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From Our President

Donna Steele



Have HOPE: I wish for you an April full of **HOPE**. **HOPE**, not fear, is what I bring to you today. How am I coping with our new normal with the Corona Virus being on my mind every day? I can only offer you **HOPE** that all things will improve. And with the help of all our club friends, we can spread **HOPE**. All of us need to offer **HOPE** by taking time each day to stay in touch with each other. We can be very creative about doing this. One of the best ways is a phone call to check in with your member friends. Also, we have social media such as e-mail, texting, and using Facetime when calling. We can also mail cards and letters, send e-cards and pray for our member friends and our community during this time. Each of us can offer to shop for needed supplies and prepare meals when our sister members ask. Some other ways to stay connected in our community that we are learning about: Herman and I are staying connected to our church through live sermons on Face Book and I exercise with my Arthritis study members on the free phone app,

Zoom. Some of our members have had a book club meeting on Zoom as well. Please use your April volunteering time and talents by spreading **HOPE** to others during this time. We all can spread **HOPE** even if we are home and not out and about!



How are you inspiring HOPE? Please share with me by e-mail or text or a call how you are inspiring others to have HOPE during this time. I will compile all that you are doing and share the creative ideas with our members.

Spring Fling Fashion Show and Brunch, March 7, 2020, 11:30 am-1:30 pm at the Brick and Mortar Restaurant at 217 E Main St, Clayton: Diane Carroll, Bree Rude and Betsy Granis are co-chairs. The clothes were provided by Belk's with our members as models! I know it was a great

affair and I am sorry that I had to miss it. I had to be in Cookeville, TN (where the tornado hit on March 3) to be with my daughter and her family (they are safe).

March 12, 2020 at 12:00 Noon: The Johnston Community College Linda Vann Lassiter Women's Society Luncheon at The Farm at 95, 215 Batten Road, Selma 27576: Our club had nominated our member, Belle Allen, for the Philanthropist of the Year award. Nine of our members went to the luncheon to support Belle. And I thank her for allowing our club to nominate her. She represents our club and the community in everything that is good.

March 29, 2020 (Sunday): Running Over Cancer 5K (Run/Walk at 2:30 pm at the Wake Med Soccer Park in Cary: We are a major sponsor of this event due to a generous reverse raffle prize return from our Gala. We



4/7 Melissa Kennedy
4/10 Catherine Lane
4/11 Barbara Nangle
4/13 Lorraine Perri
4/14 Suzanne Green
4/15 Jo Howard
4/28 Peggy Earp



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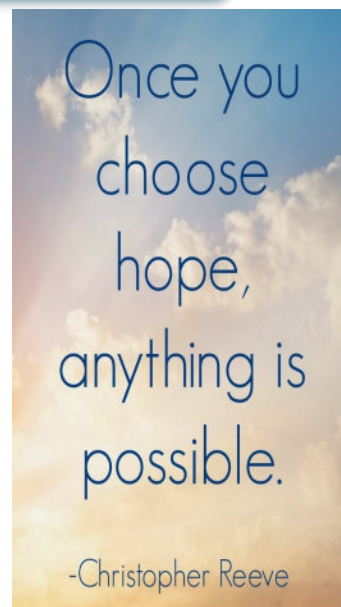
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to gfwc@gfwc.org!

From Our President *(continued)* Donna Steele

will now be participating in a **Virtual** event. Call Nancy Maynard at 815-274-4446(cell) to register learn more about this **Virtual event**.

HOPE Pebbles in a virtual pond: Visualize yourself tossing your HOPE pebbles into a pond with all of our members surrounding the pond and tossing them all at once. See their smiles and **HOPE** in their faces. Please use your time this month while at home and staying safe and

healthy to give **HOPE** by intentionally communicating your **HOPE** to others.



Upcoming Meetings

All **TWCC meetings scheduled for April have been cancelled** in accordance with the Governor's requirements and CDC recommendations related to the Coronavirus. No one knows what will happen during the next month so decisions about May meetings will be dependent upon guidance from government officials. Just a reminder in case TWCC is able to meet on May 13th, the meal will be covered dish and each member is asked to bring an item for the silent auction.



During the year, local restaurants and other businesses have been very supportive of TWCC so please return the favor if at all possible. Many restaurants are offering takeout meals so check with some of the following TWCC supporters: **Manning's, Clayton Steakhouse, Skylines, Simple Twist, Vinson's, Char-Grill, Anthony's Italian Pizza and Pasta, Caribbean Delight, Festejos**



March Meeting Highlights

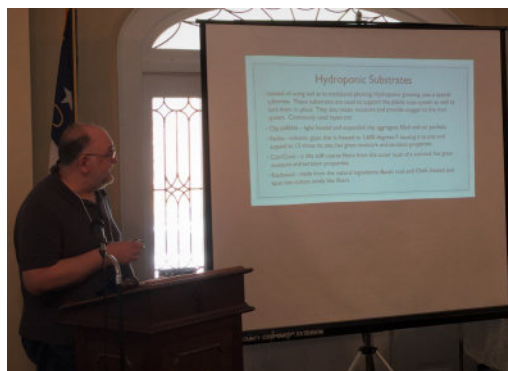
The March meeting was hosted by the Conservation CSP and lunch was provided by Conservation CSP co-chair, Rachel Masimore.



