



GFWC Dunwoody Woman's Club January, 2017 Newsletter

President's Message: Jan Slater

With sadness, I begin this newsletter. Both Sherry and Nina were shining examples of the purposes of the GFWC Dunwoody Woman's Club. I loved the differences in their personalities and strengths. Yet they both had a love for this Club. Two very special people will be greatly missed. Be sure to turn to the Book Club report to see Sharon's tribute to Nina.

As we move on to 2017, we need to stay focused on the purposes of the GFWC Dunwoody Woman's Club as stated on page one of our DWC Yearbook. I have spent time reading the Yearbook. I especially like the poem written by Jennie June Croly on page 3. Please take time to read this. As you do, try to plug in current day kinds of "wealth" that are examples of each of the ones mentioned in the poem from 1890. Our membership has a diversity of characteristics--knowledge, skills, ages, personalities. Do you realize how wealthy we are? Let's keep these kinds of "wealth" focused on our purposes. A toast to a productive year!

Calendar

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Meeting Place/Carpool Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
Jan 10	Book Club	Dunwoody Country Club	1:15
Jan. 12	Home Life	St. Luke's	10:00
Jan. 11	Education	Panera's	9:30
Jan. 17	Sip 'n' See Sharing	Home of Joan Rush	2:00
Jan. 26	Conservation	First Watch	11:30
Feb. 5	Stage Door Players	Theater	2:30
Feb. 7	Education and Arts	St. Luke's	9:30
March 29	Card Party	St. Luke's Church	TBA

A Message from your Treasurer:

DWC dues for 2017 are now due and payable.
Dues are considered delinquent on February 1st.

New Year's Resolution – Pay 2017 DWC Dues Today!

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:** Donna Fullilove, 4975 Vernon Springs Drive, Dunwoody, GA 30338. **Active: \$60, Associate \$75, Sustaining \$85.**

Pay by January 31 to avoid a dunning email and/or phone call from your treasurer.

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

Questions – Call Donna at 770-394-0435 or Chris at 770-668-9362.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

Arts: Kim Reuning, Joan Rush

Arts: Kim Reuning, <mailto:kimreuning@hotmail.com> and Joan Rush, jrush330@aol.com

January 17th, Tuesday. Sip-See-N-Share! This event will take place at Joan Rush's home. Time is 2-5pm. We all have talents! Bring your creations to share and show. This will be a fun afternoon of fellowship without competition or rules! Needlework, painting, writing, ceramics, and jewelry are just a few examples.

January 19th, Thursday. General Meeting Speaker. The Arts Committee presents Robert Kinsey of the Spruill Center for the Arts as our speaker. He has many things happening and we look forward to hearing from him.

February 7th, Tuesday. We are joining with the Education Committee to go on a tour of the Center for the Puppetry Arts. Why Education you say? The Center is in a building that was once a school. Many famous people of Atlanta attended the school. Some aspects of that history are still there for us to see. Thank you Ellen Austin for making this event possible.

Conservation: Kathy Hanna, Toine Ashley and Gang

CONSERVATION: Kathy Hanna kak1941@aol.com, Toine Ashley 770-395-0160

CONSERVATION: FOR THE CALENDAR: Jan. 26th 11:30 meet at First Watch to go to ASPCA on Mansell Rd. in Roswell

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We have invited the two **Dunwoody Preservation Trust Presidents** to attend the Jan. General Meeting and will be presenting them with \$1,000 for the planting of the front entry gardens at the Donaldson-Bannister House.. Make them feel welcome...

On **January 26th** we will meet for brunch at **11:30 at First Watch** before we carpool from there to the Atlanta Humane Society on Mansell Rd. Becky has made arrangements for us to tour the facility with a member of their staff beginning when they open at 1:30.... Please sign up at the meetings or let Toine or Kathy know of your plans...

On **February 23** Lyn has set a program to the **Roswell Recycling Center** for a tour and information on recycling progress followed by lunch at Sage Woodfire Grill...

