

Byromville Woman's Club Yearbook

2009–2010

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Club Officers

President.	Myra Kirksey
Vice-president.	Ruby Griffin
Secretary.	Marion Page
Treasurer.	Myra Kirksey
Scrapbook Custodian.....	Mary Jo Jeter
Photographer.	Dianne Thompson

Club Motto

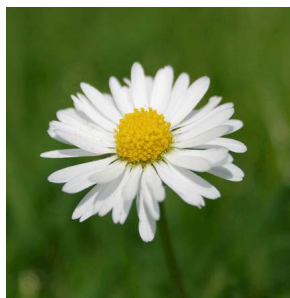
"Whatever you do, do wisely, and think of the consequences."

Club Colors

Green and Gold

Club Flower

Daisy



Club Song

Georgia On My Mind

*Melodies bring memories that linger in my heart
Make me think of Georgia. Why did we ever part?*

*Some sweet day when blossoms fall and all the world's a song
I'll go back to Georgia cause that's where I belong.*

*Georgia, Georgia, the whole day thru
Just an old sweet song keeps Georgia on my mind.
Georgia, Georgia, a song of you
Comes as sweet and clear as moonlight through the pines.*

*Other arms reach out to me; other eyes smile tenderly
Still in peaceful dreams I see the road leads back to you.*

*Georgia, Georgia, no peace I find
Just an old sweet song keeps Georgia on my mind.*

Collect

Keep us, O God, from pettiness. Let us be large in thought, in word, in deed. Let us be done with fault finding and leave off self seeking.

May we put away all pretense and meet each other face to face without self pity and without prejudice.

May we never be hasty in judgment and always be generous. Let us grow calm, serene, and gentle. Teach us to put into action our better impulses, straight forward and unafraid.

Grant that we may realize it is the little things that create the differences, that in the big things of life we are at one.

And may we strive to touch and to know the great common woman's heart of us all.

And, O Lord, let us not forget to be kind.

--Mary Stewart

Standing Committees

CLUB HOUSE

Mary Beth Josey
Myra Kirksey
Louise Thompson

MUSIC

Mary Anna Ingram
Mary Jo Jeter

FUND RAISING

Mary Ann Braswell
Ruby Griffin
Myra Kirksey
Cheryl Wilkes

NOMINATING (To nominate officers for 2011-2012)

PARKS/COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Hostesses for each month

HEALTH

Ann Stembridge
Elizabeth Taylor

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Mary Jo Jeter

LIBRARY

Marion Page

YEARBOOK

Brenda Lockerman
Ann Stembridge

MEMBERSHIP

Sally Averill
Martha Hill
Dianne Thompson



Responsibilities of Hostesses

1. Provide inexpensive door prize, inexpensive gift for program guest(s) and light refreshments. *Please serve refreshments as members arrive.*
2. Serve as Parks/Community Projects Committee for assigned month
 - a. Judge residential and business areas
 - b. Each hostess should take \$5 in quarters or a \$5 bill to Pinehill Nursing Center to be used for bingo. If it is not convenient for you to take the money to the nursing home, other arrangements will be made.
 - c. December hostesses should hang wreaths on club house door, and January hostesses should return them to storage.
3. Prepare clubhouse for meeting.
 - a. Place U.S. flag in holder on front porch.
 - b. Turn air conditioning or heat on.
4. Remind and/or call all active members of club meeting date and time.
5. If you need to swap the month you host, it is your responsibility to arrange.

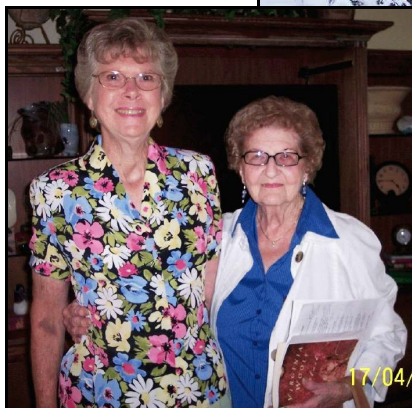
Meeting and Hostess Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>HOSTESSES</u>	<u>PROGRAM/MAJOR AGENDA ITEMS</u>
Sept. 18 3:00PM	Myra Kirksey	Yearbook Review Fall Food Drive
Oct. 16 3:00PM	Martha Hill Louise Thompson	Bring items for Food Drive Fundraisers
Nov. 20 3:00PM	Mary Ann Braswell Mary Beth Josey	Christmas in the Park
Dec. 11 Noon	Sally Averill Dianne Thompson	Christmas Luncheon/Gift Exchange at Home of Sally Averill
Jan. 15 3:00PM	Elizabeth Taylor	
Feb.19 3:00PM	Mary Anna Ingram Cheryl Wilder	
Mar. 19 3:00PM	Brenda Lockerman Debra Walling-Preston	
April 16 3:00PM	Ruby Griffin Ann Stembridge	Nancy Daniels and Jane Thompson from Flint Humane Society
May 21 Noon	Mary Jo Jeter Marion Page	Spring Luncheon Spring Thing Swap (\$5-\$7 value)



