Sandy Springs Society Winter Newsletter

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The Sandy Springs Society *Winter* Newsletter January 2016

Facing Forward While Looking Back

Important Info & Upcoming Events

NOTE:
Tossed Out Treasures
DATES FORTHCOMING

President's Message

As I am writing this to you, we are in the middle of the Holiday Season... rushing about spreading cheer, hospitality and working to make this holiday for our friends and family the best and most meaningful within our talents and energy.

in next eBlast, soon!

TOT Chairs Meeting

Monday, January 11

10:00 am

Home of Joan Plunkett

665 River Chase Point

SS, 30328

Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, January 12

10:00 Hospitality

10:30 Meeting

Home of Anna Pfohl

1660 Winterthur Close

Perspective New Members Meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 13

2 pm - 3 pm

HSS

details in newsletter

Winter General Meeting

Tuesday, January 26

5:30 pm

The Lodge of Peachtree Presbyterian Church

During this time of focus on our friends and family, The Society activities are very limited--for good reason!! But now that 2015 is behind us, I hope you are able to focus your prodigious energies toward helping The Society finish up with what is already a fantastic year kicked off last May!!!

Thank you, Clanci!

Before I leave 2015, we all owe a debt of gratitude for the selfless energy of Clanci Jordan, as she spent the last seven months identifying terrific talent in our organization to help her lead us in what was to be "her year" as President. She also served on five KEY committees!

Please join me in giving Clanci a big hug and our thanks for a job well done!!!

Mark Your Calendar: Jan. 13th

...for prospective new members and their sponsors! Details later in newsletter...

January Meetings

We begin 2016 with a Board Meeting and a General Membership Meeting with new business brought forward. We will hear the Nominating Committee's suggested 2015-2016 slate of officers, led by **Lib Thompson**.

Other important organizational and leadership matters in the area of By-laws and Policies changes will be brought forward by two committees (Finance and Long Range Planning headed by **Janet Quirk** and **Bev Ellithorp** whose leadership has been in "overdrive").

These committees have unanimously approved changes that will add clarity, promote inclusiveness, and provide enhanced leadership paths for our key events and committees--succession planning, really.

Elegant Elf

EE was a true success this year on many fronts, not just financial (details in newsletter) but also for cementing The Society's **Elf Marketplace** in our community as a "go to" holiday kick-off event, giving our Society an even greater role bettering our community.

details in newsletter

TOT Set-Up

in February

Exact Dates TBA

Deadline to Pay Dues

Monday, February 29

Deadline for New Member Applications

Tuesday, March 1

to Julia Doyle

Tossed Out Treasures Preview Party

Thursday

Late February

Exact Date TBA

TOT Sale Days

Friday & Saturday

10 am-6 pm

Exact Dates TBA

Board of Directors

The Elf team was phenomenal!! Next year's chair **Susan Sutterfield** , **Valerie Love**, **Belle Cameron Pierce** and **Barbara Mutz** even traveled to Richmond to get more ideas for next year's **EE**. That is commitment!! And, I hear they had a blast!!!

Tossed Out Treasures...Might Be Coming SOONER Than Planned!

TOT is in front of us with all its quirky, fun situationsto face and enjoy like ***WHERE*** will it be? Where will we spend 3 intense weeks of going through all our treasures and laughing with each other as we discover/uncover an item's worth and purpose!?!
WHAT items will we bring in, ***WHO*** will the attendees be to continue our record- breaking draw from the metro area?? The ***WHEN*** is being firmed up now-- and it could be a week earlier-- so clear your calendars, garages and basements as soon as possible!. Stay tuned for eBlast with details and dates...

Sign up not just for one or two or three shifts, ***but for several days of fun.*** Great hospitality/food, camaraderie and lots of laughter!! Please don't miss it this year under the leadership of **Stephanie Nelson, Courtney Rose** and our indefatigable past presidents and **TOT** advisors **Joan Plunkett** and **Kate Dalba.**

Julia Doyle and her new member class of 2016 are excitedly planning for the **TOT Preview Party**--a special group of fun and accomplished ladies for sure.

General Membership Meeting

Gayle Mitchell and **Robin Siegel** have selected a terrific venue and speaker for our Jan 26th **General Membership Meeting** at The Lodge in Buckhead (across from P'tree Pres), an evening event to include more of our working members.

