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Club Chatter

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From Our President Donna Steele

Happy New year 2020! Looking back over 2019, our club has had many "firsts" and with these new fundraising projects, we have been very successful! You all deserve a pat on the back! These successes take a lot of energy and teamwork. During this holiday vacation, I hope you have had time to relax and rejuvenate yourselves. 2020 will bring us more fun times working together for the good of our community.

December Meeting: What a special meeting we had with our very own Puppeteers directed by Jeanne George and her team of Brenda Gay, Brenda Hill, Melissa Kennedy, Nancy Maynard Susan and Quinn performing for us. We all became children again and so enjoyed the modern "Twas the Night Before Christmas" rendition. I know the school children will enjoy the play as much as we did. The delicious Christmas lunch was provided by Tina Bolick, owner of the Skylines Restaurant in Clayton. The lunch was served by our Arts Community Service Team co-chaired by Angela Williams, Dianne Carroll and Faye Brooks, with members:

Belle Allen, Peggy Earp, Brenda Edge, Suzanne Green, Brenda Hill Susan Johnson, Ruth LaRocca, Jean Jean Lee, Connie May, Sun-Penny, dav Beckv Stewart and Sharon Wilson. 4 guests at-tended and many are interested in joining. We have 10 new members so far this year.

A Snoopy Christmas: Support the Community Garden in Clayton: Thank you for all of your votes for the decorated Community Garden. Rachel Masimore, and Loretta Mascia and her team of club members brought the award, The Town of Clayton "Most Creative for Non-Retail" to our meeting to share with our members.

December Christmas Kids and Golden Wishes: Thank you for shopping for all the gifts for the kids and seniors. We shopped for 50 children and 12 senior citizens. Thank you to our coordinators, Loretta Mascia, Mary Sinzdak and Susan Quinn. This project really put me in the Christmas spirit as delivering gifts to one of Golden Wishes our senior citizens was inspiring very and



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humbling.

Clayton Christmas Tree Lighting: December 5, 2019: Thank you for volunteering for our new event this year. We surpassed our goal by making \$700.00 and hope to do this again next year. A special thank you to Rachel Masimore and Betsy Grannis, our co-chairs.

Clayton Visual Arts Holiday House Tour, December 8, 2019 at special Portofino. Α thank you goes out to Loretta Mascia for her great organization of this event this year. Also, a big thank you for those members who served as docents and sold tickets: Cecilia Soporowska, Susan Johnson, Mary James, Mary Sinzdak, Brenda Gay, Joann Cassone and Rachel Masimore. Over 300 quests came and all enjoved seeing the beautiful houses, all the artists and their art and the unique Equestrian Center and horses at Portofino.



12/20 Nancy Maynard (sorry, she was left off the December list)

1/1 Brenda Gay
1/11 Jeanne George
1/12 Marianne Sapsara
1/16 Angela Williams
1/17 Robin Sachsenheimer
1/23 Carolyn Peterson
1/24 Susan Quinn
1/25 Linda Strevig
1/31 Margaret Lee



Congratulations to TWCC member, **Belle Allen**, for receiving the **North Carolina Library "Trustee of the Year" Award**, presented by the NC. Public Library Directors' Association. She has served on the Board of the Hocutt-Ellington Memorial Library for over 50 years.

From Our President (continued) Donna Steele

Student and Member Art Awards Ceremony (Clayton Visual Arts): January 9, 2020 at the Clayton Center at 6:00-7:30 pm. Student and member art must be brought to the Clayton Center on January 2, 2020 in the morning for hanging and the judging will be Januarv 3rd before the event. If you need more information contact the Susan Chairwomen: Johnson, Angela Wil-liams, and Peggy Earp. We would like to have more members participate by exhibiting your art, crafts and literature.

Wavs and Means Committee: Teresa Mathis is chairwoman. The other fundraisers this year are: "Pick a **Prize**" **Event** on Febru-ary 21, 2020 at the Civitan Club: Contact Bree Rude and Brenda Hill to donate items and volunteer. Spring Fling **Fashion Show**, Date TBD: Dianne Carroll, Bree Rude and Betsy Grannis. Once the venue and store sponsorship has been decided, a date will be chosen in the spring.

Martin Luther King Volunteering: Day January 20, 2020: This is a national service day to volunteer with other club memthroughout the bers United States. We will be participating with community other groups in the Service Food Packing at the Civitan Club, 340 McCullers St, Clayton. (More information on Page 8) Please contact Mary Sinzdak and Nancy Maynard to volunteer. There will be a sign up sheet at the January meeting.

