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Club Chatter



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From Our President

Trish Perna

As the holiday season unfolds, it's wonderful to see the energy and enthusiasm you bring to everything we do. This is truly a time to celebrate all the joy and impact our club creates!

Our **Christmas Kids** event is well underway, with volunteer shoppers busy selecting gifts to make the season bright for local children. This year, The Woman's Club of Clayton is supporting students at **Cooper Academy, West Clayton Elementary, Clayton Middle School, Clayton High School, and Johnston Charter Academy**. We're excited to share that we've also added **Wilson's Mills Elementary** to our list, expanding the reach of this cherished initiative. It's heartwarming to see the fun and dedication of our volunteers as they bring holiday cheer to these students. **Drop-off day** is scheduled for **December 12, 2024**, at the clubhouse. Drop the wrapped and labeled gifts off **between 10:00 am – 10:30 am**.

Similarly, the **Golden Wishes Project** has taken off, with volunteers enjoying the chance to bring smiles to the faces of our senior citizens. These seniors appreciate receiving their gifts and enjoy the visit and conversation even more. These acts of kindness highlight the spirit of giving that defines

our club.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to **Tom the Turkey!** The funds we collected have been sent to **GFWC-NC** and added to their statewide donation collection. These funds will be dispersed to assist communities in Western North Carolina affected by Hurricane Helene. Your generosity will make a meaningful difference to those in need.

We also wrapped up a fabulous **Community Thanksgiving Meal**, a collaboration between **The Woman's Club of Clayton, The Civitan Club, Serve the Need, and St. Anne's Catholic Church**. This wonderful effort serves up to **2,000 people** each year, providing a delicious meal and an opportunity for fellowship. It was such a joy to visit with so many in our community and to witness the gratitude and connection shared by all.

Looking ahead, it's time to start planning for our next **TWCC Special Project!** With a budget of **\$15,000.00**, the Executive Board is asking for ideas from our members to help guide this important initiative. The last special project was at **Harmony Playground** in East Clayton Community Park, a lasting and meaningful



contribution to our community. Some ideas already suggested include:

- A **bench on Main Street** to enhance our downtown charm.
- Assist **Isiah 117** to become established in Johnston County.
- Purchasing an **art sculpture** to be placed in East Clayton Community Park.

The Executive Board would also like to consider your ideas for a project that reflects our mission and makes a positive impact. Please share your suggestions with me via [email](mailto:trishperna@twccnc.org) as we work together to create another lasting legacy.

As we continue these projects and embrace the busy holiday season, let's take a moment to appreciate the beauty of our collective efforts. Each of you is making a difference, and together, we're creating a more caring and connected community.

Wishing you all a holiday season filled with joy, peace, and laughter!



DECEMBER

December 2
ESO

December 5
Tree Lighting

December 8
Johnston County Chorus
Clayton Center

December 10
House of Hope Meal

December 11
General Meeting

December 13
Bingo

December 14
Christmas Parade

December 16
Night n Gals

December 17
Exec Board Meeting

December 17
Pam Tillis
Clayton Center

December 25
Christmas Day

December 31
New Year's Eve



Craft Wizard Karen Keeslar's table-top turkeys were a big hit! Thanks for all you do!

November Meeting Highlights

Deborah Fuller

Monthly Meeting

Devotion: **Brenda Gay** emphasized the importance of gratitude towards veterans and the significance of Native American Heritage Month. She encouraged making each day special by engaging in new activities and appreciating life.

President's Welcome President **Perna** thanked Civic Engagement for hosting today, the decorations were beautiful and the food was delicious. The turkey table decorations were created by **Karen Keeslar** and are for sale as a club fundraiser. All were sold.

Welcome Guests, New Members, & Visitors: **Nancy Maynard** welcomed new members **Nancy Berquist** and **Kim Loftin** along with eight guests allowing each to share a bit about themselves.

Program/Guest Speaker: American Legion Post 71

Nacy McDonnel of the American Legion Post 71 was the guest speaker.

The Legion frequently presents colors at events and conducts flag retirement ceremonies. They collect old flags, repair serviceable ones, and ensure proper retirement of worn flags through solemn ceremonies.

The American Legion performs flag retiring ceremonies for those with flags that need to be properly disposed. Flags can be placed in their flag drop box at the entrance of their property on Main St.

