

## The Woman's Club of Clayton

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# Club Chatter



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## From Our President

*Donna Steele*

I hope all of you enjoyed your Thanksgiving holiday with friends and family. Every year seems to be more precious when spending time with friends and family. And this year the time went too fast and seems to be over in a second!

Our November meeting was beautifully decorated by the Education Community Service group and Betsy Grannis of The Morning Glory Inn. Our meeting was well-attended, and we had **4 visitors and 55 members**. Thank you to Betsy Grannis and Marlene Dillon and their Education CSP team for hosting our meeting. I know everyone wanted the recipe for the delicious Turkey Dressing!

We all enjoyed our speaker, **Traci Ashley**, Senior Director of College Communications, Johnston Community College in updating us on the continuing education and vocational education opportunities that Johnston Community College has to offer. We were happy to learn that JCC is exploring a new campus in the Clayton area. She also left current information for us to review.

**The Taste of Carolina on November 2** was a great success this year! Everyone I talked to at the event said it was the best ever! A great big thank

you for all of you for the extra effort that you gave this year with the rescheduling of the Harvest Festival on the same week-end as our event. You met the challenge by selling more tickets and getting more sponsorships. According to the most recent report, we made a profit of \$16,113.00 this year! Sunday Penny, and Dianne Carroll and their many dedicated committee members met the challenge of making this event an awesome fun event! The decorations, the silent auction, the gift card board, the 50/50 raffle and the earrings raffle all contributed to our success. I am so proud of all of you who stepped forward and contributed to our successful fund-raiser! Now we can serve the community by giving back to so many worthwhile causes.

And a big thank you for helping with the **Serve the Need Thanksgiving meal on November 21** at the Civitan Center in Clayton. I understand from Betsy Grannis that we had many volunteers and many bakers and supporters for this service event. Thank you, all.

Susan Quinn and Rachel Masimore have volunteered to coordinate the



### Christmas Kids project and the Golden Wishes program

for December. Our members will shop for an estimated 75 needy students named by the school social worker coordinator and 5 needy senior citizens named by the Senior Services of Johnston County. Many of you have volunteered to shop and wrap gifts for this very worthwhile project. If you want to get more bang for your bucks, call Susan or Rachael for suggested stores and coupons. Have fun and shop until you drop!

Our **Art Festival** is January 10, 2018 at the Clayton Center. Susan Johnson will need volunteers from our members. Please communicate to your friends, relatives and neighbors who have middle or high school students to ask their art teachers at their schools to compete for prizes! And you can get involved by submitting your own arts and crafts projects as well. Whether you are an artist or just like art, please get involved.



## BOARD MEETING

The TWCC Executive Board will meet on Tuesday, **December 11th at 9:30am** at Donna Steele's house, 204 Parkridge Dr

Board members are requested to bring a brunch dish to share



12/5 Jean Barnes  
12/12 Edie Brown  
12/12 Bree Rude  
12/14 Cheryl Champion  
12/28 Docia Chester  
12/30 Marie Monsees

Our **Women's Health Initiative** is continuing. Please record your steps and get your flu shot. Our walking group will walk again December 2 at the Christmas Home & Art Tour (Contact Mary Sindzak) meeting at the Woman's Club at 3:00 pm.

Also, enjoy some **winter vegetables** which you can pick at the Main Street Community Garden (contact Rachael Masimore for more information).

And its not too early to talk about January, 2019. It will be here before we know it! Here are the **GWFC Grand Initiatives for 2018-2020** that you can be thinking about for the next year.

1. Service projects by 1000 clubs on Martin Luther King Day
2. Plant 1000 trees on Arbor Day
3. Donate 1000 pairs of used shoes to Soles & Souls
4. Donate 1000 Dr. Seuss books
5. 1000 members join the Legislative Action Center &

sign their name in red when mailing/emailing letters to government officials in support of legislation

6. Organize 1000 projects devoted to women in the military

7. 1000 members donate \$1000 to the Capital Campaign



And speaking of **Teamwork** in our club, look at the picture of the flock of geese flying in a perfect V formation again this month. Scientists have studied how geese rotate leadership. Did you know that the goose flying in the front of the formation has to expend the most energy because it is the first to break up the flow of the air that provides the additional lift for the geese who follow behind

the leader. Consequently, when the lead goose gets tired, it drops out of the front position and moves to the rear of the formation, where the resistance is lightest, and another goose moves to the leadership position. This rotation of position happens many times in the course of the long journey to warmer climates.

When a team is functioning well, various members of the team may take the leadership role for a while because of a particular expertise or experience. Consequently, on good teams, everyone has the opportunity to serve as a leader as well as a follower.

And I witnessed this in our club with all of the **Taste of Carolina teams!** All of you knew when to be a leader and when to be a follower and that makes us a great team!

I look forward to seeing you at our **meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December** for our Christmas celebration.

