



Dahlonega Woman's Club, INC.

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NEWSLETTER

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A NOTE FROM LANA

I hope everyone celebrated a joyous Easter with friends and family.

As you all know, our club is part of an International Federation of Woman's Clubs whose objective is to improve

the quality of life for our communities around the globe. You can be proud that our club has been serving Lumpkin County for 100 years and continues to take on projects both big and small to help improve our community, Georgia as well as internationally.

All of the projects that were completed and the countless volunteer hours reported throughout the year made it possible for your Committee Chairman, to write their reports about all of DWC's activities. Brita, Marge and Gale were invaluable in assisting with the computation of the many projects and volunteer hours submitted so these reports could be submitted for consideration by the District and State. We are judged against some very large clubs who have traditionally received most of the recognition in the past, so I am especially proud to announce that three of our committees were recognized at the 9th District Spring Meeting with second place awards. I believe that all of our committees did an outstanding job last year and our worthy of congratulations for a job well done. But the top honors went to Home Life, Education and Public Issues. Congratulations Everyone!

With all of the wonderful new projects that we are planning for 2012, I am sure that our club will continue to be recognized as one of the top Woman's organizations in the Federation. Thank you all for hard work and dedication to our club and our community.

I attended a Scholarship Dinner at NGCSU honoring last year's scholarship recipients and their benefactors. It was wonderful to be able to meet with one last year's scholarship winner, Woody Martin. He is very happy at NGCSU and has plans on continuing his education at NGCSU through 2014, when he plans on transferring to

the Atlanta Art Institute to finish his degree.

Please check out the dates to remember this month, there are **additional dates that have been added** since our meeting Thursday. There are many volunteer opportunities as well as two exciting trips with the Arts and Conservation Committees. Don't miss out on all the fun!

Don't forget our annual Plant and Yard Art Silent Auction at next month's meeting sponsored by the Conservation Committee!

****Just a special note to the Board, our Board meeting time has been changed from 10:30 to 10:00 starting this month.**

Lana

MEMBERSHIP

We want to welcome a new member, Mindy Searcy. She is an alumni of Gemological Institute of America, a yoga teacher, does jewelry design, painting, and enjoys hiking. She is a friend of Becky Smoke's. She used to belong to the Woman's Club in Redondo Beach, CA. She's interested in the Arts and Education departments. Mindy is married to Grant, who is an artist. Welcome Mindy!!!

We also want to welcome back Jody Essert. As many of you know, Jody was a long-time member who has officially rejoined the "fold". Jody spends half of the year in Phoenix, AZ, where she and her husband Herman have kids and grandkids. Welcome back, Jody!

We had two guests at our April meeting. Both are friends/neighbors of Missy. Dottie Krull and Gail Lovell joined us. It sure was nice to see two new faces. Hopefully, they'll be back, soon.

In May, we will be honoring Margaret Owen, a long-time, former member of our Club. Margaret was a driving force behind the Woman's Club for many years, and made so many contributions to the Club, the Community House,

and the Lumpkin County Community. Please be sure to attend this special part of our program.

ARTS

April 16th – The Arts Committee will be making ballot boxes for scarecrow project. At the Community House at 10:30am. Bring your scissors, glue, imagination. We'll lunch somewhere afterwards.

We will be discussing building the two musician scarecrows so please be thinking about ideas for how you want the scarecrows to look and materials to make them.

The Arts Committee is planning a field trip on May 2nd to see "Off the Hook" - exploring our rug hooking heritage with hundreds of professionally exhibited rugs from 1850-2012. Ladies, this isn't your 1970's latch hook pillow! Come with us and discover the beauty of the hand hooked rug. Learn about its origin as a utilitarian object two centuries ago and its development into a mode of self-expression and even fine art. From delicate flowers to bold geometric designs, from curious self-portraits to beloved animals. Price: \$8.50. We will leave Home Depot at 9:15 am, driving to Buford. After the exhibit we'll have lunch at the Olive Garden restaurant across from Mall of Georgia. Web site for the rug exhibit: www.gwinettEHC.org. Don't think you want to miss this one. Let us hear from you! Contact Patricia Worrell if you are interested in attending.

