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# Club Chatter



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## From Our President

*Betsy Grannis*



Well, **hello, February!** We had a few incidents of snow last month which tried to deter our efforts, but we wouldn't let it! We had a great, albeit rescheduled **Local Arts Festival** at the Clayton Center. It was a really wonderful turn out, and the art looks really nice in the lobby gallery. Thank you, Brenda Hill and crew, for your tireless efforts to make the Arts Festival a success!

And, speaking of the Arts Festival, the next step is our **District Arts Festival**. It will be held on **February 10<sup>th</sup>**, which is before our next meeting, so if you are able to help that day or with setup the day before, please let me know. We will be sending out a message with specific requests for any jobs we need to cover. Otherwise, if you would like to attend Arts Festival please be sure to let Rachel know so that she can register you. We are not doing a lunch this year (just a

grazing table available throughout) so the registration fee is covered by the club. It will be a good time. We will be doing a service project which is **collecting items for Backpack Buddies**. Come one, Come All to the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall on Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>! Registration is from 8:30 – 9:30am.

We were able to present **Honorary Life Member** certificates to both **Doris Grissom and Mavorine McLeod**. We are so grateful for their years of service and want them to be welcomed whenever they are able to attend our monthly meetings. If you see them around town, please congratulate them on this honor!

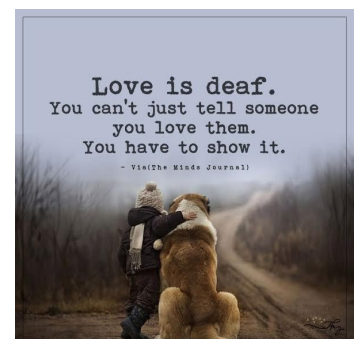
The Ways and Means committee has met and begun planning for our **Spring Fundraiser**. Get ready to drink with your little finger in the air because, yes – you guessed it – we are having a **Spring Tea!** Dust off your hats, shake out your gloves, and get ready! The details will be announced at our February meet-



ing, but be sure to put a **'Save the Date'** note on **Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**.

As we ready our award entries to send off to the state it is kind of nostalgic looking back over the past year's accomplishments. It is also quite impressive. Looking over the number of projects, the number of people, the number of hours we volunteer, and the number of dollars we donate to these projects it is truly remarkable! Yes, I would say our club members know what volunteering is all about. **So, thank you for that – you're the best!**

I leave you with this, a message of love:



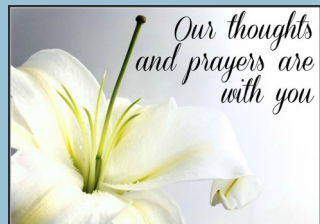


2/2 Patty Jo Johnson

2/12 Dianne Carroll  
Jean Lee

2/21 Judy Hoffman

2/23 Donna Steele



**Janet Williams**  
whose sister in Florida  
passed away in  
December

**Donna Steele**  
whose niece in California  
is undergoing chemotherapy

**Mary Francis Harrison**  
who is undergoing  
chemotherapy

**Joyce Canady**  
who is home recovering  
from injuries following a  
fall

## January Meeting Highlights

Members enjoyed a wonderful lunch prepared by Morning Glory Inn and hosted by the Home Life CSP.

Two **new members** were recognized:



*Welcome New Members! Kim Ford  
(left) and Betty Francis (right)*

The program was presented by the **International CSP**. Several members recounted memorable international trips they have taken and then International CSP Chair, Mary Sinzdak, discussed a new Unicef initiative that GFWC is supporting—human trafficking. She also discussed other international charities the club has supported including Kiva and Heifer International.



*Mary Sinzdak delivers excellent program  
with emphasis on human trafficking*

Members were encouraged to attend the **February 5th Town Council meeting** at 6:30 pm wherein the proclamation recognizing TWCC's 100 years of service will be read. Members are encouraged to wear their TWCC tee shirt/sweatshirt or wear royal blue if you did not order a shirt.

Brenda Hill reported on the **Arts Festival**. Information is detailed on page 3 of the newsletter.

Other items covered during the meeting included:

- ◆ Laurie Partlo requested volunteers for the Concierge Desk at the **Main Street Conference**, March 13-15. Sign up sheets were available for time-limited slots each day.
- ◆ Members voted to change the **March meeting date** from March 14th to **March 7th** due to conflicts with Main Street Conference.
- ◆ The **February 14th meeting** will be hosted by the Arts CSP and the theme will be "**Mardi Bras**". Members are encouraged to bring sport bras to be donated to Harbor House.

