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From Our President

Betsy Grannis

January has just flown by! Wasn't it just New Year's Eve a moment ago? Haven't we barely begun to start writing 2023 on things? My, we have been busy at our club! Right after our regular club meeting, we hosted our **Murder Mystery Dinner** fundraiser at the clubhouse. It was so much fun and very successful! Our thanks to all of you who contributed to our event – either by donating food, beverages, desserts, decorations, or working the event, or attending the event. It was a lot to have the two nights back-to-back, but it went very smoothly. We are so grateful to the Clayton Theatricals students and the Claytones singers who put great effort into making it so successful. Also, we very much want to thank Andrew Wade and Ann Meigs for guiding the students in this adventure. This fundraiser made around **\$4500** thanks to everyone's hard work!

Other things that have kept us busy in January are the gathering of information and putting together our annual **award entries and reports**. This is the time of year we tally up all the volunteer hours and funds that we have collected and spent on the projects we have completed in the previous year. Trish Perna has been a very busy lady assembling all that information into our award entries and sta-

tistical reports. Good thing she can work with spreadsheets and has simplified that part of the process. She is also working hard at writing the narratives for our entries and we so appreciate the job she is doing – she makes our club look good!

Our busy-ness continues into February, as we have our regular meeting followed by our sweetest fundraiser ever! We are hosting the **Lights of Love** Luminaries on Saturday, February 11th from 6 – 9 pm at Town Square. It promises to be a wonderful evening of celebrating love! Please sell the luminary tickets you were given – and many more – to all of those who would honor their loved ones. We will have food and beverages available as our guests stroll through the luminaries that evening. February is the month of love, after all!

Keep your eyes open to the article in this newsletter that introduces you to our nominees for Individual **Clubwomen Awards**. We will be voting at our February meeting and through our online voting opportunity and we will be tallying the votes afterwards. We will be announcing the recipients after our meeting and the winners will be sent on to GFWC-NC to represent our club.



Congratulations to all!

Our club's next big event is coming up quickly: The **Taste of Carolina** on March 18th. The event will be held at The Farm at 42 and begins at 6pm that evening. Tickets are available for you to purchase and for all your friends, neighbors, and family to purchase, too. Contact Loretta Mascia to get your tickets. We hope that all of you will do your best to sell as many tickets as you possibly can to make this event as successful as possible. It is everyone's individual efforts that add up to the whole total. Thank you for reaching out and inviting everyone you know to join us for this fun evening!

Here is an inspirational quote I would like to share with you about **February**, this month of love that we are beginning:



Dates to Remember

February 6

ESO Book Club
TWCC Clubhouse
10:00am

February 7

Health & Wellness CSP
Set Up for meeting
TWCC Clubhouse
10:00am

February 8

TWCC Lunch Meeting
11:45am
TWCC Clubhouse

February 9

Clayton Art Festival
Clayton Center
6pm

Night 'N' Gals
Via Zoom
7:00pm

February 10

Bingo
Clayton Senior Center
10am

February 11

Lights of Love Fundraiser
Town Square
6:00pm—9:00pm

February 14

TWCC Executive Board
TWCC Clubhouse 10am

House of Hope Meal

February 28

TWCC Bunco
TWCC Clubhouse 1:00pm

March 18, 2023

Taste of Carolina
The Farm at 42

January Meeting Highlights

Monthly
Meeting

The January 11th lunch meeting was hosted by the **Arts & Culture CSP**. The devotion and blessing was given by Brenda Gay.

TWCC member **Debra Beal** (Cherokee name **Walela** which means hummingbird) gave an excellent presentation on Native American Heritage.

Two new members were welcomed, **Susan Press and Barbara Gartland**.

Highlights from the meeting:

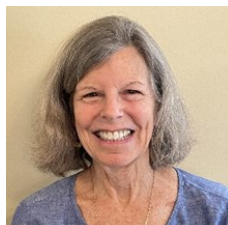
- Brenda Hill announced the Clubwoman award nominees: **Outstanding Citizenship & Patriotism** nominees are Peggy Earp and Robin Sachsenheimer; **Clubwoman of the Year** nominees are Sandy Nesselrode and Judy Ryan; **Clubwoman with Heart** nominees are Dixie Brady and Patty Jo Johnson. The committee determining the nominees were Brenda Hill, Margaret Lee and Sarah Brooks. Short bios of each candidate are included in this newsletter.
- Sarah Brooks announced that after almost 10 years, she is stepping down as **Newsletter editor**. She explained some of the job responsibilities and encouraged any members interested in assuming this task to contact Sarah or Betsy Grannis.
- Nancy Maynard announced the **Walking Challenge** awards. *Refer to Health & Wellness report for the winners.*
- The **Murder Mystery Dinners** will be held January 13 & 14. Multiple members have volunteered to help with this fundraiser and both nights are sold out.
- The **Lights of Love** fundraiser will allow ticket purchasers to

honor loved ones with a luminary that will be lit on **February 11th** from 6-9pm. Tickets to sell for \$20 were given to members. Members should record the name to be on each luminary on the ticket stub and return this to Rachel with the money.