Field Trips

Other events coming up (in more detail later in this newsletter) include the April 5th **Enrichment** at the Lost Corner Preserve organized by **Brenda Toan, and the Spring Road Tri p** to LaGrange to enjoy the historic Callaway home, "Hills & Dales," on April 19, ably arranged for us by **Pam Betz** and **Jill Johnson.**

Meeting

Tuesday, March 8

Heritage Sandy Springs

10:00 Hospitality

10:30 Meeting

Enrichment at Lost Corner Preserve

Tuesday, April 5

save the date

Field Trip to LaGrange

Callaway Home

Tuesday, April 19

save the date

details in newsletter

Need a Meeting Room at Heritage?

Our NEW CONTACT is:

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ldavis@heritagesandysprings.org

Quick Clicks --- What's In This Issue

Save the Dates

Behind-the-Scenes Thank-You's

No President's Message would be complete without recognizing all the wonderful ladies behind the scenes who contribute key components to our successful committees:

- **Cheryl Womack** hosted in her home and kitchen for two days the Honorary Chair of the EE, the lovely Sister Schubert, who then gave us an unexpected $1,034 from her book sales because she was so impressed with our organization.
- **Brenda Toan** and **Elizabeth Kelly** kept the complex machinery running for the fundraising committee to excel way beyond expectation , raising $71,000 dollars in sponsorships this year. This "machinery " includes tracking; updating spreadsheets of donations; sending out tax letters; gathering logos for publicity of major sponsors; and preparation and hand delivery of special Sponsor Packets.
- The EE Silent Auction Committee of past presidents, **Peggy Stapleton, Marsh Webb** and **Carla Sweetwood,** worked furiously for 30 days and raised over $5,000 net on 58 silent auction items.
- **Sharon Young** and **Clanci Jordan** contributed greatly by obtaining a significant number of items. **Donna Glenn** even traveled to Tiger, Georgia to pick an item up for us!!
- **Dixie Brock** continues to work overtime sending out evite, reminders and time-sensitive updates.

Membership Dues Notices

Requests from Sue Winner, our General Treasurer, are coming this month, with a February 29th deadline. Please make it easy for us all by paying promptly without the need for follow up!! Please!!!!

Happy New Year!

I conclude by encouraging each and every one of you to reach out to me with your thoughts, ideas, and concerns that will help our organization move forward in 2016. I look forward to that. Each one of you count greatly in our organization.

Elfin Pics
Friends of Elves
Nominating Update
Karen's letter to members
New member info meeting
Winter General Meeting
TOT coming soon
TOT Preview Party
Road Trip
Elegant Elf Success
Polar Express Report
Thank you, Lake Forest Elem
EE Wrap Up & Thank You Past Presidents

Kate Dalba, Barbara Mutz, and Elves

Addyson Sherwood visits with Santa at Breakfast with the Elves

Elegant Elfin Pics

My best,

Karen

Karen Meinzen McEnerny
President, The Sandy Springs Society

New Members Information Meeting

INFORMATION MEETING

for Sponsors & Prospective New Members

Heritage Community Room
January 13, 2016
2:00 pm

LOOKING FOR NEW ACTIVE MEMBERS who:

1. Have lived in SS for at least 2 years as of March 1.
2. Exhibit leadership abilities and community involvement.
3. Must attend 2 SSS events during their first year.
4. Show interest in and commitment to the work and goals of SSS.
5. Meet financial requirements of membership.
6. Will become active members after joining.

A SPONSOR OF A NEW MEMBER must:

1. Be an active member in good standing at least 2 years.
2. Know her prospective member personally.
3. Accompany her new member to a minimum of 2 events.
4. Not endorse a new member the same year as sponsoring a new member.
5. Attend a new member informational meeting along with her prospective member.

Applications will be available at the Informational Meeting on January 13. They will also be available at the Winter Meeting on January 26, or contact Julia Doyle after January 13 at **juliaedoyle@comcast.net** or 404-556-9760, and she will send you a copy via email.

Author Mary Kay Andrews signing books

Ann Magruder and Pam Betz in SSS Booth

Fashion Show! Model Valerie Love with Commentator Carol Green

EE 2016, Here We Come!

Winter General Membership Meeting and Dinner

Join Us!
Tuesday, January 26, 2016
5:30 PM
The Lodge

Everybody talks about the weather, but is anyone doing anything about it? Our speaker for the Winter General Meeting, ***Jen Carfagno***, will answer this question--and anything else pertaining to the weather, as she is an on-camera meteorologist for *The Weather Channel.*

Jen has always been interested in the weather and watched *The Weather Channel* as a child while her contemporaries were watching the kiddie shows! Her current role is as the host of AMHQ from 5:00 - 6:00 AM. She loves to talk about the weather because she says, " The weather never fails to fascinate, captivate, and pique my curiosity. A beautiful sunrise or sunset never gets old." The title of her presentation, appropriately, is ***"It's Amazing Out There!"***

Please plan on joining us for the Winter General Meeting and Dinner and to hear this fascinating speaker on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at The Lodge, across Roswell Road from Peachtree Presbyterian Church. Hospitality will begin at 5:30 PM with the meeting and program starting at 6:00 PM.

