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Club Chatter



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April 2023

From Our President

Betsy Grannis

March was a very busy month for our club! I find myself smiling still at the great time had by all at the **Taste of Carolina**. Dianne Carroll as chair and Val Taylor, Debra Beal and Karen Keeslar as co-chairs did an amazing job with planning and preparing and pulling off this fun event! Our biggest fundraiser of the year was very successful and we can all be proud of our club. We cannot give enough thanks to the restaurants that participated – they are the backbone of this event. It is their generosity in feeding our guests that makes this the wonderful evening that it is. **Please be sure to thank all of them when you go there to eat.** We also want to thank DJ Mike, Mike Brock, for his donation of his time and skill at providing music that got people up to dance. We appreciate his promotion of our event and his announcing ability. And, lastly, thank you to all of you for helping to make this a magical evening; whether you worked in putting it together, worked that evening, or participated by being there and having a good time. We are so very pleased with the outcome!

We had several members attend the **State Arts Festival** on March 11th in Mebane. Thank you to Susan Johnson and Brenda Hill for bringing 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. We will share with you the results at our meeting. It was a fun day with lots of learning and activities.

April is bringing lots of activity for our club! Our April meeting will focus 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 the meal that will be served and a surprise blast from the past. Please be sure to RSVP when Loretta sends out the request – you won't want to miss this meeting!

Our next exciting happening in April is the opportunity for us to participate in the filming of the pilot show, **'Mutual Aid Brigade'**. We are acting as the point organization for making these things all happen for this deserving family. We will be gathering volunteers and donors to put it all together. As the mayor says: "If you want to get something done in Clayton, ask the Woman's Club." More details to follow by email. Thank you for your generous spirit!

Our **GFWC-NC Convention** will be held at the Charlotte Embassy Suites on April 21st and 22nd.



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. It is a beautiful venue and I'm sure there will be lots of good information shared.

In this newsletter, you will see a copy of the **2023-2024 Proposed Budget**. Please look it over and if you have any questions feel free to reach out to me or 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 here's a little hint to make it even better:



**April 3**

ESO Book Club
TWCC Clubhouse
10:00am

April 11

E&L CSP
Set Up for meeting
TWCC Clubhouse
10:00am

House of Hope Meal

April 11-19

Mutual Aid Brigade
Filming

April 12

TWCC Lunch Meeting
11:45am
TWCC Clubhouse

April 13

Night 'N' Gals
Via Zoom
7:00pm

April 14

Bingo
Clayton Senior Center
10am

April 15

Civitan Oyster Roast
Civitan Building
4-7pm

April 18

TWCC Executive Board
TWCC Clubhouse 10am

April 20-21

GFWC-NC Convention
Charlotte Embassy Suites

April 22

Clayton Earth Day
Cleanup

April 25

TWCC Bunco
TWCC Clubhouse 1:00pm

April 28

Clayton High School
Bands Perform
Town Square
6:30pm

May 28—June 18

JoCo Flags for Heroes
Johnston Health Hospitals

March Meeting Highlights

Monthly
Meeting

The March 8th lunch meeting was hosted by the **Environment CSP**. The devotion and blessing was given by Sandy Nesselrode.

Instead of a program, Loretta Maschia asked a series of trivia questions—a very fun event! Also, the Environment CSP provided information on tips to conserve water.

Two **new members** were introduced. Joni Koch, who visited last month, and Tina Zimmerman. Welcome ladies!

Highlights from the meeting:

- The Clubwoman award winners were recognized and presented with plaques. **Outstanding Citizenship & Patriotism**—Robin Sachsenheimer; **Clubwoman of the Year**—Sandy Nesselrode; **Clubwoman with Heart**—Patty Jo Johnson.



- The venue for the **Lights of Love** fundraiser was moved from Town Square to the Civitan Club due to a high chance of rain. We are grateful to the Civitan Club for the use of their facility at no charge. The event raised **\$2500!**
- Everything is on track for the club's major fundraiser, **Taste of Carolina**, which will be on March 18, 2023 at The Farm at 42. Members were encouraged to continue selling tickets.
- The **GFWC-NC Arts Festival** for both students and clubwomen will be held on March 11th in Mebane.
- The GFWC-NC Convention** will be held April 21-22 at Embassy Suites in Charlotte.
- Many members brought unused **prescription or reader glasses** to the meeting. These will be given to the Lion's Club.
- The **Civitan Club's Barbeque Chicken** fundraiser will be March 17th. Tickets are \$12/plate.
- Brenda Gay thanked all members who read to the first grade classes at Cooper Academy as part of **Read Across America**.

WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS

Left to Right:
Barbara Barat
(ENV CSP)
Sue Van Vactor
(CEO CSP)
Joni Koch
(CEO CSP)

Tina Zimmerman
(Not Pictured)
(H&W CSP)





APRIL

4/6 Lana Cooper
4/13 Lorraine Perri
4/15 Jo Howard
4/28 Peggy Earp



Honorary member Ramona Cash was discharged from Rex Hospital and is back at Springmoor Retirement Ctr., Room 174-P, 806 Springmoor Dr Raleigh, NC 27615

Please continue prayers for Michael Granis as he undergoes therapy following his surgery.

Cecilia Soporowska's husband is recovering from surgery.

Barbara Gartland is recovering from hip surgery and reports she is doing well.

Health & Wellness CSP

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



We welcome **Tina Zimmerman** to TWCC and Health and Wellness CSP. We look forward to getting to know you better and working alongside you in the coming years.



Thank you to Susan Johnson and Debbie Allison for providing the **House of Hope's** meal in March. Thanks also goes to Debra Beal for sitting with the girls Monday mornings during the weekly staff meeting. The time and talent you share is greatly appreciated!

A huge THANK YOU to Jayne Hafer for collecting **old/unused eyeglasses** from our members at the March meeting. She will pass them on to the Lion's Club. If you forgot to bring them ---no worries! This will be an ongoing project.

If you find **unused or expired prescription drugs** while cleaning out those cabinets, go to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's website. They have a list of drugs that can be disposed by flushing them in your toilet. All others can be disposed at a pharmacy with a "drug drop box" or at the Clayton Police Department. Please do not throw them in the trash. Don't forget your pet's drugs also! These are the drug drop boxes located in Clayton:

CVS Pharmacy, 11911 U.S. 70 Bus. Hwy

Walgreens, 11306 U.S. 70 Bus Hwy

Clayton Police Department, Mon-Fri, 8am-4pm

Also, on **Saturday April 22nd**, the Clayton Police Department Pill Take-Back will occur between 10am-2pm. Stay in your car and drive through on Barbour Street!



We are still looking into having a **CPR class** at the clubhouse sometime in the future. Currently we are just asking that you let us know you are interested. The signup sheet will again be at the April meeting. You can also send Nancy Maynard an email (mothermaynard@hotmail.com) and she will put you on the list.

April is **National Child Abuse Awareness Month**. In 2008 the Prevent Child Abuse in America Organization made the pinwheel their symbol. It serves as a reminder of great childhoods we want for ALL children. TWCC will have **pin-wheels** displayed all month to remind people that every single child matters.

Environment CSP

Co-Chairs: Rachel Masimore, Christie Latham



Welcome new member **Barbara Barat!** Thanks to the CSP members who made food for the March lunch meeting and members who helped serve the meal.

Arts & Culture CSP

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



Please continue to work on the Public Art Advisory Board's **acrylic yarn** knitted or crocheted squares. Squares can be 15", 20", or 24" inches. Any color or pattern is accepted, but yarn **must be acrylic**. We will have a sign-up sheet at the April meeting so that we can keep up with how many squares have been donated by clubwomen.



Clayton High School student-lead Chamber Groups, Jazz Band, Indoor Percussion, Winterguard, and Symphonic Band will perform at Town Square on Friday, **April 28**, starting at 6:30 pm. Bring your blankets and chairs and join them for an evening of wonderful music.

Civic Engagement & Outreach CSP

Co-Chairs: Susan Johnson and Sarah Brooks



Welcome to new CSP member **Joni Koch** and returning member **Sue Van Vactor**!

Secure the Call Collection Barrel Completed

The CEO CSP has completed the cell phone collection and the barrel has been shipped to the Secure the Call organization headquarters in Pennsylvania. The barrel became extremely heavy with so many devices that the assistance of our local State Trooper was recruited to help transport it to the post office. He even provided an escort to the post office and carried it inside. **Thanks to Trooper Sharpe (pictured at left) for once again serving our community!**



RECYCLING CELL PHONES
FOR A SAFER COMMUNITY

Thanks also to the **Hocutt-Ellington Library** for allowing us to use their foyer entrance as the staging area for the barrel. And a big thank you to GFWC for making this a national project. These devices will find new life as emergency-only phones throughout the country.

