

Duncanville Women's Club Newsletter

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Serving the women of the Duncanville area including Desoto, Cedar Hill, Grand Prairie, Red Oak, Midlothian, Mansfield, Dallas, Irving, Lancaster, Ovilla, and Arlington.

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Luncheon Wednesday, September 3, 2025



Doors open at 10:00 AM

Saint Anne Episcopal Church

1700 N. Westmoreland Rd.

DeSoto, Texas

Chicken Enchiladas topped with sauce

Southwest Salad

Spanish Rice

Refried Beans

Chips and Salsa

Peach Cobbler



Reservations accepted until 6:00 pm Thursday, August 28, 2025.

Call Carolyn Wasko at 214-690-1440 or email dwlunchreservations@gmail.com

Program: The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society

Presented by Lisa Fairchild and Kim Titus

Luncheon Details

We're so excited to gather with you for a lovely day of connection and celebration!

Doors Open at 10:00 AM

Please wait to enter the church until 10:00 AM. Our Reservations, Raffle, and Luncheon Teams will be setting up to ensure a smooth and enjoyable check-in experience for everyone.

Luncheon Cost: \$25 per person

We're delighted to continue this tradition—your support makes it all possible!

Check-In & Raffle Tables Close at 10:25 AM

To allow our committee members to join the luncheon, reservation and raffle ticket tables will close promptly at 10:25 AM. Please arrive in time to check in and purchase your raffle tickets—don't miss your chance to win one of our fabulous prizes!

Thank you for helping us create a joyful, well-organized event. We can't wait to share this special time with you!



What Does Your \$25 Luncheon Fee Really Cover?

While the delicious food is certainly a highlight, your \$25 luncheon fee supports much more than just the meal.

Here's what it helps cover:

- **Beverages & Supplies:** Items not provided by the caterer—such as coffee, tea, lemonade, cups, utensils, and napkins.
- **Venue Rental:** The cost of renting the room, hall, or church where our luncheons are held.
- **Entertainment & Programs:** Honorariums for our guest speakers and performers who bring us engaging and enjoyable programs.

Our Luncheon Committee works hard to create interesting menus and keep expenses as low as possible. Even so, the fee barely covers the actual costs of hosting each luncheon.

So when you pay your luncheon fee, you're not just buying a meal—you're helping make the entire experience possible!

Duncanville Outreach Ministry



Garage Sale for a Cause

As many of you may know, DOM has recently lost federal funding that helped provide rent and utility assistance to clients in need. To lend a hand, we're organizing a benefit garage sale this October, with proceeds going to DOM.



Location: First Presbyterian Church on Wheatland



Tentative Date: Saturday, October 25



Time: 8:00 AM — 2:00 PM

More details will be shared soon—but in the meantime, if you're doing a bit of fall cleaning and have items to donate, we'd love your help!

What to Donate:

We're accepting gently used items that are garage-sale appropriate.

To contribute, please contact Sharon Ingram via text, phone, or email.

Let's come together to support DOM and make a meaningful difference in our community!

Honoring Our Past Presidents

At our September Luncheon, we will proudly recognize the Past Presidents of the Duncanville Women's Club—remarkable women whose leadership and dedication have shaped our club's legacy.

Please join us in expressing gratitude to these inspiring ladies for their years of service, vision, and unwavering commitment to our community. Their contributions continue to uplift and unite us all.

Let's celebrate them with joy and appreciation!



August Coffee Recap: "Guess Who?"

We had a fantastic turnout for our August Coffee, and the theme—"Guess Who?"—was a delightful hit! Members brought childhood photos from ages 5 to 15, sparking laughter, nostalgia, and plenty of playful guessing. It was heartwarming to see everyone trying to match those sweet young faces to our current-day friends.

As always, the food was absolutely delicious—thanks to our talented co-hostesses—and the room buzzed with lively conversation, warm fellowship, and a brief business update.

Congratulations to our winners!

- Nancy Costa took first place, correctly identifying the most photos and earning a homemade loaf of banana bread from Sharon Ingram.
- Judy Hatch and Edna Bolinger tied for second, each receiving their own delicious loaf as well.

Our Coffee gatherings are held every third Wednesday of the month, and they continue to be a cherished space for connection, laughter, and community spirit. We hope to see you at the next one!