2016 TOSSED OUT TREASURES IS COMING SOON...

2016 EE Chairs, Barbara Mutz, Belle Cameron Pierce, Susan Sutterfield and EE Advisor, Valerie Love traveled to Richmond, VA to visit the ***Bizarre Bazaar*** *in search of exciting, new vendors!*

Friends of the Elves, We Thank You... $8,300!

Society Friends

Anne Bachman
Betsy Bacon
Lana Ball
Pam Betz
Gail Cohn
Donna Glenn
Beth Hanafi
Sylvia Hennessy
Carol Hayward
Clanci Jordan
Elizabeth Kelly
Penny Kinsey
Beverly Langford
Pat Levy
Karen Meinzen McEnerny
Ann Nable
Melissa Patterson
Kay Quigley
Janet Quirk
Harriet Sessoms
Deede Stephenson
Susan Sutterfield
Carla Sweetwood
Brenda Toan
Sue Winner

Community Friends

Betsy Campbell
Lucy Crosswell
Perk 'n Pooch
Louie Pittman
Stroughton & Associates

From Nominating:

The Nominating

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

TOT is open to the public in Late February !
DATE: TBA

TAKE NOTE:

- We will announce the TOT location as soon as arrangements are completed.
- Very soon, **SignUpGenius** will be available for members to register online for shifts.
- When volunteering at the venue, TOT volunteers are asked to sign in and out so that we have a record of hours worked.
- The Preview Party takes place on a Thursday, date TBA, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. All Departments will be open for shopping.
- TOT opens to the public on Friday and Saturday, Dates TBA, from 10 am to 6 pm.
- During Preview Party and Sales days, Department Chairs need to be sure that their departments have <u>two or more</u> volunteers present at all times.
- TOT <u>does not have any storage space</u> for donations prior to Set Up. We ask that donors bring their donations to the Show Floor during drop-off dates. (See 2016 Tossed Our Treasurers Donation Information, below.)

NOTE!

- A meeting of Department Chairs will be held at 10.a.m. on Monday, January 11, at Joan Plunkett's home (665 River Chase Point, 30328).

Committee has been diligently working on a new slate of officers for 2016-2017. We have a strong slate of leaders that will be presented to the Board of Directors in January and to the General Membership at the January meeting.

L--ib Thompson, Chair 2015 Nominating Committee

Trouble Getting Emails?

Haven't Received Your Directory?

Contact Amy Sherwood at:

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- If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Nelson at 770-594-6820 or **slnelson02@gmail.com**

2016 Tossed Out Treasures Donation Information

Dear Donors,

TOT greatly appreciates your donations!

Drop-off AND Set-Up dates from 10 am till 2 pm:

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays in February. Exact dates forthcoming in eBlast!

Location: TBA in eBlast

Set-Up Only on 2 Days before Sale:

Times-- from 10 till 2

Dates-- 2 days before sale, TBA in eBlast

Help volunteers set up their departments by following these rules for donations:

Clothing:

- Donated clothing must be in good condition.
- Be sure clothing for men, women, and children is clean, pressed, and hung on hangers.
- Clothing needs to be free from tears, stains, missing buttons, and moth holes.
- Men's suits must display the size.
- *Note:* We cannot accept pajamas and underwear.

Kitchen and Bar Ware:

- Be sure that pots, pan, dishes, glasses, and mugs are clean.
- We do not accept chipped glassware and mugs.
- Towels, aprons, and books need to be free of stains.

Electronics:

- Computers--Laptops only; must be in working condition
- Monitors - flat screen only
- No printers

Overall:

- Small appliances must be clean and working.
- Linens should be in good condition and unstained.
- For fabric remnant donations, attach dimensions.

Again, if you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Nelson at 770-594-6820, or slnelson02@gmail.com

Celebrate TOT at the Preview Party!

TOT Preview Party theme REVEALED!

The new member class recently met to discuss plans for the upcoming TOT Preview Party and is excited to reveal this year's theme. Get out your red, white, and blue because this year, we will be...

CELEBRATING AMERICA!

The Preview Party will be chaired by new members Rita Bodner and Donna Squire. The new class rallied around this theme since we are so very proud of our community and our country! Plans for the preview party are underway.

Guests should plan to experience dinner and desserts from across the country; celebratory music; shopping and more!

The class thanks Julia Doyle for her never ending support and for hosting us at her beautiful home to discuss plans for the upcoming party.