Scenes from 2008-2009





Constitution of Byromville Woman's Club

(Revision of constitution adopted May 20, 1966)

Article I. Name

The name of this club shall be The Byromville Woman's Club. Club flower: Daisy. Club song: "Georgia On My Mind". Club colors: Green and gold. Club motto: "Whatever you do, do wisely, and think of the consequences."

Article II. Object

The object of this club shall be a united effort toward peace, charity, equity and higher education.

Article III. Membership

- Section 1. Membership in this club shall be of two classes: active and honorary. Any candidate seeking membership must be sponsored by two members then voted on by the membership, utilizing secret ballot.
- Section 2. These candidates must be desiring to assist in creating and maintaining a wholesome atmosphere for our young people, to render any service to improve civic conditions or ideals of the community, may become active members of the club by regularly paying \$20 per year.
- Section 3. The club may at regular meeting, elect to honorary membership for life such persons as have rendered distinguished service. Such honorary members are exempt from the payment of dues.
- Section 4. Both classes of members may take part in discussions, but only active members shall have power to vote or hold office.
- Section 5. Membership in the club shall cease when dues are not paid annually. It shall be the duty of a membership committee to confer with any delinquent member before her name is removed from the roll.

Article IV. Officers

- Section 1. The officers of this club shall be: President, vice president, secretary, treasurer, reporter and scrapbook custodian. All officers shall be elected once every two years.
- Section 2. Officers shall be selected by a nominating committee named by the president, then voted on by members.
- Section 3. The president shall preside at all business meetings of the club, and perform all duties usually devolving upon presiding officer. In the absence of the president, the vice-president shall preside. In the absence of both, some member of the club shall be selected as chairman protempore. The president shall name all standing committees.
- Section 4. The secretary shall keep accurate report of the proceeding of the meetings, read the minutes at each meeting, and attend to any correspondence.

- Section 5. The treasurer shall receive and hold in safe-keeping all money paid the club (including dues, rent for clubhouse, etc.), shall expend the same upon the order of the president after the expenditures have been voted upon by the members of the club. And she shall start a savings account for \$5 for a new baby born to an active member.
- Section 6. The vice-president shall express sympathy from the club by sending flowers in case of the death of a club member, her husband or her child.
- Section 7. The duties of the standing committees are:
- a. Yearbook Committee: To make up a yearbook for the year, monthly subjects and program committee as well as hostesses for each month. The yearbook shall include all standing committees appointed by the president, a list of all members and their phone numbers, and a copy of the revised constitution and bylaws.
 - b. Club House Committee: To look after the club house and grounds and keep a listed inventory. This committee is also responsible for granting permission for use of the club house and that the fee charged is paid. It is to report any improvements needed and upkeep for action by the membership.
 - c. Membership Committee: To contact all prospective members. It shall be their duty to visit at the beginning of the year, all members who are in arrears with dues to find out if they want to continue their membership.
 - d. Music Committee: To emphasize the importance of music in the community and work in cooperation with the program committees as needed for special music each month.
 - e. Health Committee: This committee is to work with our County Health Department in any way needed to further their functions and efforts in this community and to report on the hospital and nursing home to the club.
 - f. Fund Raising Committee: To find ways for the club to make money during the year, bring their plans before the club for approval, and encourage every member to help in their projects to take care of the expenses and improvements of the club and club house.
 - g. Parks/Community Projects Committee: There shall be a committee named for each month to work with the Town of Byromville in civic projects. Also to judge the yards, flowers, etc. of the homes including the businesses downtown.
 - h. Nominating Committee: A nominating committee shall be named every two years to select new officers for the club and be presented to the members for approval.

Article V. Meetings

- Section 1. The monthly meetings of the club shall be the third Friday of every month at 3:30 p.m. at the club house. The Christmas luncheon will be on the second Friday.
- Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the president or any three members.

Article VI. Bylaws

- Bylaws not inconsistent with the Constitution may be adopted at any regular meeting.