Post 71 engages in community activities such as providing military honors at funerals and participating in events like Flags for Heroes. They also collaborate with organizations including the Rotary Club and Boy Scouts.

Business: Tom the Turkey was passed around to collect money for Western North Carolina to support Helene efforts. The Executive Board will vote on where to send the money collected.

Bylaws: Bylaws changes were presented to the membership. These changes will be voted on at the December meeting.

District 8 Fall Meeting: District President, **Betsy Grannis**

The District 8 fall meeting was successful, featuring greetings from the state and a service project making no-sew blankets that were sent to Asheville.

Karen Keeslar was announced as the LEADS candidate for the leadership seminar.

A state-level raffle to DC getaway was announced with a \$1,700 value. Tickets are \$25, see **Betsy** if you are interested. The drawing will be next April.

Betsy shared that the Civitan Reverse Raffle is December 6th and tickets are \$100 which include 2 tickets for dinner. **She and Angela** have tickets if you are interested.

Southeast Regional Conference: Wilmington Mayor Bill Saffo spoke about the need for \$53

billion to repair Western North Carolina and thanked nonprofits for their support. He highlighted the contributions of organizations like GFWC.

Our South Regional President Reno Eitel's President's Special Project is the Comfort Cases initiative which aims to replace black trash bags with backpacks for foster children. The organization provides essentials like pajamas and toiletries in these backpacks.

The GFWC Day of Service reported significant contributions, including 221,142 pounds of food collected and \$242,731 in donations. The event emphasized the importance of supporting domestic violence and sexual assault programs.

Christmas Kids and Golden Wishes Projects: The club is shopping for 74 children and 10 seniors, with reimbursement budget of \$125 and \$50 respectively. Volunteers are needed to shop and deliver gifts.

Officer Reports:

Corresponding Secretary: We received a thank you note from Debra Beal expressing their heartfelt gratitude for the sympathy and support received during the loss of her father.

Susan Johnson read Resolutions of Memory and Respect for Mary Helen Benson Woodard and Ramona Cash, highlighting their contributions and dedication to the Woman's Club of Clayton and the community.

Special Project Reports, Committee Reports, CSP Reports

President's Special Project The project involves engraved bricks, which can now be purchased through the website. Thank you to Val, Karen, and Sarah Brooks for setting this up.

Taste of Carolina Event This event is a major fundraiser featuring local restaurants, a silent auction, a DJ, and a 50-50 raffle. The date is set for March 22, 2025, with a committee meeting scheduled before Thanksgiving to discuss details.

Thanksgiving Community Meal Volunteers are needed for packing meals on November 27th. We will bake 200 brownies for the takeout meals.

Civic Engagement and Outreach (CEO) CSP: Susan Johnson reported no current projects but mentioned an upcoming one in the new year. The arts festival is scheduled for March 22nd. Entries will be due by the January meeting.

Environment (ENV) CSP: A new project involving a fairy garden in the community garden is underway. They are seeking small objects and dwarf plants for the project. They are continuing working with Plantmospheer, collecting plastic, sneakers and corks.

Education and Libraries (E&L) CSP: There is a need for more volunteers as they expand their support to Wilson's Mills Elementary. Volunteers will assist during teacher appreciation days.

ESO, Silent Partner, Performing Arts: The ESO book club is collecting coloring books for hurricane victims.

We are organizing a performing arts competition for students in January.

Health & Wellness CSP

Co-Chairs: Tina Zimmerman & Marianne Sapsara



DECEMBER

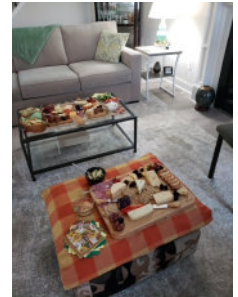
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- 12/3 Debra Smith
- 12/7 Deborah Fuller
- 12/10 MJ Hilliard
- 12/12 Edie Brown
- 12/14 Cheryl Champion
- 12/20 Nancy Maynard
- 12/28 Ann Kreuzinger

“BEAUTY BEGINS THE MOMENT YOU DECIDE TO BE YOURSELF.”
- COCO CHANEL



Whew, November was such a busy month! But hold onto your reigns because December is usually even busier!

