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Club Chatter



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April 2024

From Our President

Betsy Grannis

March was a very busy month for our club! As was reported at our meeting, we had several members attend the State Arts Festival on March 9th in Mebane. Thank you to **Susan Johnson** and **Brenda Hill** for traveling with all of our club's artwork and crafts to be judged, both student and clubwomen work. It's a lot of work to bring that many items to and from Mebane and your organization skills are much appreciated.

Brenda Hill, 2nd Vice President, announced the winners of our Individual Clubwomen Awards at the March meeting. Congratulations to **Brenda Gay**, the Outstanding Citizenship & Patriotism Award winner for our club. Also, to **Susan Johnson** who won the Clubwoman With Heart award. And lastly, thank you to all of you who voted to award me, **Betsy Grannis**, the Clubwoman of the Year award. All of these winners go on to participate at the state level. The winners of the state awards will be announced at the GFWC-NC Annual Convention in Raleigh. Best of luck to all the winners and thank you for representing our club!

As I write this article, we are looking forward to our club's biggest fundraiser of the year – The Taste of Carolina at The Farm @42 on March 30th. We are anticipating a fabulous event and thank **Karen Keeslar, Val Taylor, and Debra**

Beal for being the co-chairs. Thank you to everyone who sold tickets, obtained sponsorships, got silent auction items; and especially thank you to those who are volunteering their time and talent to this event. We will be excited to share the results of all this effort at our meeting in April.

And speaking of our April meeting, we will be focusing on Federation Day. The General Federation of Women's Clubs began on April 24th, 1890, which is why we focus on our federation at our April meeting. We have a fun program planned for you – it involves membership and some fun facts for all. Please be sure to RSVP when **Loretta** sends out the request – you won't want to miss this meeting!

Our GFWC-NC Convention will be held at the Crabtree Marriott in Raleigh on April 26th and 27th. Registration is required to participate and there is a registration fee. If you didn't receive any information and would like to register for our state convention, please contact me and I will send you the link. Registration is due to headquarters by April 8th. It's a great opportunity being so close to home and I'm sure there will be lots of good information shared.

Our other big happening



for April is the Lights of Love fundraiser headed up by **Trish Perna**. Tickets for this event are available now – you can send people to our website to purchase tickets or contact **Trish** and she will get them to you. This is a very sweet event and we hope that everyone will come out that night to support our club!

In this newsletter, you will see a copy of the 2024-2025 Proposed Budget. Please look it over and if you have any questions feel free to reach out to **Judy Ryan**, our Club Treasurer. We will be voting to approve this budget at our business meeting in May and want the membership to have plenty of time to peruse the information ahead of that meeting.

April looks to be a great month and I hope that each of you bloom in ways small or large.



March Meeting Highlights

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April Fools Day

April 9
CSP Setup

April 10
General Membership
Meeting

April 11
Night n Gals

April 11
Play Day

April 12
Bingo @ Senior Center

April 14
Drifters @ Clayton
Center

April 16
Exec Board Meeting

April 22
Passover Begins

April 22
Earth Day

April 23
Bunco

April 25
Puppet Show

April 28
Arbor Day



Spring has Sprung

Call to Order – **Betsy Grannis**

Blessing – **Brenda Gay**

Salute to Flags

Meal – Hosted by Arts and Culture CSP

Devotion – **Brenda Gay** gave the devotion

Special Presentation: **Patty Jo Johnson** read Resolutions of Respect & Remembrance for **Marie Monsees** and **Rachel Masimore**. These will be on file with the minutes. **Marie's** family attended and were given a copy of the Resolution. **Rachel's** family received their copies on March 2nd.

President's Welcome **Ms. Grannis** welcomed everyone and thanked Arts and Culture CSP for the meal and hosting today's meeting. She also thanked Marie's family for the flowers to decorate with today.

Program – **Brenda Gay** introduced Lillian Narron and Katelyn Bradbender, student pianists who performed for the group. Performing Arts was held Saturday, January 27th at the Clayton School of Arts. These are the 1st place winners.

Welcome, guests, new members and visitors **Brenda Hill** introduced guest Kathleen Arcury and new member Ora Douglas.

March Birthdays were recognized

Business – approval of the February Meeting

Executive Board Report

List of officers for 2024-2026 were presented and approved

Debbie Ragland is retiring from the library after 25 years. Her trustee term ends this year and **Betsy Grannis** will fill the position 2024-2026.

Taste of Carolina – **Karen Keeclar, Debra Beal & Val Taylor** reported we have 12 restaurants committed to the event and sign-up sheets and opportunities are available for volunteers

Lights or Love – **Trish Perna** reported tickets and memorial cards are available. She also had an example of the lights being used this year.