Rotary Flags for Heroes



The CEO CSP purchased a flag in support of the 4th Annual **JoCo Flags for Heroes**. This program is an initiative of 3 Johnston County Rotary Clubs: Clayton Rotary Club, Cleveland School Rotary Club, and Rotary Club of Central Johnston County. From **May 28—June 18**, two fields of more than 1500 American flags will be displayed at Johnston Health Hospitals in

Clayton and Smithfield to honor our heroes including veterans, current military, first responders, and frontline healthcare workers. Proceeds from the flag sponsorships afford the local Rotary clubs to fund their community service projects such as scholarships for high school seniors and Stop Soldier Suicide. **Thanks to our newest member, Joni Koch**, who went to the Clayton field on March 18th and helped dig holes for the flags.

USO at RDU

The CEO CSP will be **donating \$100** to the USO at Raleigh-Durham Airport. In addition, we will be **collecting snacks at the April meeting** to give to the USO at RDU. Purchased snacks such as peanut butter crackers (Nabs), small bags of nuts, granola bars, small bags of chips, etc. are needed. Homemade items cannot be accepted and drinks are not needed as they have plenty of those donated from other sources.



JoCo Back to School Youth Explosion



The CEO CSP will be **donating \$100** for the JoCo Back to School Youth Explosion. This program provides backpacks with school supplies for Johnston County students. TWCC has supported this program for the past 2 years. In addition, in the summer we will notify members of an opportunity to purchase school supplies and backpacks for this program. Thanks to CSP member **Gracie Chamblee** for sharing this opportunity with our CSP.



Please bring
snacks for **USO** to
the April Meeting!



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

Night 'N' Gals



Welcome **Barbara Barat**! The **Night 'N' Gals** will meet via Zoom on **April 13th at 7pm** and all members are invited to attend. The Zoom link will be sent to all members on April 12th.



Things to bring to the April meeting:

- Snacks for the RDU USO Lounge (see CEO CSP)
- Unused prescription or reading glasses
- Money for Civitan Oyster Roast (\$50/ticket)



Information for our newest members, each month the **Library Window** is decorated by the CSP hosting the Meeting/Luncheon for the month. Our CSP member, Maggie Vitali, decorated it for the E&L CSP this month. We hope you will go by the Hocutt-Ellington Library to view it. Maggie did a great job and our CSP members thank you Maggie for taking your time with this project.

National Readers Day was March 2nd and different organizations went to Cooper Elementary Academy to read to the first, second, third, fourth, and fifth grades. Eight members from TWCC read to four first grades; four members from 12:30 -1:00 and four members from 1:00 to 1:30. This was a real treat for the first graders as well as for us.



Readers from left to right, Trish Perna, Judy Lavista, Deborah Fuller, Edie Brown, Robin Rose, Sandy Nesselrode, Brenda Gay, and Maggie Vitali.

Our next project is the **Book Bag project** you have heard about all year. Again, we thank everyone who have brought books to help us with this project. We will be assembling 75 book bags for four first grade students sometime in May. We will take the book bags to Cooper Elementary Academy and read a book to each first grade class before handing them out to the students. We are waiting for a time to be determined from the school within the next few weeks. After we find out the time, we will need help in assembling the bags and also readers the day of the event. There will be a sign up sheet at the April meeting if you can help with assembling the bags and/or go as a reader. As stated, we have not been given a time and day from the school yet but you will be notified ASAP when it is given.



Under **Member Resources**, the following documents have been updated:

Membership Database

Membership Database by CSP

Yearbook

TWCC Bunco

Organizer: Sarah Brooks

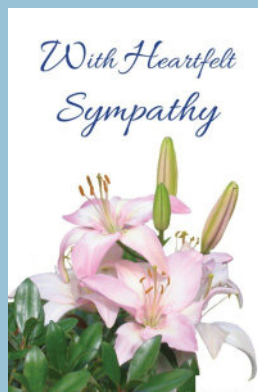


Bunco is an extremely easy game of dice that provides members time to come together for an afternoon of fun and frivolity!! All members are welcome to participate and it is a great way to learn more about members.

Hostesses for February 28th Bunco were **Brenda Gay and Dixie Brady**. Winners: Robin Sachsenheimer—Most Buncos; Nancy Maynard—Most Wins; Dixie Brady—Most Losses; Karla Rajca—Most Fakes; Sarah Brooks—Bunco Gift.

Hostesses for March 28th Bunco were **Betsy Grannis and Zip Barnard**. Winners: Robin Sachsenheimer—Most Buncos; Brenda Hill—Most Wins; Zip Barnard—Most Losses; Loretta Mascia—Most Fakes; Jo Howard—Bunco Gift.