Article VII. Miscellaneous

- Section 1. The president shall appoint all committees except hostess and program committees which have been delegated to the year book committee.
- Section 2. All business shall be done by motion and second.
- Section 3. Any member that wishes to speak shall rise and address herself to the president.
- Section 4. Five members present shall constitute a quorum.
- Section 5. No member shall be allowed to speak on the same subject more than three times without permission from the club.
- Section 6. All meetings shall be conducted in a business way, and the president shall use her gavel to call the business to order and keep the meeting in order.
- Section 7. Rental fees and security deposits (cleanup and necessary repairs) will be determined by the club house committee and fees published and prominently displayed. The club is desirous of renting the facility for a nominal fee; however, it is necessary to protect the building and its contents by obtaining a security deposit which will be refunded when the club house committee inspects the building and grounds and determines the facility was left clean, garbage removed, chairs and tables returned to their original location, and without damage to the furnishings and building. This article will be framed and prominently displayed in the club house. Rental fee is \$50.

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History of Byromville Woman's Club

(From 1918–1970)

In October 1918 a group of ladies met at the school auditorium to organize a club to promote a more friendly relationship between parents and teachers and to work for the upbuilding of the school and community. Mrs. Minnie McDonold was the organizer and suggested the name *School Improvement Club* which was adopted by the club.

Mrs. W. J. Page had the honor of being the first president with Mrs. C. W. McKenzie, Secretary. Mrs. Page served a number of months and resigned. Mrs. W. R. Groves was chosen to fill her place. It was during Mrs. Groves' administration that we voted to join the Dooly County Federated Clubs. On October 1, 1920 we entertained the County Federation. Mrs. Groves presided at the morning sessions and Mrs. S. P. Adams, President of Dooly Co. Clubs, presided at the afternoon session. There were 80 present at this meeting, among the number being Mrs. Louise Hayes, President of the Federated Clubs of Georgia.

In 1921 Mrs. J. H. Page was elected president. It was during this administration that monthly literary meetings were voted being held at the homes of the members. Mrs. J. O. Roberts made out the programs for the year.

Mrs. W. M. Dykes followed Mrs. Page and had such a successful administration in 1922 that she was re-elected for 1923 serving several months when she resigned—the family moving to Climax. Mrs. J. D. Lester, Vice-President filled her unexpired term. In appreciation of her untiring efforts the Club gave her a farewell party at the home of Mrs. E. B. Davis.

In 1924 Mrs. Howard Hill was chosen President. All the while the club was growing in number and achievements. Mrs. Hill managed the affairs so skillfully that she was chosen to succeed herself in 1925.

Mrs. E. B. Davis was President in 1926 and 1927, during which time many improvements were made—a park was laid off in the public square, memorial trees, flowers and grass planted and new curtains were purchased for the school stage.

In 1928 Mrs. A. J. Shirah was elected president and during this administration seats for the school auditorium were bought and paid for. It was a matter of deep regret that Mrs. Shirah had to resign due to illness. Mrs. J. M. Josey ably filled her unexpired term.

In 1929 during the presidency of Mrs. J. H. Page, the Club was represented in the flag contest by Miss Alma Groves who won the district and state contests and later won nationwide over 250,000 contestants. Miss Groves was awarded a four month trip around the world. The club

voted to take care of all expenses of the reception given in her honor at the home of Mrs. E. B. Davis.

Mrs. J. E. Holland was president in 1932 and 1933. Work continued on school projects .

Mrs. J. H. Page (aka Maggie L. Page) was president in 1934 and 1935. Mrs. Holland filled her unexpired term.

In 1936 Mrs. W. R. Groves became president. In January of that year the club voted to build a club house. A house and lots were bought for \$75, and WPA labor was acquired for renovation. The club met in its new home the day after Thanksgiving in 1937. In 1940, after four years of hard work and donations by friends the debt was canceled. It stands as a beautiful and useful monument to the efforts of the women of the community.

Mrs. Groves remained president until 1944 when Mrs. Herbert Saliba was elected. During the war years, the club members knitted sweaters, helmets and scarves, helped Red Cross, Cancer, War Fund Drives, Polio, Christmas Seals and Clinics for preschool children. During this period between 1944 and 1952 under the leadership of Mrs. Saliba, work was done on the club house—bathroom fixtures, stove, refrigerator, cooking utensils, dishes, silverware, linoleum, concrete steps. The large mirror was bought with \$100 given by Johnny Byrom. New drapes and cornices were installed. All the time the club was helping the school in various ways. In 1950, under the leadership of Mrs Saliba, the club entered “The Tree of Life” as an attractive and meaningful exhibit at the Dooly County Fair. The exhibit won the grand prize of \$50. It also took the Blue Ribbon and \$20 prize in The Woman’s Organizational exhibits.

