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President's Message

As I write this, my presidency of this meaningful and vital Sandy Springs community organization has a short two months left. What a fabulous honor it has been to be part of the Executive Committee for the past three years. Truly the best part was getting to know most of you so much better as we volunteered together both at our signature fundraisers Elegant Elf and Tossed Out Treasures, and also in tight knit and cohesive committee situations... always involving

Tuesday, April 5
DEADLINE
for TOT Receipts for Reimbursement

Tuesday, April 5
Enrichment
Lost Corner Preserve
11:00 am-1:00 pm

Tuesday, April 12
Finance Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 19
Road Trip
Hills and Dale, LaGrange, GA
Meet at LaFont Parking Lot—8:00 am

Thursday, April 21
DEADLINE
Spirit of SS Nominations Due

Tuesday, April 26
Executive Board Meeting

Sunday, May 1
Sunday Night Supper & Classic Car Show
Heritage Hall

Tuesday, May 10
Board of Directors Meeting & Lunch
10:00 Hospitality; 10:30 Meeting
Home of Gail Ripans

Tuesday, May 17
2016-17 Board Training
Heritage
10:00-12 noon

Tuesday, May 24
Spring General Meeting &

important dialogues that set new avenues of progress for our organization.

I thank each of you for that once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to represent you and your aspirations for a better Sandy Springs Society. With your help volunteering and raising your hand for leadership positions, we had a very successful year of which we can all be proud!

In that regard, all of our success was accomplished through the leadership of several outstanding Society members that I'd like to highlight. These ladies didn't just help me accomplish your goals, but their hard work day over day, month over month had a tremendously positive effect on our entire organization this past year. Please look for a special edition, within the week, of this newsletter in which I recognize these leaders..... to whom we owe a large debt of gratitude.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the opportunity these last many months to be YOUR President.

It's been a highlight of my life!

Karen

Karen Meinzen McEnerny
Sandy Springs Society President, 2015-2016

It's Enrichment Time!

Tuesday, April 5, 11 am to 1 pm

Join us at the Lost Corner Preserve, Sandy Spring's newest park (at the corner of Brandon Mill Road, where Riverside Drive turns into Dalrymple Road), for a tour and brown bag lunch.

Trisha Fox and Cheryl Barlow, friends of Lost Corner, and very instrumental in procuring the park for our city, will lead the tour and explain its history.

Luncheon
Capital City Club, Brookhaven
Hospitality 11:00; Meeting 11:30

Thursday, November 3
Elegant Elf Preview Party
Holy Innocents'

Sat.,Nov. 5-Sun.,Nov. 6
Elegant Elf Marketplace
Lake Forest Elementary

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Around the Springs...

Now till April 22nd
Community Assistance Center's "Food 'n Fun" Challenge to collect food to feed families for the summer

April 16th
Volunteer for a Better Sandy Springs (VBSS) & the opening date for The Farmer's Market

April 16th
ArtSS
Palette to Palate Event at Holy Innocents

May 14th
Sandy Springs Perimeter Chamber Event (for over 21) "Food that Rocks" with vendors and music

Lost Corner Preserve includes a community garden, a 4,000-ft long hiking trail, and an ADA-accessible trail through the wooded site; and an original homestead, still on the property.

Please bring a sandwich, wear your walking shoes, and pray for a sunny day. I'll provide water and drinks, fruit and cookies!

If you still want to join us, **click here to register**.

Brenda Toan
brtoan@bellsouth.net
770-952-7607

Road Trip on Tuesday, April 19th !

Hills & Dales is a beautiful 35-acre historic estate located in LaGrange, Georgia.

The property includes the historic Ferrell Gardens, the Fuller E. Callaway family home and the surrounding outbuildings and landscape. The estate has a very interesting history that spans over 180 years.

We will be participating in guided tours of both the home and the gardens. A tram transports visitors from the Visitor Center to the house and gardens (it accommodates wheelchairs, but some areas of the house and gardens are not wheelchair accessible).

Cost: $60.00, includes bus transportation, tour and lunch

Boxed lunch menu offers three options shown on the registration form. Sweet/unsweetened tea and iced water provided.

The bus will leave promptly at 8:00 AM from the LeFont Theatre parking lot and should return by
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News Shorts

Classy Women Show GRACE Under Pressure!

It's amazing what a uniformed yet diminutive policewoman packing a Glock can do to encourage resolution of a near catastrophe of amazing proportions on Friday, Feb. 26, our first TOT Sale day!!

Imagine Prez Karen's surprise when she arrived as the crowd was gathering before TOT's Grand Opening to see about half of the parking lot cordoned off with tape and chairs. (It was apparent that an adjacent restaurant tenant had taken the initiative to block off part of the lot for a car event later that day!) A quick call to the landlord ,who miraculously answered her cell phone immediately, assured Karen that no approvals had been given to that tenant to rope off the parking lot.

Again, along with the policewoman accompanying her, Karen quickly caused the manager of the restaurant to "see the light" of the predicament!
Matter resolved , and moral of the story? **Don't mess with those SSS Sisters on a MISSION!**

4:00 pm, depending upon traffic.