Brenda Hill announced the individual club-women awards:

Clubwoman of the Year – **Betsy Grannis**
Clubwoman With a Heart – **Susan Johnson**
Outstanding Citizenship & Patriotism – **Brenda Gay**

GFWC-NC Arts Festival Report – **Susan Johnson** reported 6 members attended March 9th in Mebane.

Betsy Grannis reported redistricting was discussed at the Arts Festival and displayed current map and proposed redistricting map; an email from GFWC-NC has gone out to all of the membership.

Marianne Sapsara – Health and Wellness CSP announced they are working on a blood drive. Will be partnering with The Walk and use their clubhouse. No date yet has been set waiting for sign ups to determine if and when this will occur.

Officer's Reports

1st Vice President – no report

2nd Vice President – no report

Treasurer – no report

Recording Secretary – **Patty Jo Johnson**

read several thank you notes for **Marie Monsees and Rachel Masimore**

Corresponding Secretary – no report

CSP and Special Projects

President's Special Project – **Sarah Brooks** asked members to please let her know how many pounds have been turned in; so far we have 524 lbs.

Environment – **Sarah Brooks** stated corks had been delivered. Please continue to bring in corks, athletic shoes and mascara wands.

Arts and Culture – **Angela Williams** thanked her committee for today, especially **Brenda Gay** for the program and **Brenda Hill** for the library window.

Civic Engagement – **Susan Johnson** reported the Rotary will have Flags for Heroes again this year if anyone is interested in sponsorship. CEO is sponsoring a flag.

Education and Libraries – **Brenda Gay** showed the book bags that will be used for first grade classes at Cooper Academy. **Rob-in Sachsenheimer** announced the puppet show will be Thursday, April 25th at 12:00. She is looking for a few more volunteers.

Health and Wellness – **Nancy Maynard** asked everyone to complete the Challenge calendars she passed out at the February meeting.

Announcements were read

The meeting closed with the collect and adjourned at 1:55.



April

- 4/13 Lorraine Perri
- 4/15 Jo Howard
- 4/28 Peggy Earp



Visit a Blessing Box to feed a hungry world.

Sometimes the most important thing in a whole day is the rest we take between two deep breaths, or the turning inwards in prayer for five short minutes.

www.prayables.com Etty Hillson

Individual Clubwomen Awards

Congratulations to:

Betsy Grannis—Clubwoman of the Year
Susan Johnson—Clubwoman with Heart
Brenda Gay—Outstanding Citizenship & Patriotism

Presented by **Brenda Hill**, 2nd Vice



Health & Wellness CSP

Co-Chairs: Nancy Maynard, Deborah Fuller, & Judy Ryan



Forty-three seniors enjoyed Bingo with **Judy Ryan** and **Deborah Fuller** in March. Thanks, ladies! We are in need of more prizes. When you are cleaning out drawers or cabinets during spring cleaning, please put aside things that we might be able to use. (thanks for the scarves, Marianne and the books, Patti Jo). If you have any questions about what we use for prizes, please contact one of our co-chairs.

Shepard's Pie Dinner was a huge success at the House of Hope. Thank you, **Margaret Lee**, for providing the meal and dessert. If you would like to help but don't want to cook or bake you can go to their website (www.houseofhopeofnc.com) and check out their Needs List. Thank you for your continued support.



We hope you are checking off many boxes in our 30-Day Self-Care Challenge. Have you tried something that you normally wouldn't do? Have you thought of other ways to challenge yourself to better your mental health? If you would like to turn in your results, please bring them to the April meeting or email them to **Nancy Maynard** (mothermaynard@hotmail.com). Thank you for participating!

We are looking for members (and friends, neighbors, spouses, adult children) to sign up for a blood drive. We are partnering with The Walk at East Village who have graciously offered to have the drive at their clubhouse. Please contact Health and Wellness member **Marianne Sapsara** at mariannesapsara@gmail.com or (813) 476-2300 if you want to sign up or have any questions.



April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month



April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. We will be once again displaying silver and blue pinwheels at the clubhouse and the library garden. Although it's a solemn reminder that the world isn't always perfect, the pinwheels represent childlike whimsy and lightheartedness. It is our vision for a world where all children grow up happy, healthy, and prepared to have a successful life.

April 27th is National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. but did you know that most pharmacies will take back unused or expired medications anytime? Please remember to discard any and all prescription and over the counter drugs when they expire or are no longer needed. And please don't forget to do this with your pets' meds as well.