District 8 Board Meeting: January 25, **2020** at 10:00 am-12:00 noon at the Clubhouse. Our district business meetings are open to all members. We are planning to go to lunch together as a group after the meet-Contact ing. Donna Steele if you are interested in attending.

Pebbles in a pond: Who have we touched with all our 2019 projects? Imagine the Christmas Kids' faces when they opened their gifts on Christ-

mas. Remember visiting with the Golden Wishes seniors when you delivered their gifts. Picture the ground-breaking for Play-Harmony the ground and visualize the children playing in the park. I know you have so many wonderful memories of throwing your volunteer pebbles in the ponds, with ripples to the rivers and eventually to the ocean! We have many more volunteer pebbles to throw! We have formed a great team that will make those ripples wider and wider, throughout our club, community and beyond.

I look forward to seeing you in this new year, 2020, continuing our work as a team of dedicated members who volunteer to help our community.





Welcome New Members!!

New Members: (Left) Sharon Wilson—Art CSP (Right) Carolyn Peterson—Public Issues CSP

> Not Pictured: Jessica Bull Cathy Carter Melissa Francis Sherry Miller



VOLUNTEER

Arts Festival Puppeteers Backpack Buddies MLK Day of Service Tricky Tray/Pick A Prize Spring Fling Fashion Show



Top: Angela Williams and Patty Jo Johnson deliver gifts to a senior.

Below: Brenda Gay enjoys her visit with her senior



The December meeting was hosted by the Art CSP and lunch was provided by Skylines. Belle Allen provided a wonderful, thought provoking devotion.

Attendees enjoyed a delightful Christmas puppet show based on "The Night Before Christmas" read by Susan Quinn. Puppeteers pictured below are Brenda Hill, Jeanne George, Susan Quinn, Nancy Maynard and Brenda Gay.



Other items covered in the meeting:

- A representative from UNC Healthcare announced a new Johnston County Health Study that will concentrate on falls, obesity, etc. and their impact on osteoarthritis. Persons age 35-70 will be included in the study.
- 4 guests were introduced.
- Members voted on Club Women awards. Winners will be announced at the January meeting.
- Teresa Mathis, chair of the **Nominating Committee**, announced other committee members, Faye Brooks, Susan Johnson and Judy Ryan. The Nominating Committee will prepare a slate of candidates for office to serve 2020-2022 that will be voted on at the February meeting.
- Rachel Masimore reported that more than **\$19,000** was raised for the Gala Fundraiser.
- \$700 was made selling food at the Christmas Tree Lighting on 12/5/19.
- Feed the Need served 780 takeout meals and 2500 were served. Betsy Grannis thanked the volunteers noting she had to turn away some volunteers. donations to pay for cranberry sauce.
- Christmas Kids and Golden Wishes provided gifts for 50 children and 12 seniors.

- Conservation CSP chair Rachel Masimore announced that the Snoopy
 Community Garden won the award for Most Creative, non-retail.
 Melissa Kennedy played Mrs. Claus during the tree lighting and kids were able to write letters to Santa.
 A photographer from Our State
 Magazine took pictures at the garden. The theme for next year will be Candyland.
- Loretta Mascia reported that the Clayton Visual Arts Home Tour at Portofino was enjoyed by 300+ attendees.
- Susan Johnson encouraged members to submit items for the Arts Festival to Angela Williams or Peggy Earp (for literature entries) by January 2nd.
- The Tricky Tray (Pick a Prize) fundraiser, chaired by Bree Rude, will be held on February 21, 2020 at the Clayton Civitan Club. Please bring any items for baskets to the next meeting. A sign up sheet for volunteers was at the December meeting and will also be at the January meeting.
- Betsy Grannis provided information about the Spring Fling Fashion Show. Details are still being worked out.
- Below, President Donna Steele accepts 2 checks presented by Angela Williams that will be applied to expenses for Christmas Kids. Clayton Civitan Club contributed \$2500 and \$150 was given by the Wilder's Grove Exchange Club.