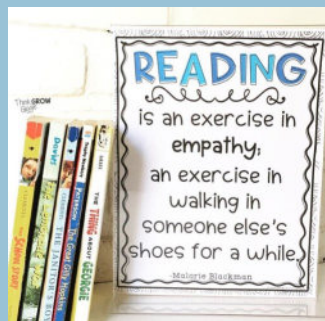
Next Bunco date/time: April 25th at 1:00pm. Hostesses: Donna Steele and Betty Francies



TWCC member Gail Neumann lost her battle with cancer on March 6th. Members who play Bunco probably knew Gail best as she played several times before joining the club as a guest of Rhonda Nielsen.

Pamela Ballard's mother passed away on February 11th. Our thoughts and prayers are with Pamela and her family.

Karen Keeslar's husband, Tom, passed away on March 16th following surgery and a stroke. Please be in prayer for Karen as she mourns the loss of her Tom.



Art Festival Chair: Susan Johnson



GFWC of North Carolina



The **GFWC-NC Student and Clubwomen State Art Festival** was held March 11th, 2023 in Mebane, NC. Attending were Brenda Hill, Susan Johnson, Betsy Grannis, Brenda Gay and Jayne Hafer. We entered 41 pieces of **student work** and of those we had **13 first place winners, 10 second place winners, and 9 third place winners**. Congratulations to all our student artists!

Our **clubwomen entered 12 pieces** and of those we had 4 first place winners and 4 second place winners.

First place winners:

Val Taylor – Knitting – Blue Sweater
Val Taylor – Quilting machine – large – yoyo quilt
Val Taylor – Jewelry – Bracelet
Patty Jo Johnson – Upcycling – Jewelry design

Second place winners:

Val Taylor – Quilting machine – small – Cactus
Patty Jo Johnson – Crochet – Small Afghan
Zip Barnard – other- Terracotta planter
Jayne Hafer – Photography – Our World Close up

Congratulations to all these ladies. Awesome job!

The Woman's Club of Clayton had one of the largest selection of entries at the State Festival. We look forward to next year and you can start preparing you items now. Items must be completed during the year 2023, so get planning now. **Our local festival will be February 8th, 2024.**

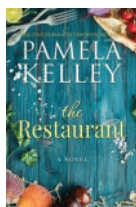
ESO Book Club

Chair: Brenda Gay



As always, we had a **great book club meeting** on Monday, March 3rd with twelve members reporting on their books they had read during the month. We look forward to two more book club meetings before we break for the summer. Some of us will be reading a lot sitting in the "hot" sunshine in front of the ocean, hopefully catching the ocean breeze.

It would be time consuming to list all the books reported on at our monthly meetings but we try to list at least two to three from different members each month. The following are three:



"The Restaurant " by Pamela Kelley (This book is one of two from the Nantucket Restaurant series) Genres: Romance Novel, Domestic Fiction; Summary: Three sisters inherit a Nantucket restaurant they never knew their grandmother owned and they must work there together for one year or it all goes to the chef. They live apart and are stunned when they learn about the restaurant....
Book report given by Sandy Nesselrode

"Called To Breakthrough" an Autobiography by Rabbi Kirt A Schneider. He has a program on TV called Discovering the Jewish Jesus. Genre: Christian literature; Summary: This book will inspire you to live boldly for Jesus and recognize how God can use even the difficult times in life to accomplish His purpose. Whether big or small, God will use your difficult seasons to produce more strength, more faith and perseverance. Book report by Margaret DiNubila



"The Shop on Royal Street: by Karen White (Genre: a mix of Southern fiction and a paranormal murder mystery set in New Orleans. It's the first book in a spin-off of her very popular Tradd Street series.)

Book report by Angela Williams

Our next ESO meeting is Monday, April 3rd at 10:00 a.m. at The Woman's Club of Clayton.



Civitan Oyster Roast

April 15, 4-7pm, Civitan Building. \$50/person for all you can eat steamed oysters. Tickets available from Betsy Grannis or Angela Williams.

Boy Scouts will be selling fried oysters and peel & eat shrimp. Venero's will be selling pizza and stromboli.



