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Monthly Newsletter

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2026 CLUB MEMBERS

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President's Message: A Season of Gratitude and Giving

Lilburn Woman's Club November has always felt like a special time of year to me. As the days grow shorter, the air turns crisp, and the trees around us put on their beautiful autumn colors, I find myself looking forward to the simple joys of the season—time with family and friends, the excitement of the upcoming holidays, and the opportunity to reflect on all the blessings in our lives. As I think about our Lilburn Woman's Club family, I am especially grateful for each of you and for the enthusiasm, kindness, and generosity you bring to everything we do. It is a privilege to serve alongside such a wonderful group of women who are always willing to give their time and hearts to help others.

The excitement continues as we prepare for two important holiday initiatives: our Christmas Dinner & Auction and our annual project of providing holiday gifts to children in need throughout our area. Both are wonderful reminders that the spirit of the season is about more than festive gatherings and celebrations—it is about generosity, compassion, and bringing joy to others.

To help us prepare for the Christmas Dinner & Auction, please plan to bring your donated items and/or auction baskets to St. John Neumann Catholic Church on Thursday, December 10th between 12 Noon and 2:00 pm. No donations will be accepted after that time. If you are unable to deliver your item(s) on that day, please contact Barbara Brennan to make alternate arrangements. Your generosity and creativity help make this special event a success and support the many projects and programs that benefit our community.

Ana Kolb shared information at the November meeting about how you can help with shopping for the children who will receive our holiday gifts. This is one of the most heartwarming projects of our year, giving us an opportunity to brighten a child's holiday and remind families in our community that others care.

As we approach the end of another busy and rewarding year, I am especially grateful for each of you—your time, your talents, your generosity, and your willingness to say "yes" when our community needs us. Whether we are supporting local schools, helping families in need, or bringing neighbors together, our collective efforts demonstrate what a group of dedicated women can accomplish.

May your November be filled with gratitude, friendship, and the joy of giving. I look forward to seeing everyone at our meeting and sharing in the excitement of the holiday season ahead!



Warmly,
Maureen

Get ready to jingle and mingle and bid on a fabulous trip to Tuscany, Italy!

LILBURN WOMAN'S CLUB

CHRISTMAS DINNER & AUCTION

Let's celebrate the magic of the season together!

Join us for a night filled with festive cheer, dazzling decorations, live music and merry moments.

THURS., DECEMBER 10, 2026

Six o'clock in the evening

REYNOLDS HALL

801 Tom Smith Rd, Lilburn, GA 30047

$30 / person - opportunity tickets -(cash only) wine/beer bar - live auction to follow

This charitable event will provide holiday gifts for local children in need as well as support other LWC children's projects.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING PROJECT

It's that wonderful time of year where Christmas decorations have been in the stores since July and we are filling our shopping carts with presents so we can be done before December. One of my favorite projects of the LWC is the Christmas Shopping Project. The previous year, we have a special night for the Christmas Dinner/Auction, where we dress up, have a delicious dinner, and gather socially to raise funds for this project. As Michael Sullivan, as charismatic MC would say, "It's for the children!" The funds raised that evening is to purchase gifts for children of the Lilburn Elementary Schools (8) that are less fortunate than many of us. The schools and families are so appreciative. We have volunteer shoppers, gift wrappers and delivery elves. Please go to the SignUp Genius on our calendar and see how you can help out on this project. Thanks to all who have contributed at the auction and the wonderful ladies that make this project successful.

BEYOND THE TITLE: MEET OUR 2027 OFFICERS

Welcoming Our 2027 Officers

It's my pleasure to introduce and welcome our incoming 2027 Lilburn Woman's Club officers! We're excited to have them stepping into these roles and bringing their ideas, energy, and enthusiasm to our club.

But before we get down to the business of club leadership, let's get to know the women behind the titles! Turn the pages to meet our new officers, learn a little about their interests in the club, and discover a few fun things you might not know about them. Please join me in giving them a warm welcome!

President
Adela Salame-Alfie

1st Vice President
Amber Cannon

2nd Vice President
Nadine Bily

Recording Secretary
Sandy Ireland

Corresponding Secretary
Maria Meade

Treasurer
Ana Kolb

Cheers to another wonderful year together!