Environment

Co-Chairs: Sarah Brooks & Christie Latham



Please visit our website:

www.twccnc.org

Password is

twccmember



Library Window

Thank you Brenda Gay

Leadership is an
action, not a position

Donald McGannon

NOTHING IS AS
STRONG AS THE HEART
OF A VOLUNTEER

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

The Environment CSP looks forward to hosting the April meeting with a Spring theme. **Betsy Grannis** will provide a lovely lunch and the CSP will prepare Strawberry Shortcake for dessert. Since April is Federation month, the Executive Board will plan the program. **We are asking members to bring packets of flower and/or vegetable seeds to the April meeting.** More on that below.

The Environment CSP has made two donations:

\$275 was sent to Heifer International, a GFWC Affiliated Organization. Heifer International works to end hunger and poverty in partnership with the communities they serve. Their programs support entrepreneurs around the world, creating lasting change from the ground up. It begins with a seed investment of livestock or agriculture, followed by mentorship to help project participants build a business, and ultimately to gain access to supply chains and markets. These families are able to earn a living income and continuously lift up their communities as they train the next generation of leaders. By supporting and training the world's farmers, ranchers, and female business owners, they are investing in a new breed of success. Donations can be earmarked for types of animals (e.g., goats, flocks of chicks), honeybees, clean water, etc. **The ENV CSP donation is earmarked for "Send a Girl to School"**. This gift will empower girls and young women through education, equip them with learning materials, and provide for their school expenses.



\$200 was sent to ARTmosphere Community Arts Center for their Plantmosphere program with an emphasis on Plant Buddies. This is a warm seasonal outdoor classroom monthly meet up offering that is free to families. Plant Buddies educates and allows hands on experience in nature in the center's garden area located in the Cleveland area of Johnston County. The ENV CSP funds were specifically requested so a children's play garden bed could be installed for younger children. It includes lumber and supplies for the garden bed and additional funds for new hand tools. In addition, they are in need of flower and vegetable seeds so we are asking members to bring seeds to the April meeting.



For our **Club President's Special Project**, as of 3/22/2024 members have collected **546 pounds** of plastic, so we are more than 1/2 way to meeting the goal of 1000 pounds by the end of September. We can't slow down over the summer break!!! The stores participating in the Trex plastic recycling program are **Food Lion, Lowes Food, and Harris Teeter**. PLEASE let **Sarah Brooks** know the amount of plastic you recycle. If you prefer, you can bring your plastic to the monthly meetings and CSP members will take it to recycle.

The Environment CSP will continue to collect **corks** for recycling by RECORK, **athletic shoes** for the Nike Grind Recycling program and old **mascara brushes** to be sent to a Wildlife Refuge to clean away oil, larvae, fly eggs, mites, infections, mud, and other contaminants from wildlife.

Don't forget, there will be two Shred-It events on **April 13th**. One will be at the Percy Flowers Store from Noon-2pm. The other one will be at Smithfield-Selma High School from 10am-1pm. These events are for paper shredding so if you have sensitive papers that you no longer need (e.g., old tax returns, credit card and other bills), this is a convenient and safe way to dispose of the papers.



Arts & Culture CSP

Co-Chairs: Angela Williams, Faye Brooks, Dianne Carroll



Please keep honorary member **Jean Lee** in your thoughts and prayers as she recovers from a fractured shoulder.

Cards may be sent to Jean at:
2117 Shotwell Rd.
Clayton, NC 27520

We would like to thank all of the ladies who helped us serve and clean up at the March meeting. You ladies are awesome. This is what is so great about our club, we not only help others we also help each other. Again, thank you.

We delivered 51 coloring bags to UNC Johnston Hospital and 10 bags to Harbor House.



Val Taylor, Angela Williams, Leigh Ross, Dianne Carroll Brenda Hill Patti Jo Johnson, Patti Farmer



Harbor House Representatives with Brenda Hill and Dianne Carroll

Get those cameras busy and capture Clayton, NC. CVA is currently taking applications for the 2024 Capturing Clayton - Photography Competition and Exhibition with \$1,000 of prizes. Open to photographers of all levels. Deadline April 24. Visit claytonvisualarts.org to enter.

Have you ever considered that God has fallen in love with you?

He sends you flowers every spring. He sends you sunshine every morning. Whenever you want to talk, He listens to you. He can live anywhere in the universe, but He chooses your heart. Amen



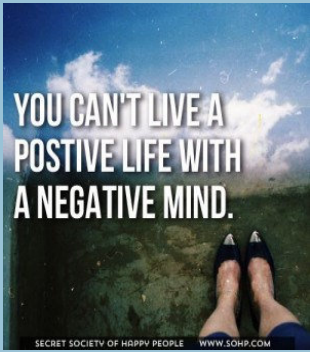
Civic Engagement & Outreach CSP

Co-Chairs: Susan Johnson and Karen Keeslar



The Civic Engagement and Outreach CSP will be providing a flag to be displayed in Clayton next to Johnston Health Hospital in honor of everyday heroes all around us. Flags For Heroes proceeds fund scholarships for local high school seniors, Rotary community service projects, and support local non-profits, including Stop Soldier Suicide. Be sure to come by this event May 26th – June 18th for a breath taking view of our nation's flag.