## Grand Opening of Little Free Library



**The Grand Opening of the Little Free Library was held on Saturday, November 10th in the Main Street Community Garden.** Austin Gill (former Miss Clayton) and Stacy Beard (Clayton's Public Information Officer) planned the event. The concept of the "Little Free Library" is to have a variety of books near at hand where anyone who wants is invited to take a book of their choice to read, and hopefully they will leave one in its place for someone else to take and read. The Woman's Club of

Clayton will be caretakers of the library by telling the director of Hocutt-Ellington library when books need to be restocked. If members have books to give away, they are to donate them to the Friends of the Library – TWCC will not supply the box as this is a partnership between TWCC and the library.

Pictured top L to R: Rachel Masimore, Susan Johnson, Donna Steele, Brenda Gay, Mary Sindzak, Thomas Lipscomb and Sandy Nesselrode. Bottom L to R, Austin Gill and Joy Garretson, Librarian.



### *In Our Thoughts and Prayers*

Our deepest sympathy to **Ramona Cash**. Ramona's sister, Violet, who lived in Virginia, passed away on 11/15/18 at the age of 92.

We also offer our prayers to Ramona as she recovers from pneumonia.

## November Meeting Highlights

The November 14 TWCC lunch meeting was catered by Morning Glory Inn, providing a luscious Thanksgiving meal, and was hosted by the Education CSP.

The speaker was Tracy Ashley from Johnston Community College who spoke on continuing education and vocational education opportunities.

Laurie Partlo introduced 4 guests.

Other items covered in the meeting:

- Belle Allen read a Resolution of Respect and Remembrance for **Sybil Champion**.
- **Laurie Partlo** was confirmed as Second Vice-President.
- **Joyce Lipscomb Canady** was confirmed as an Honorary Life Member.
- In 2019, TWCC will work with Friends of the Library to sponsor a **Literary Luncheon**.
- Betsy Grannis presented the **100th Anniversary Open House** report
- Funds were collected to help pay for cranberry sauce for the **Feed the Need Thanksgiving Meal**
- Nominations were collected for **Clubwoman Awards** to be voted on at the December meeting
- Mary Sinzdak reported on status of the **Women's Health 2018-2020 Initiative**

- Rachel Masimore and Susan Quinn are coordinating the **Christmas Kids and Senior Wishes project**. Names were distributed to the 'buyers'.
- December 2, 2018: Christmas in Clayton Home & Art Tour Need Docents: See Barbara Nangle(919-359-5783): Public is invited and tickets are \$10.00.
- December 2, 2018: Downtown Walking Group at the Christmas Home & Art Tour to meet at 3:00 pm at the clubhouse: See Mary Sinzdak(919-601-4034)
- December 4, 2018: ESO Book Club at 10:00 am at the Morning Glory Inn: See Brenda Gay(919-763-7117)
- December 7, 2018: Civitan Club Raffle at 6:00 pm at the Civitan Club: See Angela Williams(919-553-5118) for tickets
- December 11, 2018: Next Executive Board Meeting at 9:30 am at Donna Steele's home, 204 Parkridge. Board members are asked to bring a brunch dish to share.
- January 10, 2018: Arts Festival: Need Volunteers: See Susan Johnson(919-522-7746)

## Clubwoman Awards

*Laurie Partlo*

### Vote at December Meeting

We have a wonderful hard working club! We normally only choose between two finalists but so many people were nominated, we had several ties. Sixteen women were nominated for Clubwoman of the Year, fifteen for the Citizenship Award and eighteen for Clubwoman with a Heart! We will be voting at the December meeting. *Note: Mary Sinzdak was nominated for two awards but asked to withdraw her name.* The award descriptions and finalists are as follows:

#### **Clubwoman of the Year Award**

The award is given annually to honor a clubwoman who has given of her time, talents, interest, organizational efforts, and active participation to render outstanding service through the Federation.

#### **Dianne Carroll**

Born in Baltimore, Maryland but grew up in Clayton. She has been married to Jerry for 53 years and have 2 boys. 5 grandchildren who are the apple of their eye. They moved around for 30 years with Amoco Oil until retiring in Clayton. Jerry went back to work but Dianne settled in on volunteering.

- Started the Newcomers & Neighbors Club In 2003 and is still going strong.
- Started Taste of Carolina Cuisine in 2004 and it is our major fundraiser.
- TWCC president from 2010-2012.





**Dianne Carroll** *(continued)*

- Started Johnston County Art & Food Festival fundraiser in 2008 while on the board of Johnston County Art Council.
- Has served in GFWC District 8 and is currently parliamentarian.
- Co-chair Taste of Carolina Cuisine this year.
- On Student Art Festival committee
- Co-chair Art CSP
- Co-chair 100 year Anniversary Tea Celebration
- Currently founder and chairman of Christmas in Clayton Home & Art Tour for Clayton Visual Arts
- Currently Art Reception Chairman for Clayton Visual Arts
- Member of First Baptist Church
- Member of Eph Whisenhunt Bible Study Class
- Trustee for The Woman's Club of Clayton

**Betsy Grannis**

Betsy Grannis was born in Petersburg, Virginia and raised in a large family. Her father was in the military and the family moved quite a bit, especially in her early years. This contributed to her ability to be adaptable to many situations and to be comfortable in most any environment. She has been married to her husband Michael for 35 years. They have two daughters and six grandchildren.