R O A D T R I P !

April 19, 2016
Hills & Dales Estate
Callaway Family Home
LaGrange, Georgia

Mark your calendars and join the Society for a day of fine architecture, beautiful gardens and inspiring family stories. Positioned in the gently rolling hills of west Georgia, the centerpiece of the Hills & Dales Estate is a beautiful Italian villa, designed by the noted architects Hentz and Reid for textile magnate Fuller E. Callaway Sr.
Lunch will be served in the beautiful surroundings of the classic creation that has remained unchanged since completion in 1916. We will have a guided tour of the home followed by a walking tour of the historic Ferrell Gardens...walking down paths continuously cultivated for over 175 years.
Information on cost and sign up will be provided soon through an email from the Chairs, Pam Betz and Jill Johnson.

The FUN part of Fundraising...

As we come to the end of the calendar year and halfway through the Society year, the Fundraising Committee is excited to share

good news with you - the total amount raised to date is $83, 134 of which $71,434 was dedicated the 2015 Elegant Elf Marketplace.

Moving forward, the committee is planning to provide opportunities for donations to support ***Tossed Out Treasures****. Thus far, we've raised $7,750 for* ***TOT*** *from our Presenting Sponsor, Northside Hospital, as well as a grant from the City and an individual gift from a community supporter.*

Our target market for additional fundraising is primarily shoppers and others in the community. You'll notice "Donate Now" buttons on our website, in this newsletter and on Facebook. Please tell your friends about these opportunities.

Onsite at ***TOT****, we plan to offer shoppers the opportunity to "round up" their purchases to the next dollar. And we'll have an information booth at the front entrance featuring a large banner listing the charities we're funding this year, our mission and activities and a shopping bag designated for donations for those who want to contribute.*

From the Committee ... thanks for all your support and a very Happy New Year!

2015 Elegant Elf a HUGE Success!

The 2015 **Elegant Elf** netted over $100,000 directly benefiting Sandy Springs! We welcomed well over 3,000 customers, many of whom were new to the event. Our vendors were thrilled with the shoppers and our wonderful hospitality, which we are famous for - and which allows us to attract diverse, premium vendors with a wide variety of unique and high quality items. ***Thank you to Vendor Hospitality for making the vendors so happy with our special touches!***

All 45-plus WONDERFUL individual chairs worked very

hard to make each area a success. Our profit centers--gate income; vendor fees; Polar Express Café; Raffle; and the Sandy Springs Society Booth--all made record profits:

- The SSS Booth almost sold out of their beautiful items, and their decorations were even featured in *The Atlantan* magazine.
- The Polar Express Café featured some new items along with our signature soup, and shoppers and volunteers were most impressed with the wonderful lunch items. ***The new member team and their chairs*** really bonded and worked together beautifully.
- The raffle was also a huge success with items donated from vendors plus many solicited from the community. Thanks to all for your hard work and enthusiasm.
- One of the many highlights was the ***fashion show*** which we will emphasize next year on both days.
- The **EE** was featured in over 55 magazines, newspapers, weekly and monthly publications and online publications. We were even featured on Fox 5 News with three different spots!

- ***You saw us everywhere!*** The ***Banner Chairs*** deserve much rest, putting up over 30 huge banners on a cold, rainy day. The ***Yard Sign Chair*** placed hundreds of signs all over the area, and our ***Community Outreach Chairs*** made sure posters and brochures were distributed to many groups and businesses.
- A huge increase in our ***Social Media*** thrilled the vendors. And we even had an ad that ran before

every movie at Lafont Theater!

- Our numbers were up due primarily to our increased PR efforts and the introduction of ***demonstrations, performances, and author signings***.
- Sister Schubert, Honorary Chair, attracted many shoppers with her book signing and demonstration. She was so impressed with the Society; she even donated a percentage of her book sales to us - becoming a Silver Sponsor!

Sister Schubert signing her cook books

Again, we enjoyed working with Lake Forest Elementary. The decorations and site signage were beautiful and very effective.

Staffing, Cashier Chair, and the Project Treasurer worked diligently to make sure things ran smoothly. A big thanks to this group. We also want to thank everyone who contributed in some way--bringing food, working a shift or two, and myriad errands.

A special thanks is due to **Valerie Love**, who was a wonderful advisor and contributed greatly to our success.

Sponsorship numbers were well over budget thanks to the Society's Sponsorship Chairs. Our sponsors were most pleased with the exposure they received.

Also, the Parking Chairs did a wonderful job securing parking and running shuttles most efficiently.