Adopt-A-Bench is moving right along with Florence Fortenberry purchasing a bench in Brook Run to honor her family, their three sons and their families. Also Missy Coker at The Piedmont Bank purchased a bench to honor Fran Fuchs who has been so active in the community especially with the Spruill Center. An order for stainless steel plaques is going in soon. Now is the time to honor your loved ones. Call Meredy at 770-395-9704 and make it happen

BIRDS: Carey asks: Did you make a New Year's resolution to "get out and about" more in 2017??.... Here are some great things Atlanta Audubon is offering, great trips, workshops and monthly bird friendly gatherings: 1- Jan. 23 3:30-5:30 Audubon's Monthly Meeting at Manuel's Tavern with Dr. Iris Levin, Assistant Professor of Biology at Agnes Scott college presenting the program... 2- "Birding by Ear" a two hour program with ornithologist, Georgann Schmalz, on Sunday, Feb. 5, 1:00 to 3:00 at the Atlanta Audubon Office in N Buckhead (you will learn how to identify a bird by it's song).... 3- Shorebird Weekend on the GA Coast on May 12-14, Carey has details... 4- An Atlanta Audubon Society 14 day trip to Paraguay- Aug. 5-18...

Please remember to keep fresh water in your birdbaths and seed in your feeders for our year round birds...

DNC: Pat states: We are proud of our founding of Dunwoody Nature Center and even more proud of its success... In 2016 the Center hosted 74 Girl Scout and Cub Scout programs, 86 student field trips, 100 birthday parties, finalizing the creek restoration on Wildcat Creek, held sold-out summer camps for 800 students, conducted successful fund-raising and community awareness events-and so many additional accomplishments... Join us as we go forward! On January 16, we welcome you to volunteer for MLK Volunteer Workday and on February 1, summer camp registration begins for members only... For members of your family, the next Parenting Class begins as DNC partners with Parenting Heart on Tuesday mornings starting Jan. 10... For more information go to www.dunwoodynature.org...

MASTER GARDENERS: Nancy reports on the Brook Run Demo Gardens, they donated over 446 pounds of fresh produce to our friends at Community Assistance Center during 2016... All the MG projects in the area will be receiving a \$200 donation from DWC this month so they can begin planting in the spring.... Art Simon at DCC offered to work with the special education teacher at Dunwoody High School to create raised bed vegetable gardens as he has done this before with other programs. Each of the students, when they leave can take their garden bed with them.... We are also supporting 4 other schools with funding for their vegetable gardens...

TREES: Su encourages us all to recycle our Christmas trees.. Trees are biodegradable and having them ground up and recycled as mulch is encouraged... If you live in DeKalb County the Sanitation Division will collect them curbside Dec. 27 to Jan. 17, during regularly scheduled garbage pick up days... the trees must be 7' long or less... Fulton County will collect trees curbside during the first two weeks of January... Or, if you would like to received Dogwood or Oak seedlings recycle them at The Home Depot on Jan. 7th 9-4 both in Sandy Spring and John's Creek... If you want mulch contact Davey Tree at 770-451-7911.

WATER WISE: We are still in drought so be careful with your water use even though we aren't irrigating our yards, it still important to save water whenever and wherever we can... It looks like the state has begun to make changes to the uses of the water in Lake Lanier and those changes will be good for Atlanta...

TIPS: Keep your **thermostat at 68 degrees** and wear a sweater if need be while in your house... Sign up for solar power, contact georgiapower.com/simplesolar or call 1-800-735-7791... Upgrade to a hybrid heat pump water heater and receive up to \$550 in rebates... Keep your **cat** indoors, they kill wild birds... Do not light the night sky, birds and other species have problems especially with upward facing blue lights... Carpool and consolidate car shopping trips.

Education: Ellen Austin

January Planning Meeting- February 21st

On January 11th Education will meet at the Dunwoody Village Panera's for a Yearly Planning Meeting at 9:30. All suggestions, ideas, and members are encouraged and needed to plan a fun filled, productive year.

February Meeting- February 7th

Arts and Education are combining for a special trip to The Center for Puppetry Arts on February 7th. We will be having a guided tour of the World of Puppetry. Meeting at Saint Luke's at 9:30. Details to follow.

Home Life Community Service Program: Suzanne Bentz, Faye Cashwell

Home Life CSP Meeting will meet on January 12 at Saint Luke's Church in the first floor conference room for a Pillow Workshop beginning at 10:00 a.m. We will be stuffing and finish sewing pillows for North Side Hospital Auxiliary. They are given to all cancer patients.