Patricia Worrell
770 639 6794

CONSERVATION

We have had a busy month. Ten ladies arrived with shovels and rakes to help get the library garden in shape. Weeds were pulled and mulch was placed in the beds. There have been several plants gone missing and need to be replaced.

Conversation will be hosting the May meeting. The annual "garden, plant and yard art" sale will take place at this meeting.

Please bring plants or gardening items for the silent auction. It is always a lot of fun. Proceeds from the silent auction will go to purchase new plants for the Library Garden.

Adopt-A-Road pick up will be Friday, April 20th at 10 AM.

We will be meeting at Dr. Connor's parking lot on Rockhouse Rd. Thanks to all who signed up to help. We will see you on the 20th.

Our field trip to Gibbs garden will be Wednesday, the 16th of May. Several have already signed up and you will have another opportunity to sign up at the May meeting or contact Karen Smith or Marge Jones.

Remember to bring those plant clippings to the meeting. See you there.

Karen and Marge

EDUCATION

We had a great showing of committee members during our March meeting and again accomplished a great deal.

- On Saturday, May 12th, DWC is hosting a Book & Bake sale for the Library. The library will have all the books ready for sale and we have plenty of volunteers to staff the sale and bake cookies. We do need two more cases of water and four gallons of tea or lemonade. If you are interested in helping with the drinks, please let me know.
- The Nelle Young Awards for the Most Improved 5th Grade Readers will be presented in May. Each winner will receive a die cast medal, a few books in a book bag and a certificate of accomplishment.
- In March, we collected 100 box tops to send to Tallulah Falls School. Each box top is worth \$.10 so we have contributed another \$10 to the school. Please continue to cut your box tops and bring them to our meetings.
- In March, we also collected 145 points in Campbell's soup labels to give to Blackburn Elementary. Please continue to bring the labels to our meetings.



Missy Clymer

HOME LIFE

A Reminder: The Wellness Expo is Saturday, April 14 from 10:00 to 1:00. All the screenings are free and the event is fun!

On May 3 Home Life will meet at the Community Center at 5:00 for a short meeting before our regular monthly DWC meeting. Please try to attend as we have lots to discuss.

On May 17 is our spring party for the folks at Gold City Assisted Living.

On June 8 we will be having lunch at Frogtown Winery. All club members are welcome to join us. Let Audrey or Connie know if you would like to attend.

Connie & Audrey

PUBLIC ISSUES

Thank you for bringing your manufacturers' coupons for our military. If we receive as many at May's meeting as we did last week, we'll have enough to send off.

We will probably be asked to help with the Memorial Day program at the old courthouse on May 28. We will need a few volunteers, and some cookies and brownies. More information to follow.

Don't forget the Candidates' Forum on June 21. We are supplying the refreshments and the labor. It's always a fun and interesting event.

We will be having a meeting soon to go over the final details for our scarecrow project.

Pat Wozny & Sue Neil
Co-Chairs

TREASURER

The current balance in our operating account is \$5,514.12 and our money market account is \$23,271.00.

Jaroline deJarnette

SCHOLARSHIP

We only had 8 applications for our scholarships this year from LCHS. Brita, Lana, Missy and myself reviewed the applications and the winners will be announced at our June meeting.

Joan Sackett

BOOK CLUB

The April Book Club met at Pat Wozny's home where Rush Home Road was discussed.

The May Book Club will meet at the home of Sue Neil on Wednesday, May 9th at 10:30. The book to be discussed is Criminal Intent by Sheldon Seigel.

