

# Chattahoochee PLANTATION

WOMENS CLUB

DECEMBER 2015

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## A LETTER FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

Dear CPWC members,

During the holiday season, there are so many opportunities to make a difference and make memories together. We hope you'll take advantage of the events this month.

To kick off the holiday season, First Friday will be at my house, 4530 Ponte Vedra Drive, on **December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**. Please bring an appetizer and beverage to share. We will also have several wines from the cellar available to everyone.

Come Share Holiday Cheer at Shea Amin's home, 4508 Chattahoochee Plantation Drive, on **December 11<sup>th</sup>** for the popular gift exchange and cookie swap. This year, we're also asking members to donate hygiene items and "dress for success" clothing for our charity, Communities in Schools. A representative from the charity will be at our meeting to explain the wonderful ways they change

the lives of so many children who are at risk for dropping out of school. If you would like to buy your raffle tickets for the gala ahead of time, we will have them at the December program or contact Janie at [Janie.kissling@gmail.com](mailto:Janie.kissling@gmail.com).



The traditional Yule Log Lighting with Santa and the Luminary Lighting --will be on **Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm** at McFarlane Park. Come visit Old Saint Nick and enjoy cookies and hot chocolate!

Thank you to Jennifer Risey for hosting the November Wine Tasting event and to Cathy Snyder for hosting the Evening Group with Simply Fresh. We are also grateful to Jean Ann McCarthy for opening her home for the Chef Reethof dinner.

Our next Chef's dinner will be catered by Rumi's on **April 16<sup>th</sup>** at Shea Amin's lovely home.

"It's a Wonderful Life" – Enjoy each moment of your holiday season! We are grateful you are in our lives.

"Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can

turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, and a stranger into a friend." - Melody Beattie

*Missy Malmberg & Danna Vach*  
Co-Presidents

JOIN US AT A WINTER HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

# EAT, DRINK & BE MERRY

<small>WHEN:</small> <b>Friday, December 4 at 7pm</b>	<small>HOST:</small> <b>CPWC 404-423-2377</b>	<small>WHERE:</small> <b>The Home of Melissa Malmberg 4530 Pointe Vedra Drive</b>
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Just bring yourself,  
an appetizer and  
your favorite  
beverage!

And please  
remember to rsvp!

By Julie Lischer



Heartfelt thank you to Jen Risey for hosting the November CPWC Program Meeting in her beautiful home. We enjoyed four Italian wines from Hinton's Savvy Cellar. Please stop in their shop at the corner of Abernathy and Johnson Ferry (in LA Fitness Shopping Center) and let them know how much you enjoyed our program! The wines are listed on the CPWC FB page. We also want to thank Mike at Murray's Cheese shop (Kroger Parkaire) for helping us select the delicious cheese pairings. Please thank them when you're shopping this holiday season!



We are looking forward to the Annual Holiday Gift Exchange and Cookie Swap on **Dec. 11 at 10:30 a.m.** at Shea Amin's, 4508 Chattahoochee Plantation Dr. If you would like to participate in the Secret Santa gift exchange, bring a \$20 wrapped gift. If you want to bring home 3 dozen cookies, bring 3 dozen cookies and a separate take-home tin. RSVP by Dec. 9 via email, [jlischer@att.net](mailto:jlischer@att.net) We will welcome our friends from Communities in Schools Marietta Cobb County that day as well. **Please bring "Dress for Success" items (professional ladies and menswear) and/or hygiene items (socks, underwear, toiletries) for our guests to take back to CISMCC with them!**



Be sure to mark your calendar for **Friday, January 15 at 10:30 a.m.** We will meet at Amber Carey's to learn healthy tips and holistic coaching for the new year.

I'd like to thank our Programs Team for putting together delicious meals at our monthly meetings! It's a pleasure to work with you ladies! And thank you to the membership for rsvp-ing early and often!



