Being Life Giving

Summer Newsletter

July 2016

July 11, 2016
Deadline for Directory Updates
Email updates to **Amy Sherwood**
Include "SSS Directory Update" in subject line

August 1, 2016
Deadline for Chairs to submit 2016-2017 Budgets
Email budget to **Janet Quirk**

Sandy Springs Festival
Saturday, September 17th
9:00 am-6:00 pm
Sunday, September 18th
10:00 am-5:00 pm

Wednesday, Sept 28
SSS Fall General Membership Meeting
The Lodge at Peachtree Presbyterian
Hospitality 5:30 p.m.
Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 18
Fall Enrichment
Oakwood Cemetery

Oct 30 - Nov 6
Week of the Elf & Restaurant Week

Nov 3, 2016
"Jazzin' up the Elves"
Evening with the Elves

November 5-6
Elegant Elf Marketplace

President's Message

Awe, honor, themes, goals, and butterflies, oh my!

Awe... As we begin our 28th year, I continue to be in awe of what our all-volunteer organization has and continues to accomplish! Having the privilege to sit on each of our committees is such a gift and has only added to my admiration for our members. Last year we passed the $3 million mark for our contributions back into our community. AND, that does not include our non-monetary contributions which are priceless!

Honor...I am honored, humbled and excited by the opportunity to serve as your President and promise to do my very best to be worthy of your vote of confidence and all the wonderful support I have received.

Themes... When suggested I needed a theme for my year as President, the words that immediately and persistently came to mind were - "being life giving". So, being an analyst, I looked up the term life giving:

Life-giving, adjective: *imparting, or having the ability to impart, life or vitality; invigorating; strengthening; refreshing; inspiring; essential to life.*

"Being life giving" is what we do best! Whether within our Society community or the Sandy Springs community as a whole, the way we give of ourselves is what makes us life giving. We invigorate, inspire, vitalize and energize with all we do and all we give to our community.

Goals... My goal this year is to help re-energize our members by tapping into our amazing life giving energies, while embracing the fun side of fundraising! That being said, if you are interested in helping with ANYTHING, please don't be shy, don't hesitate to reach out to a committee chair, or even contact me directly if you are anxious to get in there and help!

Lake Forest Elementary

Quick Clicks - What's In This Issue?

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Butterflies.... Beginning with our new board training meeting, butterflies have seemed to appear everywhere. How apropos! Butterflies are beautiful, delicate, graceful and, you guessed it, "life giving"! Without effort they can brighten a day with their presence. Sounds like our membership doesn't it? What a perfect symbol for this year of "being life giving". Be on the lookout for them!

Ladies, I am not telling you it is going to be easy this year. BUT, I will tell you it will be worth it! And, I am so very glad, no blessed and grateful, that you all will be there to go on this journey with me!

Carol Anne Hendrix
SSS President, 2016-2017

2016-2017 Executive Committee:

Front row (left to right): Bonnie Laney, Parliamentarian; Carol Anne Hendrix, President; Janet Quirk, Finance Chair.

Second row (left to right): Jill Johnson, Recording Secretary; Karen Meinzen McEnerny, Immediate Past President; Elizabeth Kelly, 1st Vice President; Sue Winner, Project Treasurer; Betsy Bacon, General Treasurer.

Not Pictured: Pam Betz, Vice President Fundraising; Betsy Harrington, Corresponding Secretary.

Click here for complete list of officers and Board of Directors.

Website and Member Directory

Check out our new and improved Sandy Springs Society website!

Our calendar, event pictures, and even our pictorial directory can now be found in our "Member Area".

Please see below for login instructions to enter Member Area.