- Jeanne George announced that Clayton Visual Arts will teach an art program at the library Jan. 11th, 10am-11:30am for 2nd to 5th graders.
- Suzanne Greene donated chocolates from her store, Now and Then, that were given as door prizes. Lucky winners: Faye Brooks and Lou McHale

December Meeting Highlights



In the event of illness or bereavement, members are encouraged to contact Jamie Kosik if assistance is needed with meals, errands, etc. Call 561-351-0965 or email jamiekosi@yahoo.com



January Menu

Entrée will be provided by Morning Glory Inn

Baked Spaghetti Salad Garlic Bread

Home Life CSP will host and provide dessert & beverages

Education CSP Co-Chairs: Betsy Grannis, Marlene Dillon



The Education CSP is hoping for a good response to the scholarship competitions in January. The First Grade Book Bag project will take place in February. Busy times ahead!

Public Issues CSP

Co-Chairs: Sarah Brooks , Bree Rude





2020 is a big election year and members are encouraged to **exercise their right to vote**—both in the primary election to be held **March 3rd** and the general election on **November 3rd**.

If you are not already registered to vote, you may register to vote in Johnston County if you are:

• A citizen of the United States (if convicted of a felony, citizenship rights must have been restored).

• A person 18 years of age of older.

• A legal resident of Johnston County for 30 days by the date of the next election.

Johnston County has a permanent registration system. You need to register, transfer, or re-register ONLY if you:

- Have not registered in Johnston County before.
- Have moved to a different voting precinct since you registered in Johnston County. If you move, it is a violation of the law to return to your old precinct after 30 days.
- Wish to change your party affiliation.
- Have changed your name.

You may obtain registration forms at the following locations in Johnston County:

- Board of Elections Office, 205 South Second Street, Smithfield, NC (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)
- Public Libraries during regular hours
- Public locations including the Chamber of Commerce and political headquarters
- Various Town Halls
- Drivers License Offices
- High Schools
- Various Agencies (Social Services, Agencies dealing with people with disabilities, Employment Security Commission, Armed Forces Recruitment Offices)
- You may also request a registration form by phone or mail from:

Johnston County Board of Elections 205 South Second Street P.O. Box 1172 Smithfield, NC 27577 (919) 989-5095



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

$Night `N' Gals/International \ CSP \ {\rm Chair: \ Robin \ Sachsenheimer}$



The next meeting will be **Tuesday, January 21st**, 7:00pm at the clubhouse. Calling all members to participate in Walgreens vaccine program - **Get a shot. Give a shot.** For every flu vaccine given to a Walgreens customer, a vaccine is donated to a child in a developing country. Other vaccines are also available at Walgreens.

Conservation CSP Chair: Rachel Masimore, Loretta Mascia



A huge thanks to TWCC members who worked on the Community Garden's "Snoopy's Playground". The garden won the award for **Most Creative, non**retail. Way to go ladies!!



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January 2, 2020 Set up Local Arts Festival Clayton Center

> January 6 ESO Book Club Janet Williams Home 225 Hein Dr, Clayton 10am

January 7 Executive Board Meeting at clubhouse 10:00am

January 7 Home Life CSP to set up for lunch meeting 11:30am

January 8 TWCC Lunch Meeting hosted by Home Life CSP 11:45am

> January 9, 2020 Local Arts Festival Reception Clayton Center 6pm-7:30pm

January 16 TWCC Walking Group Meet at clubhouse 10:30am Buffalo Creek Greenway & Ava Gardner Museum Lunch at Dupree House

January 21 Night 'N' Gals Meeting with Junior Woman's Club 7pm

January 25 District 8 Board Meeting TWCC hosting 10am-Noon

February 21, 2020 Tricky Tray/Pick a Prize Civitan Club 5pm setup; Opens 6pm

March 14, 2020 GFWC-NC State Arts Festival Mebane Home Life CSP Co-Chairs: Brenda Gay, Nancy Maynard



Home Life CSP will be hosting the January meeting. Set up for the meeting will be 11:30am on Tuesday, January 7th. At the meeting, we will be collecting items for **Harbor House and House of Hope**. Please help us out by bringing any of the following items: Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Paper Plates, Laundry Detergent, Cleaning Supplies, Trash Bags (Medium and/or Large), Dish Detergent (pods or liquid), Tissues



Members of Home Life CSP attended the **Harbor House Open House** Dec. 10th at First Baptist Church in Smithfield. We helped with the set up and take down of the celebration. We contributed dishes and helped serve families of those suffering from abuse. It was a wonderful opportunity to show these families that there are people that care. The best part was watching the children enjoy the games, interacting with Santa and getting to choose their own cookies! Lots of smiles. (*Pictured at left are Nancy Maynard, Margaret DiNubila and Janet Williams*)