Monthly Coffee

The next DWC Coffee is scheduled for Wednesday, September 17, 2025 at 11:00 AM. Join us at Duncanville Chamber of Commerce Building, 300 E. Wheatland Road, Duncanville. Our co-hostesses for the event are Cindy McPherson, Glenda Cleveland, LaGail Damrom, and Betty Layton . The Board Meeting will take place at 10:00 AM with the Coffee event to follow immediately at 11:00 AM. If the Board Meeting is still in progress, please wait in the lobby.

New Members



We're delighted to welcome Tina Fitch to the Duncanville Women's Club!

Originally from Indiana, Tina brings a rich tapestry of experiences from her years living in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and New York. A proud graduate of Indiana State University, she holds degrees in both French and Music, and met her beloved husband during her college years.

Tina dedicated over 40 years to teaching French and Music, inspiring generations of students with her passion and creativity. She's the proud mother of two sons and a doting grandmother to one grandson.

Seven years ago, Tina moved to our area to be closer to her siblings following the passing of her husband. Her warmth, resilience, and lifelong love of learning make her a wonderful addition to our community.


Welcome, Tina—we're so glad you're here!



It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Giving!

Annual Toy Drive for Duncanville Outreach Ministry

As the holiday season approaches, it's time to spread joy and generosity! Each November, the Duncanville Women's Club proudly hosts a Toy Drive to benefit children served by Duncanville Outreach Ministry, which continues to face high demand after losing federal funding.

 Please bring two unwrapped toys — one for a boy and one for a girl, any age welcome — to our luncheon on November 5th.

Every donation brings a smile—and hope—to a child in need. DOM is deeply grateful for our continued support, and the need this year is especially great. Let's come together to make the season

 brighter for local families.

Monthly Activities

Book Club

The DWC Book Club will meet on Thursday, September 23 at 1:00 PM at the home of Helen Beggane. The September book is *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott. Members are welcome even if they have not read the book. Please call Helen at 972-213-5625 to let her know you are coming. For more information on the Book Club, please call Beverly Gibson at 313-980-1285.

Theatre

The Theatre Group's next outing is set for September 26, to enjoy *The Demons of Fleet Street* at the Duncanville Community Theatre. This production will be the full length world premier and is directed by the author, Jerry Ayers. Reservations must be made by September 20. Please arrive at the box office by 7:30 PM for the 8:00 PM performance. Tickets are \$16, payable by cash or check only—credit and debit cards will not be accepted.

The Duncanville Community Theatre is located at 106 South Main Street, Duncanville. For inquiries, call 972-78-5707.

Before the show, join us for an optional pre-theatre dinner at Los Tapitios, 1030 N Hwy 67, Cedar Hill, Texas 75104, phone 972-637-4737. The menu can be viewed at <https://lostapitios67.com//menu.php>. RSVP to Helen Beggane by 5:00 pm on September 20 at 972-298-6168, 972- 213-5625, or cmry@sbcglobal.net. Please note that late cancellations and no-shows will still be responsible for the cost of their reserved theater tickets.

Save the Dates for the 2025 – 2026 Season Theatre Productions:

Play Name	Date DWC attends	RSVP Dead-line	Pre-Theatre Dinner
The Demons of Fleet Street	9/26/25	9/20/25	Los Topatio's
Harvey	11/14/25	11/8/25	TBA
You Can't Beat the House	2/6/26	1/31/26	TBA
Bad Seed	3/13/26	3/7/26	Fish Fry at Holy Spirit Catholic Church
My Way: A Musical Tribute to Frank Sinatra (musical - \$17.00 vs \$16.00)	05/08/26	05/02/26	TBD

Activities cont'd

Lunch Bunch

No Lunch Bunch meet-up this September as we ease into fall. Keep an eye out for October's venue—it's sure to be a treat!

MahJongg

Linda DeCorte and Edna Bolinger will be offering Mah Jongg lessons on Tuesday, September 9 and Tuesday, September 23 at Thorntree Golf Club. Join the fun from 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM. If you'd like to participate, send Linda a note at rascamuff@gmail.com.

Bridge

Connie Booth will be offering bridge lessons in September on the second and third Monday (September 8 and September 15). The lessons will be held at Saint Anne Episcopal Church, 1700 N. Westmoreland Rd., from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. If you'd like to attend, give Connie a call at 214-212-5882.