Betsy and Michael own The Morning Glory Inn Bed & Breakfast and the Clayton Steakhouse. They are active in many areas and try to give back to the community that has supported them so well. Betsy is currently serving in her 10<sup>th</sup> year on the Downtown Development Board for the Town of Clayton. As the spouse of a long-time Town Council member, Betsy has participated in a number of civic activities each year.

Betsy took the opportunity to join the Woman's Club of Clayton in 1999 because of the many areas of service to the community. She has served as Co-Chair of the Home Life CSP, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and served two consecutive terms as the President of her club. She is currently the Home Life Chair for District 8, as well as the GFWC-NC Treasurer.

Betsy works hard to inspire the people around her. She always tries to bring fun to whatever she does.

**Citizenship Award**

The award is to recognize a clubwoman for outstanding contributions in citizenship, patriotism, and community affairs including church, political, other service organizations, civic, board positions, etc.

**Betsy Grannis** – see above

**Rachel Masimore**

Doing for others can be defined as diversely as the population. Growing up in a farming community understanding the philosophy of doing for others starts during any growing or harvest season. You prepare your crops and then help a neighbor with theirs. You barn your tobacco and then you help a neighbor barn theirs. It's simple really everyone helps everyone else in a common goal. Through life we mingle in and through different groups of people with common ambitions and goals and as good stewards of a community we should always be willing to extend the knowledge we have gained in our own life.

After leaving North Carolina in 1960 I undertook a 50 year experience of raising a family, establishing two business (hair salon and assisted living) and taking over two others (tavern and hair salon). As an employer you are charged with managing not only the business's success but often your employees' success. You have to engage your clients and present a pleasant and welcoming environment for all. You are their counseling, confident, and motivator. I always made sure my staff had access to the latest in technology and education by sending them to educational seminars and shows. Always teaching my techniques and knowledge to the new staff so they too could experience success in their career and life. Before ride share was even thought of, I was providing transportation for clients who could no longer drive with free rides to and from the salon or even the grocery store. During my down time I was able to visit clients in nursing homes and hospitals and provide them with the same care and service they would receive if they had come into the salon, or with just a friendly ear





**Rachel Masimore** *(continued)*

with a link to the world that might be leaving them behind. By April of 2014 I had retired from my work life and moved back to North Carolina.

I began volunteering at the Clayton Community garden where vegetables are grown and then donated back to the community. We worked every Wednesday raking and chopping, planting and cultivating. Other days were spent watering and working on smaller projects.

In December of 2014 I joined the Woman's Club of Clayton and on my first day I was assigning prize ribbons for the Art Festival at the Clayton Center. Since that day I have been engaged in preparing food for the Arts reception for the past 3 years and in 2017 I made the food for intermission for the Clayton Youth Theatre. During the annual food drive, I have driven to the local grocery store and retrieved the food bags and delivered them to the senior center. In coordination with the Master Gardeners I established a Spring and Fall plant sale in 2016 and 2017 respectfully. In celebration for the 100th Anniversary of The Woman's Club of Clayton I created a new logo and cover for our celebration booklets. This year has also seen a new collaboration with the Main Street Community Garden that I established when I joined the Conservation CSP. Along with other fellow members we planted a garden box in the garden and held a cleanup I coordinated with the local Boy Scout Troop which painted the main building in the garden. This same group also created a wonderful holiday display in the garden turning the main building into a gingerbread house and the gardens into holiday candies.

Since 2016 I have been Treasurer and because education and understanding my responsibilities to the club are important tenants to myself, I have attended every district meeting the last two years.

**Laurie Partlo**

Laurie has been a member of the Woman's Club of Clayton since 2002. She has a degree in Computer Science from NCSU and worked as a programmer for IBM for 11 years. She is currently employed in marketing with Direct Distributors, Inc. in Garner. She has been a member of Horne Memorial UMC since 1987 and has served her church in many ways including past President of the United Methodist Women, Chair for Higher Education Ministries and Vice-Chair for the Church Capital Campaign, just to name a few. She is a member of the Deborah Circle and attends a weekly Bible Study.



She is heavily involved in Clayton and Johnston County organizations and loves her community. She has served in the past as President for the Johnston County Arts Council, as well as being a board member for seven years. She served as Secretary and board member for the Newcomers and Neighbor's Club of Clayton and has been a volunteer for Johnston Christian Academy, Johnston County Schools and Clayton Area Ministries. Her family has hosted a Belarusian child in the summers from 1997-2004. She is a member and volunteer of Clayton Visual Artists. She served as the Volunteer Coordinator for the DDA 2012 NC Main Street Conference, representing the volunteer efforts for the Woman's Club, for which the Woman's Club of Clayton was recognized as a NC Main Street Champion. She has been on the board of Clayton Downtown Development Association since 2012 and on the board of the Johnston County Community Foundation since 2014. She serves as Secretary/Treasurer of the Partlo Foundation, Inc.