In 1952, the club regretfully accepted Mrs. Saliba’s resignation. The unexpired term was ably filled by Mrs. O. W. Kitchens, Jr. Many interesting programs were rendered that year. Mrs. Kitchens was elected to fill this post again in 1953. As a dedicated leader, the club was prodded to think seriously about our country—the people, politics, religion, culture, literature—foreigners who have acquired U. S. citizenship—our country as a world power, and the role the United Nations plays in keeping world-wide peace.

Mrs. Robert Lytle served as the club’s president for the years 1954-55. The theme for the 50's was *The Southern Woman—Her Place In This Changing World*. Club members were reminded that a woman’s place was no longer limited to the home and classroom and that she is finding fulfillment in civil defense, safety programs, movies, television; and that women are participating in the U.N. and holding responsible offices in the shaping and initiating of the laws of our land.

Mrs. Frank Lester was elected president in 1956. She served the club long and well from 1956–1961. Her five year term in office was a very difficult time and crucial period for our

community. The high school had just been lost to fire. Louisa was able and willing to rally our forces. Her efforts through the club were largely dedicated to rebuilding and refurnishing our school. The club contributed \$50 to the school for free lunches and provided a new piano for the auditorium.

Mrs. Herbert Page served as president of the club from 1962–1967. The first project completed under Mrs. Page's leadership was providing a badminton set for the fifth and sixth grades. Mrs. Frank Lester donated her piano to the club. The club purchased a badly needed freezer for the lunchroom. Song books were purchased for the club as well as new china and silver. The constitution was revised.

Mrs. Warren Taylor, assumed the role of president on September 20, 1968. It was this meeting that a plan was initiated to observe the club's 50th anniversary with a tea and open house on Sunday afternoon, May 18, 1969 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. During these months, the club house was completely renovated. Walls and woodwork were painted, floors refinished, new drapes and curtains for all the windows were installed, and a new tablecloth was purchased. Mrs. Joe Page gave a beautiful chandelier for the dining room. Mrs. John Broughton gave the club a lavabo. The club sent flowers in appreciation of it latest community asset, Rosewood Nursing Home.

Present to greet members and guests at the club's golden anniversary tea were nine club presidents and three charter members. The three charter members were Mrs. A. J. Shirah, Mrs. W. R. Groves and Mrs. James Josey, Sr. The nine past presidents were Mrs. W. R. Groves, Mrs. A. J. Shirah, Mrs. Howard Hill, Mrs. Herbert Saliba, Mrs. O. W. Kitchens, Jr., Mrs. Robert Lytle, Mrs. Frank Lester, Sr., Mrs. Herbert Page and current president Mrs. Warren Taylor. A total of 150 people attended the anniversary tea. The callers were members, friends and families who came to express appreciation for this group of women, past and present, who were all dedicated to doing good.

In 1970, the club voted to change its name to the *Byromville Woman's Club*.

Byromville Woman's Club Presidents

(Known as School Improvement Club 1918--1970)

1918--Present

<u>Service Years</u>	<u>Presidents</u>
1918	Minnie McDonald Smith
1918	Lily Page
1920	Sallie Mobly Groves
1921	Maggie Lytle Page
1922	Mrs. W. M. Dykes
1923	Effie Lester
1924	Ada Leah Harrison
1926-1927	Lucy Grace Davis
1928	Annie Mae Page Shirah
1928	Velma Byrd Josoy
1929-1931	Bronnie Hill Holland
1934-1935	Maggie Lytle Page
1935	Bronnie Hill Holland
1936-1944	Sallie Mobly Groves
1944-1952	Sarah Groves Saliba
1952-1953	Mary Rodgers Kitchens
1954-1955	Betty Lytle Collier
1956-1961	Louisa Lester
1962-1967	Josephine Smith Page
1968-1972	Elizabeth Taylor
1972-1975	Sarah Groves Saliba
1975-1981	Sally Saliba Averill
1981-1983	Phyllis Thompson
1983-1985	Mary Jo Page Jeter
1985-1987	Marion P. Page
1987-1991	Louisa Lester
1991-1993	Sara Woodruff
1993-1995	Sarah Hill Page
1995-1997	Elizabeth Taylor
1998-1999	Brenda Lockerman
2000-2001	Elizabeth Taylor
2001-2008	Ruby Gurr Griffin