**Cannoli Bites**

4 cups ricotta cheese  
 1 1/2 cups powdered sugar  
 1 tsp vanilla extract  
 8 oz semi sweet chocolate chips  
 30 mini pylo shells or 18 cannoli shells

- 1) Mix cheese, sugar, vanilla and chocolate
- 2) Using a spoon or pastry bag, fill shells. Serve immediately so shells stay crispy.

Love and happy holidays from Programs!

**DATE**

Dec. 11  
 Jan. 15  
 Feb. 6  
 March 18  
 April 15  
 May 13

**THEME**

Cookie Swap  
 Holistic Coaching  
 Gala  
 Savvy Women's Guide to Life – Phase II  
 Field trip and lunch  
 Closing Luncheon

**LOCATION**

Home of Shea Amin  
 Home of Amber Carey  
 Atlanta Country Club  
 Home of Carolyn Cadiou  
 Historic Roswell  
 Home of Peggy Cannon

# HAPPY GRADUATION!



giving each graduate a jump drive! One child has plans for college in Florida focused on computers. Another has plans for a vocational degree with plans to become a mechanic.

Graduation rates at two of our Cobb County schools have increased 17 and 18% over the last 5 years, thanks in part to the work of CISMCC! What strength, focus, and commitment to a goal! What a day! Congrats!



By Janet Thomas

On November 10th several CPWC women gathered to share in the celebration of 100 Marietta and Cobb County students who have diligently worked to complete their studies and to graduate high school! CPWC contributed by



## VALENTINES GALA

By Janet Thomas

This year's theme is "sharing" and the charity committee is fully embracing the spirit!

First, we have been working with Communities in Schools Marietta Cobb County (CISMCC) to understand their goals and needs and how we can share in the effort and success of the students! Carie Buchanan is sending brief nuggets of information every other week about our charity! CISMCC works with at-risk kids in our community to remove non-academic barriers to student success toward high school graduation. Georgia is 46th in the nation in graduating our children! CISMCC has demonstrated success in substantially improving dismal rates in our community! We can help by donating items, sharing our time with the kids, and by attending and supporting the Gala!

Second, we have been working to prepare for a truly *manifique* night together on February 6th! Decorations are made, menu is set including plans for a very personal dessert! We are thrilled to have a very special Emcee for the evening! And many other fun and new details are underway! I hope you can sense the eager anticipation!

One exciting and dramatic change will be mobile bidding during the Gala! Chris Cashman worked tirelessly to lead an extensive and thorough effort to evaluate and select software for CPWC. We are excited by the opportunities this software will allow — such as little-to-no check-out options at the Gala! We will have the software available to share, see and use at both our December and January programs! Please consider buying 50/50 raffle tickets and your tickets to the Gala via this software at one of these events!

Third, please jump in to help us! Please share your time and creativity by helping to identify and secure auction items! We're brainstorming unique and fun experiences and any new thoughts and kind sharing of resources is earnestly appreciated. Please consider helping in this way! Contact Chris Cashman at [excelnbe@me.com](mailto:excelnbe@me.com). Sincere thanks!

### How Can You Help?

Bring "Dress for Success" professional attire for young men or women to the December 11 Program .

Bring hygiene items (socks, underwear, and toiletries) to the December 11 Program .

Visit a Performance Learning Center.

Volunteer at an upcoming Reality U event!

Share information from Carie's CISMCC emails with friends and family!

# YULE LOG CELEBRATION

By Janie Kissling

## SANTA CLAUS!

(Arrives at 1:45 for photo opportunities with your kids).

## BONFIRE!

## SINGING CAROLS AND HOLIDAY SONGS!

## HOT COCOA AND COOKIES!

## GAMES AND PRIZES FOR THE KIDS!

## FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!!!

Saturday, **December 12.** 1:30-3:00

McFarlane Park (off Farm Road)

Sponsored by CPCA, with help from CPWC. Bring out yourselves and your families and enjoy holiday fun around a blazing fire with carols, treats, games, and Santa!