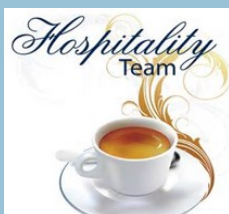
Congratulations to the **club award winners** announced at the meeting!

- Club Woman of the Year—**Angela Williams**
- Outstanding Citizenship and Patriotism Award Winner—**Betsy Grannis**
- Club Woman with Heart—**Sarah Brooks**

*Clubwoman award  
winners pictured left  
to right: Angela Wil-  
liams, Betsy Grannis  
and Sarah Brooks*







In the event of illness or bereavement, members are encouraged to contact Marie Monsees if assistance is needed with meals, errands, etc. Call 919-553-5289 or email [mariemonsees35@gmail.com](mailto:mariemonsees35@gmail.com)

PICK-UP  
DEADLINE

**Arts Festival workers need to pick up art on Tuesday, January 30th at 10am. Please plan on being available to take down the art.**



### February Menu

Lunch will be provided by Morning Glory Inn  
**Jambalaya**

(some vegetarian available)

**Grape Salad**  
**Cornbread Muffins**

Art CSP will host and provide beverages and dessert

## Arts Festival

Chair: Brenda Hill



The **Student Art Festival** was postponed due to the weather but was held on January 11th. The number of award recipients by school were as follows:

School	# 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Winners	# 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Winners
Clayton High	2	4
Archer Lodge Middle	4	3
Riverwood Middle	4	2
Cleveland High		3
Corinth Holder High	16	4
Home Schooled	10	1

Brenda Gay was in charge of performing arts. Only one student who sang and played the ukulele participated so she will automatically go to district.



Some of the TWCC Members assisting at Student Arts Festival: Connie May, Rachel Masimore, Linda Strevig, Dianne Carroll, Ruth LaRocca, Becky Stewart, Peggy Earp, Susan Johnson, Brenda Hill, Brenda Gay



Peggy Earp and Brenda Hill with other helpers admire the student art work. As part of Student Art Month, student art work will be on display the month of January

TWCC members winning **Arts Festival awards** are as follows: 1st in Cross Stitch—Linda Strevig; 1st in Large Crochet—Betsy Grannis; 1st in Knitting, 2nd in Large Crochet—Judy Hoffman; 1st in Weaving, Glass, Mixed Media and 2nd in Knitting—Susan Quinn; 1st in Jewelry—Patty Jo Johnson; 1st in Still Life, Photographic Scenes, Living Things and Year in Pictures—Brenda Gay; 1st in Poetry and Overall Best Poetry—Peggy Earp.



Winners pictured left to right: Judy Hoffman, Betsy Grannis, Peggy Earp, Linda Strevig, Susan Quinn, Brenda Gay. Not pictured-Patty Jo Johnson

**Jan 30, 2018**Arts Festival Pick Up  
10:00am**Jan 31, 2018**ESO to meet at Clayton  
Bakery and Cafe  
10:00am**Feb 5, 2018**Town Council Meeting  
where the TWCC 100  
years of service procla-  
mation will be read**Feb 9-10, 2018**District Arts Festival  
Clayton 1st Baptist**February 13th**Art CSP to set up for  
lunch meeting  
10:30am**February 14th**TWCC Lunch Meeting  
hosted by Art CSP  
11:45am  
(Education CSP to meet  
following meeting)**February 15th**Night 'N' Gals  
Meeting  
7:00pm**Feb 21, 2018**TWCC Executive Board  
Meeting at Clubhouse  
9:30am**March 3, 2018**GFWC-NC Arts Festival  
St. Lukes United  
Methodist Church  
Hickory, NC**March 7, 2018**TWCC Lunch Meeting  
Date Change**March 13-15, 2018**Main Street  
Conference**March 24, 2018**Senior Food Pantry at  
Lowes's Foods  
9am-1pm**May 5, 2018**

Spring Fundraiser

**Education CSP**

Co-Chairs: Brenda Gay, Marlene Dillon



An early start for Happy Valentine's Day, our meeting will be on Valentine's Day – **Wear RED**

**Save**  **Please!**

Every clip counts



Cooper Elementary School is once again collecting **pop tops and box tops for education**. Please save them in a little plastic bag to bring to each TWCC meeting. The school is collecting them because for every 50,000 of them, a family is given a free night at the Ronald McDonald House when they need it. Also, the school can get equipment that they need by saving the "Box Tops" for Education that appear on many cereal, cake mixes, and other products. Put them in a separate plastic bag please. The members of the Education Committee will see that they get delivered to the school.