Spring is here and I am reminded of what Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote in his poem, "Never lose an opportunity of seeing anything that is beautiful, for beauty is God's handwriting – a wayside sacrament". We are certainly looking at it with the beauty of Spring all around us.

Speaking of beauty, we certainly had "that" at our March meeting when we listened to two of our Performing Arts students Lillian Narron and Katelyn Brabender play their winning piano pieces.



Lillian Narron

Lillian played "My Inspiration" by Melody Bober and Sonatina by George Benda. Katelyn played "I" by Yiruma and "After This" which Katelyn composed herself. Thank you, Lillian and Katelyn, for sharing your beautiful music with us.



Katelyn Brabender



Cooper Elementary Academy, kindergarten through fifth grade shared in a reading program called "Read Across America" on March 1st. Different organizations were invited to participate in this program by encouraging people to come and read a book to the students in the different grades at different time slots from 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The school provided the books for the readers. We want to thank four of our members from The Woman's Club of Clayton who participated in this event. Pictured are **Marlene Dillon, Robin Sachsenheimer**, not pictured are **Ginny Kennerly, and Betty Francies**. This is a program the elementary schools do in March each year. It is not a part of Jumpstart, Read for the Record.



BOOK BAG PROGRAM date is coming soon, and we could still use a few more books. We will still be collecting books at the April meeting. We will assemble the bags on Tuesday, May 7th at 10:30 at the club house. The teachers at Cooper Academy requested that we distribute the stuffed bags on Thursday, May 16th at 2:30 to the school. There will be sign-up sheets for help at the meeting.

To our dear members that always come through for us, thank all of you who have helped by donating books, bookmarks, and stuff animals.

On a personal note: " I am humbled and privileged to receive the Citizenship of the Year award for 2023. My thanks to the club members for receiving this honor. "

Stay safe and enjoy your Spring,

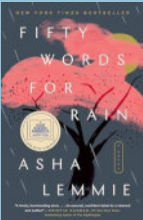
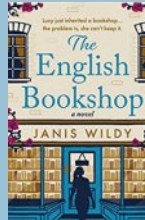
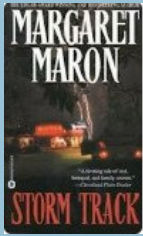
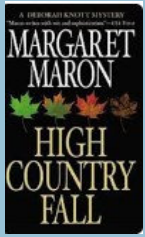
Brenda Gay & Sandy Nesselrode, co-chairs

'I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.'

-Maya Angelou



Somewhere hidden in this newsletter is a tiny white star. Find it and be the first to email me (jaryan612@gmail.com) with its location and you'll be rewarded at the next membership meeting.



Our ESO (Epsilon Sigma Omicron) met with twelve members attending on Monday, March 4th at The Woman’s Club of Clayton clubhouse. As usual, our members reported on some great books and listed as follows are a few reports:

“High Country Fall” by Margaret Maron (Genre: Mystery) book report by Patty Jo Johnson

“Storm Track” by Margaret Maron (Genre: General Fiction) book report by Trish Peran

“Fifty Words for Rain” by Asha Lemmie (Genre: Historical Fic) book report by Marlene Dillon

“The English Bookshop” by Janis Wildy (Genre: Travel) book report by Jean Cornell

Please note that Margaret Maron is a Patterson Honoree Author. The Lucy Bramlette Patterson recognitions are given in memory of Mrs. J. Lindsay Patterson, the first President of GFWC-NC (1902-1905) The award honors a female North Carolina published writer for outstanding creative writing. Nominees are submitted and a committee selects the award recipient from the submitted list.

The Woman’s Club of Clayton ESO book club has nominated Jan Hemby, a former member of The Woman’s Club of Clayton. Jan is from North Carolina and has written several books. She now resides in Wilson, NC. We are hoping to hear the results sometime this year.



BTY: Ran into our GFWC-NC Chair, Lynn Wiss at the Arts Festival in Mebane.

“Food for Thought” “I declare after all there is no enjoyment like reading! How much sooner one tires of anything than of a book! -- When I have a house of my own, I shall be miserable if I have not an excellent library.”

