



Dunwoody Woman's Club
March 2020 Newsletter
President's Message: Susan Crawford

What an honor it is to be elected as this year's DWC's President! I really appreciate all the support I've received from so many of you and look forward to working with all of you during this next year.

I have chosen the gardenia as my symbol. My husband, Dohrm, and I have always done our own gardening. When we moved to Dunwoody from New Orleans over 30 years ago we inherited 5 gardenia plants in our yard. Through the years they have survived freezing temps and droughts so well that we must cut them back every few years to ensure a view of the woods behind our home. They bloom during Dunwoody High School's graduation week and I incorporated them into my outfits for both our children's DHS graduations. Gardenias have been a constant during our years here and therefore seemed a perfect Dunwoody symbol for me.

This newsletter is full of exciting new events for this Spring. Please check them out carefully and find some activities that warrant your participation. You will notice that this issue uses the new CSP names. There will be more information about these changes in upcoming months. Our Chairmen continue to work hard to find interesting programs and General Meeting speakers and really appreciate your attendance. I promise that when you attend these events you will learn something new and have fun! And so many of them support important non-profit organizations in our community.

Looking forward to seeing you at some of these events soon!

Susan

Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event Sponsor</u>	<u>Meeting Place/Carpool Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
Mar 12	Health & Wellness	Declutter/Home Organization Session Room St. Luke's	10:00
Mar 17	Education & Libraries	Jennifer Boettcher – 2020 Census and You St Luke's Session Room	10:00
Mar 19	General Meeting	Vintage Pizza – Speaker Vincent C Crawford	10:45
Mar 25	Health & Wellness	Annual Card Party, Fashion Show St. Luke's Great Hall	9:30
Mar 26	Environment	Cindy Hodges on Bees at Lost Corner Preserve Carpool from St. Luke's	9:30
Apr 1	Civic Engagement & Outreach Arts and Culture	Trip to Callanwolde Fine Arts Center Carpool from St. Luke's	9:15
Apr 23	Environment Arts and Culture	Atlanta Audubon Tour Huff Harrington Fine Art Gallery	
Apr 25		Day of Service-Kroger/Orchard Park	10:00

VINTAGE PIZZA – Thursday, March 19th 5510 Chamblee Dunwoody Road

March General Meeting LUNCHEON Date: Thursday, March 19, 2020

Sign in 10:45 am Meeting 11:00 am

Menu: Pizza & Salad Buffet with choice of non-alcoholic beverage Cost: \$12:00/Person (Includes tax and gratuity) Free for guests. The club will pay for guests to this luncheon meeting.

RSVP: Required with Payment by March 12, 2020 Make check out to Kim Reuning. If mailing check send to: Kim Reuning 250 Summerhouse Lane Sandy Springs, GA 30350 Phone: 404-434-0974 Email: kimreuning@hotmail.com

Collections for March – Due to limited space at Vintage Pizza, we will have no collections this month.

Ways and Means – Home Tour: Maria Barnhart mariavbarnhart@gmail.com
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Home Tour - Here we go! We are starting preparation of our major fundraiser that provides the funds for our charitable projects. Can you believe this is our **48th Annual Home Tour?** The home tour is an enjoyable day and it takes a team effort for the tour to be successful. We need your support and help. I have some leads on homes but please contact me with suggestions for homes. I am in the process of filling all chairmen positions of the Home Tour Committee and I need your help. **The Home Tour Committee so far:**

Home Tour Chairman: Maria Barnhart

Head Hostess Chairmen: Martha Blondheim and Jill Jordan (Co-Chairmen)

Home selection committee: Maria Barnhart, Susan Crawford, Diane Norris, Martha Blondheim, Jill Jordan, Suzanne Bentz, Bernice McGuire

Publicity: Debra Love, Suzanne Bentz, Bernice McGuire

Posters and Pole Banners: Diane Norris

Permit City of Dunwoody: Donna Fullilove

Florists: Kathy Hanna (Chairman)