- The club's major fundraiser, **Taste of Carolina**, will be on March 18, 2023 at The Farm at 42. Tickets will be sold for \$65 and there will be 10-15 restaurants participating. In addition to tasting a variety of food, there will be a DJ and dancing, silent auction, 50/50 raffle. All members are encouraged to publicize the event and sell tickets. Contact Dianne Carroll if you have items for the silent auction.
- The **Arts Festival** for both students and clubwomen will be held February 9th at 6pm. Student entries will be displayed at the Clayton Center starting February 1st. Clubwoman entries should be submitted to Angela Williams by the end of January. Volunteers for the night of the event should arrive no later than 5:30.
- Susan Johnson, **Civic Engagement & Outreach CSP** Co-Chair, announced that the collection bin for Secure the Call is now at the Library and is about 1/2 full. Old cell phones and Ipads can be placed in the bin and Secure the Call will remove all identifying information and set up the devices for use by victims of Domestic Violence to call 911 when assistance is needed. Please tell friends and neighbors about this project.
- Approximately 500lbs of **plastic bags** have been collected thus far. We should reach our goal next month.

Pictured left to right:

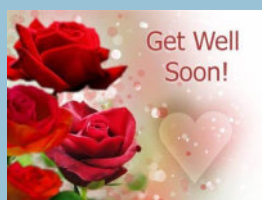
Debbie Jamison
(A&C CSP), **Barbara Gartland**
(A&C CSP), **Susan Press**
(H&W CSP), **Gail Neumann**
(H&W CSP)





FEBRUARY

2/2 Patty Jo Johnson
2/11 Val Taylor
2/12 Dianne Carroll
2/23 Donna Steele
2/28 Jayne Hafer



Marie Monsees is recovering at home from heart issues and Covid. Cards welcome at 107 Teasel Court, Clayton, NC 27527

Liz McLaurin is recovering from a broken hip and is at Clayton Rehab & Health Care Center, 204 Dairy Rd, Room 102, Clayton, NC 27520

Trish Perna and Val Taylor are recovering from ankle injuries.

Jayne Hafer had surgery on December 21st.

Health & Wellness CSP

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



Welcome to the newest Health and Wellness members **Susan Press and Gail Neumann!** We are glad you joined TWCC and look forward to working alongside you.

Debra Beal provided a delicious meal in January for the girls and staff at **House of Hope**. She also volunteers in the classroom there on Monday mornings. This allows the staff to have everyone attend their weekly staff meeting. Thank you, Debra for your dedication.



The **Walking Challenge** has ended but hopefully new goals by individuals have been made. Thank you to ALL that participated! For those who were not quite happy with their results.....have no fear.....a new challenge is on the way! Awards:

- Most miles walked: **Betsy Grannis**
- Most consecutive days walked: **Sharon Lavery**
- (runner up/too close to call): **Dianne Carroll**

Congratulations, to ALL that participated! Well done!

February is **Heart Health Month**. Despite 75 years of research and breakthroughs, heart disease is still the **number 1 killer of women**. Nearly half of heart attacks have NO SYMPTOMS. These types of heart attacks are more common in men but deadlier in women. Some of the possible symptoms are:

- Upper body discomfort
- Shortness of breath
- Abdominal discomfort
- Unusual fatigue
- Cold sweats

Heart Health Month

— About 1 in 3 U.S. adults has high blood pressure

To combat heart disease the **American Heart Association** suggests the following.

- Eat healthy
- Manage blood sugar
- Control cholesterol
- Manage weight
- Be active
- Manage blood pressure
- Don't smoke
- Get enough sleep

It seems daunting but well worth the effort!



Health and Wellness is hosting **February's meeting**. Please **wear red** to support the American Heart Association's fight against this disease.