President: Adela Salame-Alfie

- **Member since:** 2020
- **Favorite thing about being part of LWC:** I really love the impact that our club has in our community. The club offers us an opportunity to work in many different areas so there's always an opportunity to advance some of our favorite projects. I've also made a lot of great friends that I'll treasure forever.
- **What drew you to take on this role?** I've been fortunate to have had the opportunity to serve in several roles including CSP Chair, 2nd VP, and I'm currently the Treasurer. I think accepting to be the next Club President was the next logical step (smile) plus I know I'll have great support from our board members and past presidents.
- **One hope for the club in the coming year:** I really would like to focus on increasing membership of all ages, but especially bringing young(er) women that share our vision and commitment to improving the lives of our community members and that can bring fresh ideas for us to explore.
- **Favorite comfort food:** That's a tough question but I'll say I love soups, even in the summer. Hearty lentil soups are awesome this time of year.

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1st Vice President: Amber Cannon

- **Member since:** 2025
- **Favorite thing about being part of LWC:** Making an impacting with my club members, specifically our Habitat for Humanity project this year.
- **What drew you to take on this role?** Ensuring that our memberships reflects the community we serve and live in.
- **One hope for the club in the coming year:** Increased and sustained membership growth consisting of women that are action oriented with members that are dedicated to "Living the Volunteer Spirit".
- **Favorite comfort food:** Homemade cookies.





2nd Vice President: Nadine Bily

- **Member since:** 1980
- **Favorite thing about being part of LWC:** The friendships formed while serving the community.
- **What drew you to take on this role?** This role? Hah! Being asked. Seriously, I have enjoyed being a Program Chair the past few years. Being 2nd VP makes me aware of all the projects driven by the different programs.
- **One hope for the club in the coming year:** I hope we continue to attract vibrant people to carry on our goals.
- **Favorite comfort food:** It's funny, I have always said chocolate, and I do still love it. However, as my digestive system has changed I find that my COMFORT food has gone bland and I go for potatoes cooked any way.





Recording Secretary: Sandy Ireland

- **Member since:** 2026
- **Favorite thing about being part of LWC:** The many years of service for each member. Admire the dedication and committment.
- **What drew you to take on this role?** Having many opportunities to serve the Lilburn community.
- **One hope for the club in the coming year:** Continue to grow the organization.
- **Favorite comfort food:** Pumpkin Pie, I love fall!!



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Corresponding Secretary: Maria Meade

- **Member since:** 2026
- **Favorite thing about being part of LWC:** Getting to combine our efforts and resources, and therefore accomplishing much more for the Lilburn community than we could do individually.
- **What drew you to take on this role?** As the corresponding secretary, I'm looking forward to the opportunity to learn more about the LWC and better get to know our members.
- **One hope for the club in the coming year:** I hope that 2027 brings new opportunities for the LWC to connect with the Lilburn community, and deepen our impact. Also, no hurricanes!
- **Favorite comfort food:** Fresh, homemade bread.



Treasurer: Ana Kolb

- **Member since:** 2017
- **Favorite thing about being part of LWC:** Helping the community.
- **What drew you to take on this role?** I enjoy accounting and helping out my fellow members with what I know best.
- **One hope for the club in the coming year:** Be able to continuing serving the community and being part of a wonderful group of ladies.
- **Favorite comfort food:** Apple pie.









Planning is already underway for our 5th annual Taste of Lilburn on March 6, 2027, at Parkview High School. We are looking for restaurants to participate, sponsors, and giveaway items.

If you have any leads, please let us know.

Restaurant suggestions:
Andrea (aebnl@hotmail.com) or Kathy (lwckathymattox@gmail.com)

Sponsor suggestions:
Wanda (wandastaebell@yahoo.com)

We are so excited to celebrate our community and the local cuisine.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM FEATURE: ARTS & CULTURE



Author: Nancy Chilcoat

What's Art All About?

It's music and theater as well as painting and art shows.

Take time to visit the Carter Center or attend a play at Stone Mountain Arts Center (coming next month "Another Night Before Christmas" Dec.10-20) or visit Fernbank with family of friends this coming Thanksgiving week.

Happy Turkey day from Art to all!



COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM FEATURE: CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH





Author: Kathy Hartman

Veterans Day – November 11th
Veterans Day is a day of national observance dedicated to recognizing the service and sacrifice of all American veterans.