Ticket Layout: Mount Vernon Printing

Ticket Distribution: Donna Fullilove (Chairman) and Faye Cashwell (individual tickets), Kim Reuning (business tickets)

Homeowner Gifts: Diane Norris

Sponsorships: Maria Barnhart, Pat Troxel

Important Note: We always need help calling on our sponsors. Contact Maria Barnhart at mariavbarnhart@gmail.com or 404-310-0546 if you can help, have questions, or have a suggestion for a home.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

Arts and Culture: Jo Ann Kostkan jokostkan@gmail.com 513-478-2653

Upcoming Programs:

Wednesday, April 1 10am-noon Callanwolde Fine Arts Center

Arts & Culture and Civic Engagement & Outreach (Public Issues) are hosting a joint event. We will be carpooling from St. Luke's at 9:15 am to Callanwolde Fine Arts Center (free admission and parking) for a docent-led tour of the Candler mansion and art gallery. The gallery is featuring "Art from the Inside," an annual show and sale of prison inmate artwork sponsored by Heartbound Ministries. Proceeds benefit Heartbound Ministries' Little Readers Program which allows children to see and hear their incarcerated parents reading books to them. Lunch to follow at Murphy's.

Thursday, April 23 Huff Harrington Fine Art Gallery

On Thursday, April 23, following Environment's (Conservation) Atlanta Audubon/Blue Heron Nature Preserve outing and lunch, anyone interested can join Jo Ann Kostkan at Huff Harrington Fine Art Gallery. It is located behind Mirko Pasta where Conservation will have lunch. The gallery features artwork from around the world and is available for purchase.

Other Arts and Culture Events in the Area

1. March is Youth Art Month and National Craft Month
2. Spruill Gallery "Questionable Origins" sculptural exhibit through April 25
3. Spruill Center for the Arts Guild "Artistic Affair" fundraiser March 21 at Atlanta Athletic Club
4. The American Craft Show March 13-15 at Cobb Galleria Centre, Marietta
5. Chattahoochee Handweavers Guild featuring Pat Williams, Tapestry Artist, March 21, 11 am, North DeKalb Cultural Arts Center
6. "Unity," an evening of dance by Moving in the Spirit students at MLK Jr. Middle School, March 14, 7 pm.

Civic Engagement and Outreach (Public Issues) – Donna Knowlton

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Dates to Remember

Sunday, March 8th – Daylight Savings Time – Change battery in smoke alarm.

Thursday, March 12th – National Girl Scout Day – National Girl Scout Day is observed annually on March 12th. Girl Scouting in the United States of America began on this day, March 12, 1912, when Juliette Gordon Low organized the first Girl Scout troop meeting in Savannah, Georgia.

March 15 – 21st – Poison Prevention Week – Be prepared for poisoning emergencies by saving the Poison Help line in your phone today, **1-800-222-1222!**

Upcoming Programs

Thursday, March 19th – March General Meeting at Vintage Pizzeria – The speaker will be Vincent C. Crawford, Chief Judge of the DeKalb County Juvenile Court.

Wednesday, April 1st – Civic Engagement & Outreach (Public Issues) will join Arts and Culture for a trip to the Callanwolde Fine Arts Center to view "Art from the Inside" - art that has been created by Georgia prisoners. The art is for sale. Proceeds will go to HeartBound's Little Reader programs which allows children of incarcerated parents to see and hear their parents reading to them via DVD. Details to follow.

Civic Engagement and Outreach: continued

DAY OF SERVICE: SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH

Co-Chairmen: Beverly Clark and Donna Knowlton

Our GFWC **Day of Service** event this year will be Saturday, April 25, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, at the Orchard Park Kroger. We will be collecting personal care items for both the Domestic Violence Safe House and Family Promise and will be assisted by a local Girl Scout troop. We have a few \$12 shirts left from last year. You can sign up for one of the shifts at the March General Meeting and again in April. We are looking forward to another successful **Day of Service** event and collecting many items for these two worthwhile programs.