Contact Jill Johnson (404.915.9737) or email her at rjjohn@comcast.net. for details.

For more information see www.hillsanddales.org.

"Spirit of Sandy Springs" Nominations Due April 21

Nominations are now being accepted for the **2016 "Spirit of Sandy Springs" Award**. This award honors a community citizen who has made an extraordinary difference by volunteering his or her time for a cause that serves Sandy Springs.

While members may not be nominated for the award, spouses and family members are eligible for nomination. The recipient must not be a paid volunteer, and must have worked at least two years with their organization or charity, though it's not necessary that they live in Sandy Springs.

Previous "Spirit of Sandy Springs" winners include Joseph Mayson, D.J. DeLong, Tom Umstead, Richard Brown and Bob Knox.

A letter describing this individual and his/her activities will serve as your nomination form. **The deadline to nominate a candidate is April 21,** so send your letter to Ann Magruder at: greggmagruder@mindspring.com. The winner will be announced at the general meeting in May.

"Classic" Sunday Night Supper!

Members Only Classic Car Show and Dinner
Heritage Hall May 1, 2016
Co-Chairs: Laura Delong, Cathy Ealick Anderson, Kate Dalba, Karen Meinzen McEnerny and Joan Plunkett

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"We Shall TREASURE TOT 2016" in pictures...

Ladies of Linens: Lucinda Whitehead, Sarah Killough, and Gail Buchanan

Preview Party Hostesses: Front L. to R.,Martha Davis, Gretchen Lehane, Rita Bodner (Co-Chair), Julia Doyle, Maureen Davidson. Back L. to R., Nancy McCord, Gayle Balkcom, Cathy Fuller, Janet Fanning
Missing from Picture: Donna Squire (Co-Chair) & Kay Quigley

Accessory "Jewels": Pam Tyson,

Karen Meinzen McEnerny fine- tuning her "baby," in 1971 and now!

Spring General Meeting & Luncheon

Tell your husbands and SAVE THE DATE for a unique evening that will interest all classic-aficionados! This informal event will feature several members' classic British sports cars as well as a race car--and perhaps a Bentley!

Details will follow later but each car's owners will be there to show off their pride and joy and to compete for the "Best in Show Award," based on the votes of attendees. We will show three Pre-1966 Austin Healey 3000's, (one of which is Karen's if it gets completed in time!!); a Ford GT race car belonging to Russ and Kate Dalba; a restored MGTD belonging to Clanci and Gene Jordan; and at least one exotic car.

You are also welcome to enter your special car.. even if it's not restored or might be considered "ugly." Just let Karen know by email ASAP if you want to enter; tell her a little bit about your classic, and enclose a photo . Maybe your baby will win the Society Car Show!
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Jan Collins, and Courtenay Collins-Eckardt

Ann Atwater, Silent Auction co-chair, with "Auction Security Unofficials," Peter Schwartz & Buzz White
(Unofficials not pictured: Richard Hendrix & Meade Sutterfield)

Man Cave "Man"agers: Nancy & JB Jones

Joan Plunkett with her favorite News Crew

SPRING MEETING AND LUNCHEON

CAPITAL CITY CLUB, BROOKHAVEN

Please join us for our Spring Meeting and Luncheon at the Capital City Club in Brookhaven on **Tuesday, May 24, 2016.** Hospitality will begin at 11:00 AM with the meeting and luncheon starting at 11:30.

The flowers will be blooming and the club campus will be beautiful in May! Highlights of the meeting will include:

- The announcement by the **Philanthropy Committee of awards to our beneficiaries in the Sandy Springs community**.
- The presentation of the **Spirit of Sandy Springs Award** to a volunteer from our community who exemplifies the spirit of community service by contributing to the betterment of Sandy Springs,
- The recognition of our current class of new members for its work in all Society events of the year.
- Presentation of the **2016 Blue Ribbon Award** to a 2015-16 new member for her involvement, enthusiasm, and participation in Society events.
- Introduction the new member **Class of 2016-17**.
- The installation of our **new officers for 2016-2017**.
- The presentation by Karen Meinzen McEnerny, our 2015-16 President, of her **Annual Report,** and the **passing of the gavel**.

Come and enjoy fellowship with Society members. After all of our hard work in making this a banner year for our philanthropic endeavors, we deserve to have some fun!

Board Training for 2016-2017 Board Members

To all 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 Board Members:

Please reserve 10 A.M. -12 NOON, Tuesday, May

President Karen Meinzen McEnerny, flanked by Gretchen Lehane (L) and Donna Squire

"Sterling & Crystal" Ladies, Skipper Usher & Ann Nable

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Looking forward to our next fundraiser, Elegant Elf 2016...

Elf Leaders, L to R: Barb Mutz, Belle Cameron Pierce, Valerie Love, Cheryl Womack, Gail Jokerst, Susan Sutterfield, and Deede Stephenson

17th for Board Training. We will meet in the Community Room at Heritage for this important meeting. Thank you! Lib Thompson

We Will "TREASURE" TOT 2016!

The 25th Edition of Tossed Out Treasures was a tremendous success...