The Health & Wellness CSP started the month with an intimate gathering at the home of **Patti Farmer**. **Patti** must have been expecting the entire TWCC membership because she prepared enough delicious food to feed her entire neighborhood. **Patti Farmer, Deborah Fuller, Debi Beal, Marianne Sapsara, Nancy Maynard, Betty Francies, & Judy Ryan** were in attendance. **Patti** snapped a pic of the food before everyone arrived but apparently, everyone was mesmerized by the food, and no one thought of capturing the moment with their camera! Thanks for hosting such a lovely gathering, **Patti!**



The Clayton Center for Active Aging folks packed the house again for bingo this month. **Judy Ryan** enjoys calling bingo and visiting with the crowd. The H&W CSP provides small prizes for each bingo win so we will gladly accept anything you're willing to donate. Thanks so much to **Patti Farmer** and **Margaret Lee** for their contributions this month.

Serve the Need was held on November 27th at the Clayton Civitan Club. The Health & Wellness CSP not only showed up to serve but several in our group brought their hubbys to help. See the photo page in this edition for more.

Downtown stores are ready for the holidays. **Judy Ryan** assisted with the Downtown Storefront Decorating Contest again this year. Five awards will be given at the annual Tree Lighting event on December 5th. The awards are for Best Retail, Best Non-Retail, Best Overall, Honorable Mention and a People's Choice. Winners will be announced at the Tree Lighting.

Judy Ryan cooked up some delicious vittles for the girls at the House of Hope in November. These girls are always so appreciative when we show up with dinner. Please see the sign-up sheet at the general meeting and wow them with your culinary skills.



We're hoping you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and you're looking forward to the upcoming holidays but remember to take some time for yourself!

In need of some Holiday Cash?? The Civitan of Clayton is having a raffle on December 6 at the Civitan complex at 340 McCullers Street. Tickets are \$100.00 for a chance at winning the grand prize of \$10,000.00. **Betsy Grannis** and **Angela Williams** will have tickets available for purchase at the monthly meeting. Or give them a call!



Have you ever considered that God has fallen in love with you? He sends you flowers every spring. He sends you sunshine every morning. Whenever you want to talk, He listens to you. He can live anywhere in the universe, but He chooses your heart. Amen

Hope in Life with God by Marva Collins



Environment

Co-Chairs: Carrole Dayton, Rhonda Nielson, Cecelia Soporowska



RECYCLING PLASTICS

The TREX Corporation would like all organizations in the Nex-Trex Recycling Program to share pictures showing participants delivering their plastics to area recycling bins. Several grocery stores in the area would love to take these items off your hands. Please visit Food Lion, Lowes Foods, or Harris Teeter and don't forget to snap a photo! Additionally, if you have a trunk full of bags, take a picture. If it is more convenient, you can bring your recycling to the monthly meeting.



Don't forget to report the number of pounds collected on the blue clipboard on the back table at the monthly meeting or email to **Carrole** with your totals. Send all pictures to carroledayton619@yahoo.com



RECORK

Don't forget to bring your corks to the meetings. Let's see how fast the new red "Cork It" bucket can fill up.

ATHLETIC SHOES

The environment CSP is continuing to collect athletic shoes for the *Nike Grind* Recycling program. Please bring donations to the monthly meeting.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENT RECYCLING

The Environment CSP and Arts and Culture CSP will work collaboratively on this project. The Environment CSP will collect the instruments and the Arts and Culture CSP will get the instruments to Archer Lodge Middle School where they have adopted the Middle School Band Class. We are asking members to reach out to neighbors, friends and family to ascertain if they have any musical instruments that are no longer being used and they would like to donate. Instruments can be brought to the monthly meetings or notify **Sarah Brooks** (919-601-7959) and she will pick them up.



The Environment CSP will be hosting the December meeting. In lieu of a speaker, they are planning a special Christmas lunch. Be prepared to have some fun with some festive games for everyone to play!

Arts & Culture CSP

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



We have adopted the special needs class at River Dell Elementary School again this year. We delivered art supplies to Mrs. Tant this month. Supplies included were paint, brushes, paint cups craft kits, jumbo craft sticks, washable markers, colored paper, popsicle sticks, and colored Post-it notes.