Education and Libraries: Dottie D'Angelo

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Tuesday March 17th, 10:00a.m. 2020 Census and You!

Invite your friends and neighbors!

The state of Georgia has lost out on over \$3 billion over the last decade due to census under-counting. Learn how to answer the questions on the 2020 Census so our state is awarded the money we are entitled to because of our population.

Join us in the Session Room at St. Luke's Presbyterian Church, to find out what to expect from the 2020 Census. Our Speaker will be Jennifer Boettcher who is the Director of Communications for the city of Dunwoody. Jennifer is also a previous Atlanta TV personality.

Just in Case Box"

During 2020 Education is going to be collecting "emergency teacher supplies" for the staff at Hightower. We would like donations of lip balm, gold stars, stickers, mints, emery boards, fabric glue, small sewing kits, safety pins, etc. We will have a box at the general meeting in April for collection.

Environment (Conservation): Kathy Hanna, kak1941@aol.com Nancy Baldwin, nbaldwin@bellsouth.net & Gang

The Environment Dates:

March 26, 10:00-12:00 Cindy Hodges on Bees at Lost Corner Preserve

April 23, 9:30-2:00 Atlanta Audubon tour, lunch a Mirko, Arts tour of Huff, Harrington Gallery

Special thanks to Lyn, Kay and Karen and all who attended a tour of the Roswell Recycling Center and The Tavern for lunch. Great day for one and all.

March 26 we will meet at Saint Luke's at 9:30 to carpool to Lost Corner Preserve (Limited parking) for our program with Cindy Hodges on Bee Keeping and talk about what we can do to help our pollinators. Hopefully she will bring her local honey which we can purchase for spring, I take some every day in the spring to help with allergies. Lunch to follow at Hammock's.

Adopt-A-Bench: Meredy is continuing to place benches in our local parks, if you want to leave a legacy and provide sitting spots in our parks please contact her for more information. They make a wonderful gift.

Audubon: Joann has planned a tour of **Blue Heron Park and the Atlanta Audubon** facility for **April 23**, lunch at our favorite spot and then a gallery tour for the Art's CSP.

Dunwoody Nature Center: Pat reports: Dunwoody Park is beautiful and peaceful in every season.

They are taking reservations for Summer Camp 2020! Check out the web site for availabilities for these camps. Girl Scout Adventure Day is Saturday **March 14:** Calling Daisies, Brownies and Junior for a full day of activities. DNC's biggest fundraiser is also the most fun party of the year, **Monarchs and**

Environment: continued

Margaritas and Bee's Knees will be April 25th, where you will be treated to an exceptional evening of festivities. The North Woods Pavilion is awesome and this versatile venue is available for your event, DWC is hosting the NW District Meeting there **March 21**, please join us. See the site for event details and about Free First Saturday & Friday Night Hikes. See You there! Contact the Center for any information and to register at www.dunwoodynature.org or call 770-394-3322

Lost Corner: Diana reports **Volunteer Day is March 14 from 9-12** Bring water, gloves & garden tools. All ages are welcome and information for classes is at www.friendsoflostcorner.org. North Fulton Master Gardener Mondays Class-Good Soil and Composting is **March 9th** from 7-8:30PM. The Fragrant Garden is Monday, **March 16** 7:00 PM to 8:30. The Basics of Vegetable Gardening Monday **March 23rd** 7:00-8:30PM and Hydrangeas: How to Plant, Grow and Prune, **March 30th** 7:00-8:30PM. Sandy Springs Photography Club meets on the First Tuesdays of each month from 6-8PM

Pebble Tossers: Cora reports. These children and their adult partners spent 750 hours sorting, assembling and distributing hygiene kits for the homeless and in 2019 had 1317 members doing 202 projects. Nice job.