What Veterans Day Should Mean to Us
Veterans Day is more than a date on the calendar. It is a day of reflection, time to pause and honor the men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces. Their courage, commitment, and sacrifice have helped protect the freedoms we enjoy every day.

When we think about veterans, we reflect upon anyone who chose to put the needs of their country before their own. Service requires long separations from family, difficult conditions, and lasting personal sacrifices. Veterans come from many backgrounds and have served in various places and eras, but they all share a willingness to defend others and accept serious responsibility.

Veterans Day reminds us not to take our freedoms for granted—including the freedom to learn, speak openly, practice our beliefs, and build a future for our families. We honor veterans by recognizing that real people, supported by their families, have dedicated themselves to protecting these freedoms.

Most of all, Veterans Day means gratitude. It is a day to remember the cost of service and celebrate the strength of those who served. We will never fully know and understand everything veterans have faced, but we can honor them by remembering their sacrifices.

Gwinnett County Celebration to Honor and Support Veterans on Veterans Day
Gwinnett County will honor those who served this Veterans Day with two back-to-back events: Gwinnett County's annual Veterans Day Ceremony and the Gwinnett County Stand Down.

Both events will take place on Wednesday, November 11th, with the Veterans Day Ceremony beginning at 11:00AM, followed by the Stand Down Event. The events will be held near the Fallen Heroes Memorial which is located across from the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center in Lawrenceville. All residents are encouraged to attend to show their appreciation to those who helped protect and defend the country.

Kerry Dyer, Deputy Commissioner and Chief Operations Officer for the Georgia Department of Veterans Service and Army veteran, will give this year's keynote address. Dyer is a three-time Bronze Star awarded combat veteran and served in several overseas assignments in Germany, Kuwait, Iraq, Afghanistan and Haiti.

City of Lilburn's Veterans Day Event has not been posted as of this submission but will be included in the weekly News & Notes when available.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM FEATURE: EDUCATION & LIBRARIES





Author: Jenny Nall

DICTIONARY PROJECT Many thanks to each of you who volunteered to present dictionaries to our 3 rd grade students. Special thanks to Doris Mann, the Chairman, and to Ana Kolb who helped Doris deliver the many boxes of dictionaries! The children sent us many notes of thanks!

BOOKMOBILE The Bookmobile is a club project that will be coming up after the holidays. Tanya Morris, Chairman, has done an excellent job of organizing this event. Please think about volunteering for this Club Project as we assist in helping children select their very own book. It is so much fun to see them decide which book they want and to see the joy they have in owning a book.

COZY BOOKREADING TIME! With the holidays and colder weather coming, it is a good time to think about having a cozy book reading time at home. We always encourage each of you to visit the library in person, but when you don't have time or the weather is messy, here are some ways to access books at home.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM FEATURE: ENVIRONMENT







Author: Mandy McManus

Environment CSP is collecting empty prescription medicine bottles. Our CSP has already sent in one big bag of #5 amber plastic bottles to Ridwell to be recycled and these bottles will be made into plastic pellets to be melted and formed into new plastic objects. Some of the pellets are used to make sunglasses! Keep saving your prescription bottles and bring to our meetings. Keep up the recycling.







Author: Deborah Shields

A Grateful Heart!

As the seasons change, let us reflect on the many blessings we are blessed with.

We have so much to be thankful for.

As we look back on the health initiatives we've learned, tai chi and yoga we participated in. We have learned so much. The many miles we've walked, the new healthy recipes we have tried. Gallons of water we've consumed. The new friendships we've gained. The special moments with loved ones. The problems that all worked out despite our anxiety. The lives we have touched. Let's take a deep breath and with a grateful heart, say Thank You to each other. Well done, Lilburn Women's Club.

Another year is ending and we are still moving forward. Stronger and better than before. As you sip your morning coffee, or beverage of choice, think of 3 things you are grateful for. Mentally review what you appreciate about your life. Take a moment and meditate on your journey to a new and improved you. Smell the roses, you deserve it.



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Little Free Library
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Bailey Rigor

Social
Barbara Brennen

Sponsorship
Wanda Staebell

Strategic Planning
Diane DeGaetano

Taste of Lilburn
Andrea Brannen
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