We are also collecting purses for the "New to You Purse Sale" at North Side Hospital in March. Please bring them to a CSP or General Meeting.

Mark March 29th on your calendars for the Card Party. It will be held at Saint Luke's Presbyterian Church in the Fellowship Hall. We collaborate with International Issues and Home Life portion of proceeds will go to benefit Ronald McDonald House and Camp Sunshine. Tecie Thatcher and Martha Blondheim are heading up the Silent Auction and will be collecting any donations that you may have for the Silent Auction. Thanks to Gerri Penn, who is obtaining gift cards for the Silent Auction. Tickets of \$20 will be available in February.

International Outreach: Linda Mote
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Here's wishing a world at Peace in 2017. Please remember those many, many people in other countries who are living in poverty and war.

We will continue to support the projects of the International Refugee Committee, Friends of Refugees, Mommie and Me program and the Sewing Ladies Society here in our own backyard in Clarkston, GA.

One of our future programs will be Suzanne Bentz highlighting her visits to Russia. She has the most gorgeous painting of Russian trees. We hope she will have the meeting at her home so all can see this artwork.

If you have ideas for a program please let me know. I am open to all suggestions.

Save the date for our annual Card party to be held on Wednesday, March 29th at St. Luke's church. IO will be charge of preparing the lunch and the committee is working on the menu.

Public Issues: Maria Barnhart, Jan Slater

Dates to remember

January 16, 2017 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Each year, Americans across the country come together on the King Holiday to serve their neighbors and communities.

There will be no Public Issues program in January.

Thank you for your support from Public Issues

A BIG THANK YOU to those who contributed signed Christmas and Holiday cards from Dunwoody Woman's Club. Jan delivered 500 Christmas cards to the VA hospital in Decatur as a wonderful remembrance at Christmas.

On December 11, 2016 –We helped with a Veterans Recognition – Master Sergeant Cecil W. Hannaford and Lieutenant Colonel Byron Craig Brown were honored by the Georgia Military Veterans Hall of Fame. This was in conjunction with the Saint Luke's Toys for Tots concert. Reminder: Cecil fought in the Battle of the Bulge and spoke to our group in May of 2014.

Thanks to those who helped with the December program Christmas for Kids project. We helped the Dunwoody Police Department with this project. 240 children attended along with their families enjoyed a visit with Santa, refreshments, and games. The children were able to select 2 gifts from Santa's Toyland. We received a wonderful thank you from Debbie Fuse, the coordinator of this project.

Several members participated in the Wreaths Across America on Saturday December 17 at the Roswell Cemetery. This is the day of remembrance all across the country. This local event was sponsored by the Roswell Historical Society.

Standing Committees

Book Club: Sharon Doyle

The Book Club lost an invaluable and unique member with the passing in December of our beloved Nina Smith.

Invaluable because Nina was our liaison with Dunwoody Country Club where, through her generous intercession, we were able to hold our meetings.

Unique because she never, ever, under any circumstances, read the books we discussed. It wasn't that Nina didn't read. She was just very graciously candid about not being tempted by the books on our list. Our problem, not hers.

Beloved because despite not having read whatever book was under discussion, Nina showed up at every meeting. Early. In time to help arrange chairs to facilitate conversation and to be sure our popcorn and iced tea were in place. She always sat in the same spot, toward the back, on the right, her beautiful, dimpled smile lighting her corner of the room. She took obvious enjoyment in being there, not least because she knew that WE knew she made our meetings possible.

This year an unprecedented event occurred: Nina, never more than a cheerful observer at our meetings, surprised us by suggesting a book for discussion. It was John Grisham's legal thriller, "Gray Mountain." It is set in southwestern Virginia, near Wytheville, where Nina spent her childhood. She was generous in sharing happy memories of that place and time. In retrospect, a valedictory gift to us.

2016 was a year of losses keenly felt by the Book Club. First, dear Sherry Murphy and now our invaluable, unique, beloved Nina. Rest in peace, dear friends. You are missed. We cry because we've lost you. But we smile because we knew you.

We will meet at 1:15 p.m. on Tuesday, January 10, in the card room at Dunwoody Country Club. That is the room next door to the parlor where we have usually met. Our book will be "The Rosie Project," by the Australian novelist Graeme Simsion. It is available in paperback and has received excellent reviews, becoming a bestseller in many countries.