We will be collecting items to help fill **Clayton Area Ministries** pantry. They are in great need of: **cereal, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, pasta sauce and canned corn**. Please bring your items to the meeting. Thank you for your generosity!



Environment CSP

Co-Chairs: Rachel Masimore, Christie Latham



Nothing to report.



Civic Engagement & Outreach CSP

Co-Chairs: Susan Johnson and Sarah Brooks



RECYCLING CELL PHONES
FOR A SAFER COMMUNITY

Civic Engagement and Outreach CSP will continue to collect used and unwanted cell phones and tablets for **Secure the Call**, that will clear the data, and reprogram the phones to dial 911 only. Secure the Call is a national Coalition of over 350 organizations, including Police and Sheriff's Department, Domestic Violence Shelters, and Senior Citizen groups that pass this emergency-only phones to at-risk clients that they serve. The collection barrel will remain at the Hocutt-Ellington library on Church Street until the end of February. If anyone needs a pickup of their phones, contact Susan Johnson.

On January 9th, CEO CSP was able to honor our local police department during **National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day**. Debbie Allison and Susan Johnson delivered goodies for the staff and officers that serve our town. Thanks to Debbie Allison, Dixie Brady, Sarah Brooks, Gracie Chamblee, Susan Johnson, and Rachel Masimore for helping with this project.



Members of the CEO CSP met at Manning's for **lunch and fellowship** on December 28th. Pictured left to right: Debra Beal, Jo Howard, Karen Keeslar, Sharon Lavery, Sarah Brooks, Debbie Allison, Gracie Wells Chamblee, Pamela Ballard, Karla Rajca, Susan Johnson, Robin Sachsenheimer, Alease Young

Arts & Culture CSP

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



We would like to **welcome Barbara Gartland** to our group!

Clayton's **Public Art Advisory Board** is calling all knitters and crocheters to join in a top-secret surprise project! The Board is collecting **acrylic yarn** knitted or crocheted squares. Squares can be 15", 20", or 24" inches. Any color or pattern is accepted, but yarn **must be acrylic**. The squares collected will be used for a surprise project that will be displayed in Downtown Clayton. The Public Art Advisory Board will reveal this surprise art project to the public in the **fall of 2023**. Drop off your yarn squares at our collection locations:

- The Clayton Center - 111 E 2nd St, Clayton, NC 27520
- Artmosphere—3919 Raleigh Rd, Clayton, NC 27520
- Bring them to the February meeting and Angela Williams will take them to The Clayton Center

Night 'N' Gals



The **Night 'N' Gals** will meet via Zoom on **February 9th at 7pm** and all members are invited to attend. The Zoom link will be sent to all members on February 8th.

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Meals for House of Hope (2nd Tuesday)

Bingo at Senior Ctr (2nd Friday)

Silent Partners Hospitality

Recipe Makeovers

Arts Festival

Taste of Carolina

Knit or Crochet

Acrylic Squares (see A&C CSP)

Attend LEADS

Menu

*Chicken Divan
Wild Rice
Salad*

*Health & Wellness CSP will
host and provide
Brownies for
dessert*



You are never
too old to set
another goal or
dream a new
dream.

~ C. S. Lewis

Since the **Murder Mystery Dinners** are part of our education project, we want to thank everyone who participated in helping with it. We especially thank our Education/Libraries CSP member, Margaret Lee for her leadership in this wonderful fundraiser and introducing it to us. There will be more comments about the Murder Mystery Dinners in the newsletter.

Sandy Nesselrode and Donna Steele are busy interviewing students for the **Sallie Southall Cotton Scholarship**; the results will be in the March newsletter.

Members, we will be **hosting the meeting/luncheon** in April. The meeting is April 12th, we will set up for it Tuesday, April 11th. Please mark your calendar as your help will be needed, especially in serving the meal and clean up after the meeting. It will also be our time to decorate the **library window** for April. For our newest members, it is the window to the right as you enter the Hocutt Ellington Library. A **volunteer is needed** for this, someone please volunteer to decorate the window. You can email your co-chairs to let them know. We have some very creative members and we look forward to someone "stepping" up.

ESO Book Club

Chair: Brenda Gay



The ESO book club met Monday, January 9th at The Woman's Club of Clayton with eleven members in attendance. It was a cold, rainy day but enjoying refreshments with hot coffee and the fellowship with one another was "sunshine" before our book club started.

Our **ESO hours** from January to December 2022 are being reported to GFWC-NC (General Federation Women's Club of North Carolina). From January to December, we have read over **1,000 books** which entails over **6,335 hours** of reading. When we have our meeting in March, more discussion about these hours.