Day Bridge

Mark your calendars for two upcoming Day Bridge dates:

- Wednesday, September 10 — Join us from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Thorntree Golf Club, with lunch served as usual. *Note:* If you're not a Thorntree member, please bring a debit or credit card, as cash payments are not accepted.
- Monday, September 22—We'll meet at Luclare's home: 212 Streamside Drive, DeSoto.

The ante is \$2.00—please bring exact change.

To RSVP for either date, contact Luclare Hamby at 214-478-8667.

For more details or to join the substitute list, reach out to Lynn Lackey at 214-802-7063 or lblackey@sbcglobal.net.

Game Night

Game Night is on! Join us Saturday, September 27 at 7:00 PM at Barbara McComb's home (111 Willowbrook Drive, Duncanville). Kindly RSVP to Barbara at 214-578-0848. Spouses, friends, and favorite games are all welcome—let the fun begin!

Quilt Group

The Quilt Group meets the 2nd Tuesday of September (September 9) from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Corner Square Quilts, 703 Cedar St., Cedar Hill, TX. (Claudia Klipp 972-467-5077).

Girl's Day Out

An excursion to the George W. Bush Library is planned for Monday, September 29 at 10 AM. This will include a visit to the library's permanent exhibit, as well as a special exhibit called "A Shining City On the Hill", featuring never before seen paintings by President George W. Bush, capturing life across the Bush Center and SMU's campus. This will be followed by lunch at the library's restaurant Cafe 43 at 11:30 AM.

We will meet at O'Reilly's in Duncanville, where we will leave at 9:15 AM to travel to the Bush Library. Drivers are needed. Riders should pay the driver \$5.00, plus their share of the \$10.00 parking charge, so bring a five and several ones.

The address for the Bush Library is 2943 SMU Blvd. Admission charge is \$23.00 for seniors, and can be purchased online or at the door. Schedule 10 AM for the time.

Please reserve your spot with Eileen Sexton at eileen6770@yahoo.com, or 214-244-3048 by Monday, September 22, so lunch reservations can be made.

August Winners

Congratulations to Linda DeCorte, our August birthday winner! Linda received a lovely bluebonnet-themed tote and a matching bluebonnet mug—a perfect Texas touch for a special celebration.

Happy Birthday, Linda! Wishing you joy, laughter, and plenty of reasons to smile all year long.

September Birthdays

4 Lynn Gray

6 Jan Barksdale

11 Betty Minshew

14 Ann Barnes

14 Kathy Doyle

22 Sharon Ingram

23 Linda Bowman

26 Linda Greuling

28 Doris Daniel



Did you know?????

Spotlight on Christmas Bazaar donations

The Duncanville Women's Club donates proceeds from our Christmas Bazaar to several non-profit organizations. This year, we will spotlight each organization and share how your contributions are being utilized. Our next spotlight is on Duncanville Community Theatre, to which we donated \$600 in 2024.

Duncanville Community Theatre

Founded in 1988 by Amy Jackson—who still serves as Executive Director—the Duncanville Community Theatre has been a vibrant part of our town for decades. Heather Winkelman joined the team in 2012 and became Associate Director in 2024, helping lead the theatre into its next creative chapter.

Each year, the theatre produces six dynamic shows and hosts summer workshops for children and teens. These two-week camps culminate in a lively performance that's always well-attended and warmly received. Camps are affordably priced, and scholarships are available for families needing financial assistance. If your child is interested but cost is a concern, just reach out—the staff is happy to help!

Thinking About Auditioning?

Before each production, auditions are held—and everyone is welcome to try out! Cast members range from the mom down the street to seasoned actors with BFAs in theatre. Even one of our City Council members has taken on a small role, proving the stage is truly open to all.

To stay informed about auditions, follow the theatre's Facebook page, join the mailing list, or visit dctheatre.org.

Ticket & Membership Information

Tickets are **\$16 per person**, with a **\$1 discount** for students, first responders, military personnel, and seniors (just show your ID).

Reservations open about **four weeks before opening night**, and seats are held at the box office. Tickets should be picked up no later than **five minutes before showtime**, or they may be released to waiting list patrons.

To reserve tickets:

- Call **(972) 780-5707**
- Email boxoffice@dctheatre.org

Note: DCT accepts cash or checks only—no credit or debit cards.

Heather says there are **no bad seats** in the theatre, but it can be a bit chilly—so bring a sweater!