We will be looking for a few volunteers to remain for about an hour after our meeting to judge the Student Writing Contest sponsored by the Arts Program of DWC.

Our book for February will be "Sisters in Law," by Hirshan, nonfiction about our first two female Supreme Court Justices.

Many thanks to Shirley Wulfing who has agreed to be our liaison to Dunwoody Country Club going forward.

CIP Report - Diana Wood:

2017 will be a very busy year. There are classes, camps and walks to be held at Lost Corners Preserve. Both Sandy Springs Recreation and Parks and Friends of Lost Corners web sites will be posting these events. The flyers will be sent out as soon as they are available.

A Pollination Celebration will be held at the park on April 22 from 11 to 3. All Ages Are Welcomed

GFWC Clubwoman: Judy Bertrand

Human Trafficking Awareness Month with UNICEF

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month. The End Trafficking project raises awareness about child trafficking while mobilizing communities to take action to protect children. To support the End Trafficking project, the entire month of January is dedicated to fundraising for the End Trafficking project.

Learn more about the partnership at www.unicefusa.org/GFWC. If you are interested in obtaining a copy of the documentary, discussion guides, and a fundraising tool kit, please e-mail mmehta@unicefusa.org. Stay tuned for weekly facts on Human Trafficking to help YOU raise awareness throughout the month of January.

Legislation: Linda Mote

From Better Georgia: The fight for equal pay for all must continue well into 2017. According to a research study done earlier this year, women of color are more likely to live in poverty both in Georgia and around the nation. Even more disheartening to the women's equality movement is that even in 2016 women make only 81 cents for every dollar men make. But this fails to capture the true disparity that women of color experience in the workplace. African American women make just 63 cents to the dollar and Latina women are only earning 48 cents — not even half of what men are earning.

Nearly one in five Georgians live in poverty — which is just \$2,025 a month for a family of four. That's \$2,025 to cover rent, utilities, childcare, groceries, gas and everything else a family needs. This is largely the side effect of women in the workplace not being paid equally for equal jobs.

Fulton County's top government attorney recently proposed limiting the amount of open records requests one person or agency can make. This proposal would violate citizens' rights to information.

GA Family Connection Partnership: The 2017 session of the Georgia General Assembly begins Monday, Jan. 9, and will be the first year of a new two-year session. Hot topics expected during the 2017 session include health care, education, and allowing casino gambling in Georgia. Read this week's newsletter to find out more—including information about new legislators and leaders, legislative study committees, and the six bills related to children and families that have been pre-filed for the 2017 session.

Leadership: Carey Coghill, Bernice McGuire

"What the New Year brings you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the New Year."
- Vern McLellan - author, speaker, and musician.

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."
- Eleanor Roosevelt (1884-1962) - American politician, diplomat, and activist.

Wishing you a blessed New Year filled with peace, love, joy and good health.

Stage Door Players: Sharon Clark

February 5 2:30 STAGE DOOR PLAYERS

Sunday, February 5, 2:30 PM we will be attending the performance of "Death by Design".
Reservations: call 770 396 1726 - season hit 4 - non- hit 2. Mention DWC for seating.
Following the play we will be going to PF Chang's. Sign up on the clipboard at the January
General Meeting.

Women in History: Lee Hedden

Martha Stewart

Martha Helen Kostyra Stewart is an American businesswoman, writer, and television personality. Martha Stewart was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, on August 3, 1941, the second of six children to middle-class parents, Edward "Eddie" Kostyra and Martha Ruskowski Kostyra and is of entirely Polish heritage. As founder of Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia, she has gained success through a variety of business ventures, encompassing publishing, broadcasting, merchandising, and e-commerce. She has written numerous bestselling books, is the publisher of the Martha Stewart Living magazine, and hosted two long-running syndicated television shows.

Stewart's home and lifestyle empire had humble beginnings in NJ, where her mother taught her how to sew, cook and craft at an early age and her father taught her gardening. Stewart graduated from Nutley High School and attended Barnard College. To help pay her tuition, she did fashion modeling for Chanel. In 1961, she married Andrew Stewart, then a student at Yale Law School. She returned to Barnard a year after their marriage to graduate with a double major in History and Architectural History. Their only child, a daughter, Alexis, was born in 1965. The couple separated in 1987 and divorced in 1990. Stewart has two grandchildren.