Meals for House of Hope (2nd Tuesday)

Bingo at Senior Ctr (2nd Friday)

Silent Partners

Hospitality

Knit or Crochet Acrylic Squares (see A&C CSP)

CPR Class (see H&W CSP)

Menu

*Greek Salad
Stuffed Strawberries
Beef Casserole
Icebox Rolls*

*Education &
Libraries CSP
will host and
provide the dessert*

Taste of Carolina Co-Chairs: Dianne Carroll, Debra Beal, Val Taylor, Karen Keeslar



Fundraisers are a lot of work but they are also a wonderful way for all members to contribute in some way. The Taste of Carolina Committee thanks everyone who contributed to the success of this event which raised more than **\$25,000!**

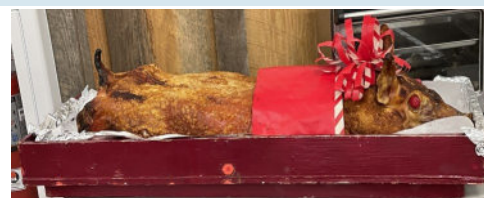
The real stars of this event were the restaurants. Congratulations to **Manning's Restaurant** for winning the **People's Choice Award** and to **runner-up for People's Choice, Caribbean Delight Restaurant**. The dining event showcased the best food from local restaurants, all in one location. Those attending sampled "taste-size" portions from the restaurants' menus and participants voted on a People's Choice award for their favorite restaurant. In addition, judges from Wake Technical Culinary Arts determined specialty award winners as follows: **Most Original - Vinson's Pub & Eatery; Best Dessert - Festejos Mexican Grill & Bar; Best use of Local Ingredients - Low and Slow Smokehouse; Best Presentation - Kobe Japanese Steakhouse and Yi Gi Asian Foods**. Other participating restaurants were **Neuse Country Club's 918 Bar & Grill, Skylines Cafe & Bar, Nina's Restaurant & Bar, and Simple Twist**.

Participants also enjoyed a Silent Auction, DJ Mike Brock, dancing, and 50/50 Raffle (the winner returned \$100 of her winnings to TWCC)!

TWCC is so grateful for the community support of this event. There were 27 local businesses that purchased sponsorships and numerous restaurants, local businesses and individuals contributed items for the Silent Auction. We also want to thank **Jody McLeod** for the beautiful rose centerpieces, **Blackley's Printing** for complimentary printing of the programs and Zip Barnard's daughter, **Haley Russo**, for designing the posters and program cover.



Left to Right: Manning's, Caribbean Delight, Low and Slow, Festejos, Betsy Grannis, Vinson's, Kobe Steakhouse & Yi Gi Asian Foods, Dianne Carroll



Best Presentation Winner Kobe Japanese Steakhouse & Yi Gi Asian Foods. The roast pig and sushi were awesome!



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[CLAYTONCHAMBER.COM/ELEVATEHER.HTML](https://www.claytonchamber.com/elevateher.html)

Clayton Chamber of Commerce event

ElevateHER Empowerment Summit
April 19, 2023
8:00am—4:00pm
The Clayton Center

For more information, go to <https://www.claytonchamber.com/elevateher.html>



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Don Beto's Tacos y Tequila	Festejos Mexican Grill & Bar	Flowers by the Neuse
Hair Gallerie	Hair on Main	Hudson's Hardware
LaCocina Mexican Restaurant	Lonnie Poole Golf Course	Low and Slow Smokehouse
Manning's Restaurant	Massage Therapy Clinic Dr. Aisha Shoman	Claude Monsees
Neuse Country Club	Nina's Restaurant & Bar	Pepsi
Jim Quinn	Redneck Bar-B-Q Lab	Simple Twist
Skyline's Café & Bar	Smithfield Chicken & BBQ	Spa Neo
Tavern 42	The Clayton Center	Twisted River Hair Salon
Vinson's Pub & Eatery	Yi Ge Asian Cuisine	Kobe Japanese Steakhouse
The Woman's Club of Clayton Donors: Sarah Brooks, Marlene Dillon, Patti Farmer, Brenda Gay, Betsy Grannis, Brenda Hill, Margaret Lee, Sandy Nesselrode, Judy Ryan, Linda Strevig		





Fun Time Was Had By All!



Top: Loretta Mascia and Margaret Lee at Front Desk

Bottom: Dianne Carroll with her friend and Nancy Maynard register patrons for Silent Auction



Top: TWCC members Denise Fries, Cheryl Champion, Debbie Jamison and Alease Young love their line dancing.