— **Jane Austen, Pride and Prejudice**

Members, please mark your calendar for our next ESO book club meeting at The Woman’s Club on Monday, April 1 at 10:00 (no, this is NOT an April Fools joke)



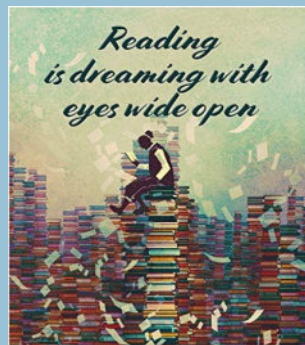
Stay safe and enjoy your Spring!

Brenda Gay, ESO Chair for The Woman’s Club of Clayton

Menu

Ham/Turkey Wraps
Garden Salad
Chips

The Environment
CSP will host and
provide
Strawberry Short-
cake for dessert



Art Festival Chair: Susan Johnson



The State Art Festival was held on Saturday, March 9th, 2024 at the Mebane Arts and Community Center with six of our members attending. The Woman’s Club of Clayton was well represented by clubwomen and student entries. Our students took home nine 3rd place awards, fifteen 2nd place awards, and eight 1st place awards. Our clubwomen received several awards as well:



- Margaret Lee – 2nd place in Literature – Short Story
- Brenda Gay – 3rd place in Photography – Our World Up Close
- Trish Perna – 3rd place in Photography – Reflections
- Marlene Dillon – 3rd place in Visual Arts – Oil Painting
- Marlene Dillon – 3rd place in Visual Arts – Acrylic Painting
- Betsy Grannis – 2nd place in Crafts – Crochet Garment
- Val Taylor – 1st place in Crafts – Crochet Large
- Val Taylor – 1st place in Crafts – Knitting Garment
- Val Taylor – 3rd place in Crafts – Jewelry

Congratulations to all our ladies and students for sharing their gift of the arts. Time to get items ready for the 2025 Festival.



- Meals for House of Hope (2nd Tuesday)
- Bingo at Senior Ctr (2nd Friday)
- Silent Partners
- Hospitality
- Walking Challenge
- Recipe Makeovers

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome
Pam Howley
Pam will be sharing her talents with Arts & Culture



Night ‘N’ Gals



The **Night ‘N’ Gals** will meet via Zoom on April 11th at 7:00pm. This is open to any member who wishes to attend. The Zoom address will be emailed to members on April 10th.

TWCC Bunco/Play Day Organizer: Sarah Brooks



Things to bring to the February meeting:

- Books appropriate for First Graders (English or Spanish) for E&L CSP
- Old sneakers
- Wine corks
- Old eyeglasses
- Empty mascara
- Bingo prizes for seniors
- Packets of Seeds



In the event of illness or bereavement, members are encouraged to contact Patty Jo Johnson if assistance is needed with meals, errands, etc. Call 919-818-3444 or email johnsonpatty2253@gmail.com



Notify Patty Jo Johnson, Corresponding Secretary, if information about a club member needs to be communicated to the membership (e.g., illness, bereavement)

919-818-3444

Bunco is an extremely easy game of dice that provides members time to come together for an afternoon of fun and frivolity!! All members are welcome to participate, and it is a great way to learn more about members. Prior experience playing Bunco is not needed. Members playing Bunco put \$5 in the pot.



Upcoming Bunco:

March 26, 2024 at 1:00pm (canceled)

April 23, 2024 at 1:00pm (Hostess, Debra Beal)



Play Day at the present time includes **Bridge and Mexican Train**. Everyone puts \$1 in a pot to help pay for refreshments. In addition, the Bridge players have a separate pot of \$1 each which is split between high and second high score and lowest score. In March, 12 people played Bridge and no one played

Mexican Train.

Bridge requires training and practice. Mexican Train is much easier to learn and can be taught in about 15 minutes.

Upcoming Play Day: April 11th at 1:00pm



BUL BOX—Best Presentation

TASTE OF CAROLINA AWARDS



Peoples Choice 1st Place—Anthony's La Piazza



OLD FASHIONED ICE CREAM
Most Original & Best Use of Local Ingredients



MANNINGS—Best Dessert & Peoples Choice 2nd Place



Working Together



The Bylaws Committee proposed the below Bylaws revisions and these have been reviewed and approved by the Executive Board. Therefore, the revisions are presented to the membership for approval at the May 8th lunch meeting. Only those sections with proposed revisions are included here. The entire set of Bylaws is available on the Club’s website at: twccnc.org/member-resources/

ACRONYMS AND DEFINITIONS

Proposed change is addition of new definition:

12. Night N’Gals means women who join the club but are unable to attend the day meetings.

Rationale: Night N’Gals are mentioned in Bylaws so it is recommended to include a definition.

ARTICLE IV – CLUB MEETINGS

Section B. Special meetings may be called by the President. A one-week notice is required.

