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Club Chatter



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January 2018

From Our President

Betsy Grannis

Happy New Year!! The year is new (just can't get used to writing 2018 yet) and we have so much to look forward to!



As you all know, it is our **100 Year Celebration**. We have asked the Clayton Town Council to declare this as the Woman's Club of Clayton Centennial Year; 100 Years of Service to our community. We will request the proclamation at the second council meeting in January and it will be read at the first meeting in February, on the 5th. We invite anyone who is able to attend the council meeting. We will wear our 100 Year shirts or sweatshirts that night. I'll remind you at our January club meeting.

The Clayton Town Council will be proclaiming the month of January as **Student Art Month** in honor of our local **Arts Festival**. Our local Arts Festival is happening the first week of January.

The items will be delivered to the Clayton Center on Tuesday, January 2nd at 10am. We want to get everything in and registered so that the Clayton Visual Arts can hang it before the judges arrive. The artwork will be on display all this month and the Student Art Awards Ceremony will be held on Thursday, January 4th from 6 - 7:30pm. Please feel free to be there to support these talented students.

Our **clubwomen arts** and crafts and literature are also to be delivered to the Clayton Center at the same time. I hope everyone has gotten the categories and are completing their projects. We would love to have some good participation from our club!

Thank you again to all those that shopped for our **Christmas Kids** and for our **Golden Wishes** participants. Based on the experiences of those that brought gifts to the seniors in the program we hope to make this an annual project.

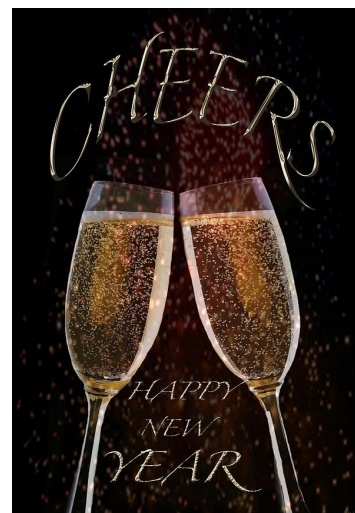
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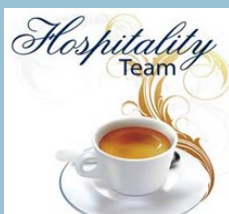


Meeting we voted to make two of our long-time members **Honorary Life Members** of our club. We will be presenting Doris Grissom and Mavorine McLeod with certificates and hope they will feel welcome to attend our meetings whenever they can.

So, you see, we do have much to look forward to this month; and even more to look forward to this year!

Cheers to the New Year!!





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



Let's Do Lunch!

January Menu

Lunch will be Provided by Morning Glory Inn

Baked Spaghetti
Salad
Zucchini & Yellow Squash
Breadsticks

Home Life CSP will host and provide beverages and Snowball Cookies for dessert

Christmas Kids Project and Golden Wishes



TWCC had another successful **Christmas Kids Project**, Christmas shopping for 50 kids referred by Social Services and 20 kids referred by the Boys and Girls Club. Funds for the project are provided jointly by TWCC and Clayton Civitan Club. Members purchased at least \$100 worth of clothes and toys for each child.

Susan "Rudolph" Quinn loves helping Santa!



Arianna Harrison, Betsy Grannis and Teresa Hartley admire the sea of presents!

For the first time this year, TWCC participated in the Senior Services Center's **"Golden Wishes"** program wherein members shopped for items on a senior citizen's wish list and then delivered the presents. TWCC sponsored 5 seniors and 5 members sponsored a senior themselves. Feedback for this program has been very positive—a rewarding experience indeed!

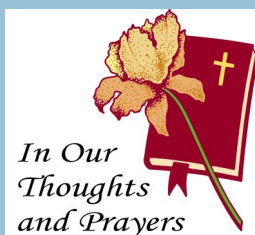


(Left) Sarah Brooks with senior Caroline, 94 years old. She lives with her 95 year old WWII veteran husband in Smithfield.

(Right) 88 year old Sallie is overwhelmed with gifts brought by Jim and Susan Quinn. She lives at Smithfield Manor.