Below Left: Brenda Hill with son Chris and Dixie Brady

Below Right: Brenda Gay at front entrance

Bottom Left: Sarah Brooks bargains with Platinum Sponsor Decks Plus over Carrolling By The Sea

Bottom Right: Lynn Roman with friends



People's Choice Favorites: Manning's Restaurant and Caribbean Delight Restaurant





Help the Town of Clayton celebrate Earth Day on Saturday, April 22 by working together to clean up our roadways, parks, greenways, neighborhoods, and open spaces. To sign up to participate in this event, use the online [registration form](#) on the Town of Clayton website, Parks and Recreation.

Participants in the Clayton Earth Day Clean Up can pick up their supplies anytime from 8am-11am at the Clayton Farm and Community Market in Horne Square. Participants will be assigned a location prior to the event. An email with complete details will be sent out the week of April 15.

All participants are encouraged to attend the Earth Day Clean Up Celebration at Deep River Brewing Co. beginning at 1:30PM to return supplies, win prizes, and celebrate as a community.



Mayor Jody McLeod tells folks, "If you want something done in Clayton, contact The Woman's Club of Clayton." A production company did just that and they will be using the clubhouse as a filming/staging area for the **Mutual Aid Brigade** pilot, April 11—19. More news about this event and what our members can do to help will be available early April so be prepared to jump in and help. The big winner in all of this will be a mother and daughter currently living in a Smithfield hotel. They will be given a **furnished home** (pictured at left) and other things to help make their life a little better. **Be on the lookout for more news to come very soon!**

Press Release for Mutual Aid Brigade



Chicken Soup for the Soul Television Group, a division of Chicken Soup for the Soul Entertainment, has given a green light to a pilot for original reality series Mutual Aid Brigade. Production will begin in April on the pilot, which will be co-hosted and executive produced by Emmy winner Debra Messing and author, speaker, and activist Shelly Tygielski.

Per producers, *Mutual Aid Brigade* allows viewers to not only participate in charitable activities on each episode but will also let them see the results of their efforts and contributions. *Mutual Aid Brigade* stems from the work of the charitable organization **Pandemic of Love**, founded by Tygielski. Described as mutual aid in action, the volunteer-led community pairs people who need help with people who want to be a part of the solution. To date, POL has transacted more than \$100 million in direct giving, according to producers.

"Pandemic of Love has proven that a lot of people doing a little bit can create a huge impact," said Tygielski. "I'm excited that our show will be able to bring the mutual aid model into the collective consciousness of our society. So many families in this country are struggling, and my hope is that *Mutual Aid Brigade* will be able to remind people that one act of kindness, no matter how small, can ripple out and change lives. Ultimately, this is a show that will inspire viewers to roll up their sleeves and move to action within their own communities."

"I'm so excited to be working with this amazing team on this transformative series," said Messing. "Our goal is to make real, lasting change in the lives of people who are hurting and in need. At the same time, demonstrating for our audience how any group of local community members/strangers with a unifying goal, have the power to change lives if they simply show up for one another."



Town of Clayton 2023 Events

April 1st - Easter Egg Hunt

April 15th - Flower Fest

April 28th - Movie Night & Arbor Day

May 6th - Run the Branch 5K

May 12th - Downtown Concert

May 20th - Square to Square

June 2nd - Downtown Concert

June 17th - Juneteenth Celebration

July 1st - Independence Day Fireworks

August 1st - National Night Out

August 10th - Downtown Concert

September 8th - Downtown Concert

September 29th - Family Movie Night

October 5th - Downtown Concert

October 21st - Fall Fling

October 26th-29th - Harvest Festival

By the Clayton Chamber of Commerce

October 31st - Downtown Clayton Trick-or-Treat

November 6th - Veterans Day Ceremony

November 30th - Christmas Tree Lighting and Village

December 9th - Clayton Christmas Parade

By the Clayton Rotary Club

December 21st - Merry Municipal



*Casserole recipe
provided by
Angela Williams*



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
sbrooks@twccnc.org



Each month will feature recipes by category

May—Mother's Day

Send your favorite recipes to
sbrooks@twccnc.org

Recipe Corner—Easter



Potato Ham Bake

Ingredients

30 oz. frozen hash brown potatoes (thawed)
24 oz. ham (pre-cooked and diced)
2 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese
1 yellow onion (diced)
1 can condensed cream of chicken soup
8 oz. Sour Cream
1/2 cup butter (melted)
salt (to taste)
black pepper (to taste)



Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350°F and grease a 9x13-inch baking dish.
2. Stir all of the ingredients in a large bowl and season with salt and pepper.
3. Transfer mixture to the prepared baking dish and cover with foil.
4. Bake for 45 minutes to 1 hour. Remove foil and continue baking until brown, 10-15 more minutes