Master Gardeners: Upcoming Brook Run 2nd Sat programs. **March 14 on Lawn & Turf**, with David Alspaugh. These programs are 11-12 at the Brook Run Park's Barn and are free.

Tips: Please plant trees now. Trees Atlanta is offering to plant **Neighbortrees** in your yard or parks or contact Arbor Day Foundation for 10 seedlings. If you do plant trees please let Kathy know. This is the season to plant, please consider native plants and plants that help our pollinators. Don't know what to do with odd recyclables? **CHARM** does, see what they will take at livethrive.org/charm.

Margie shared that Cheerios will send you 500 wildflower seeds for free if you have a sunny place to plant. Go to www.borredpanda.com/cherrios-save-bees-free-wildflower-seeds/ and order yours.

Health and Wellness (Hone Life): Karen Turner & Deborah Gault

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Annual Card Party, Fashion Show, Silent Auction and Luncheon

Wednesday, March 25th ~ 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Saint Luke's Presbyterian Church

Tickets: \$25 each

Proceeds designated to **Camp Sunshine and Ronald McDonald House
Operation Smile and BrightPoint for Children**

Invite your friends and make plans now to attend our Annual Card Party, Fashion Show, Silent Auction and Luncheon to be held on Wednesday, March 25, from 9:30am- 2:00pm at Saint Luke's Presbyterian Church. You can purchase \$25 tickets at the March Lunch Meeting at Vintage Pizza. You can also call Diane Norris at 678-772-0109 to reserve table(s). A variety of board games will be available for those who don't play cards. Your attendance will help our club support this annual fundraiser for Children's Charities. We need donations for the auction such as household items, "unwanted gift(s)", purses, jewelry, scarf, accessories., etc. You may bring any silent auction items to the March Meeting at Vintage Pizza.

Imagine how successful this auction could be if everyone contributes!

Questions: Martha Blondheim 770-457-6670 or Tecie Thatcher 770-394-3503

We are excited to report that Chico's at North Point will be showing their beautiful clothing for the fashion show. Thanks to the following members for agreeing to model: Beverly Clark, Carolyn Daniels, Deborah Gault, JoAnn Kostkan, Noreen Rabin, Meredy Shortal, Joan Smith, Karen Turner. If your name is not on the list and you would like to model, let us know.

We also need card tables. If you have card table(s) that you would be willing to loan, you can drop them off at Saint Luke's Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, March 24 at 2:00 pm.

Health and Wellness: continued

Upcoming Programs

March 12 Redesign and Freshen Your Home/Declutter/Home Organization 10:00 am - noon, Session Room, Saint Luke's Presbyterian Church. This program will be presented by professional home stager/designer who will also have a drawing among the attendees with the winner receiving one hour of her professional time.

March 12 Meals with Meaning ~ Roswell Historic Cottage, 972 Alpharetta Street, Roswell ~ 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. For tickets and more information contact: www.familypromisefd.org/events
Tickets are \$75, with proceeds benefitting **Family Promise**. Andrea Brantley of Family Promise will be the speaker at our April General Meeting and hopefully will be joining our group soon. It would be great to support this worthwhile community program.

April 9 Everyone needs to keep up with what is coming down the road with your Medicare. We are privileged to have **The Medicare Caddy** as our speaker to let us know how to keep money in our pockets. Thanks to Debra Love who has heard the presentation and thought we would gain lots of helpful information, as she did! It will be at 10:00 at Saint Luke's Presbyterian Church. Room will be announced closer to the date.

Ongoing-Yoga Class - An opportunity for our members to gain more strength and balance. Kathy Hanna, with her persuasive, winning way, has gotten us a wonderful price of \$10 a class. The class is on Mondays at 1:00 and some have already attended and really enjoy it. Please let Kathy Hanna know if you are interested and we will also put it on our sign up sheet.