Proposed Change is removal of second sentence:

Section B. Special meetings may be called by the President.

Rationale: When a quick response is needed, this is handled via email. Rarely are special meetings called and any special meetings more than likely are needed sooner than 1 week.

ARTICLE VII - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section C. The Second Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in her absence and in the absence of the First Vice-President. She shall be Director of Leadership/Membership. She shall formulate and coordinate plans for orientation of new Club members. She shall also be responsible for GFWC organizational training and leadership development for all Club members. With the First Vice-President she shall assign Club members to CSPs. She shall work with the Treasurer to ensure the membership roster is kept up to date and available on the Club website. She shall chair and appoint a committee to nominate Club members for Clubwoman awards. She shall also chair the Yearbook Committee.

Proposed Change is addition of a responsibility:

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Bylaw Changes continued

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Rationale: Name tags have been done by the Recording Secretary but having the 2nd VP be responsible for this makes more sense as she is responsible for new members and works with the 1st VP on CSP assignments.

ARTICLE IX – COMMITTEES AND APPOINTEES

Section F. The Scholarship Committee shall consist of the Co-Chairs of the Education and Libraries CSP and two other Club members. They shall select a Sallie Southall Cotten Scholarship recipient following the rules and regulations for The Woman's Club of Clayton and GFWC-NC. The Woman's Club of Clayton Hocutt-Horne Scholarship Endowment shall be under the jurisdiction of the Scholarship Committee, the President, and the Treasurer. The Scholarship Committee shall select a Sybil Champion Community College Scholarship recipient following the rules and regulations of The Woman's Club of Clayton. They may also select a Greeson/Johnson Teaching Scholarship candidate following the rules and regulations of The Woman's Club of Clayton and GFWC-NC.

Proposed Change is to remove the last sentence:

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Rationale: The Greeson/Johnson Teaching Scholarship is no longer available for local clubs.

Section I. The Newsletter Chair shall compile and distribute a club newsletter to all active and honorary Club members, the Junior Woman's Club, GFWC-NC, GFWC and Hocutt-Ellington Memorial Library. She shall also compose and submit articles and pictures to the GFWC Clubwoman magazine, and the North Carolina Clubwoman magazine as directed by the President. The Newsletter Chair will chair the Communications Committee.

Proposed Change is to remove reference to the library.

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Bylaw Changes continued

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Rationale: The library no longer has a history room and staff there do not track the newsletters.

ARTICLE X – MEMBERS

Section C. If a Club member cannot attend a meeting, she will notify one of her CSP Co-Chairs prior to the meeting.

Proposed Change is to delete current sentence and replace with below.

Section C. Club Members are responsible for responding to requests for monthly meeting attendance if they plan to attend .

Rationale: The procedure has changed wherein Recording Secretary sends an email to all members requesting they let her know if they will be attending the lunch meeting. This change allows for flexibility and puts the responsibility on the members.

ARTICLE XIII - TRUSTEES

There shall be three Trustees (appointed by the Executive Board) who shall serve staggered terms of six years. They shall be responsible for arranging for the major maintenance of the Clubhouse facilities, signing necessary contracts, and reviewing insurance policies and legal documents. The Trustee with two remaining years on her current term shall serve as Chair of the Trustees. A trustee shall serve no more than one term without a two-year intermission. The Club President, Treasurer, Rental Custodian and Clubhouse Custodian shall be ex officio members.

Proposed Change is to delete "for the"

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Compliment 3 people every day

Forget the Joneses

Pray not for things but for wisdom & courage

Never waste an opportunity to tell someone you love them

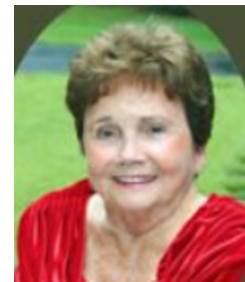
Be tough minded & tender-hearted

Never give up on someone...miracles happen.

Over the last several months we have tearfully said goodbye to a couple of our dynamic members. Marie Monsees and Rachel Masimore were leaders with a caring smile, a mind for getting things done, and a passionate heart. The Woman's Club of Clayton will forever miss their generous donations and their desire to make Clayton a better world. Below are some pics from their celebrations. We miss you both!



Claude Monsees, Donna Kabot, & Dianne Carroll, Marie's husband & sisters



Melissa Frances, Rachel's daughter



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The Johnston County Extension Master Gardener volunteers Proudly Present Their Annual

Plant Sale

Fun for the whole Family! - Fantastic Playground!
FREE Kid's Craft - decorate and plant a pot!