The following are three **book reports** from three members at our January meeting:



1. **"The Christmas List"** by Richard Paul Evans (book report by Betty Francies)

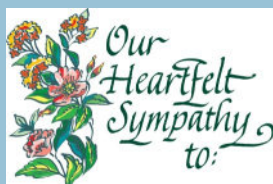


2. **"Great Day Hikes"** on North Carolina's Mountain-to-Sea Trail by Jim Grode (book report by Nancy Maynard) This would be a great book to read as the State theme (GFWC-NC) this year is "From the Mountain to the Sea" and our club, TWCC theme is "We are on the Right Trail"



3. **"The Saints of Swallow Hill"** by Donna Everhart (book report by Marianne Sapsara)

Next ESO book club meeting is **Monday, February 6th at 10:00**. Please let me know if you **cannot** attend as this helps with setting up for it.



Judy Lavista whose
brother passed away.

A small bird twitters on a leafless spray,
Across the snow-waste breaks a gleam of gold:
What token can I give my friend to-day
But February blossoms, pure and cold?
Faint gifts from Nature's half-reluctant hand...
I see the signs of spring about the land...
These chill snowdrops, fresh from wintry bowers,
Are the forerunners of a world of flowers
~Sarah Doudney.





Things to bring to the February meeting:

- Plastic grocery bags
- Books appropriate for First Graders (English or Spanish) for E&L CSP
- Items for Clayton Area Ministries (e.g., cereal, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, pasta sauce, canned corn)

WEAR RED



Notify Patty Jo Johnson, Corresponding Secretary, if Information about a club member needs to be communicated to the membership (e.g., illness, bereavement)

919-818-3444

Art Festival Chair: Susan Johnson



Entries have been collected from our area schools and club-women and are being prepared for our **Art Festival** at the Clayton Center Gallery on **February 9th, 6:00PM**. The Clayton Town Council has issued a **Proclamation** designating the month of February as **Student Art Month** for the Town of Clayton (*attached at end of newsletter*). All members of our Club are invited to attend the event and view the art work that is displayed.



Susan Johnson receives Student Art Month Proclamation from Mayor Pro Tem Jason Thompson

Performing Arts Chair: Brenda Gay



The Performing Arts competition was held on Saturday, January 21st at The Woman's Club of Clayton. There were eleven performances in the competition. The categories were piano, strings, and vocal. The students performed well in their category and their teachers must feel very proud of them. The students were from The Neighborhood Music Academy. The teachers are Dr. Christine Rogers, (owner of the Academy), Ms. Katie Butler, and Ms. Julie Stewart.

The Judges for the competition were Mr. Harold Winkle and Ms. Sue Beyer (*Pictured bottom left*).



Even though each student performed well, there was only one winner in each category.



Piano
Clara Smith



Strings
Carolyn Quick



Vocal
Brianna McDaniel

Competition is a great learning experience and students, you are to be congratulated for taking your time to be a part of it.



TWCC Bunco

Organizer: Sarah Brooks



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

Hostess for January 24th Bunco was **Sarah Brooks**. Winners: Betty Francies—Most Buncos, Betsy Grannis—Most Wins, Marlene Dillon—Most Losses, Dixie Brady—Most Fakes, Marlene Dillon—Bunco Gift.

Next Bunco date/time: February 28th at 1:00pm. Hostesses: Brenda Gay and Dixie Brady

Taste of Carolina

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

The club's largest fundraiser of the year, **Taste of Carolina**, will be held on **Saturday, March 18th** from 6pm-10pm at The Farm at 42. Participation of all members is needed to make this event successful! The committee co-chairs have been busy planning and the following members are heading up various responsibilities:

Silent Auction: Debra Beal and Brenda Hill

Sponsors: Donna Steele

Restaurants: Val Taylor, Debra Beal and Dianne Carroll

Tickets: Loretta Mascia

Sponsors Monitor: Judy Ryan

Coffee: Brenda Gay

Publicity: Sarah Brooks and Zip Barnard

Decorations: Val Taylor

The dining event showcases the best food from local restaurants, all in one location. Those attending will sample **"taste-size" portions** from the restaurants' menus and participants will vote on a **People's Choice** award for their favorite restaurant. In addition, culinary judges will determine awards for Most Original, Best Dessert, Best use of Local Ingredients and Best Presentation.