**Pick up  
the TAB**



www.RonaldHouseDurham.org

The Education CSP will meet after the February 14<sup>th</sup> meeting to prepare for the **March meeting**. Remember it will be on Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> (First Wednesday, not the second Wednesday).

Marlene Dillon has agreed to decorate the **Library Window**. Thank you, Marlene!!

**Sallie Southall Cotton Scholarship (SSCS)**

– the scholarship committee has been working since October to encourage Sallie Southall Cotton and Greeson-Johnson Scholarship applicants. No one applied for the Greeson-Johnson Scholarship but we do have a wonderful candidate to send on to the District SSCS competition, **Celeste Hope Whitaker** (pictured at right with Clayton Mayor Pro Tem Michael Grannis) from Cleveland High School. Celeste will be one of our guest speakers at our February 14 meeting.



Also, our first place **Performing Arts student, Jordyn Ward** (pictured at left) will sing and play the Ukulele as her own accompaniment. Jordyn is home schooled and is in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade. This is the first time she has entered a competition.

We look forward to having these young students as our guests and wish them well!



**Recycle Computers** – The Education CSP is collecting computers less than three years old. They are being refurbished and given to students at Cooper Academy who are in need. If you know of anyone who can help with this, we would greatly appreciate it.







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

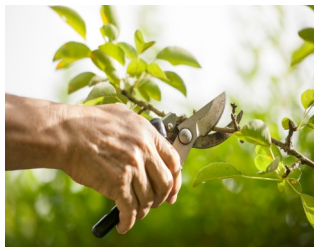
Things to bring to the **February** lunch meeting:

- **Sport Bras** to be donated to Harbor House
- **Greeting cards** for deployed military personnel
- Prescription/Over-the Counter **Pill Bottles**
- **Box Tops** for Education and **Pop Tops**
- **Payment** for TWCC items ordered from Bree Rude
- **Computers and Laptops** to be refurbished for Cooper Academy

### Force Early Blooms

In all but the warmest parts of the South, celebrate spring early by bringing branches of flowering shrubs and trees inside to force the blooms.

Cut stems of redbud, flowering pear, serviceberry, magnolia, flowering quince, or any of your favorite spring bloomers. Create unusual arrangements with stems of plants that bear catkins. This includes *Corylus* shrubs and alder and birch trees.

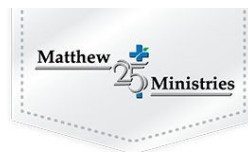


Once you bring the branches inside, submerge and recut stem ends under water. Plunge freshly cut ends in a clean bucket filled with floral preservative. Place the branch-filled bucket in a cool spot, such as a garage or porch. Allow stems to fully hydrate; it will only take a few hours.

Use the stems to create spectacular indoor arrangements. Fill vases with floral preservative solution to keep bacteria at bay. Change the solution weekly or whenever it's cloudy. Add the cut stems, and watch buds swell and burst into bloom.

### Medicine Bottle Recycling

The Conservation CSP is collecting empty plastic pill bottles for Matthew 25: Ministries (m25m.org). We accept donations of empty plastic pill bottles for inclusion in shipments of medical supplies and for shredding and recycling. Their pill bottle program fulfills the dual needs of improving medical care in developing countries and caring for our environment.



Acceptable collection items include:

- Prescription and over-the-counter pill bottles
- Large and small pill bottles
- Pill Bottles with and without secure caps (child resistant)

Pill bottles that are not appropriate to include with shipments of medical supplies are



recycled for cash that goes towards Matthew 25: Ministries' programs.

**If you wish to prepare bottles for shipment rather than recycling, please adhere to the following guidelines:**

- Bottles included in shipments of medical supplies must have an all plastic lid.
- Remove labels, leaving no glue or residue.
- **Wash** bottles in very hot water and dish soap.
- Rinse and dry thoroughly.
- Replace lids on clean, dried bottles.
- **Place clean, recapped bottles in ziplock bags marked "Clean Bottles."** These will be blended with medical supplies. **Unbagged bottles will be recycled.**

We would also like to encourage you to dispose of your old medications at the Clayton Police Department. There is a collection box. These can be any type of medications (prescription, over-the-counter, liquid, pill, etc.).