Education & Libraries CSP

Co-Chairs: Margaret Lee, Donna Steele, & Susan Mancuso



A big, *THANK YOU* to all of the club members who volunteered in the cafeteria at Wilson's Mills Elementary School this month. We know that the teachers greatly appreciated your willingness to allow them to have lunch together before Thanksgiving.

We have been busy preparing scholarship forms for The Sallie Southall Cotten Scholarship and The Sybil Champion Community College Scholarship. If you have a graduating senior in high school, who is a Clayton resident, we would love to have your senior complete an application for scholarship.

The information has been sent to Corinth Holder High School, Cleveland High School, and Clayton High School, as well as the teacher in charge of the Johnston County school's two-year community college graduation program from Johnston Community College.

Please have your seniors reach out to the guidance counselors at the schools if they are interested in applying for one of these scholarships, we will begin conducting interviews in January 2025. We always enjoy meeting and getting to know these dynamic students!

We have a favor to ask of you; If you happen to live in a larger neighborhood, we are requesting that you appeal to your community for donations of books suitable for 1st graders. These can be new or gently used books. At the end of the school year, the Woman's Cub of Clayton provides books and a "reading buddy" to 1st graders to hone their reading skills over the summer months. A "reading buddy" is a small stuffed animal (think Dollar Tree) that the child can prop on his/her shoulder and be read to. We do have some of these items, but we need a lot more. Thank you so much.

Please help us welcome our newest club member who has been placed in our CSP, **Nancy Berquist**. The next time you attend a meeting please say "hello" to her.

Wishing you a wonderful Thanksgiving and a time to remember what a wonderful community we live in!

Margaret Lee, Susan Mancuso, and Donna Steele
Education and Libraries CSP Co-chairs.

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

-Maya Angelou

Civic Engagement & Outreach CSP

Co-Chairs: Susan Johnson and Karen Keeslar



The CEO CSP appreciates the members of the American Legion Post 71 of Clayton NC who joined us at our November meeting and shared their flag retirement ceremony program with our group. A mailbox type receptacle is located in front of their building at 1300 Old U.S. Hwy 70, Clayton. Place any worn or tattered flag in this box, and the American Legion personnel will care for it until the next scheduled retirement ceremony.

Thanks to the Club Members who donated coats to Her Haven of Light for their Coats and Cocoa giveaway this past Saturday. They always appreciate our support.

Look for more exciting projects in 2025.



Nancy McDonald
American Legion Post 71

Night 'N' Gals



The **Night 'N' Gals** will meet via Zoom on MONDAY, December 16 at 7:00pm. This is open to any member who wishes to attend. The Zoom address will be emailed to members prior to the meeting.

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Art Festival

Chair: Susan Johnson



The Clubwomen and Student Art Festival is scheduled for February 6th, 2025 at 6:00 PM at the Clayton Center. The committee is set for the students, and **Angela Williams** is prepared to supervise the Clubwomen entries. Once again, the categories will be photography, visual arts, crafts, and literature. The printed guidelines for each category from GFWC-NC will be at the December meeting. Bring your entries to the general meeting on January 8th, or to the Executive Board meeting on January 14th.

Part of the Art Festival is a Literature contest. Entries can be submitted in poetry and short story categories. **Margaret Lee** has agreed to chair the Literature portion of the Art Festival. Get your pens busy and submit your entries to **Margaret** by the January 8th general meeting.

Our club will provide refreshments during the event. A list will be available during the January 8th meeting at the Clubhouse, or you can contact **Susan Johnson** directly at 919-522-7746 to sign up for donations or to assist with serving. Suggested items are small sandwiches, nuts, small brownies, small cookies, chips in small bags, wrapped candy, juice and/or small water bottles.



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

The Cardinal

"Here they come a-caroling, among the firs so green". The northern cardinal is present year-round, but its bright red plumage is most noticeable against bare branches and, if we're lucky, snow-covered bird feeders. As our official state bird, the cardinal has become a symbol of North Carolina, though its position was nearly usurped by a winged opponent.



A decade before the cardinal was named our state bird in 1943, the Carolina chickadee was chosen based on a suggestion from the NC Federation of Women's Clubs. This action was repealed just a week later, after lawmakers got work of the chickadee's nickname – tomtit – deemed it too undignified to represent the Old North State. Ten years later, after some effective campaigning from the NC Bird Club, a public poll was held. The people chose the cardinal, with the dove coming in a distant second.

