



Dahlongega Woman's Club

Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs

NEWSLETTER



April, 2010



A NOTE FROM BRITA

It was an amazing revelation to learn about the hidden talents of the women we already knew to be remarkable in so many other ways. The evident abilities of the entire

Home Life Committee came to light at our last meeting when we were presented with the humor, poetic prowess, and vocal expertise of these surprising ladies, not to mention the courage it took to stand before us all with their routines. The "Swap Shop" along with the contributions the Home Life members all made our enjoyable evening more remarkable. Thank you ladies for a wonderful evening.

The talents of our organization persist with continued accolades for the Senior Center Volunteer dinner. Susie Barefoot and Gail Monroe did a remarkable job organizing us all, twice! Thank you to all involved in this fantastic evening. Dr. John Raber raved about the dinner, and especially the wonderful dessert of Italian Cream Cake.

The Arts Committee was also involved in hosting a wonderful reception for the student's art work at the Cannery a few weeks ago. There was continued praise for the terrific job that all our members did to contribute to this event. Most students really take notice when their work is recognized and appreciated. You never know how you might contribute to a child's life through little acts of kindness which boost their esteem.

A sincere thank you, praise, and awards are always wonderful benefits to the activities in which we are involved, but the greater rewards may never be voiced or acknowledged. You may find the acts of kindness becomes the teacher to those around us, and returns of peace, satisfaction, and well-being the future for many.

You are an amazing group of ladies and you deserve the very best in life for all you do and all you accomplish. Thank you!

Brita Borden, President

A NOTE FROM LANA

Deborah Pullen was a guest of Marilou Kinney at the April meeting. Also remember to send your \$45.00 dues to Sue Neil by the end of the month if you have not already done so.

Ronda Davis has a new temporary mailing address:

Ronda Davis
5464 Siesta Key Loop, Ste 240
Dover, FL 33527

Lana Hootselle

A NOTE FROM MARGE

It seems we're all on our way to better understand the reason to keep track of our hours and what activities should actually be included on the new forms. At the April meeting I handed out some examples of the acceptable activities that can be included on your activity forms. Hopefully this will make it clearer to everyone what exactly we can include. If you have any questions or concerns about the forms, please don't hesitate to email or call me. You may still turn in hours/activities from the past months of January through April to me at any time. Thanks again for your cooperation in this new endeavor.

Marge Jones

ARTS

On Friday, March 19, the Dahlongega Arts Council and DWC hosted the annual Lumpkin County High School Student Art Show at the Cannery. The show had a great turnout from parents and the community, and DWC members provided the refreshments. Thanks to Debbie, Audrey, Marcie, Julie, Sue, Leah, Jo, Exie, and Sharon for helping with the refreshments, hosting, and set-up and take-down. Attached are pictures from the show.

I have received two photos from members so far for our "Year in Pictures." Attached are Lana Hootselle's winter picture and Marianne Gage's spring amaryllis. Thanks, ladies. We would appreciate more pictures!

Carol Hesse, Arts Chair

CONSERVATION

Library Gardens Spring Maintenance

The Conservation Committee will be performing our spring maintenance at the Library Garden on Friday, May 14, 2010. We will meet in the library parking lot at 9:30 and it should take about one hour to perform light cleaning and install mulch. If you would like to help, please contact Karen Smith (mfsmith100@windstream.net).

MAY MEETING/PLANT SALE

The Conservation Committee will sponsor the May meeting (May 6, 2010). In lieu of a speaker, we will again hold a spring plant sale/silent auction. To participate, we ask that everyone please bring a plant or some garden-related object that can be placed in our silent auction for purchase by another DWC member. Proceeds from this year's sale will benefit The Lumpkin County Animal Shelter's SNAP (spay and neuter) program. As most of us know, the population of starving, homeless animals in Lumpkin County is way out of control. The shelter has experienced the highest number of animals ever as many have been forced to give up their pets because of economic conditions. One way we can help hold the animal population to a manageable level and reduce the number of animals that are forced to be euthanized, is by providing low-cost spay/neuter options for those adopting an animal from our Lumpkin County Animal Shelter. The SNAP program provides spay/neuter services for dogs and cats at a cost of \$25 per animal. In addition to a plant, if you are able, please bring canned cat or dog food or cleaning supplies (cleaning rags or bleach are always needed) which we will donate to PAWS. If you want to make an additional donation to the SNAP program, we will also be happy to add that to the funds we make from the plant sale.

ROAD TRIP

For our first field trip of 2010, DWC Conservation Committee has planned a field trip to the FRED HAMILTON RHODODENDRON GARDENS, located near the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds in Hiawassee, Georgia. Started by Fred Hamilton, the gardens have now grown to more than 3,000 plants. Fred Hamilton developed the yellow Azalea, the only domestic yellow azalea in existence, which he named after his wife Hazel. The website indicates the garden is a paradise bursting with dogwoods, tulip magnolias, native azaleas, lady slippers, trillium and rhododendrons. The facility requests a \$3 donation which is used to maintain the gardens. Our trip will be Friday, May 14. If you would like to go, please contact Sharon Kridel at (706) 864-4906 or by e-mail (skridel@windstream.net).