## DON'T MISS IT!!!



# EVENING GROUP



By Janie Kissling

The evening group enjoyed a great meeting on Tuesday night at the home of Cathy Snyder. Dolores from Simply Fresh treated us to cups of creamy butternut squash soup and appetizers of fresh green bean casseroles. Dolores spoke about revamping our recipes so that they would be healthier. She encouraged us to substitute low-fat milk and half-and-half for heavy cream in our cream soups. She also reminded us that really good quality sea salt is very important for great cooking.

Dolores gave us a little trick -- putting a dash of fresh lemon in each of our fresh vegetable dishes. She says it makes the vegetables taste so light. Dolores also showed us some tricks for decorating our tables for Thanksgiving. She showed us how to use fresh Magnolia and holly leaves, combined with fresh vegetables and beautiful ribbon to make a tablescape. Please visit Dolores at Simply Fresh in Paper Mill Village. Janie Kissling demonstrated ideas for flower arrangements, votive holders, acorn squash flier arrangements, pumpkin candle holders, cylinders filled with beans, dried peas, or corn.

You can push a votive or glowers in the cylinder. She also described many kids' activities which can be done well the kids are waiting for the Thanksgiving dinner. When idea was to form a turkey on a platter made from all kinds of different vegetables. And she created a fruit platter in the shape of a turkey, using a pair for the turkeys face and rows of fruits for the tail. If you would wish to have a copy of the different ideas, email Janie and she will send it to you.

Our December meeting will be held at the home of Shea Amin (4508 Chattahoochee Plantation Drive) on Tuesday, **December 8, at 7 PM.** Heather Rees from our Pinterest group will be demonstrating some holiday food and drink for our entertaining. We will also create a wonderful platter that we can give as a gift. It is created from a plate and a goblet or glass. It makes a beautiful serving plate for parties. You will have to bring your own plate and goblet. More info on that later.

RSVP to Janie Kissling at Janie. Kissling@gmail.com. If you RSVP and can't make it at the last minute, please email me. We use our numbers in determining how much food to provide, how many chairs to set up, and how much wine to buy. Hope to see you there as we get ready for the holidays!



# RAFFLE TIX



*By Janie Kissling*

Where else can you buy your stocking stuffers right in your own neighborhood and help our CPWC and our wonderful charity?

We are selling raffle tickets as a part of our Valentine's Gala Charity event already!

The price is low, low, low! Only \$10 each! Why don't you consider

buying 10 tickets?

The prize is half of the collected funds. Our goal is to sell 500 tickets, which means the winner would receive \$2,500 and our charity, Communities in Schools of Marietta / Cobb County (CISMCC), would receive the same amount!

Our charity this year is awesome! The goal of CISMCC is to identify and work with high risk kids to remove non-academic barriers to the kids' success in school to support graduating from high school with specific plans for the future!

Please contact Sue Baer at [sibaer@aol.com](mailto:sibaer@aol.com) or Janie Kissling at [janie.kissling@gmail.com](mailto:janie.kissling@gmail.com) to buy tickets. You can also help us by checking out 20 or 30 tickets to sell at work or at Bridge, Golf, wherever you have contacts. WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

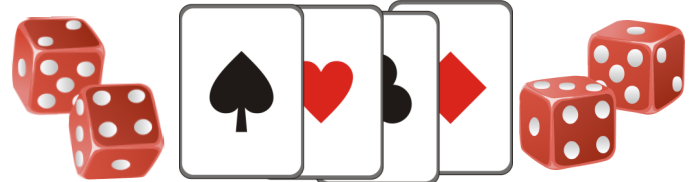


# BUNCO

*By Tina Engberg*

Yuca Gu Fasnacht will host Bunco the evening of Friday, **January 22nd** at her home at 4567 Chattahoochee Court! We'll start at 7 PM. Please bring an appetizer to share and BYOB. Please bring \$2 for the kitty and a wrapped \$10-15 gift to swap!

Please email Tina Engberg at [christina.engberg@gmail.com](mailto:christina.engberg@gmail.com) to let us know you're coming!