Our Vendor Chair extraordinaire, **Melissa Patterson**, solicited and worked with all the vendors for the second year straight, in cooperation with the Site/Venue Chair and Vendor Load-in to make the experience easy and enjoyable for our wonderful vendors.

Melissa shared:

> **Our vendors love our hospitality!!! Taking good care of our vendors with delicious food & drink as well as constant checks on how we could help them during the marketplace sets The Elegant Elf Marketplace way above all other markets!!**
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> **Most vendors had a profitable market, some siting Elegant Elf as their best market this year!!**
>
> **An added and very important benefit for them is to have their company and products featured on our Facebook posts leading up to the event, as well as postings throughout the 2 day market.**
>
> **The Fashion Show featuring vendor items was a huge hit with our vendors and our shoppers. They thought this was a very appropriate way to spotlight their products!**
>
> **Vendors loved that we had shoppers who were buying!!**

Report from Polar Express Cafe...

Hats off and kudos to the members of 2015 class, who worked very hard (and early!) both Saturday and Sunday to turn out delicious soup, cornbread, chicken and veggie wraps, salad and cookies--FRESH on site, each day!

Many thanks also to the less-new members who stepped up to help make this Café the best ever.

Shoppers, volunteers and vendors alike and complimented the chefs. Very popular also were the Chick Fil A sandwiches that we sold on

Saturday.

Even more important than the dollars made for future projects in Sandy Springs was the spirit of friendship and fun that we all felt as we worked. If you don't think cooking in huge vats or cleaning super pots and pans is fun, just sign yourself up next year for the **Polar Express Café** and we'll change your mind!!

Thank You, Lake Forest Elementary!

L to R: ***The Honorable Gail Dean****, Fulton County School Board;* ***Taylor Barton,*** *Principal;* ***Carol Luther,*** *Co-chair of Elegant Elf Marketplace;* ***Pat Albert-Wigbels,*** *Co- chair;* ***Karen Meinzen McEnerny,*** *President of the Sandy Springs Society;* ***Valerie Love,*** *Past President, Founder of the EE Marketplace, and this year's advisor;* ***Melissa Patterson.*** *Vendor chair and Marketplace co-chair.*

Aside from an incredible bottom line, allowing the SSS to continue good work in all areas of Sandy Springs life, we were able to donate $3,345 to the host venue of Elegant Elf Marketplace, Lake Forest Elementary School. The entire staff embraced us on many pre-visits and during our entire event.

Their generous hospitality resulted in our gift to

fund field trips for the students, this spring. Happy, safe travels, students! And thank you once again, everyone!

It's a Wrap!

***Elegant Elf**, that is... .*
*Thanks to all, and until next year, **STAY JOLLY**!*

REPRISE:
Sister Schubert's
Cinnamon Bread Pudding Recipe

Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 60 minutes
Ready in: 75 minutes

INGREDIENTS
1 package Sister Schubert's Cinnamon Rolls, thawed
8 egg yolks
2 eggs
1 quart heavy cream
1 cup sugar
Pinch of salt
2 tablespoons butter, cut into small cubes
1 cup pecans, coarsely chopped
½ cup golden raisins
1 teaspoon bourbon or vanilla extract

PREPARATION
Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Butter a medium casserole well.

Remove rolls from package, cut each roll into quarters and set aside. Using a large mixing bowl, whisk eggs with egg yolks until light and fluffy. Add cream, sugar and salt, whisking to combine thoroughly. Flavor custard with a teaspoon of bourbon or vanilla extract. Place rolls into prepared casserole and pour custard over. Dot casserole with butter and sprinkle with pecans and raisins.

Bake until pudding is golden and center is set, approximately 30-40 minutes. Allow pudding to stand for 5 minutes before serving. Serves 6

Sister says: There's no need for bourbon sauce because the flavor's baked inside. The alcohol cooks out during baking, but if you prefer, substitute vanilla for bourbon.

All of Our Good Work Would Not Be Possible Without the Leadership of Our Past Presidents!

Including those pictured here...

Front row: L-R: Carla Sweetwood, Maidee Spencer, Marianne Lee, Tish Lanier, Joan Plunkett

2nd row: Kate Dalba, Nancy Bell, Lorellee Wolters

3rd row: Valerie Love, Ingrid Brunt, Lib Thompson

4th row: Barbara Conway, Bev Elliohorp, Rebecca Smith
Top row: Marsh Webb, Jan Collins

About The Sandy Springs Society

Incorporated in 1988, the Sandy Springs Society is a women's membership community service organization and the largest single philanthropic agency in Sandy Springs, Georgia. We have given more than $2.8 million through annual philanthropic grants to secular, non-partisan 501(c)(3) organizations whose programs 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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