Sharon Kridel

DWC BOOK CLUB MEETINGS

April 14 – The First Patient by Michael Palmer – meeting at Pat Wozny's home

May 12 – Murder @Maggody.com – by Joan Hess – meeting at Sue Neil's home

June 9 – TBA – meeting at Jody Essert's home.

HOME LIFE

Home Life's next event will be entertaining the folks at Gold City Assisted Living on May 15. Anyone who would like to attend or donate items for the Auction, contact Connie Thompson or Susie Barefoot.

Connie Thompson

INTERNATIONAL

Great Decisions 2010 presented by NGCSU meets April 14th at Forsyth County, Hampton Park Library, 5345 Settingdown Rd. at 6:30pm, topic "Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution", Dr. Craig Greathouse speaking. I have already attended 4 lectures and for folks who are interested in exploring global issues, the programs have been very interesting. Also, it is free, and they serve cookies and coffee at the break. It is also being offered at Lumpkin Co. Library on Thursday nights and in Gainesville at the Civic Center on Monday nights. Please call me if you have questions.

Marilou Kinney

TREASURER'S REPORT

Our checking account balance is \$4,696.18 and the money market balance is \$23,955.80.

Please don't forget to bring your BBQ supper ticket money to the May meeting, or mail to me.

If you would like to make up a DWC table at the NOA banquet on May 8, please let Pat or me know.

Tickets are \$65.00 each, or \$62.50 if we have a table of 8.

Sue Neil

YAHOOOLA CREEK WALKERS

Join us for a "Walk in the Park". Forget your make-up, apply the sunscreen and wear your walking shoes. It doesn't matter if you walk slow or fast, you will be walking to promote your physical activity and good health. As a bonus, the hours you spend walking with the group promotes women's wellness and can be applied to Home Life.

We had 5 walkers this morning and decided it was a good idea to add another day. There are no rules and no competition; come both days or just one, whatever your schedule permits - we can always add more days as our energy level increases and to suit our schedules.

Where: Yahooola Creek Park (in the parking area near the bridge & ball fields)

When: Every Thursday & Friday

Time: 9 am (approximately 1 hour) If you arrive late, just look around and you will find us.

Questions: Contact - Marianne Gage or Marge Jones

We hope you will join the fun,



BBQ DINNER

The annual Woman's Club BBQ Dinner will be Friday, June 4th at the Community House from 4:30-7:00PM. This is in conjunction with the first Friday concerts in Hancock Park. The band performing will be "Remember When".

Additional volunteers are still needed to work the day of the event, bake cookies and distribute posters. If you are able, please volunteer your time for one of these activities.

If you would like to volunteer for this event, please contact me at 706-864-0245 or email:lhootselle@windstream.net.

The monies made at our fund raisers make it possible for DWC to provide much needed assistance to the many organizations in our community that desperately need our help.

Lana Hootselle

Photo's from The Cannery Displaying the High School Art Show



Debbie Ford & Audrey Crowley serving refreshments at The Dahlonega Arts Council High School art show at the Cannery.



Refreshments table at the art show at the Cannery.

Entries for the GaFWC "Year in Pictures" From DWC



Lana Hootselle's Winter Scene



Marianne Gage's Amaryllis

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FIRST CLASS MAIL

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, April 14 – 10:30 – Book Club at Pat Wozny's home – [The First Patient](#) by Michael Palmer.

Friday, April 16 at 10:30 - The Conservation Committee has scheduled our 2nd quarter Adopt-a-Road clean-up. If you would like to participate, please contact Karoline DeJarnette: kardejarnette@windstream.net

Wednesday, April 28 – 9:30 - The Conservation Committee has scheduled a field trip to the Fred Hamilton Rhododendron Gardens, located near the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds in Hiawassee, Georgia. We will depart from the Home Depot parking lot (near the nail salon) at 9:30. If you would like to attend or if you are willing to drive, please call Sharon at 864-4906. For information: <http://www.georgiamountainfairgrounds.com/venueInfo.php#hamilton>

Thursday, April 29 – Board Meeting

Thursday, May 6 – Conservation hosts the DWC meeting with a garden and plant sale. All donations will be greatly appreciated. Along with our continuing donations to the Food Pantry we will also be collecting items for PAWS. Canned food, old towels, and cleaning supplies are always needed.

GET WELL WISHES

We send get well wishes to our members who are under the weather and unable to get out. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR

April

- 5 - April Comstock
- 5 - Pat Wozny
- 10 - Sue Neil
- 16 - Audrey Crowley
- 17 - Kathryn Farmer
- 20 - Karoline DeJarnette
- 22 - Connie Thompson