1/1 Brenda Gay
1/16 Angela Williams
1/17 Robin Sachsenheimer
1/24 Susan Quinn
1/25 Linda Strevig
1/31 Margaret Lee



Donna Steele
 whose mother-in-law
 passed away in Lancaster,
 SC on November 26, 2017

Angela Williams
 who lost another uncle
 November 2017

Mary Francis Harrison
 who is undergoing
 chemotherapy

Joyce Canady
 who is recovering from
 injuries following a fall

December Meeting Highlights

Members enjoyed lunch prepared by Skylines and hosted by the Public Issues CSP.

The Public Issues CSP, with assistance from Brenda Gay, presented a wonderful **Christmas program** including a "Pass the Gift" game, most festively dressed contest, and special music from Catherine Minton who is a former Arts Festival winner.



Catherine Minton sang, "Welcome to Our World" accompanied by her mother, Susan



Most Festive finalists: Debbie Ragland (2nd Place), Susan Quinn (1st Place), Brenda Gay, Brenda Hill, Betsy Grannis, Sarah Brooks (3rd Place), Peggy Earp

The program concluded with all members singing a variety of songs including "12 Days of Christmas" and "Jingle Bells" with handbells.



Jan Hemby gave an inspirational invocation about changes of life and opportunities they bring. Jan related this to her upcoming move away from Clayton and the many friendships she has formed as part of TWCC.

Other items covered during the meeting included:

- ◆ The Serve the Need Thanksgiving meal served around 2200 people. Betsy Grannis recognized all members who made brownies and assisted the day of the meal.
- ◆ Angela Williams reported that the Civitan Reverse Raffle resulted in \$4000 being given to TWCC to use for the Christmas Kids Project. TWCC won a door prize and this was given to Docia Chester for her granddaughter.
- ◆ This year TWCC participated in the Johnston County Senior Services Golden Wishes Program which includes buying gifts for seniors in need. Members who purchased and delivered gifts for the 10 seniors were recognized.
- ◆ The 19 TWCC volunteers who purchased gifts for 70 children through the Christmas Kids Project were recognized.
- ◆ Teresa Hartley, Membership Chairman, collected nominations for Outstanding Citizenship and Patriotism Award, Club Woman of the Year, and Club Woman with "Heart" awards. Persons receiving the top 2 highest number of votes will be on the ballot and voted on next month.
- ◆ Voting was held for Clubwomen awards. Winners will be announced in January.
- ◆ Brenda Hill requested that all student and clubwomen Arts Festival entries be brought to the Clayton Center Jan. 2nd at 10am. Brenda Gay announced that the performing arts competition will be Jan. 2nd, 3:30pm, Clayton First Baptist Church.
- ◆ The Arts Festival award ceremony will be January 4th, 6:00pm-7:30pm at the Clayton Center.

Home Life CSP

Chair: Jan Hemby



Betsy Grannis set a beautiful table for the December Executive Board Meeting

Home Life CSP will be hosting the January meeting so members are requested to be at the clubhouse on Tuesday, January 9th, 10am, to set up for the lunch meeting.

Two members of Home Life CSP, Jan Hemby and Linda Strevig, opened their homes for the Christmas in Clayton Tour on December 3rd to help raise funds for Clayton Visual Arts.

Home Life provided 50 jars of peanut butter and jelly for the Christmas boxes that were packed for families of Backpack Buddy kids.

Home Life CSP Chair, Jan Hemby, will be relocating to Wilson, NC. This is indeed sad news for all TWCC members as Jan has been a tremendous asset to the club. Jan, you will be missed!



Peggy Earp delivers some late arriving bags filled with toiletries and cosmetics to Mattie Lewis at Harbor House in Smithfield



International Outreach CSP

Chair: Mary Sinzdak



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 Sinzdak know if you receive your flu shot at Walgreens, so that we may list ourselves with the GFWC as participants in this program. (msinzdak@yahoo.com)



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

Public Issues CSP

Co-Chairs: Teresa Mathis, Bree Rude



The Public Issues CSP did a terrific job hosting the December meeting. A fun time was had by all!!!