**Backpack Buddies
Puppeteers**



Betsy Grannis introduced the **2020 scholarship recipients**, both currently attending Clayton High School. **Chris Everett**, winner of the Sallie Southall Cotten Scholarship at the local and district levels, will be attending UNC-Chapel Hill; **Eric Mendez**, first recipient of the Sybil Champion Community College Scholarship, will be attending Johnston Community College. Betsy thanked the other Education CSP members who were on the selection committee—Liz McLaurin, Margaret Lee and Marlene Dillon. Pictured above L to R: Donna Steele, Liz McLaurin, Clayton High School Guidance Counselor Hilary Holshouser, Eric Mendez, Chris Everett, Betsy Grannis, Margaret Lee and Marlene Dillon.



Rachel Masimore introduced Rodger Sardowski (pictured above) and Marshal Warren who gave an informative presentation on **hydroponic gardening**. Members were encouraged to come and buy plants on April 18th for the **Annual Plant Sale** at Clayton Community Center from 8am-1pm.

Other items covered in the meeting:

- Before introducing guests, Sunday Penny announced that she is going to be a grandmother! There were 4 guests and one guest, **Debbie Williams, joined TWCC.**
- Brenda Hill, co-chair of the **Tricky Tray (Pick a Prize)** fundraiser held on February 21st, thanked everyone who donated items, helped with set up and attended the event. More than \$2400 was raised.
- Dianne Carroll and Betsy Grannis thanked everyone who helped with and attended the **Spring Fling Brunch & Fashion Event** held March 7th at Brick & Mortar. The event raised \$3268.
- Joy Garretson, Director of **Hocutt Ellington Library**, has written a grant for NC Humanities Reading Series which will highlight mysteries. If the grant is awarded, a series of mystery novels will be provided. TWCC has offered to host programs related to the book series through use of the clubhouse and provision of light refreshments.
- Sarah Brooks encouraged members to sign up for **Amazon Smile**. By using Amazon Smile, a small percent of each sale will be donated to TWCC. Instructions for signing up for Amazon Smile are included in this newsletter.
- TWCC has been nominated by a community leader as **Non-profit Organization of 2020** presented by **"Johnston Now" Magazine**. A recap of club activities was prepared by Susan Johnson and is included in this newsletter.
- Betsy Grannis thanked everyone who helped prepare and deliver the **106 book bags for Cooper Academy**.
- Judy Hoffman announced that **pop tops and box tops** are still being collected for **Cooper Academy**. Judy will collect these and get them to the school.





Message from Marianne Sapsara who underwent a Mastectomy on March 10th.

Thank you so much for your gifts, cards, good thoughts, emails, and prayers. I appreciate your concern so much. I recognize that sharing stories is deeply personal, and I thank you for sharing yours. My experience is not unique, but I did want to encourage women to not forego getting mammograms. I truly believe my early detection was critical to my outcome. Thank you for your encouragement!

My gratitude list grows every day! Among the blessings I am counting are having all of you as friends in the Woman's Club. I wanted to share some good news, too. I had my second post-op visit at Duke yesterday. I am healing well...good news. But best of all was receiving my pathology reports. Everything was negative...from the two sentinel lymph nodes that were removed to all the breast tissue. No signs of any type of cancer, which means no further treatment necessary...no radiation, no chemo. Yay!! Plus, no genetic implications which has been a worry for me with two daughters and a granddaughter. I will continue to rest, heal and recover until my reconstruction surgery which will take place in a few months.

Stay well amidst our pandemic!

I would like to **thank** my co-chair Brenda Gay and the Home Life members that came forward to make this such a successful year. As a new co-chair I had wonderful support. It has been such a blessing to get to know such a wonderful group of hardworking ladies.

We divided our funds among **three organizations**:

- Lou McHale and Barbara Pierce helped fill the **Cancer Center** in Smithfield's pantry with snacks for the patients and their visitors. We have been doing this for quite a few years. They have come to depend on us and are very grateful for our contributions. Cash spent was approximately \$106.00.
- We contributed \$200 to **Johnston Health's Angel Foundation**. This foundation is an emergency financial assistance program set up to help cancer patients and their families. Some examples would be money for gas, medical appointments, additional funds needed for treatments or medications, wigs, etc.
- We also contributed \$200 to **SECU Hospice House**. This donation will be used for things such as small snacks/toys/art activities for patient's family members. Sometimes it's difficult to say specifically what different patients might need or want. This fund is set up for those moments.



With the help of TWCC, Home Life was able to deliver cleaning supplies and paper goods to the **Harbor House and House of Hope**. These items are even more needed and appreciated now with the Coronavirus. Thank you again for your generosity.

In addition to donations, Janet Williams, Margaret DiNubila and Nancy Maynard helped at the **Harbor House Christmas Party**. There was great food and fun games for the children. For one night they could enjoy themselves and perhaps forget about some of their problems.

in the **future**, we hope to help the girls of **House of Hope** with home cooked meals that they can take out of the freezer, heat up and enjoy. House of Hope is a Christian home, school and counselling center for girls age 12-17 with emotional and/or behavioral problems. They have been raised in Christian homes but suffer from depression, anxiety, drugs, and perhaps thoughts of self-harm. The program includes counselling with the families as well as the girls.



TWCC Walking Group. What FUN! We had many adventures but unfortunately the weather and virus cut our season short. We will pick up again next year with new adventures. We hope we will have many more join us!

Public Issues CSP

Co-Chairs: Sarah Brooks, Bree Rude



The Public Issues CSP sent a check for \$500 to **Johnston County Emergency Medical Services**. During this difficult time, we are sure they will be appreciative of these funds. Hopefully someone from Johnston County EMS will be able to attend the next meeting for a check presentation.

At the November 2019 meeting, Public Issues collected items for **Military Missions in Action**. Members were extremely generous with their donations.

