are used in the digital world. **Every two weeks a language disappears taking with it an entire cultural and intellectual heritage.**

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### **Dates to Remember**

**February 2019 - Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month**

**3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> – National Burn Awareness Week**

Public Issues Program welcomes all new members to attend our meetings. We encourage new and current members to suggest new programs and speakers. We are always open for new ideas. Let us know.

Thanks to all members who attended the February Arts Program at St. Luke's Church and created Valentines and signed birthday cards for the Veterans at the VA Hospital and Nursing Home. It was a fun meeting...lots of laughter.

### **Upcoming Programs**

**March 12<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 – 12:00 pm – St. Luke's Presbyterian Church** – We're making casseroles for the Domestic Violence Safe House. Sign up and bring an apron!

## **Standing Committees**

### **Book Club: Jean Kammerer**

The DWC Book Club met for our usual first Tuesday meeting on February 5 at St. Luke's at 1:15 PM. Judy Kane led us in discussion of The Great Alone by Kristen Hannah. This is about a family that moved to Alaska and lived "off the grid." It was a rousing discussion for this interesting book. Next month we will meet on March 5 and discuss Conclave by Robert Harris and led by Marcia Seaton. This novel is about the politics and process of electing a new Pope. Join us. All are welcome.

### **GFWC Clubwoman: Judy Bertrand**

As a reminder, one of the GFWC Grand Initiatives is the planting of trees in every state and by every club. GFWC DWC has planted over 60 trees in 2018 and would like to do it again in 2019.

Since February is Georgia Arbor Tree month, you are encouraged to plant a tree in your yard, as a gift to family or friends or donate a tree to a local park (must be a native species) and let Kathy Hanna or Su Ellis know what you have done.

### **Legislation: Linda Mote**

Information on the State House and State Senate Leadership

Of the 180 members of the House of Representatives, Republicans hold 104 seats and Democrats hold 75 seats. There is one vacant seat in the House. The Senate has 56 members, comprised of 35 Republicans and 21 Democrats. For each chamber, a simple majority vote requires 50% plus 1 vote. That means 91 "yea" votes for passage in the House and 29 "yea" votes for the Senate. Each Chamber requires a 2/3 majority vote to pass a constitutional amendment. That means 119 votes in the House and 37 in the Senate.

### **Leadership – Donna Knowlton and Bernice McGuire**

#### **HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR FEDERATION?**

1. Who is the International President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs?
2. Where is the General Federation of Women's Clubs headquarters located?
3. What is the GFWC motto?
4. How many Community Service Programs of work in GFWC?
5. How much do you pay in dues to GFWC? To GFWC Georgia?
6. Who is the President of GFWC Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs?
7. How many clubs in your district?



8. How many districts in your state?
9. Which region of GFWC does your state belong to?
10. How many states make up your region?
11. Who is the regional President?
12. What year was GFWC Georgia chartered/federated?
13. What year was the General Federation of Women's Clubs chartered?
14. Name one of the affiliate organizations to which our International President represents by serving as a board member.
15. Where and when is the next GFWC Convention?
16. Where and when was the last GFWC Convention?

How did you do? Are you Federation knowledgeable? 0-3 wrong = GFWC Star; 4-6 wrong = Time to read the Federation Story again; 6-10 wrong = Time for a crash course in Federation history; More than 10 wrong = Federation 101 is a must! **See your membership chairman today for the next orientation class.**

***“Organizational learning is an ongoing dynamic process and should become part of the organization’s DNA. The learning culture supports a community of learners where everyone teaches, everyone learns, and everyone shares knowledge.” - Karmen Blackwood, Executive Director, Beedie School of Business at Simon Fraser University, British Columbia, Canada (March 2018)***

**Stage Door Players; Sharon Clark, Lois Kroeger**

Sunday 2/17, 2:30 PM we will be going to SDP and see The Last Night Of Ballyhoo. Dinner will be at HOBNOB (where MINNI'S was). Reservations for the play 770 396 1726 - mention DWC for seating. If you are going to dinner email Sharon Clark at [sharon-clark@comcast.net](mailto:sharon-clark@comcast.net) or call 770 393 8762 by Friday 2/15.

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My local paper the Clayton Tribune featured a front page picture of Freshman Alden Gregg setting up to practice a shot at the new rifle range at Tallulah Falls School. This new campus range was made possible by parents and team coaches Tim and Kerry Stamey. They contributed their labor and expertise and saved the school thousands of dollars. The school now has an air rifle range that rivals anything in the state. The team competes in local, state, regional and national matches with USA Shooting Junior Olympics.

## Women in History: Suzanne Bentz

### **Aretha Franklin, The Queen of Soul**

Some people, like Alexander the Great and Genghis Khan, make history on the battlefield. Others, like Abraham Lincoln and Winston Churchill, win hearts and minds with stirring oration and unwavering action. Still others, like Luciano Pavarotti and Aretha Franklin, touch our souls with music that crosses all genres and reaches all ages.

Aretha Louise Franklin was born on March 25, 1942, in Memphis, Tennessee. Her father was a circuit minister; her mother an accomplished piano player and vocalist. The Franklins had a troubled marriage and eventually separated, leaving Aretha to spend time and summers with both parents until her mother's death before Aretha's tenth birthday. Aretha's grandmother and Mahalia Jackson stepped in, taking turns helping with the Franklin children, and it was during this time that Aretha learned to play the piano by ear.

Aretha also could sing, and sing she did. Her father recognized her budding talent and brought her on the road with him to perform in various churches. He also helped her sign her first recording deal with J.V.B. Records. In 1956, J.V.B. released her first single, *Never Grow Old*. At the age of 16, Aretha went on to tour with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and she would ultimately sing at his funeral in 1968.

Columbia Records took note of her, too, and signed her up in 1961. Within a year, Aretha had her first top 40 single with her rendition of *Rock-a-Bye Your Baby* with a Dixie Melody, also her first international hit. Listing Aretha's hits would take up more room than allowed in this column, but I'll bet you can recall in an instant songs like *Cry Like a Baby*, *You Made Me Love You*, and (No, No) *I'm Losing You*. When her Columbia contract expired, Aretha signed on with Atlantic Records. Then came *I Never Loved a Man* (The Way I Love You), *Baby I Love You*, *You Make Me Feel Like a Natural Woman*, *Chain of Fools*, *Think*, *I Say a Little Prayer*, and that frenzied version of Otis Redding's *Respect*, which became her signature song.

Aretha sang for Pope Francis, performed *The Star Spangled Banner* with Aaron Neville and Dr. John for Super Bowl XL, and stepped in when Pavarotti fell ill after the show had already begun to perform the opera aria *Nessun Dorma*. She has a star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame, was bestowed the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the National Medal of Arts, and became the first woman inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1987.

Perhaps President Barack Obama said it best of her in 2015: "American history wells up when Aretha sings. Nobody embodies more fully the connection between the African-American spiritual, the blues, R&B, rock and roll — the way that hardship and sorrow were transformed into something full of beauty and vitality and hope."

Aretha Franklin died on August 13, 2018, under hospice care and surrounded by family and friends. Despite worldwide acclaim, her personal life was not always easy. But the Queen of Soul passed with the respect of the world as her legacy

**DWC COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ~2018-2020     Diane Norris**

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No report.



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