Public Issues CSP sent a donation to the Clayton Police Department to help pay for a bullet proof vest for the new police service dog.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 2, 2018

Clubwoman's and Student Arts Festival entries due at Clayton Center
10am

Performing Arts Competition at Clayton First Baptist Church
3:30pm

Jan 4, 2018

Local Arts Festival Award Ceremony
Clayton Center
6-7:30pm

Jan 11, 2018

Art CSP No-Sew Blankets at Clubhouse
10:30am

Jan 13, 2018

District Board Meeting
Tarboro, NC
10am

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 proclamation will be read

Feb 9-10, 2018

District Arts Festival
Clayton 1st Baptist

Feb 21, 2018

TWCC Executive Board Meeting at Clubhouse
9:30am

March 13-15, 2018

Main Street Conference

Education CSP

Co-Chairs: Brenda Gay, Marlene Dillon



Happy New Year!!! WOW, where did 2017 go? Our wish is for you and yours to have a great 2018.

As we return after Christmas, we will be busy working with students competing for the Sallie Southhall Scholarship and Greeson Scholarship programs.



The Sallie Southall Cotton Scholarship is awarded based on the candidate's character, scholastic records, evidence of intellectual promise, demonstration of ambition, leadership ability, and need for financial assistance.

1. Applicant must be a resident of North Carolina and must be a member of a senior class in an accredited North Carolina School and sponsored by a Federated club in good standing with GFWC-NC
2. Applicant must be in the upper fourth of the class
3. Applicant must use the official application form published in the Forms sections of the current GFWC-NC Administration Book
4. The scholarship is to be used at a four-year college or university in the state of North Carolina

This administration, the SSCS shall be \$3,000 per year, for a total of \$12,000. The runner-up shall receive the one-time sum of \$1,000, which shall be sent to the school of choice. Should the Scholarship recipient find it necessary to withdraw from college, the student must notify the State Scholarship Chairman as soon as possible.

Judging Criteria – Local/District/ State – The student representing TWCC will go to District; if she/he wins at District, they will go to State; if she/he wins at State, the \$12,000 will be awarded.

Student winning at the Local & District is awarded a one-time award of \$1,000 at Local & District to be paid to the school of their choice.

Greeson-Johnson Teaching Scholarship shall be awarded by GFWC of North Carolina, to an outstanding rising College Junior who has declared his/her major in education to become a K-12 teacher. The student must be a resident of NC, attending an accredited four-year college or university in North Carolina, and must be sponsored by a Federated club in good standing with GFWC-NC. The tenure for the scholarship shall be one year in a North Carolina school. The winner of the Greeson-Johnson Teaching Scholarship is awarded a one-time award of \$2,000, and the runner-up receives an award of \$500.



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. This is a new project for us and right now it is going rather slow. If you know of anyone who can help with this, we would greatly appreciate it.

Silent Partners—\$120 was provided to partially pay a utility bill for a family so the heat would remain on in the home with a school-age child.



Don't Forget!



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

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

- 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



Don't forget to get your end of year reports to Donna Steele

Happy New Year!



Top Ten New Year's Resolutions for Saving Money and Energy:

1. Research alternatives for saving money on fuel, decreasing my carbon footprint, and increasing my vehicle's fuel efficiency.
2. Confirm I have my programmable thermostat set to the optimal settings. Turning back the thermostat by 10°-15° when I'm not at home can save me around 10% a year on my heating and cooling bills.
3. Check for air leaks and apply caulking and weather-stripping.
4. See if my attic is properly insulated. Attics are often one of the easiest places in a house to insulate.
5. Seal and insulate the foundation walls of my unventilated crawl space and check for moisture and deterioration problems.
6. Landscape with water conservation in mind and triple check the sprinkler system schedule to minimize evapotranspiration.
7. Keep my hot water heater at 120°F and install a hot water

heater insulating blanket. These two tips can save up to 15% in energy costs.

8. Ensure any appliances I purchase are ENERGY STAR rated, which use less energy, save money, and help protect the environment.

