

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, October 1, 2025



Doors open at 10:00 AM

Saint Anne Episcopal Church

1700 N. Westmoreland Rd.

DeSoto, Texas

**Chicken Smothered in Cheese, Bacon and
Mushrooms
Squash Casserole
House Salad
Rolls and Butter
Chocolate Chess Pie**



Reservations accepted until 6:00 pm Wednesday, September 24, 2025.
Call Carolyn Wasko at 214-690-1440 or email dwclunchreservations@gmail.com

Program: Dallas in 1907
Presented by Holly Stevens

Luncheon Details

We're delighted to gather for a midday break filled with good food, warm company, and engaging conversation.

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.

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 well-organized and memorable event.

Duncanville Outreach Ministry and Bob's Bags

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, with proceeds going to DOM and Bob's Bags.

 **Location:** First Presbyterian Church on Wheatland

 **Date:** Saturday, October 25

 **Time:** 8:00 AM — 2:00 PM

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 Bob's Bags and make a meaningful difference in our community!

T-Shirt Fundraiser: Pre-Order at the October Luncheon

We're excited to offer DWC t-shirts as part of our fall fundraiser! Pre-orders will be taken exclusively at the October luncheon, so be sure to stop by and reserve yours.

Both short-sleeved and long-sleeved red shirts will be available in sizes S, M, L, XL, and 2X.

Pricing:

- Short-sleeved (S–XL): \$20
- Short-sleeved (2X): \$23
- Long-sleeved (S–XL): \$23
- Long-sleeved (2X): \$25



Please bring cash (exact amount is appreciated) or a check made out to DWC to place your order at the luncheon. This is a one-time pre-order opportunity—we cannot guarantee availability or pricing for future re-orders, and extras may or may not be available.

Can't make it to the October luncheon?

If you'd like to reserve a shirt but won't be attending, please contact Cindy McPherson at 214-763-7130 or email cmcpher104@aol.com to place your order in advance.



Introducing the New DWC Website!

We're thrilled to announce that the new Duncanville Women's Club website is now live at www.duncanvillewomensclub.com!

Here's what you'll find when you visit:

- **Our Story** — Learn about the heart and history of DWC
- **Officers & Board Members** — Meet the leadership team
- **Membership Info** — Includes a downloadable membership form
- **Club Activities** — Explore our monthly gatherings and interest groups
- **Special Events** — Featuring our annual Charity Christmas Bazaar
- **Newsletters** — Download the latest editions for 2025
- **Contact Info** — Reach out with questions or ideas
- **Photo Gallery** — Enjoy snapshots from past events and celebrations

Visit the site, explore what's new, and share it with friends!

Monthly Coffee

The next DWC Coffee is scheduled for Wednesday, October 15, 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 Treva Adams, Cathy Walton, Sonya Penny, and Sharon Campbell. 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 thrilled to welcome Nellie Porterfield back to the Duncanville Women's Club! A longtime Duncanville resident since 1984, Nellie brings with her a rich tapestry of life experiences and community spirit.

Married for 66 years, Nellie is the proud mother of two daughters and grandmother to four. Her professional journey began in real estate, where she worked until 2000. After retiring, she embarked on exciting antique buying adventures alongside her nephew, a vintage clothing specialist. Nellie curated and sold vintage costume jewelry, with her pieces beautifully showcased in his Midland, Texas store. She continued this passion until just a year ago.

Nellie is a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church in Cedar Hill and was also a DWC member many years ago—we're delighted she's rejoined our circle.


Welcome back, Nellie! 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.



Calling Future Leaders!

At our October Luncheon, Sharon Ingram will appoint a five-member Nominating Committee to begin preparing a slate of new officers for the upcoming term.

The Committee will be seeking enthusiastic women who would like to take a more active role in shaping our Club's future. Key positions include:

- President
- 1st Vice President (Programs)
- Luncheon Chair (Overseeing catering and the delightful details of our monthly gatherings)
- Prospective Member Liaison (Welcoming and connecting with new faces)

If you're interested—or know someone whose talents and warmth would be a wonderful fit—please reach out to Sharon Ingram. Your involvement makes all the difference!

Monthly Activities

Book Club

The DWC Book Club will meet on Wednesday, October 22 at 1:00 PM at the home of Beverly Gibson. The October book is *Traitor's Gate* by Jeffrey Archur. Members are welcome even if they have not read the book. Please call Beverly at 313-980-1285 to let her know you are coming or for more information.

Theatre

The Theatre Group's next exciting outing is set for November. Stay tuned—full details will be shared in the upcoming November newsletter!

Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will be taking a little break in October—but don't worry, November plans are already in the works! Be sure to check the November newsletter for all the delicious details.

MahJongg

Linda DeCorte and Edna Bolinger will be offering Mah Jongg lessons on Tuesday, October 14 and Tuesday, October 28 at Thorntree Golf Club. Join the fun from 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM. If you would like to participate, send Linda a note at rascamuff@gmail.com.

Bridge

Connie Booth will be offering bridge lessons in October on the second and third Monday (October 13 and October 20). 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

Game Night

Looking for a fun way to get involved? Game Night is in need of a hostess for October and November. If you're interested in bringing the group together for an evening of laughter and friendly competition, please contact Barbara McComb at 214-578-0848.

Activities cont'd

Day Bridge

Join us for Day Bridge on Wednesday, October 8, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Thorntree Golf Club. Lunch will be served as usual.