BBQ DINNER - JUNE 1st

The June 1st BBQ Dinner is fast approaching. During the April meeting, we passed around the volunteer list and we need more help in the areas of set-up, kitchen and clean up. We also need 6 more volunteers to make desserts. You should also have received your 4 tickets to sell. Tickets are \$8.00.

If you wish to purchase the BBQ tickets and donate them back to the club for use by residents of NOA or Rainbow house, please let Missy know.

I have been working hard on fundraising and have secured two gold sponsors: DocMartin Construction and Walmart. In April and May, I expect to secure two additional gold sponsors and three silver sponsors.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Missy Clymer

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, April 11 – 10:30 **Book Club** at Pat Wozny's home. The book selection is Rush Home Road by Lori Lansens

Thursday, April 12 – 9:30 – 12:00 **Christmas Market Workshop** at Community House

Friday, April 13 – 10:00 – **Komfort Kritter** workshop at Karen Smith's home 706-867-7677

Friday, April 13 – 6:00 PM -**NOA Gala** at R-Ranch – Tickets are \$75/ea. Or table of 8 - \$600

Saturday, April 14 – 9:00 AM – **Senior Center 5K Walk Run Fun event** at Yahooola Park

Saturday, April 14 – 10:00 – 1:00 **Senior Wellness Expo** – at YMCA (Park and Rec) Benefits Meals on Wheels

Saturday, April 14 – 10:00-2:00 **Red Barn Rabies Clinic**

Saturday, April 14 – 2:00 – 4:00 **GA Poetry Society** and Univ. Press of NG -**Poetry Road Show** Upstairs at Starbucks

Monday, April 16 – 10:30 – **Arts Committee** Scarecrow Ballot Box Workshop at Community House

Thursday, April 19 – 6:00-7:30 the 1830s **Gold Rush Era**

Cabin at dedication at NGCSU

Thursday-Sunday – April 20-22 State Convention -
Atlanta

Saturday/Sunday – April 21-22 -Bear on the Square
Festival

Saturday, April 21 – 6:00-10:00AM Charity Coupon Sale –
All Belk stores

Monday, April 23 – 7:00 –9th Dist Congressional
Candidate’s Forum at YMCA Park & Rec.

Thursday, April 26 – 10:00 Board Meeting

Friday, April 27 – 7:00, YMCA Heritage Room - Friends of
the Senior Center Talent Show, Tickets are \$10

Wednesday, May 2 – Trip to Gwinnett EH/Hooked Rug
Exhibition & Lunch tickets \$8.50 see Patricia Worrell

Thursday, May 3 – 5:00 Home Life Meeting at CH

Thursday, May 3 – 6:00 DWC General Meeting at
Community House sponsored by Conservation- Silent
Auction Plant /Yard Art

Wednesday, May 9 – 10:30 Book Club at Sue Neil’s home.
The book selection is Criminal Intent, by Sheldon Siegel

Saturday, May 12 – 10:00-2:00 – Library Book Sale

Sunday, May 13 – HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY

Wednesday, May 16 – Trip to Gibb’s Garden and Lunch in
Ballground –tickets \$18.00 for tour see Marge or Karen

Thursday, May 17 – 1:00 – Gold City Assisted Living Party

Wednesday, May 23 – 5:30 Awards Presentation at LCHS

Saturday, May 26 – Literacy Coalition Pie Contest – need
bakers and servers-Contact Barbara Scircy at
ondahill44@yahoo.com or Lumpkin Literacy at 706-867-
9607

Thursday, May 31 – 10:00 Board Meeting at CH

Thursday, May 31 – 1:30 Workshop for making
Scarecrows –

Friday, June 1 – 4:30 – 7:00 DWC Fundraising BBQ Dinner
and Music in the Park

DID YOU KNOW - - - LITERACY

Earlier this year in *The Nugget*, it was documented that as many as 6,000 adults in Lumpkin County are not literate. The community does have a few programs addressing this need, below are the highlights:

- There are 22 people in the GED program with graduation scheduled for the middle of July. DWC will provide the refreshments for the graduation ceremony.
- Free, confidential adult tutoring is available and can be provided in local churches. Please tell your ministers that this is available!