We wish to thank Nancy Reid for presenting an overview of the benefits of essential oils at our February meeting. She discussed the many areas benefitted such as replacing harmful chemicals in cleaners, minimizing pain and stress and just contributing to a total sense of wellbeing.

International Outreach: Linda Mote 678-429-0570
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I mailed a box of supplies to Operation Smile and they were grateful for what we sent. They are still in need of many items, but it is expensive to ship boxes, so we won't send one for a while. We have scheduled Anne Hallum of AIR Guatemala for the Oct General meeting. She is an awesome speaker, so I am looking forward to having her again. Since IO will have been absorbed by then we will report this under Environment (Conservation).

Over 350 Georgians advocate for refugees at the Capitol.

On February 13th, the IRC in Atlanta's staff, clients, and volunteers joined fellow advocates at the Georgia State Capitol for the seventh annual New Americans Celebration. Hosted by the Coalition of Refugee Service Agencies, this is an annual day of education and outreach for refugees, immigrants, and Georgia community members who support them.

We are looking forward to the Card Party on March 25th. This is always a wonderful event in which, we raise funds for four children's charities. Plan to spend at the silent auction. We hope you will enjoy the breakfast snacks and then the lunch prepared by Donna, Kim and me. The menu is one of most people's favorites with Donna's frozen salad, Kim's cheese straws and a curried chicken salad with mini cupcakes for dessert.

We need donations of mini cupcakes so if you can bring please sign up at the March luncheon meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Book Club: Jean Kammerer

The March 3rd meeting of the book club will consider new books for the coming year. Anyone can suggest a book, with a bit of information about the book, and then we will vote on the ones we want to read and discuss for the coming year. We will meet in the parlor at St. Luke's Presbyterian Church at 1:15 on March 3rd, which is the first Tuesday of each month. All are welcome. Come and try out the book club group.

GFWC Clubwoman: Judy Bertrand

The Final Countdown Until Dr. Seuss' Birthday



The birthday of best known as Dr. Seuss, is March 2 ! What can we as a club have do to help children in need learn how to read?

Volunteering to read to the kindergarten children at Hightower Elementary School is just one way to give of our time and the children love to have us involved in their school day. Please consider this opportunity - it's a lot of fun!

Help to ensure 4,200+ more books are donated by June 30 to schools, Head Start programs, and other places dedicated to making a difference in the lives of children. The goal of the 2018–2020 Administration is to donate a total of 55,000 Dr. Seuss books directly to clubs' local communities.

Legislation: Joan Smith

No report this month

Leadership – Terry Kemp

What does being a leader mean, anyway? A modern leader has self-confidence and works for a higher purpose. They embrace change and approach learning as a lifelong process.

Develop Leadership Skills While Volunteering

You can develop all those qualities through volunteering. It's all about having the right approach. Volunteering is an extremely valuable chance for further developing yourself. Below are some ways to acquire leadership skills as a volunteer, particularly in DWC.

1. Get Out of Your Comfort Zone

When you volunteer, you challenge yourself to work with new people and explore new surroundings. If you want to be a great leader, that's where you need to be exactly – outside your comfort zone. That's the thing that makes you tough and ready to face any situation.

2. Develop Your Soft Skills

When you volunteer, you may focus on developing professional skills. That's great, but you may be neglecting another important aspect. Authenticity, positivity, and confidence – these are a few of the soft skills you can develop by being part of any organization.

You develop authenticity through your contact with people. Volunteering gives you a chance to be positive as well. You're doing everything in your power to make society better, and that's the kind of positive attitude that leadership needs. Finally, you become more confident that you can make changes and that you're an important link between people.

3. Learn

Every chance to volunteer is an opportunity to learn. No matter how much you think you know, you end up realizing there are many things you don't know. There are always new goals to achieve and a clear vision to support.

Maintain that hunger for learning; you'll need it.....

4. Build a Network

Regardless of your role or the activities you sign up for in DWC, you will encounter such enthusiastic, caring, and giving women from a variety of backgrounds. You'll be in contact with people from all walks of life. It's called networking, and it's extremely important for developing leadership skills. Networking is also a great chance to work on your communication skills.