9. Kill phantom energy loads (aka "vampire power") by unplugging appliances when I'm not using them.

10. Continue evangelizing how easy it is to save money and energy at home!

(From energy.gov)



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!



Arts Festival Project
Backpack Buddies
Hospitality
No-Sew Blankets
NC Main Street
Conference



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 January meeting

Night 'N' Gals

Chair: Robin Sachsenheimer



The Night 'N' Gals will meet **Thursday, January 11th**, 7:00pm at the clubhouse. Members will work on No-Sew Blankets being done by the Arts CSP.



The Night 'N' Gals sponsored a senior, Delores, for the Golden Wishes program.

Art CSP

Co-Chairs: Angela Williams, Faye Brooks

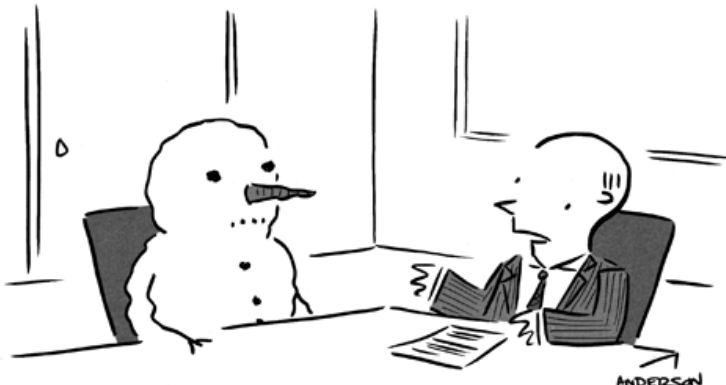


On **Thursday, January 11 at 10:30**, members are encouraged to join the Art CSP for making no-sew fleece blankets which will be donated to children at Harbor House. We will also be making the blankets that night with the Night 'n Gals.



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"Bad news, they scheduled the trial for mid August. I'm trying to get it moved up to January, but it's not looking good."



**What could be
better in January
than a hot bowl of
soup?**

**Recipes submitted
by
Bree Rude**

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

Recipe Corner

Quick and Easy Wedding Soup

Ingredients

2-3 boneless chicken breasts
3-4 whole carrots, diced
3-4 stalks celery, cut
1 medium onion, cut
4 cups chicken broth
1 cup pastina
1 box frozen spinach, thawed or fresh spinach
A lot of Italian meatballs

Preparation

- Mix first 4 ingredients in a large pot with water; simmer for 2 hours
- Take out chicken, cut into pieces and return to pot
- Add remainder of ingredients and heat through



Peasant Soup

Ingredients

1 T olive oil
1 lb sweet Italian sausage or turkey sausage, cut into pieces
1/2 cup boneless, skinless chicken, cut into pieces
3/4 cup chopped onion
2 cloves garlic, minced
2 cups fresh spinach
1 14oz can chicken broth
1 14 oz can diced tomatoes with basil, garlic and oregano
1 15 oz can cannellini beans, drained
2 T parmesan cheese

Preparation

- In heavy 2 quart pan heat olive oil and brown sausage and chicken. Add onion and garlic and stir fry. Add spinach, chicken broth, diced tomatoes and beans. Heat to boil. Simmer for 15-20 minutes.
- Ladle into bowls. Sprinkle parmesan cheese on top.



January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1  Brenda Gay	2  Clubwoman's & Students Arts Festival entries due at Clayton Center 10am	3	4  Local Arts Festival Award Ceremony Clayton Center 6-7:30pm	5	6
7	8	9  Home Life CSP set up for lunch — 10am	10  TWCC Lunch Meeting 11:45am	11  Art CSP No-Sew Blankets 10:30am  Night 'N' Gals 7:00pm	12	13  District Board Meeting Tarboro, NC 10am
14	15  Martin Luther King Day	16  Angela Williams	17  Robin Sachsenheimer	18	19	20
21	22	23	24  Susan Quinn	25  Liinda Strevig	26	27
28	29	30	31  Margaret Lee  ESO to meet at Clayton Bakery and Cafe 10:00am	 Member Birthday  Sigma Epsilon Omicron  Monthly Meeting  Executive Board Mtg		