Food will be served from 6:00pm – 8:30pm with awards presented at 8:30pm. There will be a Silent Auction, DJ, dancing, 50/50 Raffle. Beer and wine will be available for purchase. **Tickets are \$65** and can be purchased online at twccnc.org/special-events/ or email lmascia@twccnc.org.

Lights of Love

Co-Chairs: Rachel Masimore, Christie Latham



The **Lights of Love fundraiser** will be held on Saturday, **February 11th**, from 6-9pm. Tickets are \$20 for each luminary that can be purchased to recognize special people in the lives of others—in "memory of" or in "honor of". **Tickets** are available from Debbie Ragland at the library or contact Rachel Masimore if you need tickets.

There will be a **food truck** onsite the night of the event and a **musician** will be providing music.

Volunteers are needed on February 10th and 11th. If you have not signed up and would like to provide assistance, please contact Rachel Masimore.

Murder Mystery Dinner

Co-Chairs: Margaret Lee, Nancy Maynard



Baristas Brenda Gay and Sandy Nesselrode



Margaret Lee, Nancy Maynard, Betsy Grannis present check for \$300 to Andrew Wade of Claytontheatrical Company

Pictured top left—
Claytones

Pictured top right—
the wonderful actors

Pictured at bottom—
and the killer is!



Deborah Fuller and Patti Farmer—fabulous servers!

What a difference a year makes! Last year was the club's first year to sponsor a **Murder Mystery Dinner** with the Clayton High School Drama Department. We sponsored a one-night performance and sold 41 tickets. Drama teacher, Mr. Andrew Wade, was a total dream to work with.

Mr. Wade has started a new entertainment company, which is **Claytontheatrical Company, LLC**. Our participants for our play came from members of his company that ranged in age from middle schoolers, all the way to freshmen in college. The **Claytones** provided us with their beautiful melodies that brought many of us back to our high school years. The performers were amazing, and we look forward to working with all of them again next year.

A special Thank You to the **Education & Libraries CSP** and **Arts & Culture CSP** for donating money from their budgets to Claytontheatricals! Your generosity is so appreciated!

Thank you to those that donated and prepared food and to our wonderful servers. We thank those that donated wine and beer, along with selling those beverages. Thank you to the ladies that donated Domino's Gift cards for the cast party each night. A Special thanks to Zip Barnard for designing and printing all of the tickets and flyers. Sarah Brooks, we appreciate the time you took to remind everyone of their work duties. Thank you, Dianne Carroll, for allowing us to use your beautiful winter decorations. Sandy Nesselrode, thank you for purchasing microphones for our performers to use and to be used in future club endeavors. Thanks, Michael Grannis, for volunteering your time in the kitchen with us each night. Nancy Maynard, thank you for delivering each and every ticket sold and especially for being a wonderful Co-chair! **BETSY GRANNIS, THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING!**

There are way too many of you in our club to thank for your generosity and time that you each gave to bringing these two evenings to such great success and a total sell out. We sold all 120 tickets! We generated over **\$4,500!**





Vote at February Meeting

In accordance with the club bylaws, the Second Vice-President appoints a committee to nominate members for the annual clubwoman awards. The committee this year was Brenda Hill (chair), Margaret Lee and Sarah Brooks. TWCC has so many hardworking and loyal members so this is always a difficult task. Hopefully you will agree that the committee has nominated exceptionally worthy candidates!

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.

Sandy Nesselrode

Sandy Nesselrode has been an active member of The Woman's Club of Clayton since 2017. Currently she is Co-Chair of Education & Libraries, Co-Chair of the Sallie Southall Cotten Scholarship committee, member of ESO Book Club and Friends of the Library.

Sandy reads to first graders at Cooper Academy, helps provide books, book bags, reading buddies and others supplies for them to take home at the end of the school year. She, along with another member, came up with the idea of a Reading Bench for elementary school children which now sits in the Town of Clayton community garden, as part of the Woman's Club ESO Book Club project. She has been involved with the Woman's Club puppet shows for first graders in Clayton. Hopefully this will begin again next year now that COVID has subsided. Sandy has also written several poems for The Woman's Club. She has also participated in The Taste of Carolina where she, along with others, worked at the coffee bar.

She gives her financial resources to support the scholarship fund, Cooper Academy, and has purchased microphones to be used by The Woman's Club. She also likes to help other CSPs whenever possible.