Hearing assist devices are available upon request.

Membership Levels & Benefits

Supporters can choose from several membership levels, each offering special perks:

- **Benefactor** – \$1,500 and up
- **Royal Patron** – \$500 to \$1,499
- **Grand Patron** – \$200 to \$499
- **Patron** – \$100 to \$199
- **Friend** – \$25 to \$99
- **Associate** – Up to \$24 (*does not include playbill listing*)

All members from **Friend** to **Benefactor** receive recognition in playbills, invitations to private receptions and member-only events, and USPS mailings. Associates may receive email notifications only.

Duncanville Community Theatre Cont'd

Where Your Support Goes

Every dollar contributed by the Duncanville Women's Club helps bring local theatre to life. Your generosity supports:

- Licensing fees for play rights
- Production costs like paint, props, and concessions
- Essential expenses such as utilities and maintenance

Your support ensures that the curtain rises on every show—and that the magic of live theatre continues in our community.

More Than a Stage

Associate Director Heather Winkelman believes Duncanville Community Theatre changes lives. "People get involved and find a family," she says. "They discover talents they didn't know they had and use their skills to enrich the lives of others."

Whether you're painting a set, selling popcorn, or simply enjoying the show, your involvement helps build a creative, welcoming space where everyone belongs.

How We Can Help

As a club, we can support the theatre in two meaningful ways:

1. **Donate Costume Items** The theatre is always in need of vintage items for costumes and set design, especially:
 - Shoes
 - Furniture
 - Stand-up ashtrays
 - Hats
 - Jewelry⇒ *Modern clothing and garage sale items are not accepted.* To donate, leave a message on the theatre's answering machine—someone will call you back.
2. **Attend a Show** There's no better way to support than by being in the audience. Bring a friend, enjoy the performance, and experience the joy of live theatre right here in Duncanville.

Monthly Activity Schedule

BOOK CLUB	4th Wednesday, 1:00 PM (<i>Beverly Gibson 313-980-1285</i>)
BRIDGE	Open Daytime Bridge 2nd Wednesday, 10:00 AM and the 4th Monday, 1:00 PM (<i>Lynn Lackey 214-802-7063</i>) Partner's Bridge, 1st Saturday 3:00 PM — (<i>Bettye Behrens 469-261-5347</i>)
BUNCO	Bunco, 3rd Monday, 9:30 AM (<i>Barbara McComb 214-578-0848</i>) Bunco, 1st Thursday, 9:30 AM (<i>Sandy Roiger 972-223-4086</i>) Bunco, 1st Monday, 1:00 PM (<i>Sharon Campbell 214-912-4484</i>)
GAME NIGHT	4th Saturday, 7:00 PM (<i>Barbara McComb 214-578-0848</i>)
GIRLS' DAY OUT	As scheduled (<i>Eileen Sexton 214-244-3048</i>)
MAH JONGG	Tuesdays, 1:00 PM (<i>Barbara Copes 214-641-4148</i>) Wednesdays, 1:00 PM (<i>Beverly Gibson 313-980-1285</i>) Fridays, 1:00 PM (<i>Kathy Doyle 972-298-8804</i>) Lessons: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays 12:30 PM (<i>Linda DeCorte 214-641-7581</i>)
MEXICAN TRAIN	3rd Friday 12 noon (<i>Laurie Hale 972-679-9413</i>) 3rd Thursday 12 noon (<i>Cindy McPherson or Earnie Ransom 214-763-7130, 972-849-9911</i>) Last Monday 12 noon (<i>Bettye Behrens 469-261-5347</i>)
THEATRE GROUP	As scheduled (<i>Helen Beggane 972-298-6168</i>)
THE LUNCH BUNCH	Once a month, day and time - inviter's choice (<i>Beverly Gibson 313-980-1285</i>)
QUILT GROUP	2nd Tuesday 1:00-4:00 PM, Corner Square Quilts, 703 Cedar St., Cedar Hill (<i>Claudia Klipp 972-467-5077</i>)

Officers

President:	Sharon Ingram
VP - Programs:	Bonnie Rea Linda Bowman
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Treasurer:	Lynn Lackey
Recording Secretary:	Cathy Walton
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Christmas Charity Bazaar:	Edna Bolinger and Linda DeCorte
Coffee:	Luclare Hamby and Betty Layton
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