Username: **SSS**
Password: **turtles**

2016 Philanthropic Distributions

2016 SPIRIT OF SANDY SPRINGS VOLUNTEER AWARD WINNER

Act 3 Productions
$3,700

To purchase 110 padded chairs for public seating

Chattahoochee River Keepers

$2,000
To support the Neighborhood Stream Watch Program

Child Development Association: $9,000
To provide weekly "Ready by 5" pre-K student scholarships for Sandy Springs needy families

Community Assistance Center: $26,000
To outfit a larger Food Pantry and Thrift Boutique

Creating Connected Communities $3,000
To fund an event in Sandy Springs for children in need in Sandy Springs

Every Woman Works $5,000
To provide scholarships to women in need in Sandy Springs

Franklin Pond Chamber Music: $800
For funding two outdoor concerts in Sandy Springs

Friends of North Springs Foundation: $10,000
To purchase equipment for the music technology classroom

Friends of the Sandy Springs Library

Spirit of Sandy Springs winner Willis Lanier and wife Tish.

When he sees a need - he volunteers

Sandy Springs is fortunate to have a good many people who work to make our community a better place to live. Most of these kind souls give generously of their time and talent and don't expect recognition.

Since 1995, the Sandy Springs Society has recognized a volunteer in our community who exemplifies the spirit of community service by contributing to the betterment of Sandy Springs.

One of these kind souls who has given to our community in many ways is our 2016 Spirit of Sandy Springs volunteer - Dr. Willis Lanier.

Dr. Lanier received several nominations for the Spirit of Sandy Springs award, each of them commenting on his devotion to family and community.

Click **here** to learn more about Dr. Lanier's involvement in the community.

Highlights from the Spring Luncheon

Installation of President and passing of the presidential gavel and cow bell.

Pictured: Lib Thompson and Carol Anne Hendrix

Incoming President, Carol Anne Hendrix presents Immediate Past President, Karen Meinzen McEnerny, with gifts for "retirement" and "extra time."

$1,400
To fund one speaker and crafts for the summer program

Healthy Youth, USA: $1,500
To fund transportation and snacks for the Summer Camp 2016 Program

Heritage Sandy Springs: $74,725 (35% of total; excludes dues)
To continue work on the springs' site project/programs/museum exhibits/SS Gazette, sponsorships

Horizons Atlanta: $7,500
To purchase supplies and provide transportation for the Global Academy

John Ripley Forbes Big Trees Forest Preserve $2,000
To install replacement hardwoods in the preserve's entrance and tornado damaged area

Mr. Tom's Heart $2,400
To purchase communication equipment to support of needy in Sandy Springs

Prevent Blindness Georgia: $5,000
To fund the Star Pupils vision testing program in Sandy Springs preschools and daycare centers

Reading is Essential for All People $5,000

Karen Meinzen McEnerny after being pinned by Bob Knox of Knox Jewelers.

Ann Magruder, Chair of the Spirit of Sandy Springs Award and Willis Lanier, this year's recipient.

President's Discretionary Philanthropic Grant

At the Spring Luncheon, Karen Meinzen McEnerny announced that she augmented the 2016 Philanthropic Committees grant to the John Ripley Forbes Big Trees Forest Preserve of $2,000 with her Presidents Discretionary philanthropic grant of $1,000.

These funds will be used to plant additional White Oaks at the Preserve to replace several that were downed during a tornado a few years ago.

BLUE RIBBON AWARD

Pictured: Blue Ribbon Award recipient, Gayle Balkcom, pinned by 2015-2016 Membership Chair, Julia Doyle

The Sandy Springs Society Blue Ribbon Award was initiated in 1996-97 to encourage new members to actively participate in the Society. The recipient is chosen to honor her involvement, enthusiasm and participation in the many events of the Society.

The SSS New Member Blue Ribbon winner for 2015-16 is Gayle Balkcom. She can be described as unassuming, dependable, hardworking, talented, kind, and fun. During her first year as a new member, she went above and beyond what was expected. She was actively involved in the Evening with the Elves, Polar Express Cafe, and Tossed out Treasures.

Gayle embodies the true essence of what it means to be a member of the Sandy Springs Society, to work together for a better community.

Click **here** to learn more about Gayle and past Blue Ribbon Award recipients.