Please don't flush your medications!





The Night 'N' Gals will meet **Thursday, February 15th, 7:00pm** at the clubhouse.

At the January meeting, members enjoyed working on 3 no-sew blankets to be donated to Harbor House as part of an Arts CSP project.



*Betsy Grannis, Camey Daniels and Cheryl Champion love those butterflies!*



*Lorraine Perri, Cheryl Champion, Camey Daniels*



*Mary Sinzduk and Patty Jo Johnson*



**Senior Food Pantry  
Drive, March 24th**  
**NC Main Street  
Conference**  
**Backpack Buddies**  
**Hospitality**



*(Left) Robin Sachsenheimer and Angela Williams*

*(Right) Carolyn Owen masters the art of no-sew!*



The **Senior Food Pantry Drive** will be held on Saturday, March 24th, 9am-1pm at Lowe's Foods on Highway 70. Volunteers will be needed for this event!







If you ordered a TWCC 100 year item (e.g., tee shirt, ball cap, apron) and have not paid Bree Rude, please bring your payment to the February meeting

Arts CSP will be hosting a **"Mardi Bras" party** at the February meeting. **Sports bras** (any size/style) will be collected for Harbor House. Set up at the clubhouse on the 13th will begin at 10:30.

We would like to thank all who came out and helped with our **no sew flannel blankets**. There were 14 members from the day group and 8 members of the Night 'n Gals. We made 15 blankets to donate to Harbor House. Faye Brooks delivered them.



(Left) New member Kim Ford and Arts CSP Co-Chair Angela Williams work on a cute truck blanket. (Right) Sunday Penny with her recruited daughter and Arts CSP Co-Chair Faye Brooks



(Left) Connie May and Marlene Dillon love working on the cupcakes blanket. (Right) New member Betty Francis and Jo Howard work on a beautiful butterfly blanket.

We are still collecting cards to send to deployed military personnel. We are collecting birthday, anniversary, Valentine's, Easter, Father's Day, Mother's Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, thinking of you cards, any kind of card you would send to a family member. Please make sure that you have an envelope for each card.



OK ladies—quit horsing around and get that blanket done! Rachel Masimore, Brenda Hill, Mary Sinzdak and Peggy Earp master tying those ends. In the background, Susan Quinn is hard at work.



*Congratulations to TWCC member Arianna Harrison on the birth of her precious baby girl- Gabriela Skye!*



Notify Dianne Carroll, Corresponding Secretary, if a card from the club needs to be sent to anyone

## Home Life CSP

Chair: Susan Quinn



A big "Thank You" to Susan Quinn who has agreed to fill the remaining term of Home Life CSP Chair due to Jan Hemby moving away. Susan is working with CSP members to determine how their remaining funds will be distributed. More to come!

## International Outreach CSP

Chair: Mary Sinzduk



At the January 10th lunch meeting, the International CSP presented the GFWC partnership with the U.S. Fund to End Trafficking. Worldwide 27 million are enslaved, including 5.5 million children. This fund is raising awareness through television, radio and print to alert us to be aware of children in distress and report concerns. Signs a child is being trafficked:

- Knows little about whereabouts
- Works excessively long hours
- Exhibits fear or anxious behavior
- Hired with false pretenses
- Has inconsistencies in his or her story

Hotline to call: [888-373-7888](tel:888-373-7888). Text info or help to Be Free (233733). Also buying fair trade labelled products, such as chocolate, coffee and sugar, helps in the fight against child labor. (There are over 1000 items listed at [fairtrade.USA.org](http://fairtrade.USA.org).)

Donations to this fight to End Trafficking may be made at [UNICEF.USA.org/EndTrafficking](http://UNICEF.USA.org/EndTrafficking). **To help support this program the Night 'N Gals have voted to donate \$200 to this fund.**

Please remember to get your flu shot to protect yourself and loved ones. **Walgreens** pharmacy will provide a shot for a child in a developing country for every one given at the pharmacy. Please let Mary Sinzduk know if you receive your flu shot at Walgreens, so that we may list ourselves with the GFWC as participants in this program. ([msinzduk@yahoo.com](mailto:msinzduk@yahoo.com))

## Public Issues CSP

Co-Chairs: Teresa Mathis, Bree Rude



Public Issues CSP will be making 2 donations shortly. One to **MMIA** and one to the **Clayton Fire Department**. Also, our CSP will be responsible for the April luncheon and the Library window, so we are asking members to start thinking of ideas for both. Lastly, we would like to **welcome 2 new members** to our group: **Kim Ford and Elizabeth (Betty) Francis**.