She has been the TWCC Secretary; TWCC Second Vice President; Co-chair of the Arts CSP and Conservation CSP; Editor of the TWCC Newsletter; co-chaired for the Taste of Carolina Cuisine twice and served as District 8 Arts CSP Co-chair for 4 years. She is presently TWCC Second Vice President and chair of the Clubhouse Committee and the Charitable Requests Committee. She has been active in a bowling league for 21 years and is a member of two local book clubs, serving as Vice President of the Debonnaire Book Club which was founded by Sybil Champion. Her husband, Barry, and she have 2 children, Kelly, living in Garner, and Jarod, who lives in Chicago.

### Clubwoman with "Heart" Award

This award is to be given annually to a General clubwoman who by her efforts provides the "heart" for her club. It is not to be given on the basis of community or club involvement, but rather to the person who best exemplifies the words of the Collect for Clubwomen. This clubwoman may be the backbone and heart of her club, an exemplary leader or the person who has prevented its extinction. She has proven over the years ever faithful and true to the organization. She may not have missed a meeting or may have brought in the most new members. Through her sunshiny disposition, club work has been more enjoyable with the "heart" she has shared.

#### **Mary Ellen Causby**

I never realized that buying 48 acres near Clayton for a weekend get away from Raleigh would be our permanent home for our next 40 years of marriage. My husband Gene and son Gary, daughter Jill, and I quickly found that moving here in 1977 would bring a new life... new church family, new neighbors, and new civic club friends.

I was still traveling as a consultant with the State Department of Public Instruction and the department of continuing education for East Carolina University, but joined TWCC and became involved in so many civic opportunities. In the club, I served as education chairwoman, arts chairwoman, ways and means chairman, but most of all the enjoyment came from working together with dedicated caring women. The toughest part of being 82 is limited to all the physical demands. This club doesn't know "can't", "won't work", nor "no" when asked to do something for the town and wherever they see a need.

Finding first hand how bad the situation was concerning stray animals, I was asked to help form a SPCA. The town of Clayton gave us land behind their treatment plant. With little knowledge, but lots of heart, a fence surrounded the area with 6 pens and a utility house for the cats. That was the hardest and most rewarding job I ever had. We petitioned to have the NC Legislature provide money for a permanent shelter. We were completely overrun with unwanted dogs and cats. However, we became under the authority of the State, and because of stringent rules about numbers we could house, euthanizing was necessary. Unable to take those we bathed, fed, sheltered, carried to nursing homes and schools, I could not do this. I left the shelter and talked to schools about spaying, neutering their pets. This is still a heartbreak for me.

Family is the most important part of my life. Gene was a widower when we married and joining our families together has been JOY unmeasured. We have together four children in birth order...Kathy, Stan, Gary, and Jill. Sadly son Stan died in 2012, Kathy is a 40 year old teacher and is still teaching in Cary. Gary is enjoying his work with STIHL. And Jill is a nurse practitioner in Raleigh. We have 8 grandsons (and 5 beautiful daughters-in-law), 2 granddaughters, and 2 great granddaughters. Gene's death in 2014 leaves me not quite whole, but my faith in our Lord, family, and caring friends make life worth living and giving.

I have been an active member at Baptist Center Church as a Sunday School teacher, and many other areas since moving here. I love the people and feel my faith has grown by their love of Christ and their unselfish service to others.

Thank you for this honor. It should be divided among many, many others who give their hearts, talents, and time to serve as faithful members of TWCC.

**Betsy Grannis** – see above

#### **Brenda Hill**

I have had the privilege of being in "The Woman's Club of Clayton" for the past 7-8 years. I was honored with "Clubwoman of the Year" in 2014.

I enjoy lending a hand helping people out if I have the talent, mind, or body to do so. I feel like we all have a gift for something and should use it and share with others.

I came to the Garner/Clayton area around 2001-2002 with my husband for his job. My two sons were already out on their own by then. I started work with the opening of Home Goods, a store which I quickly fell I love with. In a store like Home Goods it's really easy to help people decorate their home which I always found a fun and easy way to get to know people.





**Brenda Hill** *(continued)*

After joining the woman's club with Margaret's help, I found there were many projects in several different departments and all were in need of help. There's no way any one person could take on all these projects. Often these projects were shared among all the other departments such as "The Taste of Carolina" which I have participated in for many years. The Student Art Festival is a big hit with the local students of several schools which we sponsor every year. This project extends over many months from August to March and takes many volunteers to pull it off, I have also participated in this for many years. Christmas just wouldn't be Christmas if the club ladies weren't out buying gifts for the kids and senior citizens in need. This project truly does take heart when you see so many in need, another project I have participated in.