To fund scholarships for teachers in Sandy Springs

Ridgeview Charter Middle School Foundation: $5,000
To purchase 80 Orchestra Chairs

Riverwood International Charter School Foundation: $9,000
To fund tutors, college field trips, and teacher training for the AVID program

Riverwood International Charter School Performing Arts Booster Association: $6,000
To purchase a microphone system and musical instruction

Sandy Springs Education Force: $6,000
To fund scholarships to the afterschool program at Sandy Springs Middle School

Sandy Springs Mission: $7,500
To fund a mobile technology lab with computers

Senior Services, North Fulton: $8,000
To support the Transportation Options Program for senior citizens in Sandy Springs

The Drake House $2,325
To help with storage repair/replacement at

Endowment Fund

The Endowment Fund was established to provide a secure financial foundation for the Sandy Springs Society so that the organization can continue to provide support for selected charities in accordance with the Philanthropic Committee guidelines.

The Endowment Fund Committee of 2015/2016 included Chair Laura DeLong, Chair-elect Jean Ward, Jeanette Berger, Catherine Ealick-Anderson, Molly Graham, Carol Anne Hendrix, Carol Johns, Karen Meinzen McEnerny and Beth Robertson.

All members of the Sandy Springs Society contribute to the Endowment Fund with a portion of their dues. In addition, the committee thanks those members who have contributed to the Endowment Fund in memory or honor of someone with a personal donation. The growth of the Endowment Fund is dependent not only on the management and oversight of the committee, but also on member's contributions. The Fund has grown 6% annually since it was formed in 2011.

On behalf of the Endowment Fund Committee, Laura Delong presented a check for $3,130.00 to Sana Thomas, of the Philanthropy Committee at the Spring 2016 Luncheon. In the past four years, the Endowment Fund has contributed $17,232.00 to the Society's philanthropic outreach.

DONATIONS
to the Sandy Springs Endowment Fund
July 2015 - May 2016

Zena Bradford
Jerry Felton, husband of Dorothy Felton
Elinor Foster, mother of Laura DeLong
Molly Graham
Karen Meinzen McEnerny
Suzanne Minotto
Dan Nable, husband of Ann Nable
The Soul Sisters
The Sandy Springs Society Endowment Fund
Tom Ungashick, husband of Ellen Ungashick
Wilma Voss, mother of Bev Hogan
Pattie Bonser Walters, mother of Liz Nezhat
Jean and Jack Ward

Welcome New Members!

shelter for homeless women and children in Sandy Springs

U Hope CDC $5,000
To fund an additional bedroom for homeless men in Sandy Springs

Watershed Alliance of Sandy Springs $5,650
To purchase water testing supplies and a partnership, an environment model for classroom demonstrations, and an Horizons Field trip

Total amount of grants for 2016 distribution to Agencies: $213,500

"Like" Us!

Get in the know and follow us by "liking" The Sandy Springs Society on Facebook.

Join the fun and find out what is happening in the Society and then share it with your friends.

If you haven't signed up for Facebook and need help, email Gail Jokerst for assistance.

EVERYDAY WAYS TO SUPPORT THE SANDY SPRINGS

New member class attends Coffee Social in May at their Membership Chair, Deede Stephenson's home.

Make sure to look for these ladies at our gatherings and help welcome them into the Society!

Deede Stephenson, Membership Chair, and Beth Robertson, Vice Chair, will host several events throughout the year to help the class get to know one another.

The new class joined our Executive Board and TEEM and TOT Chairs at the President's New Members Welcome Party in June.

The new member class will support the Society by volunteering at our signature events, the Elegant Elf and Tossed out Treasures.

Class of 2016

Sherry Abney	Janet Gannon	Charlotte Seefeldt
Stephanie Barnard	Lynn Lindskoog	Deborah Silcox
Anna Carron	Alisa Munson	Judy Soden
Janie Cohen-Legge	Jennifer Pryor	Robbie Turner
Robin Conklin	Mary Riddle	Stephanie Walstad
Emily Dugan Gadrix	Debbie Schwartz	

The Elegant Elf

The Elegant Elf Team is gearing up for the The Week of the Elf, October 30 - November 6 as well as the Elegant Elf Marketplace on Saturday, November 5 and Sunday, November 6.