## Community Announcements



North Carolina  
Main Street

### North Carolina Main Street Conference Volunteers

The North Carolina Main Street Conference will be held in Clayton, **March 13 – 15** at The Clayton Center. People from all across the state will be in Clayton to attend this event and explore our town. The last time the conference was here, attendees were very impressed with Clayton and how friendly everyone was.

The Woman's Club has been asked to help by serving as **volunteers**. We can help with things such as the information desk, which includes keeping the coffee and snacks for breaks stocked, and helping with the Welcome Reception. There will be **sign-up sheets** at the February 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> and March 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> meetings. Please contact Laurie Partlo or Betsy Grannis if you have any questions.





**Many members requested the recipe for the Baked Spaghetti served at the January lunch meeting so here it is!**

**Recipe provided by Betsy Grannis**

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

## Recipe Corner

### Baked Spaghetti

"A comforting baked spaghetti casserole with plenty of melted cheese is the perfect dish for potlucks, family gatherings, or a week-night dinner."

Prep 25 min; Cook 1 hour; Ready in 1 hr, 25 min



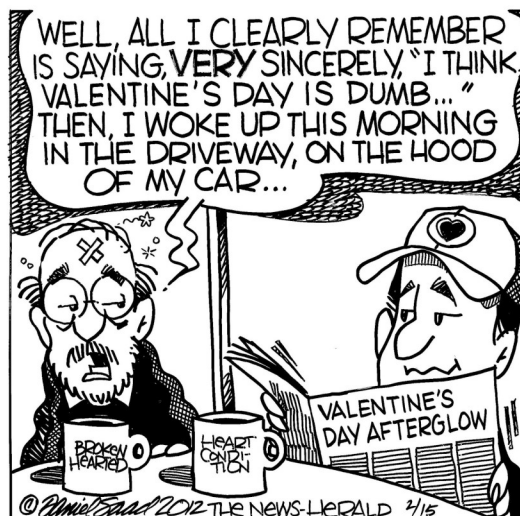
### Ingredients

- 1 (16 ounce) package spaghetti
- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 (32 ounce) jar meatless spaghetti sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon seasoned salt
- 2 eggs
- 1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 5 tablespoons butter, melted
- 2 cups small curd cottage cheese, divided
- 4 cups shredded mozzarella cheese, divided

### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Lightly grease a 9x13-inch baking dish.
2. Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Cook spaghetti in boiling water, stirring occasionally until cooked through but firm to the bite, about 12 minutes. Drain.
3. Heat a large skillet over medium heat; cook and stir beef and onion until meat is browned and onions are soft and translucent, about 7 minutes. Drain. Stir in spaghetti sauce and seasoned salt.
4. Whisk eggs, Parmesan cheese, and butter in a large bowl. Mix in spaghetti to egg mixture and toss to coat. Place half the spaghetti mixture into baking dish. Top with half the cottage cheese, mozzarella, and meat sauce. Repeat layers. Cover with aluminum foil.
5. Bake in preheated oven for 40 minutes. Remove foil and continue to bake until the cheese is melted and lightly browned, 20 to 25 minutes longer.

*Recipe from Allrecipes*



# February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		30  Arts Festival Pick up 10am	31  ESO at Clayton Bakery & Cafe 10am	1	2  <b>HAPPY</b> Groundhog Day  Patty Jo Johnson	3
4  SUPER BOWL	5  <b>CELEBRATING</b> <b>100</b> <b>YEARS</b>  Town Council Meeting-TWCC 100 Years 6:30pm Clayton Center	6	7	8	9  District Arts Festival at Clayton First Baptist	10  District Arts Festival at Clayton First Baptist
11	12  Dianne Carroll Jean Lee	13  Arts CSP set up for lunch meeting 10:30am	14  <b>HAPPY</b> <b>VALENTINE'S</b> <b>DAY</b>  TWCC Lunch Meeting-11:45am	15  Night 'N' Gals 7:00pm	16	17
18	19  <b>HAPPY</b> <b>PRESIDENTS</b> <b>DAY</b>	20	21  TWCC Executive Board Mtg-9:30am  Judy Hoffman	22	23  Donna Steele	24
25	26	27	28			