I went into the Arts Department where I felt I could be of most value. Some of my abilities have overflowed into other departments that I have enjoyed helping out.

Working this year on the downtown Community Garden was a delight, a little rushed but fun making ginger bread men, candy canes, bows, lots and lots of bows! If this doesn't win I think we could all say the town contest just doesn't know that this was the winner.

Thank you ladies for the nomination of the award "Clubwoman with Heart"

**Rachel Masimore** - see above**Marie Monsees**

I am a southern gal, born in Johnston County, NC. I have lived in the south most of my life. My family moved to Clayton when I was in the fifth grade. I attended school where the Clayton Center is now, graduated in that auditorium. I attended Woman's College (now UNCG) in Greensboro, NC. My husband Claude and I have been married for 62 years, we have lived in Durham, NC, Fort Mill, SC and retired, moved to Clayton, NC in 2000. We have 2 sons Michael and Russell and 5 wonderful grandchildren. I joined the Woman's Club of Clayton in 2004. I have served on several committees. Was co-chairman of the Home Life CSP for 8 years, worked with the Taste of Carolina since it started and was Co-chair in 2015. I am an advocate for Backpack Buddies and its unofficial chairman. I am very proud to be a part of this awesome group of women.



A big thanks to those members that assisted Rachel Masimore in making decorations for the Main Street Community Garden. The Gingerbread House and all the decorations really light up Clayton!!!



Notify Susan Johnson,  
Corresponding Secretary,  
if a card from the club  
needs to be sent to anyone





## DATES TO REMEMBER

### December 1

A Clayton Christmas  
Clayton Center

### December 2

Christmas in Clayton  
Home & Art Tour

TWCC Downtown Walk-  
ing Group—Meet  
3:00pm at Clubhouse

### December 4

ESO Book Club  
Morning Glory Inn  
10:00am

### December 7

Civitan Club Raffle  
6:00pm  
Civitan Club

The Fabulous Equinox  
Clayton Center

### December 11

TWCC Executive Board  
Meeting  
9:30am  
Donna Steele's House  
204 Parkridge Dr  
Bring brunch dish

Art CSP to set up for  
lunch meeting  
Noon

### December 12

TWCC Lunch Meeting  
hosted by  
Art CSP  
11:45am

### December 13

Night 'N' Gals Meeting  
7:00pm

### December 15

A Christmas Spectacu-  
lar  
Clayton Center

### January 10

Local Arts Festival  
Clayton Center  
6:00-7:30pm

## Let's go for a walk

### TWCC Walking Tours

Pam Baumgartner, the library historian, led the second walking tour of Downtown Clayton on November 8th. Following the tour, the group enjoyed lunch at the Clayton Steakhouse. TWCC members participating in the tour were Ruth LaRocca (and husband Klaus), Donna Steele, Susan Johnson, Ouida King, Brenda Hill, Betty Francies, Mary Sinzdak, Mary Ellen Causby, Suzanne Green.

The next walking tour will be on **Sunday, December 2nd at 3:00pm** and will commence at the clubhouse. Walkers will need to purchase tickets to the Christmas in Clayton Home & Art Tour and walkers will enjoy the tour through designated homes in downtown Clayton.



Members gather to begin the tour. Pictured left to right: Ruth LaRocca, Donna Steele, Susan Johnson, Ouida King, Brenda Hill, Betty Francies, Suzanne Green, Mary Sinzdak, Library Historian Pam Bumgartner and Mary Ellen Causby. Picture taken by Klaus LaRocca.



Left: Walkers enjoy a visit with Joyce Blackley at Blackley's Printing

Right: Lunch at Clayton Steakhouse after finishing the tour



## Taste of Carolina Cuisine Fundraiser 2018



*Beautiful tables Marie Monsees, Brenda Gay and Marlene Dillon!*

It certainly takes a village to put on TWCC's largest fundraiser each year—The Taste of Carolina Cuisine. Our profit was **\$16,113!** A huge thanks to **Sunday Penny and Dianne Carroll** for coordinating this major event and the Taste of Carolina Cuisine Committee including:

Restaurants: Teresa Mathis, Chair, Faye Brooks, Sarah Brooks, Judy Ryan

Silent Auction: Co-chairs Bree Rude and Brenda Hill

Sponsor/Donor Coordinator: Angela Williams

Print Tickets: Laurie Partlo

Ticket Sales Coordinator: Sunday Penny

Publicity: Dianne Carroll

Insurance: Rachel Masimore

Alcohol License: Rachel Masimore

Set up Tables/Table Decorations: Marie Monsees, Brenda Gay, Marlene Dillon

Coffee/Tea Station: Sandy Nesselrode

Bar Coordinator: Cheryl Champion

Ticket Collection Coordinator: Angela Williams

Bid Number Coordinator: Laurie Partlo and Robin

Coat Check: Ruth LaRocca and Connie May

Silent Auction Checkout: Bree Rude



*Sarah Brooks takes a break with husband Bill. No more tickets Bree!!*



Top Left: Jo Howard, Brenda Gay and Sandy Nesselrode looking lovely as always!