Three Home Life members are packing approximately 120 bags each month for our **Back Pack Buddies** Program. We are blessed to have such dedicated ladies but we are in need of more volunteers. Sign up sheets will be out at the January meeting. Please consider giving your time for such a wonderful cause. (*Pictured at right are bag packers Lou McHale and Susan All*)



The **Walking Group** are going to Buffalo Creek Greenway and Ava Garner Museum in Smithfield on **January 16th**. We will be meeting at the Club House at 10:30am to carpool. Lunch

Making will follow at Dupree House. Please either call or email Nancy Maynard if you did not sign up at the November meeting and would like to join us. We need an exact count for lunch reservations.



Nothing to report this month

ESO Book Club





Dear ESO Members, hope you had a great holiday and happy new year. We will meet for our ESO book club on **Monday, January 6th, 10am** at Janet Williams's home. Address: 225 Hein Dr, Clayton, NC 27527 Phone: 704-441-6569 Please let me know if you have any questions and if you cannot make it.

Thanks, Brenda Gay, Chair 919-763-7117 - Cell <u>bmgay82@gmail.com</u>



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:

- Items for House of Hope and Harbor House: Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Paper Plates, Laundry Detergent, Cleaning Supplies, Trash Bags (Medium and/or Large), Dish Detergent (pods or liquid), Tissues
- New or gently used items for Tricky Tray/Pick a Prize
- Money to buy Tricky Tray/Pick a Prize Tickets (4 sheets for \$10)

Art Festival

Chair: Susan Johnson



TWCC will again sponsor the **student/clubwoman Arts Festival** in January. Clubwomen are encouraged to enter

visual arts, photography, literature and crafts for competition. Member questions and submission of entries need to go to **Angela Williams or Peggy Earp (literature only)**. The art should be available by January 2nd and the reception/awards presentation will be January 9th at the Clayton Center. District 8 will not hold an Art Festival this year. The GFWC State Arts Festival will be March 14, 2020 in Mebane.

Nominating Committee Chair: Teresa Mathis



The **Nominating Committee** is seeking individuals interested in serving for 2020-2022. If you are interested in running for an office or for more information, contact Teresa Mathis at 571-214-2111. Thank you.

Ways and Means Committee Chair: Teresa Mathis



Betsy Grannis, Bree Rude and Dianne Carroll are chairing the next club fundraiser, **Spring Fling Fashion Show**. Details for the event are still being worked out. Be on the lookout for volunteer sign up sheets at future meetings. More details to come!

Tricky Tray (Pick a Prize) Fundraiser Chair: Bree Rude



The Tricky Tray (Pick a Prize) event is planned for **February 21st** at the Clayton Civitan Club building. Set up at 5pm, doors open at 6pm and drawings begin at 7pm. Bree is already accepting any new and gently used items that will be incorporated in baskets.

In order to make this possible, **donations for baskets are needed**. The baskets do not have to be as big as the items we had in the Taste of Carolina Cuisine silent auction. Some examples of baskets are sewing basket, craft basket, toy basket, needlework basket, cooking basket, coloring basket, needlework basket, cooking basket, coloring basket, book basket, movie basket, candy basket, lady spa basket. We are not looking for large items, just things you might have around the house or that Christmas present that you opened and said, "what should I do with this"? Toys for girls and boys would be terrific! We will also be soliciting businesses for some nice prizes or gift cards. Donation letters are available for tax deductible donations.



Volunteers are needed to help with this event. Volunteers are needed to help set up and to help during the fundraiser (sell tickets, serve food, pull tickets, deliver prizes, clean up, etc.)



Tickets will be sold prior to the event as well as at the door. **Tickets will be available for members to purchase at both the January and February meetings.** Tickets ahead of time are 4 sheets for \$10 and they will be more at the door. Stock up now while the price is good!!

Please contact Bree Rude (njpanc@gmail.com; 919-585-2905) if you have an item to donate.