SAT. APRIL 13TH 2024

FREE ICE CREAM while supplies last

NEW LOCATION! **8am-1pm**

Clayton Municipal Park
325 McCullers St.
Clayton, NC 27520

Trees, shrubs, natives, annuals, perennials, vegetables, herbs, house plants, and more grown by local nurseries, and JoCo Master Gardeners! Selection of handmade crafts and garden art.

Stop by the "Little Sprouts Station" where kids can paint and take home a free flower pot and plant!

For more information contact **Johnston County Extension**
<http://johnston.ces.ncsu.edu>

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PROCEEDS HELP FUND EXTENSION MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Hope you have had a chance to check out our new kitchen. Special thanks to **Rachel Masimore, Melissa Frances, Lana Cooper, Audrey Fischbein, Sarah Brooks, and Lou Mancuso** for making it all happen!!



2024-2025 Proposed Budget

	Approved Budget 2023- 2024	Proposed Budget 2024- 2025	
INCOME			
Clubhouse Rentals	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 23,400.00	Increase rentals by \$100.00
Clubhouse Rental Deposits	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	
Membership Dues	\$ 3,345.00	\$ 4,235.00	75members + 3 honorary
Food Income	\$ 1,160.00	\$ 2,250.00	30.00/yr/75 reg.member
Scholarships	\$ 2,000.00		NC Community Foundation
Civitan Donation	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	varies annually
Fundraisers (TBD)	\$ 35,187.20	\$ 35,000.00	Taste=29K; Murder=4K; Lights=2K
Misc Deposits			
Memorial Deposits			
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 65,692.20	\$ 77,885.00	
EXPENSES			
Clubhouse Operations			
* Custodian	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 4,800.00	400.00/month
* Clubhouse Supplies	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	
* Electric/Water/Irrigation	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 3,000.00	slight increase
* Gas	\$ 800.00	\$ 900.00	slight increase
* Trash	\$ 673.00	\$ 950.00	75.10/month
* Pest Control	\$ 377.00	\$ 500.00	79.00/quarterly+150.00termite
* Lawncare	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,500.80	250.00/month + mulch etc
* Backflow/Winterizing	\$ 350.00	\$ 450.00	
* Insurance	\$ 1,745.00	\$ 1,600.00	
* Piano Tuning	\$ 160.00	\$ 150.00	

2024-2025 Proposed Budget cont

Fundraisers	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 3,899.00	Farm = 2000.00
GFWC Dues (\$50/ea)	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,750.00	77 members x \$50.00
GFWC-NC Dist 8 Dues (\$4/ea)	\$ 252.00	\$ 300.00	77 members x \$4.00
Clubhouse Rental Deposit Retu	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	
Clubhouse Upgrades/Repair	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	
Website	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	
President's Fund	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	
Postage/Printing/Awards	\$ 100.00	\$ 400.00	
Bank Fees	\$ -	\$ 100.00	
Food Expense	\$ 1,160.00	\$ 1,700.00	\$189.00 per 9 months
Chamber of Commerce membe	\$ 140.00	\$ 175.00	
Professional Fees	\$ 200.00	\$ 4,000.00	
Reserve for Clubhouse Renova	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	
Annual Deposit to Savings	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	
CSP's			
Civic Engagement	\$ 300.00	\$ 500.00	
Art & Culture	\$ 300.00	\$ 500.00	
Education & Libraries	\$ 300.00	\$ 500.00	
Environment	\$ 300.00	\$ 500.00	
Health & Wellness	\$ 300.00	\$ 500.00	
Night-n-Gals	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	
CSP Special Projects			
Local Arts Festival	\$ 400.00	\$ 800.00	inc awards to \$20 for 1st place
District & NC Arts Festival	\$ -		
Student Music Competition		\$ 500.00	
Clayton Arts Faire Rec	\$ 100.00	\$ -	
Puppet Show	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00	
Education Scholarships			
Sallie S. Cotten Scholarship	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	
JCC Scholarship (Sybil Champic	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00	
NC Community Foundation		\$ 1,500.00	

2024-2025 Proposed Budget continued

Gifts to Organizations			
Christmas Kids	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 7,000.00	#70 x 100
Senior Wishes	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	6x50
Civitan Support (tickets & raffl	\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00	
Friends of the Library	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	
Memorials to HEML	\$ 75.00	\$ 150.00	5x25
GFWC - Honor Club	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00	
GFWC-NC 1902 Society	\$ 190.20	\$ 190.20	
Boys & Girls Club	\$ 200.00	\$ 300.00	
My Kids Club	\$ 200.00	\$ 300.00	
President's Choice Project	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	
Clayton Area Ministries		\$ 300.00	
House of Hope		\$ 200.00	
Harbor House	\$ 200.00	\$ 300.00	
With Love From Jesus		\$ 300.00	
TWCC Signature Project		\$ 5,000.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 64,592.20	\$ 77,885.00	