Easter Bird's Nests

Ingredients

3 cups miniature marshmallows
1/4 cup creamy peanut butter
3 tablespoons butter
4 cups crispy chow mien noodles
cooking spray
40 candy-coated milk chocolate eggs



Instructions

1. Place marshmallows, peanut butter, and butter in a saucepan; cook and stir over medium heat until the marshmallows have melted completely, about 5 minutes.
2. Put chow mien noodles into a large bowl; pour marshmallow mixture over noodles and stir to coat.
3. Spray hands with cooking spray or coat with butter so the noodles will not stick to your hands. Scoop noodle mixture from bowl with an ice cream scoop and form into balls, hollowing the center out to create the nest. Arrange 4 chocolate eggs into each nest.

Easter Dirt Cake

Ingredients

1 pkg Oreo Cookies
8 oz bar Cream Cheese, softened
1/2 cup butter, softened
1 cup powdered sugar
1 16 oz container Cool Whip
2 3.4 oz boxes instant white chocolate or vanilla pudding mix
3 cups milk
1 tsp vanilla extract
Easter candy PEEP bunnies, edible grass, candy Easter eggs



Instructions

1. Crush 2/3 package of Oreos and place it in the bottom of a 9x13 pan.
2. Mix cream cheese and butter until smooth. Mix in powdered sugar and fold in whipped topping. Set aside.
3. In a separate bowl mix pudding, milk, and vanilla. Fold this mixture in with the cream cheese mixture.
4. Pour over the crumb mixture.
5. Sprinkle with the reserve crushed Oreos. Let set for a few hours and keep refrigerated until ready to serve.
6. Right before serving, top with bunny Peeps, edible grass, and Candy Easter Eggs.

April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1  Easter Egg Hunt at Clayton High School 11am
2 	3  ESO TWCC Clubhouse 10:00am	4	5 	6  Lana Cooper 	7 	8
9 	10	11 E&L CSP Set Up for lunch mtg—10am  House of Hope Meal	12  TWCC Lunch Meeting 11:45am	13  Lorraine Perri  Night n Gals Via Zoom 7pm	14  H&W CSP-Bingo at Senior Center 10am	15  Jo Howard Flower Fest at Clayton Community Center Oyster Roast-Clayton Civitan Club 4-7pm
16	17	18  TWCC Board Mtg 10am TWCC Clubhouse 	19	20	21  GFWC-NC Annual Convention	22  GFWC-NC Annual Convention
23  The Isaacs at Clayton Center 6pm	24	25  TWCC Bunco TWCC Clubhouse 1:00pm	26 	27	28  Peggy Earp Clayton High School Bands Perform Town Square 6:30pm	29
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TWCC Proposed Budget 2023-2024