The Public Issues CSP is responsible for the **April Library Window**. After touching base with Debbie Ragland, it was determined that decorating the window will be on hold until the library re-opens.





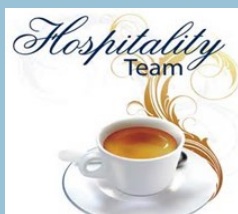
Members stuff book bags for 109 First Graders at Cooper Academy

—AND— THE WINNER is...

Although the State Arts Festival was cancelled, some entries were still judged. In the Literature category, TWCC had 2 winners:

Peggy Earp, 1st place, Best Lyric Poem, "The Secret of Forgiving". This will go to International for the next level.

Sarah Brooks, 2nd place, Essay, "What's That Box?"



In the event of illness or bereavement, members are encouraged to contact Jamie Kosik if assistance is needed with meals, errands, etc. Call 561-351-0965 or email jamiekosi@yahoo.com

Education CSP

Co-Chairs: Betsy Grannis, Marlene Dillon



In these trying times we would just like to wish everyone well and hope that all are finding time to be **grateful**. We are grateful for all our fellow clubwomen and for the opportunities we have to make our community a better place for all.

We would love to be able to let you know how our **Sallie Southall Cotten Scholarship** winner did at the state competition, but that will have to wait. They had to postpone the interviews and we have yet to hear of a reschedule date. We will all keep our fingers crossed that Christopher does well in that!



The Education CSP has completed their projects for this club year. We want to thank everyone for their participation in these projects – whether you donated funds, books, stuffed animals, school supplies, your time, your talents, or your energy. **Thank you for all your help!!** We appreciate each and every one of you!

Art CSP

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



These are the projects that the Arts CSP did this year.



Carolina Youth Theatre

Since 2007 the Carolina Youth Theatre has provided a consistent artistic outlet for middle school and high school students in the Triangle Area. They have performances twice a year. They have presented such plays as The Wizard of Oz, The Little Mermaid, Little Shoppe of Horrors and Our Town.

The Woman's Club has been a sponsor for several years. This year we donated **\$300** and supplied items for their concession stand. Members donated individual bags of chips, pretzels, gold fish, plus candy bars, granola bars and water at an approximate value of \$212.36. Many members support the CYT by buying tickets and attending the plays.

Clayton House

We donated a **\$200** gift card from Michael's to help buy art and craft supplies for the residents at the Clayton House. Clayton House is a memory care facility.



Conservation CSP

Chair: Rachel Masimore, Loretta Mascia



A big **thanks** to Conservation CSP members for hosting the March meeting. Everyone did an outstanding job!

The two largest projects of the Conservation CSP this year:

- Planting and maintaining the TWCC plot in the **Community Garden**. Members are encouraged to come to the garden and pick the many available plants.
- **"A Snoopy Christmas"** was the theme for Christmas decorations in the garden this year. A huge thanks to Conservation CSP members and Brenda Hill for making the many decorations that were recognized by town as the garden won **"Most Creative for Non-Retail"** award.

The Conservation CSP donated \$500 to the foundation that supports the Community Garden.

Night 'N' Gals/International CSP

Co-Chairs: Robin Sachsenheimer and Bree Rude



(Above) Marie Monsees presents \$1013 check to Sharon Clifton, Coordinator for Backpack Buddies at **Clayton First Baptist Church**. The funds are used to buy food for backpacks going to kids at Cooper Academy.

(Below) Pastor Bill Bey-er holds \$987 check for Backpack Buddies at **Holy Cross Lutheran Church** that serves children at West Clayton Elementary.



Thank You
Marie Monsees
for coordinating this wonderful program!

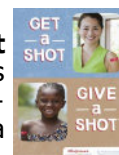
The **April 9th** meeting has been cancelled.

Also cancelled was the annual **Senior Food Drive** that the Night 'N' Gals held for the past 8 years. This was always a wonderful event held at Lowes Food with all food donations going to **The Community & Senior Center of Johnston County food pantry**. If the May meeting is held, members will be asked to bring items from the below list to help out the food pantry.



Dish detergent/laundry detergent, Hand soap, Toilet Tissue, Paper towels, Napkins, Kleenex, Toothpaste, Pork and Beans, Vienna Sausage, Mini boxes of cereal, Fruit cups and Jell-O cups, Instant Oatmeal, Small cans pasta, Jelly, Chicken noodle soup, chicken rice soup, vegetable soup, Tea, Sweet and Low, Coffee and creamer, Sugar, Small canned fruits, Ritz crackers/ soda crackers, Graham crackers, Salt/pepper/ sugar

Calling all members to participate in Walgreens vaccine program - **Get a shot. Give a shot.** For every flu vaccine given to a Walgreens customer, a vaccine is donated to a child in a developing country. Don't forget, the **flu is still out there** so protect yourself with a vaccine. Other vaccines are also available at Walgreens.



Backpack Buddies

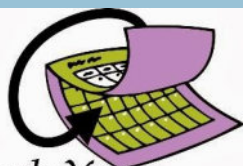
Coordinator: Marie Monsees

The **Backpack Buddies** program was started in Clayton schools around 15 years ago. Several churches and civic organizations across the country started packing shelf stable food, milk and juice and sending it home for the children that received free or subsidized breakfast and lunch at school. There are many these kids that do not have any other food than what they get at school. **The food that is in the backpack gives the child some food for the weekend.** In some cases, it is all the family has.