5. Be Passionate about Giving

The core principle of volunteering is giving. You help people and groups to surpass different challenges. You make society better, and that's the kind of passion you need for successful leadership. Choose a cause you're passionate about and maintain the enthusiasm throughout the process of volunteering. Then, extend that mindset to everything else you do.

Leadership: continued

6. Experiment

Volunteering gives you space for trying new things. This is your chance to take risks and handle different situations differently. When one approach doesn't work, another strategy will. You are only a volunteer, which means you're not getting paid for what you do. That means it's easier to take risks and adjust yourself to the situation as your intuition tells you to. That's leadership, right there.

Volunteering gives you benefits you can't ignore. Not only does it make you a better person, but it makes you a true leader as well. Plus, it's more fun than you assume!

Recipe for Volunteer Services

- ✓ 1 Tablespoon of **Patience**
- ✓ 1 Teaspoon of **Smiles**
- ✓ 1/2 Teaspoon of **Sincerity**
- ✓ 1/4 Teaspoon of **Dedication**

Mix all well and serve constantly.

Stage Door Players; Sharon Clark

THE OUTSIDER (comedy). March 20th-April 12. Reservations – 770 396 1726

Tallulah Falls School: Linda Mote, Diane Norris

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Thanks to Diane we were able to send Valentine cards, which included gift cards to our adopted TFS students.

We will have cards at the March meeting for you to write a note of congratulations to the graduating seniors at TFS. This is for the Green Envelope project where clubs send cards so that each student receives cards of congratulations, which are given to them in a big Green Envelope on Graduation day.

Women in History: Suzanne Bentz

Grace O'Malley, She-King of the Irish Seas

Legend has it that Saint Patrick drove snakes out of Ireland. Irish legend also has immortalized the exploits of one plucky colleen who struck fear into 16th century England as she fought to drive the British from Ireland and gain independence for her country.

Grace O'Malley (Gráinne Ní Mháille, or Grania) was born in Ireland around 1530, daughter of a wealthy nobleman and sea trader, Dubhdara O'Malley, who commanded the biggest fleet of ships in Ireland. Upon her father's death, Grace took over leadership of her father's lands and interests, despite having a brother who traditionally might have ascended to the lordship, proving feminist causes have popped up throughout the ages. Marriage to Donal the Warlike brought Grace greater wealth and influence. Some say she had at least 1,000 head of cattle and horses. To the English crown, however, Grace was just a thieving pirate who controlled the coastlines through intimidation and plunder.

Women in History: continued

“Through the course of her life, Grace raised and led armies, commanded a fleet of ships, was captured (twice), imprisoned, faced execution, secured her freedom (twice), fought pirates, was a master of negotiation.” In her spare time she raised four children through her marriage to Donal and a second husband, Tibbot Bourke. This busy, focused lady would have made an ideal member of the Dunwoody Woman’s Club!

During one of those unfortunate imprisonments, Queen Elizabeth I hauled Grace to her court and presented her with a list of written charges, to which Grace blithely responded. The ladies spoke in Latin as Queen Elizabeth did not speak Gaelic, nor did Grace speak English. Clearly, the Auxilium Latinum program was going strong in the 16th century. Queen Elizabeth did have a bit of a scare when her guards discovered a rather big knife in the folds of Grace’s gown. Grace calmly told Elizabeth that a lady had to be careful in those troubling times. Case dismissed.

Grace’s story is told in books (my favorite is “Grania, She-King of the Irish Seas,” by Morgan Llywelyn) and in music, movies, and on stage, the latter featured at Atlanta’s Theatre Gael in 2006. To me, Grace O’Malley stands out as a fearless leader, a political pragmatist, and a skilled negotiator who fought fiercely for her family and her country. “May her soul be on God’s right hand.”



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