Top Right: Laurie Partlo provides guests with bid numbers for Silent Auction

Middle Right: Ouida King and Becky Stewart enjoy the evening

Bottom Left: Mary Ellen Causby and Margaret Lee are all smiles at Registration Desk

Bottom Right: Barbara Nangle and Ruth LaRocca



*Members Barbara Nangle, Linda Strevig and Dianne Carroll enjoy the evening with guests*





# Taste of Carolina Cuisine Fundraiser 2018



The Taste of Carolina Cuisine would not be possible without the restaurants!



**Clayton Steakhouse**



**Morning Glory Inn**



**Fat Boys BBQ & Catering**



**Festijos Mexican Grill & Bar**



**Thank You Judges!**  
Robert Carver, Chef Instructor at JCC; Bob Passarelli, Executive Chef at US Food Services; Justin Dillree, Adjunct Instructor at WTCC and Whole Foods Chef; Judge Coordinator and runner was Fredi Morf, Chef Instructor at WTCC



Mayor Jody McLeod presents **Anthony's** with 1st Place People's Choice Award  
Always a crowd favorite!!



2nd Place People's Choice to **Vinson's**  
Best Presentation to **Flipside**



Best Seasonal Dish to **Sherry's**  
Best Use of Local Ingredient to **Dylan's**



Most Original Dish to **Caribbean Delight**  
Best Dessert to **Chefella's**  
Best Pasta Dish to **Manning's**

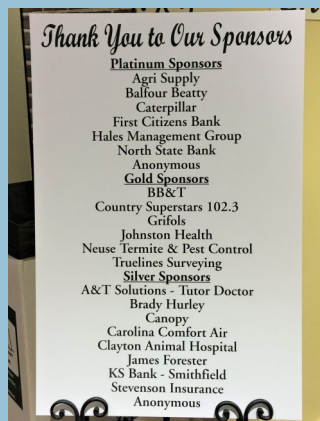




# Taste of Carolina Cuisine Fundraiser 2018



The Silent Auction was outstanding! Thanks to **Brenda Hill and Bree Rude** for coordinating the auction. Thanks to the **CSPs** for their wonderful baskets/items. A big thanks to all the **members** who contributed to the auction items and the many **businesses** that provided items to include in the baskets and especially to those businesses that were **sponsors** of the event.







### **December Menu**

Entrée will be provided  
by Skylines

Art CSP will host and  
provide dessert & bev-  
erages



## **CHRISTMAS IN CLAYTON HOME & ART TOUR**

**December 2, 2018, 3-6pm**

**Downtown Clayton**

**Start at The Woman's Club of Clayton to  
get bracelets and map**

**28 artists in homes and Woman's Club**

**Christmas Carolers**

**Horse and Carriage**

**Special turkey, stuffing, gravy and cranberry sauce at Manning's**

**Stores open in downtown**

**Great day in Clayton!!!**

**\$10/ticket—Call Dianne Carroll for tickets (919-553-8818)**

**Proceeds go to Clayton art teachers for supplies for teaching**



**Clayton Visual Arts Home Tour** will take place on Sunday, December 2nd, 2018 from 3pm to 6pm and will fit in perfectly for our **December walk**. It's a fun activity to share and everyone interested in doing the tour as a group please let Mary Sinzdak know. Mary's email is [msinzdak@yahoo.com](mailto:msinzdak@yahoo.com) and home phone 919-553-9858. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from Dianne Carroll (919-553-8818).



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  
[sbbrooksgolfer@gmail.com](mailto:sbrooksgolfer@gmail.com)

## **Feed the Need Thanksgiving Meal 2018**

TWCC members along with some friends and family packed 780 takeout meals on November 21st at the Feed the Need event. Great job, Ladies! Pictured below-Faye Brooks and Sunday Penny; Upper right-Betty Lou Evans dishes up dressing and gravy; Lower right-Betsy Grannis and Liz McLaurin







**Jumpstart** PEARSON FOUNDATION

Read for the Record

Pledge to Read

Members of the Education CSP participated in the **Jumpstart Read for the Record** event held nationwide on October 25<sup>th</sup>. TWCC members read to 155 children at Cooper Academy and Holy Cross Lutheran Church. The book read nationwide was, Beautiful—How Art Transformed a Neighborhood written by F. Isabel Campoy and Theresa Howell and illustrated by Rafael Lopez. The books were left with each classroom. A big thanks to Arianna Harrison who read the Spanish version of the book.

We wish everyone the Happiest of Holidays filled with joy and blessings!