The Woman's Club of Clayton started helping with this around 2005. The Home Life CSP started helping The First Baptist Church, buying food and helping to pack the bags. The Club decided it was a great program and it became a club wide project. We no longer shop for food; the church has volunteers to do that. We now give money to buy food. Our members also volunteer and go over and pack the bags twice a month. The church has volunteers that take them to **Cooper Academy** on Wednesday of each week. The school social worker prepares them and sends them home with the children on Friday. These children must qualify for this program and the parents must agree for the bags to be sent. TWCC also helps with extra food at Christmas. The Church sends home a large box of food for the families of these children to have over the Christmas break. We buy peanut butter, crackers and jelly to go into these boxes. Last year 75 boxes were sent. We also help with the backpack program at **Holy Cross Lutheran Church**. We give them money to help buy food.

I have been asked what is happening with this urgent situation we are in now. **The Church is still packing food for all children through the 12th grade.** They have curb side pickup for the bags. The Food Bank of NC helps with this, so a huge effort is being made to feed these children.



Mark Your Calendar

March 29

Running Over Cancer 5K
Wake Med Soccer Park
Cary—2:30pm
CANCELLED

April 4

Night 'N' Gals Annual
Senior Food Drive
9:30am-1:30pm
CANCELLED

April 6

ESO Book Club at Club-
house— 10:00am
POSTPONED TO 4/13

April 7

TWCC Executive Board
meeting—10:00am
CANCELLED

April 7

Public Issues CSP to set up
for lunch meeting
11:00am
CANCELLED

April 8

TWCC Lunch Meeting
hosted by Public Issues
CSP—11:45am
CANCELLED

April 9

Night 'N' Gals Meeting
Bree Rude's Home—7pm
CANCELLED

April 11

Clayton Volunteer Fair
Civitan Club
10am-3pm
CANCELLED

April 13

ESO Book Club via
ZOOM— 10:00am

April 17—18

GFWC-NC Annual Conven-
tion—Crowne Plaza
Asheville
CANCELLED

July 25

Junior Woman's Club of
Clayton Christmas in Sum-
mer Craft Faire
TWCC Clubhouse
10am-4pm

To be safe, as you know, we had to cancel our ESO meeting for April 6th. I have just learned from Loretta Mascia that we can have our meeting by using her Zoom account. Some of us will not be available on the 6th for the "Zoom" meeting so I have moved it to the **13th at 10:00**. Loretta will send a link out that will take us to the site and I will also send an email to everyone before April 13th.

I want to congratulate those members who have sent in their **reports for this year**. If you have not sent in any, you still have until April 1 to do it. If you are already at the Member level, you can send in four reports of one category that will count toward your other levels. Refer to the ESO By-Laws I gave you in September. Go to page 4 of the Bylaws, Article VI, Section 2.

Send reports to: Hilda Jernigan, 416 Cobblestone Court, Burlington, NC 27215

Listed below are some of the **books we have read and reported on since September**. It looks as if we have lots of time to read if we wish and I thought members may be interested.

"When God Doesn't Fix It" by Laura Story

"The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother" by James McBride

"Twenty-Three Minutes in Hell" by Bill Wiese

"A Friendship That Changed the World" by Penny Colman

"A Spark of Light" by Jodi Picoult

"Girl in Hyacinth Blue" by Susan Vreeland

"News of the World" by Paulette Jiles

"Farewell to Manzanar" by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston

"Educated" (A Memoir) by Tara Westover

"Unplanned" (Biography) by Abby Johnson

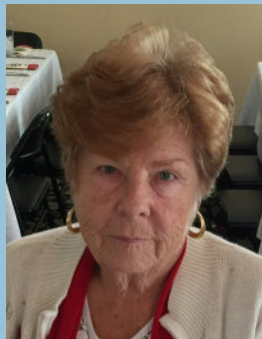
"Remembering Terri" by Janice Cameron Steele (Donna Steele's Sister in Law)

"The Clocks" by Agatha Christie

Keep good thoughts and remember.....

A joyful heart 
is good medicine,
But a crushed spirit
dries up the bones.

Proverbs 17:22



LEADS (Leadership, Education, and Development Seminar)

Rachel Masimore was selected to represent **District 8** at the **LEADS Seminar conducted by GFWC-NC**. According to Rachel, "The leadership training was wonderful. I learned so much and it made me proud and I appreciate the people in the past that have given so much of themselves and time. Areas covered were Protocol, History, Parliamentary working together, finding leadership in yourself, how to do Strategic Planning and skills you need, how to deal with conflict when it happens, good listening skills. I could write 10 times this much—it is something every member should do as it gives inspiration to do your very best."

Last month the newsletter featured information about **REAL ID**. Well, folks can breathe a sigh of relief because the deadline for this ID, available from DMV, has been extended to **October 1, 2021** due to the Coronavirus.

REAL IDs will make it easier to board airplanes, visit federal facilities and military bases. The REAL ID looks and works like your driver's license but there is a gold star in the upper right corner indicating you have met the identification standards required by the federal REAL ID Act. To obtain the REAL ID, go to DMV with documents that show identity and date of birth (e.g., birth certificate, valid passport or immigration documents), proof of NC residency (e.g., copy of utility bill, NC vehicle registration card or title, NC voter precinct card, property tax statement), and proof that you have a Social Security number (e.g., Social Security card, 1099 tax form, pay stub with full SSN or W-2 form with full SSN), legal name change (e.g., marriage license, divorce decree). The proof documents will be scanned and remain on file at DMV. The REAL ID can be obtained at the time of driver's license renewal or before the renewal period for the cost of a duplicate. For more information, visit NCREALID.com.