Membership Directory

MEMBER	ADDRESS	PHONE	BIRTHDAY
Sally Averill	POB 123 Byromville, GA 31007	433-2076	July 16
Mary Ann Braswell	POB 147 Byromville, GA 31007	433-5691	Jan. 20
Ruby Griffin	POB 128 Byromville, GA 31007	433-2020 (Day) 229-271-8510	Nov. 12
Martha Hill	POB 66 Byromville, GA 31007	433-2531	Sept. 12
Mary Anna Ingram	POB 222 Byromville, GA 31007	433-6690	Dec. 30
Mary Jo Jeter	POB 41 Lilly, GA 31051	229-268-5994	Jan. 20
Mary Beth Josey	POB 98 Byromville, GA 31007	433-5571	Oct. 10
Myra Kirksey	6379 Fokes Road Byromville, GA 31007	433-2171	April 5
Brenda Lockerman	POB 217 Byromville, GA 31007	433-2791	March 21
Marion Page	POB 207 Byromville, GA 31007	433-5541	Sept. 11
Ann Stembridge	3180 GA Hwy 257 Vienna, GA 31092	229-268-4018	June 11
Elizabeth Taylor	3831 West Road Byromville, GA 31007	229-268-8696	March 25
Debra Walling-Preston	200 East Union Street Vienna, GA 31092	229-268-1348	
Dianne Thompson	710 Kitchens Street Byromville, GA 31007	433-2351	Jan. 4

MEMBER	ADDRESS	PHONE	BIRTHDAY
Louise Thompson	POB 52 Byromville, GA 31007	433-6462	Sept. 20
Lynn Page Whittaker	7890 Poplar Springs Road Byromville, GA 31007	433-5692	Oct. 24
Cheryl Wilder	10471 Hwy 90 POB 293 Byromville, GA 31007	433-1002	May 28

Honorary Members

MEMBER	ADDRESS	PHONE	BIRTHDAY
Audrey Burnam	POB 101 Byromville, GA 31007	433-6811	March 19
Annie Ruth Fountain	POB 272 Byromville, GA 31007	433-2400	Sept. 22
Sarah Page	Leisure Life Care Home 301 Beacham Street Unadilla, GA 31091		Sept. 8
Sarah Saliba	Cordele Rehab 1106 North 4 th Street Cordele, GA 31015		June 26

Possible Prospective Members

Betty Barrett	6991 Poplar Springs Rd., Byromville, GA 31007	478-433-4228
Angie Burton	6556 Hwy 276, Vienna, GA 31092	478-433-5135
Inez Collier	19769 South Oaks Rd., Byromville, GA 31007	478-433-5744
Hillary Everidge	800 Little Creek Rd., Pinehurst, GA 31070	478-433-5146
Janice Gauthier	POB 343, Byromville, GA 31007	478-433-5120
Jurelle W. Godfrey	1600 West Rd., Byromville, GA 31007	229-268-4869
Rita Hardy	428 Main St., Byromville, GA 31007	478-433-6475
Louise Kirksey	2621 Old Dixie Highway, Byromville, GA 31007	478-433-6591
Vicki Lamberth	POB 275, Byromville, GA 31007	478-433-6075
Myra Lewis	POB 87, Lilly, GA 31051	229-268-8626
Virginia Lockerman	2915 Jenkins Farm Rd., Byromville, GA 31007	478-433-6900
Martha Peavy	POB 53, Byromville, GA 31007	478-433-5651
Robin Peavy	2965 Jenkins Farm Rd., Byromville, GA 31007	478-433-5135
Elaine Phelps	642 Webb St., Byromville, GA 31007	478-433-2035
Mary Beth Reed	POB 308, Byromville, GA 31007	478-433-2009
Patricia E. Rigdon	368 Everidge Dr., Pinehurst, GA 31070	478-433-6492
Marion Robinson	POB 74, Byromville, GA 31007	478-433-6331
Michelle Smith	POB 8633, Warner Robins, GA 31095	478-397-6984
Tammie Smith	POB ??, Byromville, GA 31007	478-433-2008
Elaine Stone	POB 445, Byromville, GA 31007	229-268-5413
Edna Sullivan	4660 Nellieville Rd., Pinehurst, GA 31070	478-433-5971
Inez Weeks	1369 Weeks Rd., Vienna, GA 31092	229-268-2901
Mary Ellen Wilkes	7455 Pinehurst-Byromville Rd., Byromville, GA 31007	478-433-2041
Becky Willingham	3831 West Road, Byromville, GA 31007	229-268-8696