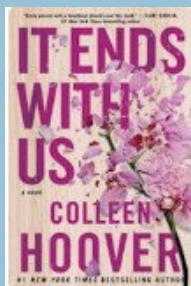
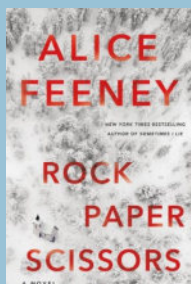
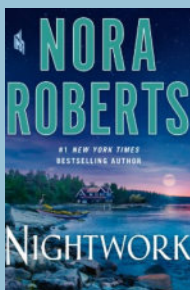
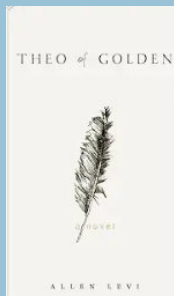
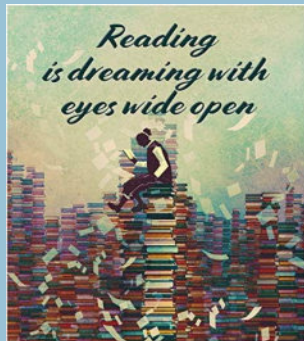
Particularly around Christmastime, it's easy to see that the cardinal is the best bird for the job. While we hang sparkling red lights and big crimson bows, cardinals and holly berries are nature's own festive touch. Many other birds migrate away from North Carolina for the winter, but cardinals adapt to the cooler temperatures, searching for seeds left over from the fall. And while we cozy up at our homes, cardinals tuck themselves into our dense evergreen forests. *"Here the redbirds come a-wondering so fair to be seen".*

-Katie Kane

Menu

Spiral Sliced Ham
Potato Casserole
Green Beans
Cranberry/Orange
Jello Salad

The ENV CSP will host and provide dessert—



ESO Book Club

Chair: Brenda Gay



Our ESO (Epsilon Sigma Omicron) met on Monday, November 4th at 10:00 at The Woman's Club of Clayton clubhouse. We had a great book club meeting with very interesting books reported on by each member present.

The great thing about this book club is that everyone doesn't need to read the same book. We can select a book of our choosing as long as it fits in the ESO Category. Listed are some of the categories: Arts, American History, Drama, Fiction, Classic Fiction, General Fiction, Mystery/Thriller, Health & Medicine, Science Fiction/Fantasy. Each member reports on one or two books they have read each month. Listed below are four book reports from some of the members. Space would not allow for all to be listed, however, if any club member would like a list of the books we read each month, please contact **Brenda Gay** at bmgay82@gmail.com.

"Theo of Golden" by Allen Levi (Genre: Classic Fiction) book report by **Ginny Kennerly**

"Nightwork" by Nora Roberts (Genre: General Fiction) book report by **Jean Cornell**

"Rock Paper Scissors" by Alice Feeney (Genre: Fiction, Mystery/Thriller) book report by **Trish Perna**

"It Ends with Us" by Colleen Hoover (Genre: Romance Fiction) book report by **Margaret DiNubila**

Each year the ESO book club pays a fee to renew our membership with Friends of the Library. The cost for the renewal is \$50 per organization. The Friends of the Library is a non-profit corporation.

What it means to be a Friend of the Library: As members, we try to help and support with some of the following: 1. Raise funds for materials and programs the library recognizes 'as needs' not included in the budget. 2. Promote the continued enjoyment of reading through our book sales host in the Spring and Fall each year. 3. Support special events projects and purchases, such as: Reading Pals, Summer Reading Programs, Staff Appreciation, Mother & Daughter Story Time, Donuts with Dad, Monthly Teen Events, Book Author Events, Adult Coloring Club and much more.

ESO book club members, it is time for us to start thinking about the hours we have spent reading our books from January 2024 through December 2024. You will be receiving an email about this.

Our next ESO book club meeting will be Monday, January 6, 2025 at 10:00 at The Woman's Club of Clayton. Please note this on your calendar as we meet the first Monday of each month.