Answer Key for JOCO Quiz on Page 17:

- 1—A
- 2—C
- 3—B
- 4—C
- 5—B or D
- 6—A
- 7—B
- 8—B



Spring Fling Brunch & Fashion Event Fundraiser

Co-chairs: Dianne Carroll and Betsy Grannis



The TWCC fundraiser, **Spring Fling Brunch & Fashion Show**, was held **March 7th at Brick & Mortar**. What a fun day! TWCC members and some family members modeled lovely fashions from **Belk's**. Vendor booths were set up by **Dylan's, Yellow House, Unique Gifts by Jacquelynn** and **Belk's** displayed items from Lancome and Goodness & Grace. There were beautiful items included in a silent auction which raised more than \$1000, door prizes and wonderful music arranged by **Pat Zullo**.

A huge thanks to the committee members: Dianne Carroll and Betsy Grannis (co-chairs), Marlene Dillon, Sandy Harrison, Marie Monsees and the models pictured below



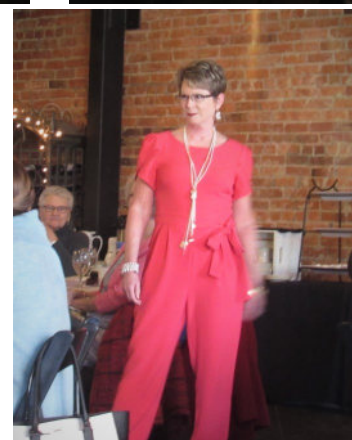
Models L to R: Judy Ryan, Candace Penny, Sunday Penny, Kayla Davis, Becky Stewart, Mary James, Jean Barnes, Jeanne Stewart, Mary Ellen Causby, Faye Brooks, Margaret Lee, Becca Nelson, Dianne Carroll, Sarah Brooks, Betsy Grannis



Left side: Mothers and Daughters Becca Nelson and Margaret Lee; Candace Penny and Sunday Penny

Top L to R: Betsy Grannis, Dianne Carroll and Faye Brooks

Bottom L to R: Jean Barnes and Judy Ryan



Spring Fling Brunch & Fashion Event Fundraiser

Co-chairs: Dianne Carroll and Betsy Grannis



Councilman Michael Grannis welcomes the attendees



Silent Auction raised over \$1000!



Dianne Carroll and Belk representative displaying Lancôme and Goodness & Grace



Top L to R: Mary Ellen Causby, Daughter & Mother—Kayla Davis and Becky Stewart, Sarah Brooks; Bottom L to R: Faye Brooks, Mary James, Jeanne Stewart and Dianne Carroll



Top L to R: TWCC members Catherine Lane and Edie Brown enjoy the event with friends; Nina Keller and TWCC member Barbara Nangle peruse the Unique Gifts by Jacquelynn display



Bottom Left: Susan Quinn and Angela Williams collect admission tickets and hand out door prize tickets



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- After you are signed in, go to the box, "Or pick your own charitable organization:"
- Type in "Womans Club of Clayton".
- 2 options will appear so be sure to select Clayton, NC
- After you make your selection, you are reminded to use [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) to access Amazon in order for proceeds to be allocated to TWCC
- Bookmark the [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) link

Linda Vann Lassiter Women's Society Philanthropic Award TWCC Nominee: Belle Allen



TWCC nominated Belle Allen for the Linda Vann Lassiter Women's Society Philanthropic Award. Belle was one of nine nominees for this prestigious award. Although she did not win the award, she was appreciative of the nomination. Below is Belle's message to TWCC members.

I was very humbled that you selected me as a nominee for the 2nd annual Linda Vann Lassiter Women's Society Philanthropic Award established through the Johnston County Community College Foundation. Linda and her family have been so generous through the years to provide for scholarships and other needs at JCC. I applaud the long-term goal of the Society to build an endowment to ensure all rising eighth grade female students in Johnston County will be able to receive the Linda Van Lassiter Women's Society Scholarship to attend JCC after graduation from high school. We can all help bring that goal to fruition by our contributions.

It was such an honor to be one of the nine nominees. Though feeling unworthy, I am grateful for the overwhelming support and encouragement I felt through your nomination. I am so thankful for our club and its positive impact on Clayton, our county and our state. I have truly been blessed through its membership.

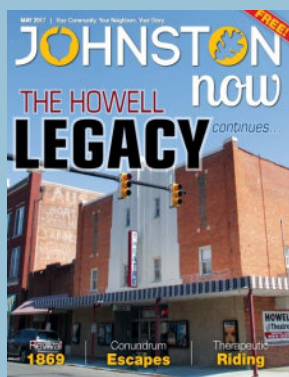
The luncheon last Thursday was an elegant affair and it was a pleasure to participate. There were 9 from the club attending, along with my daughter, Gwen. (A few pictures are included below.) The program booklet listed the nominees but did not name their sponsoring entity, which I would have liked them to do.

The 2020 Philanthropist of the Year Award was presented to Lynn Daniels. She is a very deserving young lady involved in a number of non-profits through hands-on and financial support. She is also involved with Alpha International Ministries.

Be safe in these trying days! Love, Belle



TWCC members attending the luncheon (L to R): Jean Barnes, Nadine Wells, Rachel Masimore, Peggy Earp, Susan Johnson, Belle Allen, Nancy Maynard, Brenda Hill, Mary Ellen Causby



Someone in the community wanted to nominate TWCC for "Johnston Now" Nonprofit of Year. TWCC Corresponding Secretary, Susan Johnson pulled together a summary TWCC highlights for 2019. The summary serves as a reminder of all the work TWCC does in the community. The summary is included here.