Judy Ryan

I have served as the Treasurer for the TWCC for the past 3 years. This duty is responsible for recordation of all income and expenses, the annual budget, and serves as the Chair of the Finance Committee. It also involves communication with the GFWC-NC State Treasurer for membership and dues distribution. I currently serve as co-chair of the Ways & Means Committee, co-chair of the Health & Wellness CSP, and a member of the "Taste of Carolina" Committee. I also enjoyed participating in the District 8 meeting in Selma in October 2022.

I served as the co-chair for "Small Town Gala", the Club's major fundraiser in 2022. I was the 2021-2022 recipient of the Juanita Bryant Patriotism and Citizenship Award.

I also share my talents outside of TWCC. I served as the Chair of the 2022 Downtown Christmas Storefront Decorating Committee and have been a member of that committee for several years. I have also been a member of the Downtown Tree Lighting Committee for the past 5 years. I have been a "Scene Stealer" with the Clayton Center for 7 years. A little over a year ago I founded "The Litter Patrol". The Litter Patrol serves to clear Glen Laurel Road and Vinson Road of litter. You can find me and a few others picking up litter about every 10 days.

I also served as the Treasurer and Organization Chair for the Clayton Downtown Development Advisory Board in 2022. I've also donated my time to the 911 Memorial Celebration and the Harvest Festival for several years.



Outstanding Citizenship and Patriotism Award

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

Peggy Earp

Peggy has had health issues this past year but she has always 'given back' to her community, TWCC and GFWC-NC. She serves as Literature Contest chair for TWCC, District and State. This year she is serving as District 8 President and continues to serve as the State Literature Chair.

At the community level, Peggy is a member of the Presbyterian Church, an advocate for the March of Dimes with over 50 years on the area board of directors, and an honorary member of the Johnston County chapter of the American Cancer Society. She has also been involved with Women of the Moose, Selma Chamber of Commerce and Johnston County Education Foundation.

Robin Sachsenheimer

These are some of my community activities:

- President of the Clayton Newcomers and Neighbors group for 2022 and 2023
- Volunteer show usher at the Clayton Center for shows
- Sewing volunteer for Girl Scout Troop 3307 (Wendell) - sew on all merit badges on vests for scouts and leaders for free. Also have done other troops in the area (Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts)
- Painted the bench for ESO at the Main Street Community Garden
- Read to children at River Dell Elementary 2022
- Volunteered at a polling location for a political candidate handing out information (family friend) 2022
- Volunteer to pick Blueberries for a local farm.

**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.

Dixie Brady

I am Dixie Brady, and it humbles me to be one of the nominees for this incredible award, "Clubwoman with Heart ". I have been a member of TWCC since 2021. I serve on the Civic Engagement & Outreach CSP. Serving on this committee has provided me insight to the many needs of our community and globally. I strive to support my CEO CSP in all projects we undertake. In the meanwhile, I step up, and serve where needed on other projects within our club. It could be a club fundraiser, or helping with a monthly meal for House of Hope and walking in a 5K to raise money for them, packing backpacks for local needy school children, etc. My being involved with the Rise Against Hunger meal packing event, assembling 10,000 bags of dried food packages for distribution globally was most worthwhile and rewarding. Enjoyable too!! I have a bag of packaged food on my pantry shelf to remind me often of the hunger in our world.

The service of others has always been a part of my life. It is who I am.

Clubwoman with "Heart" Award**Patty Jo Johnson**

I have lived in Clayton all my life and have been in the Woman's Club for over 40 years. I started out in the Juniors and moved to the Woman's Club after our Junior Club folded. I have always participated in some of our projects over the years but not as involved since the death of my parents and my recovery from cancer.

The Woman's Club of Clayton and GFWC-NC have been great organizations to be a part of. There are so many good projects that our club as well as the state organization participate in making a huge difference in our town, community and state. I have made many friendships over the years and have cherished them all. I met my best friend, Angela Williams, when we were in the Junior Club. My most humbling part of the Woman's Club was a Lifetime Membership presented to me at convention in 2014 by friends of the Clayton Woman's Club and from all over the state.

2023 GFWC-NC Leadership And Development Seminar (LEADS) Connect – Learn – Lead!

We hope to see you at GFWC-NC LEADS on Thursday, April 20, 2023!

GFWC-NC is opening training to those interested in attending but not competing to be the GFWC-NC LEADS representative to GFWC LEADS. Please submit your application and check for \$35 to cover lunch and materials to **Phyllis Broughton**, GFWC-NC LEADS Chair, by March 1. The GFWC-NC **LEADS application** is found on the GFWC-NC website under LEADS: https://gfwcnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/LEADSApplication_22-24-3.pdf

Everyone needs to submit the \$35 fee before the event, April 20. Send your completed application and check for \$35 (payable to GFWC-NC) to:

Phyllis Broughton
1360 Tall Timbers East
Williamston, NC 27892

You can also pay \$35 using Venmo or PayPal. If you choose to pay through Venmo or PayPal, please note that on your application.

