



Woodcroft Women's Club

Fun. Fellowship. Friendship. Fundraising.

What's It All About?

On these pages, you will find a brief overview of our General Meetings and each of our Community Service volunteer and Interest Groups opportunities. This is intended especially for our new members to help them decide in which groups they want to participate. Current members might also look it over for new opportunities.

General Meetings

We have regular in-person meetings during the WWC Club Year which begins in September and runs through the end of August of the following year. Meetings are Sep through Nov and Jan through May on the **first Tuesday of the month from 7:00pm - 9:00pm**. At most meetings, there is a guest speaker who will share topics of interest. In December we meet casually for a fun holiday gathering complete with pot-luck and games. At the May meeting, we invite our selected charity sponsors to join us.

Community Service



The Woodcroft Women's Club supports selected charities throughout the club year with donations and some volunteer participation. Additionally, members offer their support and services to local community projects and activities. All members are invited to participate in some or all projects, and are encouraged to suggest other community support activities for consideration.

Year End Contributions - At the end of each club year, monies collected from fundraisers and donations are distributed among 3-4 charities selected by voting members. Whenever possible, the selected charities sponsors are invited to attend the final general meeting.

The Club regularly supports three local charities. During each month with a club meeting, we collect and distribute donations for one of the charities, rotating among the three which allows for three collections per charity per club year.

Families Moving Forward - a Durham program which assists families to 'move forward' out of their current homeless situation. For many years the WWC has provided Families Moving Forward support in a variety of ways including collecting donations for the Barrels of Joy program which collects needed items for families, and participation in the Dine and Learn program where volunteers prepare and take a simple meal to serve to the families.

Durham Crisis Response Center - Since 2006, the Woodcroft Women's Club has been collecting donations for DCRC, a shelter which provides a safe place for women and children of domestic or sexual violence. The shelter houses over two hundred women and children every year, requiring many items to keep the household running and DCRC relies on gifts from the community to make stays at the shelter as comfortable as possible.

Food Bank / Food Drive - The Food Bank of Eastern North Carolina is grateful for donations of food supplies based on a list of current supply needs. The club sponsors regular Food Drives during the club year and collected items are delivered to the Food Bank of Eastern North Carolina.

The club assists in supporting the **Epworth Backpack project** which supplies food for the weekend for children with food insecurity, so they will not be hungry while not in school. Volunteers can participate in setup (Sat.) or packing (Sun.) or delivery (Fri). Dates and times are set by the Epworth Backpack project.

In addition to the three supported charities, the Woodcroft Women's Club participates in other community support programs during the club year.

Adopt-A-Trail - this group meets one day every other month to clean a section of the American Tobacco Trail that runs through Woodcroft and neighboring communities. We have a strong desire to keep our Durham community beautiful and inviting to nature lovers.

Share Your Holiday - The WWC purchases, wraps, and delivers gifts for 10 local elderly women each club year. Local families in need have been receiving gifts from Durham residents for over 30 years through the Share Your Holiday program sponsored by the Durham Co. DSS, The Volunteer Center of Durham, and The Durham Herald-Sun Newspaper.

Recycling/Pay It Forward - Our goal is to take care of our planet for the next generations by keeping as much out of the landfills as possible. We maintain a comprehensive listing on our website of ways to recycle, where to recycle, how to reuse or donate, suggestions for repurposing, and use of alternate eco-friendly products.

Interest Groups



The Woodcroft Women's Club members enjoy gatherings geared toward specific interests. Each group is organized and supported by one or more Group Chairs who can provide more details about their group offerings. Members meet either on a regular or occasional basis - some in-person, some via Zoom. The newsletter is a great resource and contains current information about each group's activities. You are welcome to attend two activities or meetings before joining the club. These groups meet all year, not just the months with meetings.

The email address of the Group Chair(s) for each group is available in the **Members** section of our website which is limited to Members Only. If you are interested in attending one of the groups' activities before joining, please send email to "**membership@woodcroftwomensclub.org**" and request the contact information.

Bead It Here - This group is supported by an experienced member who specializes in jewelry making and repair. Members should attend a separate training session with the Group Chair before attending the regularly scheduled in-home meetings.

Book Club - The Book Club meets each month except July to discuss the chosen book of the month. Currently the meetings are twice a month on the **second Wednesday - in person at 2PM** and **via Zoom at 7PM**, and the agenda/book is the same for each meeting. If you can't attend one gathering, feel free to join the other. Nominations for the next year's books are

accepted starting in August, and the October meeting is to vote on book selections for the following year.

Book Study - The group reads one book slowly together through and spends time discussing it as the reading progresses. The ideal book selection is one which asks us to change some of our behaviors to improve the quality of our lives. The Book Study group meets on the **first and third Tuesday** of the month from **noon until 1:30 PM via Zoom**. We hope to be able to meet occasionally at members' homes safely.

Exploring - This is the group for you if you want to have fun exploring and learning while making new friends. Members will receive an email with details about each planned event. This group meets when an occasion rises so gatherings can be once or more often a month.

Games n Giggles - Games n Giggles is a great way to relax and meet to play some games, eat some snacks, and just have FUN. We play different games, e.g Bingo, Family Feud, Yahtzee, 20 Questions, Scattergories, etc. This group provides a wonderful opportunity to learn how to play new games and laugh. Join us and bring your suggestions for games! Jokes welcome too. This group meets **once a month** in person.

Gourmet - You are invited to join this group for a culinary adventure. The group will gather **each month** at a different restaurant, offering a diverse range of dining experiences. Occasionally, we host themed dinners where members contribute dishes that complement the chosen theme.

Groundbreakers - Groundbreakers is a group of women who share a common interest in gardening. We **meet seasonally** to learn from each other and from community resources. We include a wide range of expertise; from Master Gardeners to accidental gardeners; from the passionate to the ho hum. We welcome everyone who wants to learn more about gardening.

Mahjongg Mavens - The excitement of Mahjongg lies in the strategic decisions that you constantly make. We play the Chinese version: no jokers, no cards to purchase, just a combination of luck and strategy. If you are interested in learning how to play, experienced players are willing to teach you! New players are always welcome. Warning: The game is addicting! We have three groups - a **2nd and 4th Tuesday** group, a **Wednesday morning** group, and a **Friday morning** group.

Mugs n Muffins - Mugs and Muffins members **meet once a month** at a local restaurant or a member's home to catch up and enjoy some delicious fare. It is a great way to gather in a small group to socialize and to experience local food offerings.

Tech Talk - As we are living in a technical world, let's explore it together. Do you have questions? Do you want to understand concepts in the news? Then come join our new Tech Talk group. We will **meet frequently via Zoom** to learn some techie stuff that might be baffling or of general interest.

Visit our website for more information about upcoming activities, general meetings, speakers, and fundraisers!

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