Created Snoopy Christmas Playground at Main Street Community Garden---designed a plan for changing the garden into a Snoopy delight for children and adults. A plane was created and built by members of the club and a 3 foot Snoopy was placed inside, as well as completing the playground with Snoopy's doghouse and fire hydrants and various other Snoopy themes. On the night of the Christmas Tree lighting Mrs. Claus greeted Children and hot cocoa and s'mores were served. Over 300 people visited the garden and 175 letters were left for Santa. TWCC's wonderland received the town of Clayton award "Most Creative for Non-Retail".

Student and Clubwomen Arts Festival—TWCC sponsored a local art festival in January 2019 in which nine Clayton area schools participated, which resulted in 91 entries displayed, 40 categories represented, 40 first place winners and 19 second place winners from our local schools. 413 hours were donated by 15 clubwomen. This project was done in cooperation with the Clayton Visual Arts who sponsored our reception in January at the Clayton Center.

Partnered with Clayton Chamber of Commerce—joined the Chamber this year to better participate in the activities of the town and to promote the work of the club and interest new members.

Miss America Tea—TWCC had the honor of hosting a tea for Miss America, Nia Franklin, on March 2nd, 2019 and Carolina Princesses from across the state in cooperation with our local scholarship pageant organization. Miss Franklin spoke with students about the importance of arts education in our schools.

Clayton 150th Anniversary—Scott Mason Tarheel Traveler—First partnership with the Hocutt-Ellington Library (Friends of the Library) and the 150th Birthday of the Town of Clayton to host an evening with Scott Mason, the Tarheel Traveler. He spoke about historical events that have happened in Clayton's past.

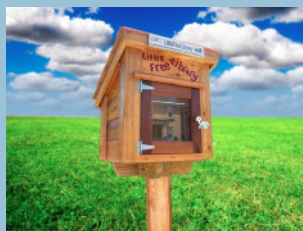
Grant from Town of Clayton to renovate the exterior of Clayton Woman's Club building—applied for and received a grant to renovate the exterior of our historical clubhouse. Exterior painting and porch work were completed in early summer of 2019.

Christmas Tree Lighting—participated with the town during the 2019 Christmas Tree Lighting in Downtown Clayton. We offered food for sale and a warm place to sit during the event.

Financial Commitment to Universal Playground—in 2019 TWCC has committed to supporting the Clayton Community Recreational Foundation in building Harmony Playground. TWCC pledged \$5000 for three years for a total of \$15000. This pledge will be supported in part by our Small Town Gala Fundraiser each year.

Military Missions in Action—as requested by the MMIA organization members of the Woman's Club collected socks and beef jerky in the spring of 2019. In the fall TWCC participated in "Fill the Footlocker" program for MMIA by collecting DVD's, popcorn, candy, and powdered drink mixes. Additional snacks were collected for the K9's.

Friends of Library Contribution-- of \$1000 yearly and makes monthly changes to the display window at the entrance to the Hocutt-Ellington Memorial Library. Our themes promote reading and use seasonal design to interest all age groups and promote the resources of the library.



Support Backpack Buddies –TWCC members gather each school week to work in conjunction with First Baptist Church in Clayton to pack weekend food bags for about 60 children at Cooper Academy. TWCC contributes \$2000 each year for purchasing the food at First Baptist Church and Holy Cross Lutheran Church to fill the backpacks.

Little Free Library at Main Street Community Garden in 2018—donated little library box to Main Street Garden.

Leave Your Thoughts at Main Street Community Garden in 2019—purchased and installed mailbox for public to leave ideas or concerns at the Garden. Mailbox is currently maintained by a TWCC member.

Yearly Senior Food Drive to support Johnston County Community and Senior Services Center—Prior to Easter TWCC sponsored a food drive to fill the pantry at the Community and Senior Services Center in Smithfield, NC. When the drive ended over 75 brown bags filled 2 trucks that were delivered to the Smithfield Center.

Developed and Presented Puppet Shows for area 1st graders—developed a puppet show designed to teach interpersonal skills for first graders. The puppeteers arranged a script, made new clothes for the puppets, and held practices. The play, "I'd Rather Be a Buddy Than a Bully", was presented at Cleveland Elementary School and Cooper Academy to approximately 300 students. After the performance the children were given bookmarks which they signed as a pledge to be buddies, not bullies.

Sallie Southall Cotten Scholarship Recipient selection—In cooperation with guidance counselors at Clayton High, Corinth Holders High, and Cleveland High School, the Education Service Committee of TWCC collected 21 applications from an amazing group of young Clayton candidates in 2019. A committee of four members reviewed the applications and held interviews using a scale to rank the applicant on their qualifications. TWCC presented the scholarship to Ashley Arredondo and awarded her \$1000. She also won the district 8 Sallie Southall Cotten Scholarship of \$1000.

Developed Sybil Champion Scholarship to be awarded in 2020 for Community College student—to be initiated in 2020 for a community college student to receive a \$1000 scholarship.

Johnston County Golden Wishes and Christmas Kids Projects –a Clayton social worker contacted TWCC in October to request our continued participation in the Christmas program for Johnston Co residents. Clubwomen purchased and wrapped the gifts and delivered them. Christmas Kids was funded by TWCC and the Civitan Club of Clayton. TWCC donated \$3000 for 12 seniors and 50 students, \$2500 matched by Clayton Civitan Club.

Feed the Need Thanksgiving Dinners—combined forces with representative from businesses, churches and social organizations to arrange a Thanksgiving celebration for Clayton residents. TWCC members assisted with packing meals, made brownies for those meals and provided funds for the cranberry sauce for every meal.