# BRIDGE CLUB

*By Melissa Nicol*

The bridge club will be having our next game on Wednesday, **December 9**. Since we are always looking for a multiple of four, please contact Melissa Nicol at 770 541-6168 or at [mahanmelissa@aol.com](mailto:mahanmelissa@aol.com) if you would like to join us or to be added to our list of substitutes. We play and have lunch at Atlanta Country Club.

# OUR 2013-14 EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Sue Butler

### Girl's Night Out

Cynthia Dolezal

### Globe Trekkers

Shea Amin

### Pinterest Fun

Heather Rees

## Play Group

Nicole Barry

## Run Walk Group

Elizabeth Cooper

## Standing Committee Chairwomen

## Friends of McFarland Park

Tina Engberg

## Community Outreach

Janie Kissling

## Communications

Heather Rees

# BOOK CLUBS

## Daytime: *By Elizabeth Cooper*

We are collecting new Learn to Read books for the younger children at Brumby Elementary School as our special holiday gifts. Nonmembers are welcome to donate, too!

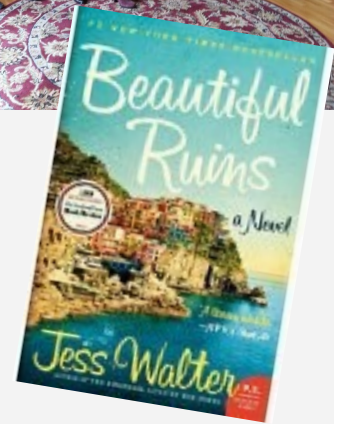
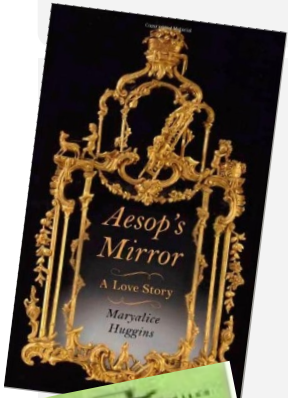
Our festive annual Holiday Discussion and Luncheon will be **December 14**. *Aesop's Mirror* by Maryalice Huggins is our book this month.

Contact Elizabeth Cooper, [ewsjws@msn.com](mailto:ewsjws@msn.com) with any questions or book donations.

## Evening: *By Valerie Bridges*

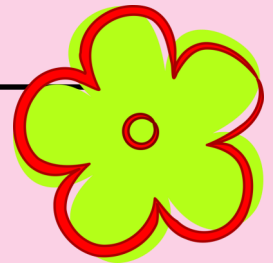
On November 18 the Evening Book Club met to discuss *Last Queen of India* by Michelle Muran. In December we will be reading *Beautiful Ruins* by Jess Walter and meeting on **December 15** due to the holidays.

January we will read *Paris to the Moon* by Adam Gopnick and will be back on schedule meeting on the 4th Tuesday of the month on **January 26** and then February 23.



## Art for the Park Wrap –Up 2015

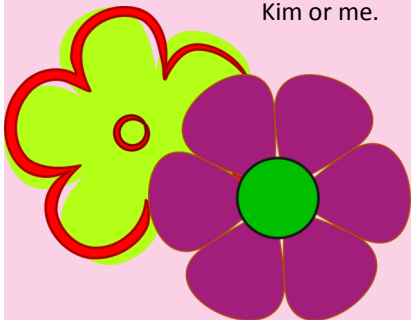
We are please and excited to announce that the donations to McFarlane Nature Park for 2015 will be \$8,110.00. Thanks to the CPWC, CPCA and our local neighbors that attended the event and shopped with our unique artists and vendors. Also, to those who have sent in donations over the last couple of months since the event. The Park has seen a 50% decline in donations this year and this event will allow the park to operate in the black for 2016.



Our Key focus after 3 years of AFP has been Awareness of the Park that provides a “tranquil environment for all to enjoy and nurture.