Top Left: **Terri Sessoms** was so excited to read to the kids at Cooper Academy



Top Right: **Margaret Lee and Brenda Gay** read to the kids at Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Bottom: Readers at Cooper Academy were **Arianna Harrison, Terri Sessoms, Betsy Grannis, Mary Ellen Causby, Nona Kelly, Marlene Dillon and Sarah Brooks**



On Nov 12th Donna Steele presented certificate of Recognition for 100 years of service to God & Country to the Leonard Moore American Legion Post 72. Pictured is the Legions Commander Tony Alcorn receiving the Certificate from Donna Steele, TWCC President.





## Art CSP Co-Chairs: Angela Williams, Faye Brooks, Dianne Carroll



This is the time of the year we love to spend with family and friends. What a great opportunity to make homemade Christmas ornaments with your kids or grandkids. What a wonderful Christmas memory.

We would like to wish every a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!!

## Public Issues CSP Co-Chairs: Bree Rude, Jamie Kosik



On November 27th at 6 PM at "Revival 1869" on Main Street "Donate Life NC" is having a Christmas tree "Festival of Trees" including the raffling off of the trees. The Public Issues CSP has agreed to donate a decorated tree. The PI CSP chose a Mardi Gras Theme for the tree. If you would like to see the Festival of Trees" and/or bid on one of them contact Teresa Mathis for tickets information.

## Home Life CSP Co-chairs: Charlene Butala, Arianna Harrison



Lou McHale, Barbara Pierce and Nona Kelly deliver **snacks to cancer patients** at Johnston Health in Smithfield and Clayton.

## Conservation CSP Chair: Rachel Masimore



Watering the TWCC plants at the **Main Street Community Garden**, located at 439 E Main Street, will not be required for the next 3-4 months. Members are encouraged to go to the garden and pick vegetables for their own use.

## Night 'N' Gals/International CSP Chair: Robin Sachsenheimer



The Night 'N' Gals will meet **Thursday, December 13th, 7:00pm** at the clubhouse. **Shot at Life**—Please get your flu shot at Walgreens and send your name to Mary at [msinzdak@yahoo.com](mailto:msinzdak@yahoo.com).



**Thank You!**  
Volunteers!

Arts Festival Committee

Backpack Buddies

Silent Partner

Walgreen's Shot @ Life

Docents for Christmas in Clayton Home & Art Tour

## ESO Book Club

Chair: Brenda Gay



Dear ESO book club members, we will meet at the Morning Glory Bed and Breakfast, Betsy Grannis owner, on **Tuesday, Dec 4th at 10:00am**. The address is 507 E 2nd Street, Clayton, 27520. Please let Brenda Gay (919-763-7117; email, [bmgay82@gmail.com](mailto:bmgay82@gmail.com)) know if you plan to attend or not. Betsy will be serving us coffee, etc.

## Art Festival

Chair: Susan Johnson



RSVP your CSP Chair by **Sunday** before the meeting if you will be attending the **December** lunch meeting as well as any guests you may be bringing.

Things to bring to the **December** lunch meeting:

- A bright smile and festive attire!

The GFWC-NC is again sponsoring the **State Arts Festival** for 2018-2019. Our club will participate on the local, district, and state levels. All our clubwomen are encouraged to offer their talents in the 36 craft categories as well as the 10 visual art categories and the three photography categories. There will be a list of the categories again at our November meeting. **Angela Williams** is in charge of collecting your entries and will need to have your selections by the **December 12th** meeting.

**Peggy Earp** is once again coordinating the **literature section** of the contest. Any clubwoman may submit a one act play/skit, a short story limited to 2000 words, poetry of any style with a minimum length of eight lines and maximum of 50 lines, and/or an essay on any subject. These must also be submitted by the December 12th meeting to Peggy.

All entries must have been completed within the **prior year** and all contests are limited to **non-professionals**.

We have invited **10 of our local schools** to participate in the Festival. These are Home School Association of our area, Archer Lodge Middle, Clayton Middle, Riverwood Middle, Swift Creek Middle, and Johnston Charter Academy. Our local high schools are Clayton High, Cleveland High, Corinth Holders High, and West Johnston High. If you know students or staff at these schools, please encourage their participation in the event. They also will have the categories of visual arts, photography and literature.

The local arts festival is to be held on **Thursday January 10th at 6:00-7:30** at the Clayton Center in cooperation with the Clayton Visual Arts monthly artist reception. Certificates, ribbons, and cash prizes will be awarded that evening.

Thank you for your participation and support!