Clayton Visual Arts Home tours—assisted Clayton Visual Arts with Christmas Home and Art Tours in the Portofino neighborhood. TWCC supplied the home choices, docents and ticket takers for the event. Local artists displayed art during the event.

Clubwomen of the Year Awards recognized by the Chamber in Feb 2020—for their work in 2019 three of our ladies were recognized by TWCC and honored at the Clayton Chamber of Commerce Award Ceremony. Donna Steele received our Outstanding Citizenship and Patriotism Award. Rachael Masimore received the Club Woman of the Year Award. Faye Brooks won the Clubwoman with Heart Award.

Martin Luther King Service Day—assisted the Clayton Rotary Club with packing 30,000 meals for the hungry.

How COVID-19 Spreads**Person-to-person spread**

The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person.

- Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).
- Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes.

These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.

Can someone spread the virus without being sick?

- People are thought to be most contagious when they are most symptomatic (the sickest).

Some spread might be possible before people show symptoms; there have been reports of this occurring with this new coronavirus, but this is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads.

Spread from contact with contaminated surfaces or objects

It may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes, but this is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads.

Take actions to reduce your risk of getting sick:

If you are at higher risk for serious illness from COVID-19 because of your age or because you have a serious long-term health problem, it is extra important for you to take actions to reduce your risk of getting sick with the disease.

- Stock up on supplies.
- **Take everyday precautions** to keep space between yourself and others.
- When you go out in public, keep away from others who are sick, limit close contact and wash your hands often.
- **Avoid crowds** as much as possible.
- **Avoid cruise travel** and non-essential air travel.
- **During a COVID-19 outbreak in your community, stay home** as much as possible to further reduce your risk of being exposed.

Have supplies on hand

- **Contact your healthcare provider to ask about obtaining extra necessary medications** to have on hand in case there is an outbreak of COVID-19 in your community and you need to stay home for a prolonged period of time.
- If you cannot get extra medications, consider using mail-order for medications.
- **Be sure you have over-the-counter medicines and medical supplies** (tissues, etc.) to treat fever and other symptoms. Most people will be able to recover from COVID-19 at home.
- **Have enough household items and groceries** on hand so that you will be prepared to stay at home for a period of time.

Take everyday precautions

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

Take everyday preventive actions:

- Clean your hands often
- **Wash your hands often** with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing, or having been in a public place.
- If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- **To the extent possible, avoid touching high-touch surfaces in public places** – elevator buttons, door handles, handrails, handshaking with people, etc. Use a tissue or your sleeve to cover your hand or finger if you must touch something.
- Wash your hands after touching surfaces in public places.
- **Avoid touching your face**, nose, eyes, etc.
- **Clean and disinfect** your home to remove germs: practice routine cleaning of frequently touched surfaces (for example: tables, doorknobs, light switches, handles, desks, toilets, faucets, sinks & cell phones)
- **Avoid crowds**, especially in poorly ventilated spaces. Your risk of exposure to respiratory viruses like COVID-19 may increase in crowded, closed-in settings with little air circulation if there are people in the crowd who are sick.
- **Avoid all non-essential travel** including plane trips, and especially avoid embarking on [cruise ships](#).

If you are sick:**Stay home except to get medical care**

- **Stay home:** People who are mildly ill with COVID-19 are able to recover at home. Do not leave, except to get medical care. Do not visit public areas.
- **Stay in touch with your doctor.** Call before you get medical care. Be sure to get care if you feel worse or you think it is an emergency.
- **Avoid public transportation:** Avoid using public transportation, ride-sharing, or taxis.

Separate yourself from other people in your home, this is known as home isolation

- **Stay away from others:** As much as possible, you should stay in a specific "sick room" and away from other people in your home. Use a separate bathroom, if available.
- **Limit contact with pets & animals:** You should restrict contact with pets and other animals, just like you would around other people.

⇒ Although there have not been reports of pets or other animals becoming sick with COVID-19, it is still recommended that people with the virus limit contact with animals until more information is known.

⇒ When possible, have another member of your household care for your animals while you are sick with COVID-19. If you must care for your pet or be around animals while you are sick, wash your hands before and after you interact with them.

Groups at higher risk

Older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions may be at higher risk for more serious complications from COVID-19. These people who may be at higher risk of getting very sick from this illness, includes:

- **Older adults**
- **People who have serious underlying medical conditions** like:
 - Heart disease
 - Diabetes
 - Lung disease

What you can do

If you have a serious underlying medical condition:

- **Stay home** if possible.
- **Wash your hands** often.
- **Avoid close contact** (6 feet, which is about two arm lengths) with people who are sick.
- **Clean and disinfect** frequently touched services.
- **Avoid all cruise travel** and non-essential air travel.
- Call your healthcare professional if you have concerns about COVID-19 and your underlying condition or if you are sick.

Stress and coping

Things you can do to support yourself

- **Take breaks from watching, reading, or listening to news** stories and social media. Hearing about the pandemic repeatedly can be upsetting.
- **Take care of your body.** Take deep breaths, stretch, or meditate. Try to eat healthy, well-balanced meals, exercise regularly, get plenty of sleep, and avoid alcohol and drugs.
- **Make time to unwind.** Try to do some other activities you enjoy.
- **Connect with others.** Talk with people you trust about your concerns and how you are feeling.
- **Call your healthcare provider if stress gets in the way** of your daily activities for several days in a row.

Watch for symptoms and emergency warning signs

- **Pay attention for potential COVID-19 symptoms** including, fever, cough, and shortness of breath. If you feel like you are developing symptoms, call your doctor.
- **If you develop emergency warning signs for COVID-19 get medical attention immediately.** In adults, emergency warning signs*:
 - Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
 - Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
 - New confusion or inability to arouse
 - Bluish lips or face

*This list is not all inclusive. Please consult your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning.