After a brief stint as a stockbroker, Stewart began a catering business with a friend. Her relationship with publishing clients soon led to a book deal. In 1997, Stewart channeled her various ventures into a single company, Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia, which went public in 1999 and made Stewart wealthy. Stewart faced insider-trading allegations in 2001, for which she would serve a five-month prison stint in 2004. After her 2005 release, Stewart bounced back with a Kmart home-goods collaboration and a new TV show, The Apprentice: Martha Stewart. Her company has expanded in recent years to launch Martha Stewart-stamped houses, floor

coverings, furniture, wines and even video. Over the past two decades, Stewart's influence on the way people entertain, decorate, cook and design has been unrivaled. Stewart currently resides in Katonah, a hamlet of the town of Bedford, New York.

Tallulah Falls School: Linda Mote

In memory of our DWC TFS chairman Nina Smith.

Four of us were able to attend her services in Franklin, NC, held in a peaceful small rustic church. The old family plot is on a beautiful tree covered hillside. Mr. Peevy, President of TFS School along with his wife Dinah attended the service. Three GFWC North GA members also attended. Nina will be missed by all, but especially by her TFS friends.

From an article in the Clayton Tribune, Clayton GA:

“Madeline McClurg of Clarkesville, GA a sophomore at Tallulah Falls School has been selected for the 2017 High School Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall. She will perform second soprano with the Honors Concert Choir.” Madeline auditioned earlier in the year and was chosen from over 18,000 nominations. The performance will be held on Feb. 5th.

TFS wins Jingle Bell invite. Both men’s and women’s varsity Indians swept the Habersham Central High School Invitational swim meet.

The TFS basketball team is on a winning streak and hopes are that they will continue they are 9-0 overall and 4-0 in the conference.”

The Clayton Tribune printed an insert called Ridges & Reflections Women of Rabun County. The first woman featured is Mary Ann Lipscomb founder of TFS. We will share this article with the club at our next meeting.

Four large boxes of popcorn were delivered to TFS for the boys’ and girls’ dorms. We wished them a “Popping Good Year”. Purses and jewelry were collected and given to Tallulah’s Closet where students can pick out items for their Prom. If you have jewelry, purses, old prom dresses or tuxes let us know and we will take them to TFS on our trip in the Spring.

Sunshine: Joan Grossman

Our condolences to Nina Smith’s husband, Gordon, and to their daughter Carolyn Rosing and son Gordon. Nina passed away on December 27. Graveside services were held at St. John’s Episcopal Church cemetery in Franklin, North Carolina on December 31.

Please keep in your prayers: Carolyn Jones, Priscilla Holman and her husband, Charles; Linda Bhame; Jeri Edelman; Jurell Strawn’s son, Keith; and Dot Duprow.

Announcements:

Please note the following directory changes:

- Joyce Niemann has new email: vabin2017@gmail.com
- Nancy Fonde has new address: 11816 Big Canoe, Big Canoe, GA 30143

Report of the Nominating Committee 2016

Thank you to the Nominating Committee:

Debra Love – Head; Joan Rush, Kay White, Becky Schaaf, Sheila Willibey

President – Jan Slater

Vice President – Dottie D’Angelo

Treasurer – Faye Cashwell

Membership – Chris Cox

Ways and Means – Maria Barnhart

Recording Secretary – Diane Norris

The election of the slate will take place at the January General Meeting.

The Parliamentary Advisor and Corresponding Secretary positions are appointed by the President.

Awards: Marilyn Dalrymple

Sherry Murphy Award -- The Ad Hoc Committee- Chris Cox, Ellen Austin, Maria Barnhart, Marilyn Dalrymple, Sharon Doyle, Su Ellis, Debra Love, Kim Reuning and Joan Rush.

Logo Lady-- Sharon Doyle

The Three Musketeers-- Gerri Penn, Carey Coghill and Arje' Mccarty

Angel of the Year-- Donna Fullilove

New Member of the Year-- Lynn Wright

Citizen of the Year- Diane Norris & Maria Barnhart

Club Woman of the Year-- Jan Slater

New Members Installed December, 2016
Chris Cox, Debra Love, Membership Chairs

We are pleased to welcome our 2016 new members. Please welcome them as they join our Group and Activities.

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