	Approved Budget 2022-2023	Proposed Budget 2023-2024	Fixed Expenses	Actuals 3/4/2023	Comments
INCOME					
Clubhouse Rentals	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00	house exp \$17,371.00	\$ 14,380.92	No change from prior year
Clubhouse Rental Deposits	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00		\$ 5,900.00	This number is a 'wash' we refund everything taken in
Membership Dues	\$ 3,345.00	\$ 4,015.00	73 members + 3 honorary	\$ 4,135.00	increase due to increased membership
Food Income	\$ 1,160.00	\$ 2,130.00	20.00/mo/member	\$ 1,460.00	requesting increase to \$30.00 per member
Scholarships	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 4,500.00	Changed per Exec Board
Civitan Donation	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,924.00	unsure of what they will be able to do this year
Fundraisers (TBD)	\$ 35,187.20	\$ 38,000.00		\$ 19,924.61	Taste = 28000; Murder = 4600; Lights = 3000; Tree Light = 1000; May Silent = 1600
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 65,692.20	\$ 69,645.00			
EXPENSES					
Clubhouse Operations					
* Custodian	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 4,800.00	400.00/month	\$ 3,600.00	no change from prior year
* Clubhouse Supplies	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00		\$ 234.17	no change from prior year
* Electric/Water/Irrigation	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00		\$ 1,804.56	no change from prior year
* Gas	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00		\$ 663.75	no change from prior year
* Trash	\$ 673.00	\$ 820.00	68.27/month	\$ 581.17	increase due to rate increase
* Pest Control	\$ 377.00	\$ 466.00	79.00/quarterly+150.00 termite	\$ 387.00	increase due to include termite
* Lawn care	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 5,383.80	250.00/month + mulch etc	\$ 2,090.00	increase to include mulch (last year 1200.00)
* Backflow/Winterizing	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00		\$ 240.19	no change from prior year
* Insurance	\$ 1,745.00	\$ 1,900.00		\$ 1,871.00	increase due to rate increase
* Piano Tuning	\$ 160.00	\$ 135.00		\$ 135.00	actual charge
Fundraisers	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 5,500.00	Farm = 2000, Violin=500	\$ 2,937.05	Taste = 3000; Murder = 200; Lights of Love = 750; Tree Lighting = 100; May Silent = 0
GFWC-NC Dues (\$50/ea)	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,500.00		\$ 3,550.00	increase due to increased membership
District 8 Dues (\$4/ea)	\$ 252.00	\$ 280.00		\$ 304.00	increase due to increased membership
Clubhouse Rental Deposit Return	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00		\$ 7,228.89	no change from prior year - this is exactly what we bring in
Club Upgrades/Repair	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 250.00	no increase from prior year - any funds remaining push to Reserved for Clubhouse
Website	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00		\$ 377.37	no increase from prior year
President's Fund	\$ 300.00	\$ 350.00		\$ 100.00	increase gradually to get to pre COVID amounts
Postage/Printing/Newsletter	\$ 100.00	\$ 400.00		\$ 308.30	increase due to current year actuals
Bank Fees	\$ -	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00	fee for Safe Deposit Box
Food Expense	\$ 1,160.00	\$ 2,130.00		\$ 606.61	increased due to food costs - average is \$4 per person
Chamber of Commerce membership	\$ 140.00	\$ 175.00		\$ 175.00	increase due to rate increase
Professional Fees	\$ 200.00	\$ 3,000.00			anticipate CPA fees
Reserve for Clubhouse Renovation	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00			This was a new line-item last year - to prepare for emergencies
Annual Deposit to Savings	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00			no increase from prior year
CSP's					
Civic Engagement	\$ 300.00	\$ 500.00		\$ 246.00	Increased by Exec Board
Art & Culture	\$ 300.00	\$ 500.00		\$ 200.00	Increased by Exec Board
Education & Libraries	\$ 300.00	\$ 500.00			Increased by Exec Board
Environment	\$ 300.00	\$ 500.00			Increased by Exec Board
Health & Wellness	\$ 300.00	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00	Increased by Exec Board

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CSP Special Projects					
Local Arts Festival	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00		\$ 410.00	no increase from prior year
Local Arts Festival Reception	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00		\$ 73.49	no increase from prior year
District & NC Arts Festival	\$ -				
Student Music Competition		\$ 500.00			per Exec Board
Puppet Show	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00			no increase from prior year
Education Scholarships					
Sallie S. Cotten Scholarship	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,000.00	Increase per Exec Board
JCC Scholarship (Sybil Champion Scholarship)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 966.63	no increase from prior year
Gifts to Organizations					
Backpack Buddies	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00			no increase from prior year
Boys & Girls Homes	\$ 200.00	\$ 350.00			increase gradually to get to pre COVID amounts
Christmas Kids	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 5,250.00	#70 x \$75.00	\$ 4,951.31	increase to 70 kids
Senior Wishes	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	#6 x \$50.00	\$ 150.00	no increase from prior year
Civitan Ticket & Raffle	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00	no increase from prior year
Friends of the Library	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00			no increase from prior year
Memorials to HEML	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	#3x25.00	\$ 25.00	no increase from prior year
GFWC-NC - Honor Club	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00		\$ 120.00	no increase from prior year
GFWC-NC 1902 Society	\$ 190.20	\$ 190.20		\$ 190.20	no increase from prior year
My Kids Club	\$ 200.00	\$ 350.00			increase gradually to get to pre COVID amounts
President's Choice Project	\$ 300.00	\$ 350.00			increase gradually to get to pre COVID amounts
Clayton Area Ministries	\$ 200.00	\$ 350.00			increase gradually to get to pre COVID amounts
Harbor House	\$ 200.00	\$ 350.00			increase gradually to get to pre COVID amounts
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 64,992.20	\$ 62,375.00			

Why be a Volunteer?

It's not for money, it's not for fame.
It's not for any personal gain.
It's just for love of fellowman.
It's just to send a helping hand.
It's just to give a tithe of self.
That's something you can't buy with wealth.
It's not medals won with pride.
It's for that feeling deep inside.
It's that reward down in your heart.
It's that feeling that you've been a part.
Of helping others far and near,
that makes you be a Volunteer!

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