Karin Guzy had done an outstanding job as “Mother to the Park” in booking events and managing the Park and all it activities. The Cobb Land Trust, that McFarlane Park is a small entity of, is chaired by Jeff Gross. The board will meet this December to discuss plans on future events and projects. The monies raised from AFP this year will go towards specific projects that are in the CLT Board’s punch list. Erosion issues, tree removal, and the installation of hand dryers that have been on hold due to lack of funding.

Next years Kim Sherk, the new Secretary of CLT Board, will chair the event. Plans are already underway to secure a later date in early November and focus on the quality of our vendors/artists for Holiday gift giving. Kim will bring a “new energy” to the event with the help of the CPWC & CPCA and volunteers of our community. If you are interested in helping with this event please contact Kim or me.



We are blessed to live a community that has supported its neighbors and many other organizations thought out the state. “Many hands make little Work” is the motto. This is what AFP has proven to the success for the Park.

Stay tune for more details as 2016 unfolds!

Warm Regards,  
Lynn Thompson; 2013-1015 AFP Chairman

## **Bible Study (Lettie Nixon)**

Be sure to reserve Thursdays on your calendar for the Fall Sessions for our Bible Study Group. Please contact Lettie Nixon, [lettienixon@cfaiith.com](mailto:lettienixon@cfaiith.com), 770-953-2066

## **Book Club — Daytime (Elizabeth Cooper)**

The Daytime Book Club meets the second Monday of each month at 10 a.m. For information, or to be included on the mailing list, please contact Elizabeth Cooper at [ewsjws@msn.com](mailto:ewsjws@msn.com) or 602-323-7258.

## **Book Club — Evening (Veronica Bridges)**

We welcome all CPWC members to join book club. For information, contact Veronica Bridges at [vcmb@bellsouth.net](mailto:vcmb@bellsouth.net).

## **Bridge Club (Melissa Nicol)**

We will meet the 4th Wednesday of each month. To inquire about joining Bridge Club call Melissa Nicol at 770-541-6168 or [mahanmelissa@aol.com](mailto:mahanmelissa@aol.com).

## **Blooming Investors (Susan Weinstein)**

Blooming Investors is a group of friends always happy to have new friends who are interested in learning about investing. We meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. for supper and discussion on the latest economic trends. If you think you might be interested, please email Susan Weinstein at [susanann.weinstein@gmail.com](mailto:susanann.weinstein@gmail.com). You are welcome to visit and see what you think.

## **Dinner Club & First Friday (Elizabeth Hall and Nicole Barry)**

We have an exciting year planned for Dinner Club which is an opportunity for host couples to plan themed parties with special, fun menus. There is a financial obligation and once signed up, you have a commitment to your group.

We will continue the popular "First Friday" events each month in a host home. Each guest or couple brings an appetizer and beverage to share.

For more information please contact Liz at [sewilson1@gmail.com](mailto:sewilson1@gmail.com) or Nicole at [nicole.scheer.barry@gmail.com](mailto:nicole.scheer.barry@gmail.com).

## **Garden Club (Janet Francesconi and Sue Butler)**

Come join us as we explore gardens, techniques, share plants and good times. Contact Janet Francesconi at 770-644-9214 or [buff1994@bellsouth.net](mailto:buff1994@bellsouth.net).

## **Girls Night Out (Cynthia Dolezal)**

Look for Evites periodically for these fun evenings out! Contact Cynthia [dolezal@HarryNorman.com](mailto:dolezal@HarryNorman.com).

## **Pinterest Fun (Heather Rees)**

This crafty new group has lots of fun in store! Contact Heather Rees at [hprees@aol.com](mailto:hprees@aol.com) for more information!

## **Play Group (Nicole Barry)**

The Play Group meets each month at member's homes and at parks and even McDonald's! For more information please contact Nicole at [nicole.scheer.barry@gmail.com](mailto:nicole.scheer.barry@gmail.com). Hope to see you there!

## **Run Walk Group (Elizabeth Cooper)**

For information, or to be included on the mailing list, please contact Elizabeth Cooper at [ewsjws@msn.com](mailto:ewsjws@msn.com) or 602-323-7258.