Again this year we had the use of the former Marshall's facility, thanks to the generosity of the new owner, Stream Realty. Also, we thank those who worked on the facility arrangements, including Kathy Shapiro, Carla Sweetwood, Elizabeth Kelly, and Karen Meinzen McEnerny.

The publicity campaign handled by Lucy Crosswell was resourceful and obviously very effective. Among other things, Lucy set up an interview for Joan Plunkett with Good Day Atlanta's popular Paul Milliken. In the interview, Paul and Joan highlighted interesting items that would be available in the Sale. The feature on Channel 5 resulted in widespread publicity for the Preview Party and Sale, held February 25-27.

The Preview Party tickets sold out the morning of the interview. The new members sponsoring the Preview Party completed setting up their tables, decorated, and welcomed the crowd on Thursday evening, February 25.

On the following day the Sale opened to the public. Over 1100 customers, many of whom had come long distances and waited long hours in the parking lot, eagerly hurried through the doors during the first two hours.

The amount of merchandise available for the sale was the most ever. A special thanks goes to Marilyn and Rick Brown for their generous donations of Sale items and moving expenses.

During the two Sale days, more than 4,000 customers attended, and the total income was $115,000. The net income after expenses, to date, is over $80,000. Obviously, the attendance for the Preview Party and Sale was wonderful, and we are very pleased with the financial

results, which will benefit many charities supported by the Sandy Springs Society.

We wish to thank our Advisors Joan Plunkett and Kate Dalba. Also, we thank Anna Bradley and Kathryn Loia, two very hard-working Committee members. Finally, we thank all of our dedicated and talented volunteers!

Courtney Rose and Stephanie Nelson,
Co-chairs

2016 TOT Leaders, L to R: Sally Berry, Kathryn Loia, Joan Plunkett, Courtney Rose, Stephanie Nelson, and Ann Nable

Pictures Are Worth 1000's of Words!

... Relive the excitement, in our Newsletter Sidebar...

Patriotic Preview of All the Treasures!

Red, white and blue...flags...banners... patriotic music! Yes, we all came to **CELEBRATE AMERICA (and buy a few treasures)**! The Class of 2015-16, led by TOT Preview Party Co-chairs, **Rita Bodner** and **Donna Squire**, worked hard, but laughed a lot gearing up for the memorable **Preview Party** for over 450 people. The Class would like to thank the membership and leadership for their wonderful support. **Julia Doyle**, Membership Chair, is getting the class together soon to celebrate
all of this year's successful events.

Fundraising Committee

Update-March 14, 2016

We're pleased and very excited to share some great news with everyone-Northside Hospital will, once again, be the Society's Presenting Sponsor for 2016-2017! Their $20,000 sponsorship is earmarked for The Elegant Elf Marketplace ($15,000) and Tossed Out Treasures ($5,000).

As we begin to wrap up the year, the total amount raised to date in sponsorships and donations stands at approximately $86,860. It has been a very good year! We're already scheduling meetings with some of our major sponsors to get a jumpstart on fundraising for next year.

On behalf to the committee, many thanks to everyone for their support and generosity,

Elizabeth Kelly, VP of Fundraising

And speaking of GREEN...
WARNING!!

Did you know ....?

If you are paying for something in the Society by using PayPal and you realize that an 'error' was made (the wrong amount was charged;or you paid for an event you cannot attend; or you have paid the same bill twice;) or any other issue, all you have to do is **call the Treasurer.**

Society treasurers have the ability to issue a refund to your credit card with the click of a finger and with no charge to you or the Society. If, however, you call your credit card company and

there is a "chargeback," the Society will be charged a $20 fee. **Please call Betsy Bacon (770-952-7474) or Sue Winner (404-252-5803) first.** Thank You!

The Elegant Elf Marketplace Returns November 5th & 6th!

SAVE THE DATE!

2016's Elegant Elf Marketplace will be held again at Lake Forest Elementary on November 5-6. There will be a wonderful party at Holy Innocents on Thursday evening, November 3, 2016. Want to be involved? Contact Susan Sutterfield, Barbara Mutz, Belle Cameron Pierce or Valerie Love to enjoy the fun!

...AND we are currently accepting vendor applications for The Elegant Elf Marketplace 2016!

Please share your ideas for great vendors & artists with Melissa Patterson at:
pattersonmelissa68@gmail.com
or invite your vendor/artist friends to visit our website for information and details about applying to Elegant Elf 2016:
http://www.sandyspringssociety.org/elegant-elf-exhibitors.html

Application Deadline: May 2, 2106

About The Sandy Springs Society

Incorporated in 1988, the Sandy Springs Society is a membership community service organization and the largest single philanthropic agency in Sandy Springs, Georgia. Since its inception the Society has given more than $2.766 million to secular, non-partisan 501(c)(3) organizations supporting programs that enrich the lives of Sandy Springs residents in the areas of Education, Arts, Environment, Heritage Preservation and Social Services.

For more information about the Sandy Springs Society's programs, membership or sponsorship, we invite you to visit our website at **The Sandy Springs Society**, or contact us at:

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