Gift of the Holiday Season,

The Joy of brightening other lives, bearing each other's burdens, easing each other's loads and supplanting empty hearts and lives with generous gifts becomes for us the magic of the holidays" -W. C. Jones

Merry Christmas and may you have a safe and happy holiday season.



**Have you ever been on a cruise?
Have you ever witnessed a murder while on a cruise?**

On January 17th & 18th, 2025, prepare to witness such an event when our clubhouse will become an active sea adventure!

We kindly ask everyone to choose an evening to assist. Sign-up sheets will be at the back table. Keep in mind that tickets will go quickly as families of The Clayton Theatricals will be purchasing tickets to see their loved ones perform at this fun event. Tickets are \$40 each. Tickets include a luscious dinner, entertainment and being able to figure out "who done it". The play is being directed by a former Broadway performer, Andrew Wade, and is performed by The Clayton Theatricals! Wine will be available for purchase (cash). Special thanks to **Sarah Brooks** for creating the flyers and tickets! Bring your checkbooks and be prepared to volunteer. See either **Nancy Maynard** or **Susan Johnson** for tickets. This is a "it takes a village" event so sign up for a fun evening and have some fun!



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CHANGE THE
WORLD
BUT DON'T LET THE
WORLD CHANGE
YOUR SMILE

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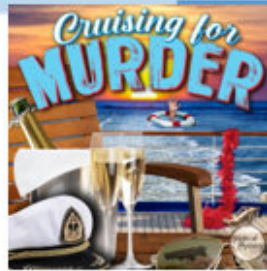
Murder Mystery Dinner

The Woman's Club of Clayton invites you to a
Murder Mystery Dinner
enacted by Clayton Theatricals

When: 6:00 pm
Friday, January 17, 2025
Saturday, January 18, 2025
Where: The Woman's Club of Clayton Clubhouse
109 Church Street, Clayton, NC
Cost: \$40/person (Includes dinner and show)
Wine sold by the glass

Join us at your own risk...for dinner and a murder!

For Tickets, call or text Nancy at 815-274-4446



Congratulations to Carol York, daughter of Brenda and Bob Gay. She was recently recognized by colleagues for her outstanding IM-Pact on education and leadership.

CONGRATS!!!



WOMEN (& Men) AT WORK!!!!!!



Things to bring to the December meeting:

- Books appropriate for First Graders (English or Spanish)
- Old sneakers
- Wine corks
- Old eyeglasses
- Colorbooks
- Checkbook
- Bingo Prizes for Seniors
- Musical Instruments



In the event of illness or bereavement, members are encouraged to contact

Susan Johnson

if assistance is needed with meals, errands, etc.

Call/Text 919-522-7746

or email

gr8100rn@aol.com





The Bylaws Committee proposed the below Bylaws revisions and these have been reviewed and approved by the Executive Board. Therefore, the revisions are presented to the membership for approval at the November 13th lunch meeting. Only those sections with proposed revisions are included here. The entire set of Bylaws is available on the Club's website at: twccnc.org/member-resources/

ARTICLE VI - EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section A. The officers of the Club, Immediate Past President, Community Service Program (hereinafter referred to in these Bylaws as "CSP") Co-Chairs, Ways and Means Co-Chairs, Rental Custodian, Parliamentarian, Newsletter Chair, ESO Chair, and Board of Trustees shall constitute the Executive Board.

Add the ESO Chair as a member of the Executive Board. The ESO Chair is not always a CSP Chair and the ESO Chair represents a very active component of TWCC.

ARTICLE VII - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section A. The President shall preside at all Club meetings, Chair the Executive Board, and perform all duties pertaining to the office. She shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. She shall appoint CSP Co-Chairs and all committees (except Nominating Committee), a Chaplain, Parliamentarian, Rental Custodian, Arts Festival Chair, Hospitality Chair, Newsletter Chair, ESO Chair, and Historian. She shall represent the Club at GFWC-NC meetings. She shall have charge of important papers of the club, such as bonds, insurance policies and the deed to the Clubhouse. These papers shall be placed in a safety deposit box rented by the Club and she shall have one key to the box. She shall sign Club checks in the absence of the Treasurer.

Establishes how the ESO Chair is appointed.