## Frank Creech Art Exhibit



TWCC member **Ramona Cash** was one of the featured artists at the Frank Creech exhibit of paintings. Ramona's paintings were "Fruit of Fall" watercolors. Ramona and Brenda Gay, who attended the event are pictured above



*My husband and I make this on Christmas Eve and pop it into the oven Christmas morning. The swiss cheese is a wonderful change from many breakfast Casseroles*

*Recipe provided by Sarah Brooks*

*Recipe provided by Angela Williams*



**Send your favorite recipes to**

[sbbrooksgolfer@gmail.com](mailto:sbrooksgolfer@gmail.com)

## Recipe Corner

### Christmas Morning Strata

#### Ingredients

1 pound ground pork sausage or ham (I prefer Neese's)  
2 teaspoons prepared mustard  
6 slices white sandwich bread, crusts removed  
2 cups (8 oz) Swiss cheese, shredded  
1 ½ cups milk  
3 large eggs, lightly beaten  
½ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce  
1/8 teaspoon salt  
1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg  
1/8 teaspoon black pepper



#### Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Brown sausage in a skillet over medium heat, stirring until it crumbles; drain well. Stir in mustard. Fit bread into a greased 11-inch x 7-inch baking dish; top with sausage mixture and cheese. Combine milk, eggs, Worcestershire sauce, salt, nutmeg, and pepper; pour over bread mixture. Cover and refrigerate 8 hours. Bake uncovered for 50 minutes or until set.

*Yield 6 servings.*

Recipe from Our State Magazine

### Cheese Wafers

#### Ingredients

1 cup flour  
1 stick butter, softened  
1/2 pound extra sharp cheddar cheese, grated  
1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
Pecan halves

#### Directions

Mix flour and butter, add cheese and seasonings. Pour out onto a piece of parchment paper and form into a roll approximately 1" in diameter. Refrigerate overnight.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Slice roll into thin wafers. Top each with a pecan half. Bake about 8 minutes.

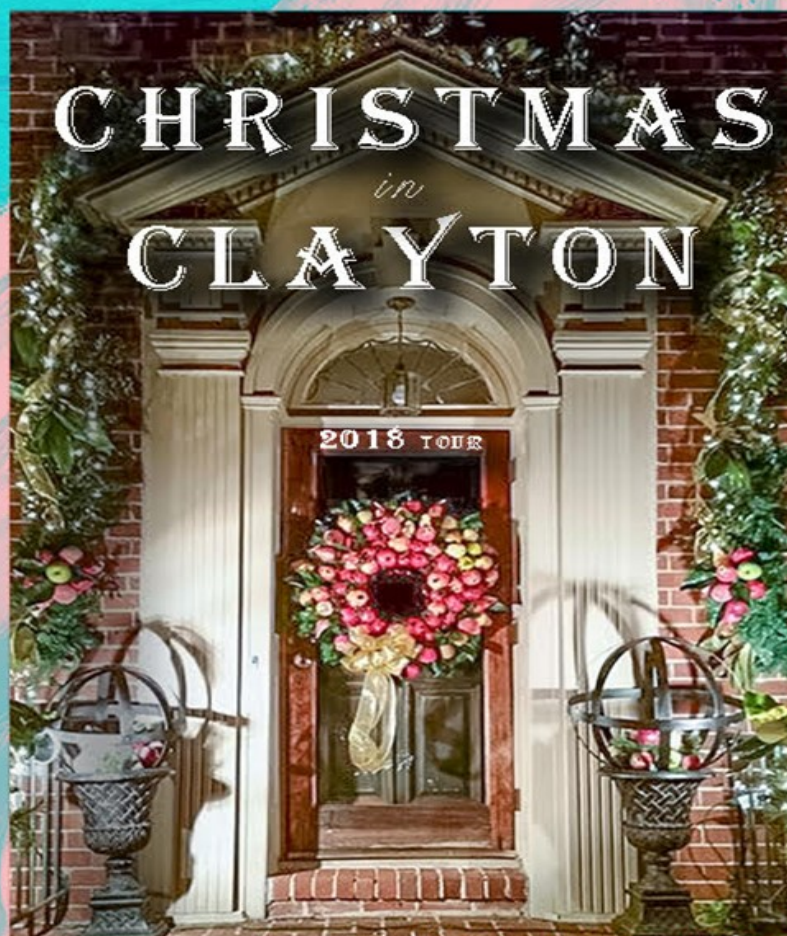




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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1  A Clayton Christmas
2  Christmas in Clayton Art & Home Tour, 3-6pm Walking Group meet at clubhouse, 3:00pm	3	4  ESO Book Club at Morning Glory Inn—10am	5  Jean Barnes	6	7  The Fabulous Equinox Civitan Club Raffle-6:00pm	8
9	10	11 TWCC Executive Board-9:30am 204 Parkridge Dr Bring Brunch Dish Art CSP set up for meeting—Noon	12  Edie Brown Bree Rude  TWCC Lunch Meeting 11:45am	13  Night 'N' Gals 7:00pm	14  Cheryl Champion	15  A Christmas Spectacular
16	17	18	19	20	21  First Day of Winter	22
23	24	25  MERRY CHRISTMAS	26	27	28  Docia Chester	29
30  Marie Monsees	31  New Year's Eve	 HAPPY NEW 2019 YEAR				

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Tickets \$10 - Kathleen Nobles, 910-616-5486

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