PayPal

www.paypal.me/GFWCNC

OR

Via Venmo

www.venmo.com/GFWC-NC

Registration is from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on April 20 with the training beginning at 11:30 a.m. and ending around 6:00 p.m. Session topics include the following: *All About GFWC; GFWC to the Rescue; Parliamentary Procedures, Protocol, Scripts, and Speaking; The Membership Connection; Rock Like a Leader; PLAN: More Than a Four-Letter Word; Connecting Digitally; and When Conflicts Happen.*

Thanks to our trainers for leading GFWC-NC LEADS: Jan Allen, Phyllis Broughton, Cindy Hewett, Crystal O'Neal, Ashley Rain, Judi Stankowich, and Karen Throckmorton.

For more information, please contact **Phyllis Broughton** at pbrought123@gmail.com.



TWCC member,
Nancy Maynard,
will be the LEADS
representative from
District 8.

The following recipes could be used for an unforgettable Valentine's Dinner



Recipes Provided by Sarah Brooks



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

Please submit items by the **25th** of the month to the "Club Chatter"

Editor, Sarah Brooks
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Each month will feature recipes by category

March—St. Patrick's Day
April—Easter
May—Mother's Day

Send your favorite recipes to

sbrooks@twccnc.org

Recipe Corner—Valentines Day



Cosmopolitan

Ingredients

4 parts ABSOLUT CITRON
2 parts Orange Liqueur
1 part Cranberry Juice
1 dash Lime Juice
Lime Wedge

Instructions

Shake with ice and strain into a well-chilled cocktail glass. Garnish with a lime wedge.



Apple-Goat Cheese Crostini with Maple Syrup

INGREDIENTS

Baguette—sliced into 1/4 inch thick slices
2 Granny Smith Apples, peeled and thinly sliced
2 T butter
Lemon Juice
Maple Syrup
Cinnamon
Goat Cheese

DIRECTIONS

1. Brush both sides of baguette slices with olive oil. Arrange slices on a baking sheet and bake in 375 degree oven for 12-15 minutes, or until golden. Let cool.
2. Sauté sliced apples in the butter, a squeeze of lemon juice, and maple syrup and cinnamon to taste.
3. Just before serving, slather the crostini with goat cheese. Arrange on platter and spoon on the warm apples.



Blueberry-Orange Salad

Ingredients

Mesclun greens, washed and dried
1 Large Orange (remove peel, pith, membrane and seeds)

Blueberries, washed and dried

Dressing:

1 Large Orange (zested and juiced)
2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
2 tablespoons honey
1 clove garlic, peeled and smashed
3/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Instructions

1. In a blender, combine the orange zest, orange juice, balsamic vinegar, honey, and garlic. Blend until smooth. With the blender running, add the olive oil in a steady stream until combined. Add salt & pepper to taste. Transfer to a lidded container and store in the refrigerator.
2. In a large salad bowl, combine mesclun greens, fresh orange segments, and blueberries. Toss with a small amount of the dressing to lightly coat.





Amazon discontinuing "Amazon Smile" program

Effective February 20, 2023, Amazon will be discontinuing the Amazon Smile program. TWCC did not receive a lot of money from this program (\$141 since October 2019) but every little bit helped. Amazon will be sending a final one-time donation equivalent to three months of what we earned in 2022 through the program. This change should be transparent but if you experience any issues with your Amazon account, please contact Amazon.



In the event of illness or bereavement, members are encouraged to contact
Patty Jo Johnson
if assistance is needed with meals, errands, etc.
Call 919-818-3444
or email
johnsonpatty2253@gmail.com

Recipe Corner—Valentines Day



Grilled Steak with Blue Cheese Potatoes

Ingredients

3 garlic cloves, coarsely chopped
3 tablespoons coarsely chopped fresh rosemary, plus sprigs for garnish
1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil, plus more for brushing
Freshly ground pepper
1 3/4 pounds skirt steak
1 1/2 pounds small red potatoes
Coarse salt
3 ounces blue cheese, crumbled