*Recipes from
Sarah Brooks*



Each month will feature
recipes by category

May-Salads

Send your favorite
recipes to
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Recipe Corner—Easter Meats



Baked Ham with Balsamic Brown Sugar Glaze

Ingredients

6 to 8 pound fully cooked smoked bone-in ham
1 cup packed brown sugar
2 tablespoons balsamic or cider vinegar
1/2 tsp ground mustard
Orange slices, if desired
Maraschino cherries, if desired



Directions

1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees F.
2. Place ham, fat side up, on rack in shallow roasting pan. Insert meat thermometer so tip is in thickest part of ham and does not touch bone or rest in fat. Cover loosely and bake 1 hour 15 minutes to 2 hours 15 minutes or until thermometer reads 135 degrees F (13-17 minutes/pound).
3. About 20 minutes before ham is done, remove from oven. Pour drippings from pan. Remove any skin from ham. Mix brown sugar, vinegar and mustard; pat or brush on ham. Bake uncovered 20 minutes longer.
4. Cover ham loosely and let stand about 10 minutes or until thermometer reads 140 degrees F. Garnish with orange slices and cherries.

Prep 15 min; Start to finish 2 hr, 40 min; Makes 12 servings

Classic Rack of Lamb

Ingredients

1 or more Frenched* lamb rib racks with 7 to 8 ribs each (1 1/4 to 2 pounds for each rack, figure each rack feeds 2-3 people)

For each rib rack:

2 teaspoons chopped fresh rosemary
1 teaspoon chopped fresh thyme
2 cloves garlic, minced
Salt and Pepper
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil



**Typically you will buy a rack of lamb already "Frenched", or cut so that the rib bones are exposed. You can also ask your butcher to French them for you.*

Directions

1. **Marinate lamb in rub:** Rub rib racks all over with mixture of rosemary, thyme, and garlic. Sprinkle with freshly ground black pepper. Place in a thick plastic bag with olive oil. Spread oil around so that it coats the lamb racks all over. Squeeze out as much air as you can from the bag and seal. Place in a container so that if the bag leaks, the container catches the leak. If you want, place in the refrigerator overnight. Or, if you are not marinating overnight, let lamb rack(s) sit in the rub marinade as it comes to room temperature before cooking.
2. **Bring lamb to room temp:** Remove lamb rack from refrigerator to 1 1/2 to 2 hours before you cook it so that it comes to room temp. (If the meat is not at room temperature it will be hard for it to cook evenly.)
3. **Preheat oven to 450°F**, arrange the oven rack so that the lamb will be in the middle of the oven.
4. **Score the fat, sprinkle with salt and pepper, wrap bones in foil, place in pan fat side up:** Score the fat, by making sharp shallow cuts through the fat, spaced about an inch apart. Sprinkle the rack all over with salt and pepper. Place the lamb rack bone side down (fat side up) on a roasting pan lined with foil. Wrap the exposed ribs in a little foil so that they don't burn.
5. **Roast first at high heat to brown, then reduce heat to finish:** Place the roast in the oven roast at 450°F for 10 minutes (longer if roasting more than one rack), or until the surface of the roast is nicely browned. Then lower the heat to 300°F. Cook for 10-20 minutes longer (depending on the size of the lamb rack, if you are roasting more than one rack, and how rare or well done you want your lamb), until a meat thermometer inserted into the thickest part of the meat 125°F on a for rare or 135°F for medium rare. Remove from oven, cover with foil and let rest for 15 minutes.
6. Cut lamb chops away from the rack by slicing between the bones. Serve 2-3 chops per person.

JOCO Quiz Answer Key is on Page 8



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, Sarah Brooks
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JOHNSTON COUNTY

NORTH • CAROLINA

1. In what year was Johnston County formed:
A. 1746
B. 1789
C. 1803
2. Who is the founder of Johnston County?
A. Frederick Johnston
B. John Smith
C. Gabriel Johnston
3. How many towns in are Johnston County?
A. 5
B. 11
C. 9
4. How much in gross income does tobacco earn each year in Johnston County?
A. \$19 million
B. \$27 million
C. \$35 million
5. Which one of these is a top employer in Johnston County:
A. ASPLUNDH
B. Caterpillar
C. Walmart
D. Novo Nordisk
6. What year did the Town of Clayton receive a charter to be incorporated?
A. 1859
B. 1869
C. 1872
7. What is the population in Clayton, NC in 2019:
A. 16,116
B. 23,252
C. 21,835
8. What event took place in Clayton in 1899:
A. The first school was opened
B. The first liquor dispensary was opened
C. The Clayton Telephone Company was opened



April 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 	6	7  Executive Board at TWCC Clubhouse CANCELLED Public Issues CSP set up CANCELLED	8  TWCC Lunch Meeting hosted by Public Issues CSP— 11:45am CANCELLED	9  Night 'N' Gals 7:00pm Bree Rude's Home CANCELLED	10  Catherine Lane  GOOD FRIDAY	11  Barbara Nangle  Clayton Volunteer Fair CANCELLED
12 	13  Lorraine Perri  ESO via Zoom 10am	14  Suzanne Green	15  Jo Howard  POSTPONED TO JULY 15	16	17  GFWC-NC Annual Convention Asheville, NC CANCELLED	18  GFWC-NC Annual Convention Asheville, NC CANCELLED
19	20	21	22 	23	24 	25
26 	27	28  Peggy Earp	29 	30  International Jazz Day		