SOCIETY

Sign up for Amazon Smiles!

When you shop on Amazon, five percent of your purchase can be directed towards the Sandy Springs Society.

Use your Kroger card to register for:

Community Rewards.
Sandy Springs
Society # 65560

THIS NEWSLETTER

Editor:
Maureen Davidson

Advisor to the Editor:
Brenda Toan & Peyton White

This year's Elegant Elf Leadership Team includes Barb Mutz, Belle Cameron Pierce, Susan Sutterfield, and Melissa Patterson.

2016 VENDORS
This year we are excited to feature over 80 new and returning local and regional vendors and artists offering gourmet food and distinctive gifts of fine crafts, jewelry, handcrafted fashions and accessories, home and garden, baby and children's apparel, books, toys and more - all perfect for gift-giving or your personal enjoyment!

SAVE THE DATE!
Jazzin' Up the Elves

A fun-filled evening of food, drink and jazz
to kick off The Elegant Elf Marketplace

Thursday, November 3, 2016
6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Bishop's Commons/Inglett Hall
Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church
Entertainment: Bruce Green's Jazz Band
Featuring: Pre-market shopping of items donated by the vendors, and a live auction.

More details will be included in the August 2016 Newsletter.

Tossed Out Treasures

Congratulations to everyone that worked to make this year's Tossed Out Treasures a success! This year's sale netted **$85,253.78!**

Stay tuned for Tossed Out Treasures 2017!!

Highlights from our Spring Events:

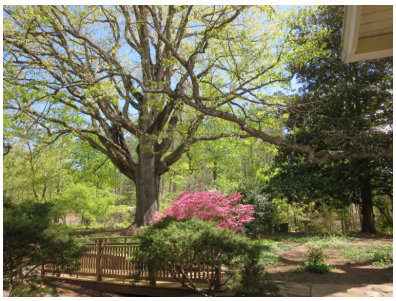
The Classic Car Show!

Pictured: Winners Clanci & Gene Jordan and their 1951 MGdT.

Sandy Springs Society Members enjoying the Lost Corner Preserve

Pictured (left to right): Carla Sweetwood, Karen Meinzen McEnerny, Tricia Thompson Fox, Alan Tooney, Diana Woods, Gini Smith, Ellen Fenoglio

Pictured (left to right): Tricia Thompson Fox, Clark Otten, Brenda Toan



SISTERHOOD

The Sisterhood Committee would like you to contact us if you know someone who is dealing with

a surgery, an illness or any of life's hard experiences.

Please email libthompson560@gmail.com
with the information.

If you would like to be a member of the Sisterhood Committee, email Lib Thompson.

Let's Share Our Good News!

There is NO BETTER WAY to advertise our organization, its two fundraisers, and the community charities who receive funds as a result of our hard work, than IN PERSON!

The Society is currently recruiting volunteers to staff our SSS Booth at the Sandy Springs Festival.

Sandy Springs Festival
Booth Volunteers Needed!
Saturday - Sunday
September 17 - 18, 2016

What a fun way to experience our community work and the festival!

If you are interested in working a shift, please contact Peyton White at peytonpotterwhite@gmail.com to reserve your time.

Help us let people know how awesome we are!!!

Our PR person is working hard on our behalf; however, if you have a personal contact, friend or family member that is in the media business, and you are willing to share their contact information, you could really help their efforts!

Please contact Carol Anne Hendrix,
carolannehendrix@gmail.com or (770) 519-3518

Pictured: Avid Program Kids, Coach Jenkins, and Riverwood High School AVID Coordinator holding a THANK YOU sign for Sandy Springs Society members!

Nancy Juneau and other Sandy Springs Society members visited Riverwood High School 's AVID classroom on March 17. The Program Coordinator expressed her thanks to all members of The Society that gave their volunteer time to fund the grant for this past academic year.

Click **here** for more information abut the program.

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 $3 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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