Instructions

1. Preheat grill to high. Stir garlic, rosemary, Worcestershire sauce, and oil in a nonreactive dish; season with pepper. Place steak in dish, cutting to fit if necessary; coat both sides with marinade. Marinate, turning once, 15 minutes, or up to overnight in the refrigerator.
2. Cover potatoes with cold water in a medium saucepan; add a pinch of salt. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat, and simmer until just tender, about 15 minutes. Drain; let cool slightly. Slice potatoes in half, and brush lightly with oil; season with salt and pepper.
3. Grill steak, turning once, to desired doneness, 3 to 4 minutes per side for medium-rare. Set aside. Meanwhile, grill potatoes, turning once, until lightly browned, about 5 minutes. Immediately sprinkle with cheese. Thinly slice steak against grain. Divide steak and potatoes among 4 plates. Serve, garnished with rosemary sprigs.

Serves 4

Chocolate Rum Dessert

Ingredients

1 6oz. package of semisweet chocolate morsels
3 eggs, separated
2 T Light Rum
1/4 tsp almond extract
1/4 tsp ground nutmeg
Whipped Cream
Chocolate Curls (optional)














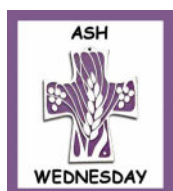


Instructions

1. Melt chocolate over hot water in top of double boiler.
2. Beat egg yolks until thick and lemon colored. Gradually stir about 1/4 of chocolate into yolks; add remaining chocolate, stirring constantly. Remove from heat; stir in rum, almond extract and nutmeg.
3. Beat egg whites (at room temperature) until stiff peaks form; gently fold into chocolate mixture. Spoon into cordial glasses or demitasse cups. Chill.
4. Before serving, top with whipped cream and chocolate curls.

Yield: 4 servings



February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1  World Read Aloud Day	2  Patty Jo Johnson  GROUNDHOG DAY	3  National Wear Red Day	4  WORLD CANCER DAY
5  RECORDING ACADEMY GRAMMY AWARDS®	6  ESO TWCC Clubhouse 10:00am	7 H&W CSP Set Up for lunch mtg— 10am	8  TWCC Lunch Meeting 11:45am be a part of red heart	9  Clayton Art Festival Clayton Ctr 6pm  Night n Gals Via Zoom 7pm	10  H&W CSP-Bingo at Senior Center 10am	11  Val Taylor  Lights of Love Town Square 6-9pm
12  Dianne Carroll  SUPER BOWL	13	14  TWCC Board Mtg 10am TWCC Clubhouse  House of Hope Meal VALENTINES DAY	15	16	17	18 CELEBRATE!  FEBRUARY 18 NATIONAL DRINK WINE DAY
19	20  PRESIDENTS' DAY	21  Mardi GRAS	22  ASH WEDNESDAY	23  Donna Steele	24	25
26  SCREEN ACTORS GUILD AWARDS	27	28  Jayne Hafer  TWCC Bunco TWCC Clubhouse 1:00pm				

**TOWN OF CLAYTON
PROCLAMATION
STUDENT ART MONTH**

WHEREAS, the arts, in its many forms, constitute an important part of the community and contribute to the development of our youth; and,

WHEREAS, participation in and enjoyment of the arts can take many forms, including the visual arts, fine arts and performing arts; and,

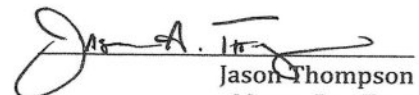
WHEREAS, The Woman's Club of Clayton has sought to promote the involvement of our youth in various art projects to the betterment of their minds and the community as a whole.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE PROCLAIMED by the Honorable Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Clayton that the month of February each year, be recognized as:

*S*TUDENT *A*RT *M*ONTH

Let it also be proclaimed that all businesses, industries, and citizens in the Clayton community are urged to support and encourage the school aged children of Clayton to participate in the arts.

Duly proclaimed by the Clayton Town Council this the 17th day of January 2023, while in regular session.


Jason Thompson
Mayor Pro Tem

The Woman's Club of Clayton

SV901-Painting (Acrylic)
Name: Cinthia Leon Grade: 12th



SV909-Color/Colored Pencil
Name: Lauren West Grade: 11th



SV912-Mixed Media #1
Name: Lauren West Grade: 11th



***Artists Reception Thursday February 9th
6 pm to 7:30 pm Dress is Casual***

***The Clayton Center Gallery
111 East Second Street
Downtown Clayton***

***Exhibition runs: February 9th - 28th
Monday - Friday 9 am - 5 pm***