Please note:

- If you're not a Thorntree member, bring a debit or credit card—cash is not accepted.
- The ante is \$2.00—please bring exact change.

To RSVP or share your substitute's name, contact Treva Adams at 972-215-9115.

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

Quilt Group

The Quilt Group meets the 2nd Tuesday of October (October 14) 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

Join us on Saturday, October 11 for a delightful afternoon of good food and great theatre. We'll begin with lunch at Sabor, a Mexican restaurant located at 715 Skyline Dr., Duncanville (just behind Red Lobster).

Please arrive by 11:15 AM so we can enjoy a relaxed meal together.

After lunch, we'll head to the New Vida Center Church at 3727 W. Kiest Blvd., Dallas for a performance of *Into the Woods*—a clever, captivating musical that weaves beloved fairy tales into one beautifully tangled story. The entrance to the theatre is located at the back of the church.

The show begins at 1:30 PM. Senior tickets are \$15.00 and can be purchased at the door. If you'd prefer to buy your ticket online and have a Gmail address, visit <https://www.familymusictheatre.com> for details.

To RSVP for lunch, please email Eileen Sexton at eileen6770@yahoo.com.

September Winners

Congratulations to Sharon Ingram, our September birthday winner! Sharon received a lovely charcuterie board. Happy Birthday, Sharon! May your days be filled with light, laughter, and all the little joys that make life beautiful.

The September 50/50 drawing of \$43 was won by Cindy McPherson. Congratulations Cindy!

October Birthdays

2 Sharon Campbell
2 Betty Lavalley
3 Marilyn Zelenz
4 Mona Dudley
4 Cindy McPherson
7 Fe Gonzaga
15 Janice Dew
16 Treva Adams
20 Barbara Weitalla
24 Judy Hatch
26 Gayle Young
28 Ruby Macy
30 Pam Smith
31 Marlyse Gordon



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 DeSoto Food Pantry, to which we donated \$600 in 2024.

DeSoto Food Pantry

The DeSoto Food Pantry has recently relocated to 106 N. Lyndalyn Ave., DeSoto, where they'll remain for the next three to five years. Their long-term goal is to secure a permanent building of their own.

Serving residents of DeSoto and Glenn Heights, the Pantry supports individuals and families facing food insecurity. Their clients include:

- Seniors (approximately one-third)
- Families working multiple jobs to make ends meet (one-third)
- Children (one-third)

In addition to food, the Pantry provides paper goods and cleaning supplies, helping clients meet essential daily needs.

Partnerships & Funding

Through a grant-funded partnership with Atmos Energy, the Pantry can assist with utility payments—no federal funding required. Their collaboration with the North Texas Food Bank also helps maintain a steady food supply and protects against funding loss. Despite a recent increase in clients due to job loss, their streamlined budget and grant-writing efforts continue to sustain their operations.

Volunteer Opportunities

The Pantry is volunteer-driven, with 15 dedicated volunteers—but they're currently in need of more help:

- Assistance moving heavy items from the old location
- Help with stocking, sorting, and cleaning on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10 AM–2 PM
- Volunteers to wash and clean donated items

DeSoto Food Pantry Cont'd

Retail Support

Their retail partners—Target, Kroger, Tom Thumb, and Aldi—provide fresh produce, groceries, paper products, and cleaning supplies. These items are in good condition and support the Pantry's commitment to offering healthy food options.

History & Mission

Founded in 2009 during the housing crisis, the Pantry was created by a coalition of local churches to support neighbors in need. Today, only one founding member remains active. Their guiding motto:

“Serve with integrity, dignity, kindness, and love.”

Budget & Donations

The Pantry operates on an annual budget of \$30,000—\$45,000. DWC donations help cover operational expenses such as rent and utilities—every contribution helps keep the doors open.

They welcome donations of items such as:

- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Deodorant
- Lotion
- Toothpaste

Note: Food stamps cannot be used to purchase these items, making donations especially valuable.

Drive-Through Service

The Pantry uses a drive-through system to serve clients efficiently. Upon arrival, clients are verified and served directly from their vehicles. Due to limited parking, appointments are preferred and can be made via their website or by phone.

Drive-through hours:

- Mondays: 10:30 AM—1:00 PM
- Thursdays: 1:00 PM—4:00 PM

While their primary service area is DeSoto and Glenn Heights, they also provide resources to anyone in need, regardless of location.

Get Involved

The Pantry deeply appreciates DWC's generosity and welcomes members to tour the facility or volunteer their time. To schedule a visit or sign up to help, please contact:

Iris Tinner, Executive Director (since 2015) 214-232-3109.

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 Friday at Thorntree Golf Club at 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
2nd VP Membership:	Linda DeCorte Cindy McPherson
Treasurer:	Lynn Lackey
Recording Secretary:	Cathy Walton
Parliamentarian :	Leilani Salisbury
Activities:	Earnie Ransom
Christmas Charity Bazaar:	Edna Bolinger and Linda DeCorte
Coffee:	Luclare Hamby and Betty Layton
Community Service:	Barbara McComb and Caroline Sheppard
Communications:	T. Diaz
Corresponding Secretary:	Beverly Gibson
Luncheon/Catering Chair:	Mary Edwards and Patty Barger
Luncheon Reservations:	Bettye Behrens, Carolyn Wasko, and Cheryl Gee
Historian:	Ruby Macy
Hospitality Chairman:	Nancy Costa and Mona Dudley
Newsletter:	Cindy McPherson
Prospective Members:	Glenda Cleveland