- The GED program needs a volunteer Assistant Director to manage tutors. This position involves arranging for tutors to be trained, setting up initial meetings between the tutor & student, and follow-up on progress.
- Georgia Mountain Regional Program is for students 16-21. GED fees as well as some personal expenses can be paid by the program if the student participates 4 days a week.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact Missy at 678-634-5071 or missy Clymer@hotmail.com.

Historic Donation to the Community by Betty and Jim Smulian

In 1968 when Jim and Betty Smulian bought a piece of property in Dahlonega, Georgia, they discovered an old cabin on the premises. Through much research they were able to determine that the cabin came from the 1832 Gold Rush Era in Dahlonega. They were able to restore the cabin and make it livable by adding a kitchen, a bath, as well as two porches.

Recently Betty and Jim Smulian were made aware of a new class offered at North Georgia College and State University by Director Alice Sampson which focuses on the mountains and their people called the Georgia Appalachian Studies Center. The Vickery House and its furniture and history are the cornerstone for the program. After speaking with Director Sampson of the University, the Smulians agreed that the perfect spot for the cabin would be on the grounds of the Vickery House. Efforts were made and a Sustainability Grant was received in order to move the cabin. Permission was given by the Historic Preservation Division of the University System to put the cabin on the property of the Vickery House the cabin was moved culminating the three year project.

The Vickery House is an example of an affluent townsperson’s home in the 1830s and the cabin is an example of a rural family’s home then. It’s a stark contrast, but an enlightened one. Thanks to the Smulians’ generous donation of the cabin, those who study Appalachia will be able to have a hands-on look at how life was during the Gold Rush in the 1830s in Dahlonega. Through the in depth look into the architecture of the house as well as the cabin much can be learned about both. Much of the same furniture and household items are from the era and have become part of the richness of

the course. Students have the opportunity to learn and love the environment while living it and the Appalachian Studies Program this fall at the Vickery House at NCGSU.

A dedication of the cabin will take place on April 19, 2012, 6:00PM – 7:30 PM at the Appalachian Studies Center on NCGSU Campus. Please join us in congratulating the Smulian Family for their wonderful donation to our community.



DWC ON FACEBOOK

We are on Facebook! Our Facebook page will be updated a few times a week with fun and interesting facts and events that involve our club. If you haven't already, please go to Dהלonega Woman's Club on Facebook and "like" our page. It would be very helpful in marketing our events if we have a lot of "fans". To help us do this, please go to the link on our Facebook page, "suggest to friends", and click on that link. Then click on any and all Facebook friends and businesses that are in Lumpkin and Dawson County. Also, to help us market ourselves, please "like" a post when you see it and leave a comment. By doing this our feeds will go onto your page for your friends to read and depending on your settings, friends of your friends can see the post. These postings can help launch us into Google's search engine. People that google certain topics can pick up our feeds, which in turn will help us in marketing our fundraising and heighten the awareness of our club's activities to the community.

Vikki

MORE INFO

Be sure to check the GFWC & GaFWC websites for current information from our State and National Presidents. The 2 websites are: www.gafwc.org and www.gfwc.org

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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 - Pat Wozny
8 - Gloria Van Galder
10 - Sue Neil
16 - Audrey Crowley
20 - Karoline deJarnette
22 - Connie Thompson

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DWC PHOTO GALLERY



The 9th District Spring Meeting at Tallulah Falls School was on Saturday March 24th, those attending were: Eris Floyd, Marianne Gage, Patricia Worrell, Joan Sackett, Sue Neil, Missy Clymer, Leah Ratzel, Lucille Milbert, Karen Smith, Brita Borden and President Lana Hootselle. We came away with 3 awards.

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