ARTICLE IX – COMMITTEES AND APPOINTEES

Section C. The Finance Committee shall consist of the Treasurer, the Ways and Means Co-Chairs, ~~the First Vice President~~, a Trustee to be determined by the Trustees, immediate past Treasurer, and the Rental Custodian. This Committee shall prepare a budget for each year (based on expected receipts) which shall provide for the expenses of the Club. This budget shall be submitted to the Executive Board for approval and to the membership at the Annual Business Meeting for adoption.

Remove the First Vice-President as their participation is not necessary. Add a Trustee to the Finance Committee since funding for clubhouse maintenance is included in the budget. Add the immediate past Treasurer to provide history and guidance.

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

Grammatical Correction

Section K. The Hospitality Committee shall consist of up to three Club members who coordinate meals and other services for incapacitated and recovering Club members.

The Committee Chair decides the number of members needed.

Section O. The Parliamentarian facilitates efficient and democratic decision-making processes during general meetings and Executive Board meetings through the effective use of parliamentary procedure.

This appointed position is not currently defined in the bylaws.

Section R. The Rental Custodian shall manage requests for the use of the TWCC clubhouse from both members and non-members. She will work with the Treasurer to ensure that deposits and rental payments are made when required and will respond to questions about and during the rental process. She will work with the Clubhouse Custodian and Treasurer to ensure that any damage occurring during the rental process is properly reimbursed.

This appointed position is not currently defined in the bylaws.

Section S. The Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO) Chair plans and directs activities of TWCC members who pay dues to belong to ESO. ESO is an honorary educational society open to all per-capita dues paying GFWC federated clubs. The purpose of ESO is to provide clubwomen with a structural reading program, which is educational and stimulates a desire for self-improvement.

This appointed position is not currently defined in the bylaws.



**Recipes Provided
by
Judy Ryan**



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

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



Each month will feature recipes by category

January—Game Day Dips

Send your favorite recipes to
jaryan612@gmail.com



Christmas Prime Rib

INGREDIENTS

- 1 (6lb) boneless prime rib roast
- 2 Tbsp prepared horseradish
- 2 Tbsp Dijon mustard
- 2 tsp kosher salt
- 2 tsp coarsely ground black pepper
- 2 tsp dried thyme
- 2 tsp garlic powder
- 2 stalks celery, cut into 2-inch pieces
- 2 carrot, cut into 2-inch pieces
- 1 small unpeeled onion, quartered and separated

Au Jus Sauce:

- 2 tsp concentrated beef base (paste)
- 1.5 cups water
- 1 tsp cornstarch
- 1 tsp water

DIRECTIONS

The day before serving the prime rib, remove from package and dry thoroughly with paper towels. Set roast on baking sheet and refrigerate overnight. Remove from fridge 1 hour before cooking.

Rub roast all over with horseradish & Dijon mustard. Mix kosher salt, pepper, thyme, & garlic powder together in small bowl. Sprinkle over the roast.

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Place celery, carrot, & onion into bottom of roasting pan. Place roast on top.

Roast for 30 minutes. Reduce oven temp to 350 and roast until the meat is browned and thermometer reads 130 for medium rare.

Remove from oven, transfer to platter and cover with a tent of aluminum foil. Allow to rest for 30 mins. The meat temp will rise about 10 degrees during this time.

Make au jus sauce:

Skim excess fat from pan drippings in the roasting pan. Place pan over a burner set to medium heat. Stir in beef base and 1.5 cups water. Bring to boil, scraping and dissolving any brown flavor bits from bottom of pan.

Strain out and discard vegetables. Combine cornstarch and 1 tsp of water in small bowl, whisk the mixture into sauce.

Allow sauce to thicken slightly. Pour into a gravy boat and serve with roast.



Hot Toddy

INGREDIENTS

- 3/4 Cup Water
- 1.5 oz Whiskey
- 2-3 tsp honey, to taste
- 2-3 tsp lemon juice, to taste
- 1 lemon round
- 1 cinnamon stick

DIRECTIONS

In a teapot or saucepan, bring the water to a simmer. Pour the hot water into a mug

Add the whiskey, 2 tsp honey and 2 tsp lemon juice.

Stir until the honey has dissolved. Taste and add additional honey for sweetness and more lemon juice for additional zing.

Garnish with a lemon round and cinnamon stick. Enjoy



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