Trailblazing Women of Clayton : A Women's History Celebration



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Lights of Love

Light a Luminary for Someone Special

April 26, 2024

7pm-8:30pm

Also Date of Last Friday in Clayton Event

Town Square

\$20 per Luminary

Pick up glass jar luminary as remembrance 8:30-9pm

Event organized by The Woman's Club of Clayton

For tickets, email sbrooks@twccnc.org or call 702-875-2691



JOCO Flags For Heroes 2024!
Over 1,500 flags on display
May 26th – June 18th

Honor your heroes! Flags will be displayed in Clayton and Smithfield next to the Johnston Health Hospitals

Everyday heroes are all around us. Honor the veterans, current military, first responders, healthcare workers, teachers, coaches, community volunteers, parents, family, and friends who have made a positive impact in your life.

Let us raise a flag in their honor, sponsor a flag today!



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Each flag features a medallion with the name of the hero honored

\$55 Individual Sponsor = 1 Flag

\$250 Corporate Sponsor = 3 Flags + recognition in FFH marketing

\$500 Corporate Sponsor = 6 Flags + recognition in FFH marketing

\$1,000 Corporate Sponsor = 12 Flags + recognition in FFH marketing

Flags For Heroes proceeds fund scholarships for local high school seniors, Rotary community service projects, and support local non-profits, including Stop Soldier Suicide.



Scan Here to honor your heroes

**Or visit
claytonrotaryclub.org**

Watch the FlagsForHeroes 2024 launch video:

<https://www.facebook.com/JoCoFlagsForHeroes/videos/722127829910442>



**Recipes Provided
by
Judy Ryan**



Do you have club member news, personal announcements, family news, personal achievements or recipes to share with club members?

Please submit items by the **25th** of the month to the “Club Chatter” Editor, Judy Ryan
jaryan612@gmail.com



Each month will feature recipes by category

May—Peoples Choice

Send your favorite recipes to
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Apple—Maple Glazed Ham

INGREDIENTS

- 1 9-10 pound bone-in fully cooked smoked ham
- 2 Tbsp whole cloves (optional)
- 2 cups apple cider
- 1/2 cup apple jelly
- 1/2 cup maple syrup
- 1/4 cup whole-grain mustard
- 1/2 tsp ground allspice
- 1/4 tsp grated nutmeg

DIRECTIONS

Bring ham to room temperature.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Prepare the Apple-Maple Glaze: Boil the apple cider in a saucepan over medium heat until reduced to 1/2 cup (9 mins). Reduce heat to low. Stir in the apple jelly, maple syrup, mustard, allspice & nutmeg.

Trim off any skin from the ham. Use a sharp paring knife to score through the fat in a diagonal crosshatch pattern without cutting through to the meat. Insert the cloves into the ham, placing them at the intersections of the cuts.

Put the ham, flat-side down on a rack in a roasting pan. Pour 1/2 inch water into the bottom of the pan. Transfer to the oven and roast until a thermometer inserted into the thickest part registers 130 degrees, about 2.5 hours (about 15 minutes per pound)

Increase the oven temperature to 425. Pour half of the glaze over the ham and brush to coat. If the water in the bottom evaporated, add more.

Return ham to oven and roast, basting every 10 minutes with the remaining glaze, until glossy and well browned, about 45 more minutes.



HAM QUICHE

INGREDIENTS

- 1 refrigerated pie crust (from a 14oz box)
- 4 large eggs
- 1 cup half-and-half
- 1 Tbsp chopped fresh parsley, plus more
- 1 Tbsp Dijon mustard
- 1.5 Tbsp all-purpose flour
- 1/4 tsp kosher salt
- 8 oz diced ham
- 1 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 1 small shallot, finely chopped

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

Place an empty baking sheet in the oven to warm.

Wisk together the eggs, half-and-half, parsley, mustard, flour, salt and pepper in a large bowl.

Sprinkle the ham, cheddar cheese, and shallot in the bottom of the chilled pie crust.

Pour the egg mixture into the pie crust.

Place the quiche on the pre-heated baking sheet and bake for 40 –45 minutes until puffed around the edges and center is set.

Let cool on the sheet tray for at least 30 minutes before slicing and serving.

Top with more fresh parsley, if you like.



April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 ESO  April Fools	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 CSP Setup House of Hope 	10  General Meeting	11  Night N-Gals Play Day 	12  Bingo @ Senior Center	13  Lorraine Perri
14	15  Jo Howard	16 	17	18	19	20
21	22  Passover Begins Earth Day	23  Bunco	24	25 Puppet Show 	26	27
28  Peggy Earp Arbor Day 	29	30				