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 meet-ing:

- New or gently used items for Tricky Tray/Pick a Prize
- Money to buy Tricky Tray/Pick a Prize Tickets (4 sheets for \$10)
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The Clayton Junior Woman's Club is going to have a fundraiser at the clubhouse on July 25th— "Christmas in July Craft Fair". They are booking crafters now. If TWCC members are interested in having a booth or you know of someone who may be interested, the registration fee is \$25. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards a CJWC Scholarship. For more information, refer to the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

Community Announcements

The Linda Vann Lassiter Women's Society (part of JCC Foundation) is seeking a Philanthropist of the Year Award. Each year, the team will honor an individual within Johnston County who has given of their time, talents and treasures in service of others. They will be honored at the Society's Annual Luncheon held in March. Surely there is a member of TWCC worthy of this honor or someone you know. Nominations will be accepted now - January. Applications are due no later than February **1st.** The criteria and complete application can found http://www.johnstoncc.edu/ be at foundation/lvl/philanthropy.aspx





Martin Luther King Day of Service Food Packaging

Unfortunately, every day in Johnston County thousands of children and their families struggle with food insecurity. This year on Martin Luther King Day people will be gathering in Clayton to package 30,000 emergency soup packages that will be distributed to food pantries in Johnston and Wake counties through the Interfaith Food Shuttle.

We need 80 people to help us accomplish our goal in three hours. Please join us on Monday, January 20th, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm at the Clayton Civitan Club, 340 McCullers Street, Clayton. This is a bank and school holiday, so all are welcome. Children over the age of seven can participate.

To sign up go to: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C49AAAE2AA0FC1-mlkday2

For more details or questions please contact Ian Rumbles.at 234-348-0624 or <u>rumbles1@gmail.com</u>.





Recipe is from **Fearrington House**



March Madness Favorites April-Ham/Lamb May-Salads

Send your favorite

recipes to

sbrooks@twccnc.org

Recipe is from Rachel Ray



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 sbrooks@twccnc.org

Recipe Corner—Soups



Cream of Mushroom Soup

Ingredients

- 6 Tablespoons Butter
- 6 Tablespoons Flour
- 4 Teaspoons Salt
- Dash, ground Cayenne Pepper 8 Cups Chicken Stock
- 2 Pounds Mushroom, Chopped
- 1 Cup Heavy Cream
- 4 Teaspoons Dry Sherry
- 2 Cups sliced, fresh mushrooms
- 12 Tablespoons Whipped Cream
- 12 Tablespoons toasted, sliced almonds

Directions

- Over low heat, melt butter in 6quart saucepan. • **Blend** in flour. Add salt and cayenne pepper.
- Stir and cook over low heat 2-3 minutes. Remove from heat.
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- **Stir** in stock. Mix well. Add chopped mushrooms. Simmer ingredients covered for 30 minutes.
- **Strain** soup through fine sieve into a bowl. Push mushrooms with back of spoon so that all the juice is squeezed into bowl. Throw away any remnants in sieve. • (NOTE: Can stop here and then continue recipe when ready to serve)
- Add heavy cream to bowl (if soup is reheated) and reheat soup in saucepan. Do • not boil. Stir in sherry and mix thoroughly.
- Add raw, sliced mushrooms. Serve immediately. Garnish each bowl of soup with 2 T. each of whipped cream and toasted, sliced almonds.

Tomato Soup

Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 tablespoons butter, plus some softened butter for sandwiches
- 2 onions, chopped
- 4 cloves garlic, sliced *or* chopped 2 tablespoons thyme, chopped
- Salt and pepper 1 teaspoon ground fennel or fennel pollen (optional)
- 1 rounded tablespoon sweet paprika
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 4 cups chicken or vegetable stock (32 ounces), divided
- 1 can San Marzano tomatoes (32 ounces)
- 1/2 cup basil, torn or thinly sliced, with a few leaves reserved for garnish
- 1/4 cup heavy cream

Directions

- **Heat** a medium size soup pot over medium-high heat. Add the olive oil and melt in 2 tablespoons butter. Add the onions, garlic, thyme, salt, pepper, ground fennel and paprika. Partially cover the pot and cook to soften, 10 minutes or so.
- Stir in the tomato paste until fragrant, 2 minutes, and deglaze the pan with 2 cups chicken stock.
- **Transfer** to a food processor; add in the tomatoes and process until smooth. (Or, use an immersion blender in the soup pot itself to combine tomatoes and stock.)
- **Pour** back into the pot and add the rest of the stock. Stir in half the basil. Simmer at a low bubble.
- **Finish** the soup by stirring the cream into the soup; serve with more basil to garnish. Do not return the soup to a boil after adding the cream.





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COME ONE, COME ALL!

Christmas in July Craft Fair

Unique Gifts, Handmade Art, Jewlery and So Much More!

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