Check out the Chattahoochee Plantation Womens Club Group on Facebook and click LIKE! You'll receive updates on events throughout the year!



Pay for events with the touch of a button on our website.

## **Lawrence Cohen Update**

Our friend and the founder and editor for Chattahoochee Living Magazine continues to recover from the stroke he suffered earlier this year.

Due to insurance limitations, Lawrence is without needed physical therapy and other services from now until the first of the year when yearly insurance allotments are reset.

A site was established to support Lawrence as he recovers both financially and with transportation and other support. Please consider helping out friend!

<https://www.giveforward.com/fundraiser/8vd9/lawrence-cohen-stroke-recovery>



*Sincere  
condolences to  
LuAnn Warrick following the  
loss of her brother.*

# Chattahoochee PLANTATION WOMENS CLUB

Dear Friends,

On the evening of Saturday, February 6, 2016, more than 150 people will gather at Atlanta Country Club in Marietta for our annual Valentine's Gala to benefit charity. Our charity for the 2016 Gala is Community in Schools of Marietta/ Cobb County (CISMCC) .

*The mission of Communities In Schools is to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life.* In Schools of Marietta/Cobb County (CISMCC) works predominately in Title 1 schools where the majority of the school population is considered low-income and qualify to receive free or reduced lunch. Children and families with needs are served by guiding the individuals to the community resources that are able to help them. Programming includes case management, tutoring, mentoring, early learning, and Reality U financial literacy. CISMCC is part of a nationwide network of CIS affiliates—one of a very small number of dropout prevention programs in the country proven to keep students in school and is ***the only dropout prevention program in the nation with research to prove that it increases graduation rates.***

A special attraction of the Valentine's Gala is the silent auction and your kind patronage is always greatly appreciated. Each item donated is artistically displayed. We encourage you to provide us with brochures and business cards that can be used with the displays. This will ensure proper acknowledgement of your business and your contribution. Your gift is tax-deductible as the CPWC is a non-profit 501(c) association.

Your early response will enable us to organize press releases, displays and all printed materials for the auction. Contracts must be received by January 31, 2016, to meet our printing deadlines.

Please send any donations or items to:

CPWC Valentine's Gala  
c/o Mrs. Christine Cashman  
521 Oak Hill Circle SE  
Marietta, Georgia 30067

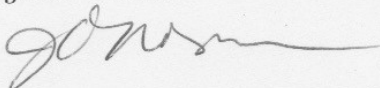
If you have any questions, please contact me at 678-687-0951 or by email at [excelnbe@mc.com](mailto:excelnbe@mc.com). We are grateful for your support and willingness to contribute.

Sincerely,  
Christine Cashman



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Janet Thomas



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**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The purpose of CPWC is to promote social contacts with our neighbors, to beautify our neighborhood, to conserve our natural resources, and to serve a charitable purpose in our community.

**CHARITY RECIPIENT**

Community in Schools of Marietta / Cobb County (CISMCC) is our 2016 Gala Auction Recipient. CISMCC serves children and families of predominately Title 1 schools by guiding individuals to community resources that are able to help them with programs such as tutoring, mentoring, early learning and Reality U financial literacy.

**DONOR AGREEMENT**

_____	_____
Company	Contact Person
_____	_____
City	State                      Zip
_____	_____
Phone	Email

The undersigned donor hereby agrees to donate the following described gift of goods or services to the CPWC benefit. The described item will be auctioned to the highest bidder during the Auction segment of the charitable fund-raiser which will be held at the Atlanta Country Club on February 6, 2016.

All items will have a minimum bid requirement. In the space below, please describe gift in detail and any conditions of gift, time limitations or exclusions.

Value of gift \$ \_\_\_\_\_ CPWG Volunteer \_\_\_\_\_

CPWC is a not-for-profit 501© organization. Donor, please keep yellow copy for your tax records.

Donor's name will be listed in the Auction Program if returned by January 31, 2016. Items and acknowledgements will be displayed at the benefit.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Donor Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date