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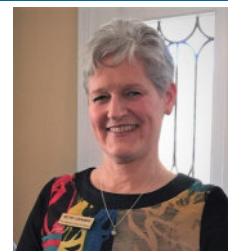


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From Our President

Betsy Grannis



HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!! We have so much to be grateful for as our new year begins. We hope to move forward with a spring in our step. Wishing you all a Joyous and Blessed New Year!

As we prepare to move into this new calendar year, 2022, we are happy to reflect on all of our blessings of 2021. Our December was especially busy! **Candyland at the Garden** was open for the month of December to kids and their families – it brought a lot of smiles to the faces of young and old alike! Also, our shoppers provided extra smiles for 36 children's Christmases with our **Christmas Kids** project. In addition, we contributed to keeping more children warm with the purchase of winter gear for **Cooper Academy**. We were also able to make nine senior's Christmas happier through the **Golden Wishes** program. Big thanks to all of our members that participated in these worthy projects!!

We are not the only ones that took part in this Season of Giving. Sometimes it happens that we are on the receiving end rather than the giving end. We received numerous unexpected gifts this December to assist us with our programs. For our Christmas Kids project we received a generous donation of \$1000 from the **Woodmen of the World**, thanks to Patty Jo Johnson. We also had an **anonymous gift** of

\$300 brought to us by Angela Williams from a friend of hers. The **Clayton Civitan Club** was able to contribute \$1350 to the cause, even though they have not been able to hold the fundraisers they normally have this year. We are so thankful for all this generosity!

I also would like to share the wonderful news that we have received a grant from the **Rye Foundation** (more specifics follow in the article by Sarah). Our club is the recipient of the **Bryan Award**, the highest honor given by the foundation. This award includes statewide publicity as well as a charitable gift of **\$25,000!!**

One other unexpected donation was just disclosed as well. Our landscaper, Daniel Ruiz of **DR Lawn Care**, has let us know that he would like to contribute back some of his charges as a sponsorship to our club's programs. How amazing is that!

We are humbled by all this unexpected support and promise to be **good stewards** of all these funds as we work on projects that contribute to the wellbeing of our community.

Of course, we have ways that you will be able to contribute as well. Our **Murder Mystery Dinners** are coming up on January 14th and 15th. Nancy Maynard has tick-

ets available if you are able to attend. Please share with everyone you know – friends, neighbors, family members – so that we can fill all our seats for both evenings, Friday and Saturday night. You may also wish to help by making some of the food for one or both of the evenings, setting up, serving, cleaning up, etc. An email will go out after Christmas with sign up opportunities for this fundraiser.

Because I had so much fun at the **Pampered Chef fundraiser** that Donna Steele hosted at her house for our club, I have also scheduled a party. You are all invited to attend a Pampered Chef party at my house (215 Beaufort Loop) on Sunday, January 23rd, from 2 – 4pm. We will be making food to share, and you will have the opportunity to purchase all kinds of wonderful products from Pampered Chef. A portion of the sales will be contributed to our club, so even if you cannot attend you are welcome to place an order. I will have the information on how to do that at our January meeting. Look forward to seeing you at my house on the 23rd!

So many things to look forward to for our club year; and for your year, too! (Final thought on Page 2)

Final thought from Betsy Grannis

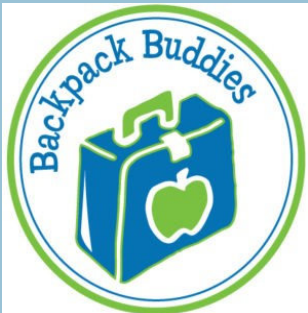
“I hope that in this year to come, you make mistakes because if you are making mistakes, then you are making new things, trying new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing yourself, changing your world. You’re doing things you’ve never done before, and more importantly, you’re doing something.”

NEIL GAIMAN



womens day

The mission of the Rye Foundation is to make life-changing impact on North Carolina children by providing grants in the areas of religion, youth, and education.



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Religion Youth Education

CELEBRATING \$1 MILLION IN CHARITABLE GIVING

Background

The Rye Foundation was founded on March 2, 2001 in Winston-Salem, North Carolina because a group of philanthropists believed that North Carolina desperately needed a brand new charitable foundation to focus exclusively on the needs of children. They adopted a name which is derived from the first letter of three focus areas -Religion, Youth, and Education.

Their first grant was \$25,000 awarded to the Billy Graham Training Center in Asheville, NC. To date, their largest Grant was \$65,500 to help build the Rye Foundation House at Camp Caraway in Asheboro, NC. A Board of Directors makes policy and funding decisions. Gifts are limited to charitable organizations based in North Carolina. Every charitable investment made by the Rye Foundation has been required to meet three criteria:

- Every project must help children and youth
Every project must be in North Carolina
Every project must have a definite spiritual component

Known throughout North Carolina as a leader in the field of philanthropy, J. Warren Steen has served as President of the Rye Foundation since 2001. Mr. Steen grew up in Clayton and his mother, Mrs. John W. Steen, was President of The Woman’s Club of Clayton from 1967-1969. His father was a former pastor at Clayton First Baptist Church who, by the way, officiated at TWCC member Dianne Carroll’s wedding!

TWCC Applies For and is Awarded \$25,000 Grant

- In August, Betsy Grannis received a phone call from Rye Foundation President, J. Warren Steen. He explained the foundation and his connection to TWCC and his belief that TWCC may provide the kind of services the Rye Foundation recognizes.
On September 7th, Betsy Grannis and Sarah Brooks met with Mr. Steen and Rye Foundation Board member Ingram Hedgpeth at the Morning Glory Inn to informally review club projects that relate to the mission of the Foundation.
On September 14th, Betsy and Sarah participated in an interview with Mr. Steen (pictured at right) and several other Rye Foundation Board members in Winston-Salem. TWCC projects involving children were reviewed including Backpack Buddies, Serve the Need and Clayton Area Ministries. Following this meeting, the Foundation invited TWCC to apply for a grant which was submitted in October.
On December 17th, Betsy received a letter from the Rye Foundation stating TWCC received the Ray Bryan Award, the highest honor given by the Foundation. Winners of this award receive \$25,000 to enhance their child-focused programming. The funds were included in the letter along with the parameters of the grant. The donation is to be divided equally among three organizations: Clayton Area Ministries, Backpack Buddies and Serve the Need Johnston County.



- The Rye Foundation Board voted to make this generous gift in honor of Mrs. John W. Steen, “as a challenge to current members to follow Mrs. Steen’s example of civic involvement and Christian stewardship.”

December Meeting Highlights

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Environment CSP Co-Chairs Rachel Masimore and Trish Perna provided festive decorations and a wonderful meal!

WELCOME
New Members

Jeanne Dahl (CEO)



Amy Ferguson (E&L)



The **December meeting** was held on December 8th at the clubhouse with 35 members and 2 guests attending. The **Environment CSP** hosted the meeting and provided the delicious meal. The Executive Board assisted the CSP with serving. The devotion and blessing was given by Brenda Gay.



Everyone enjoyed the **fun program** of music led by Brenda Gay and a Christmas gift rotation led by Betsy Grannis.

New member Amy Ferguson was introduced and welcomed by the members. One visitor, Sally Gye-mant, was introduced.

Highlights from the meeting:

- The Executive Board voted to give Clayton First Baptist Church \$300 to help provide Christmas boxes to families in the **Backpack Buddies** program.
- The sale of hot dogs and BBQ sandwiches during the town's **Christmas Tree Lighting** raised \$905. Twenty-two members were recognized for either working during the event or providing/procuring items for the event.
- Donna Steele hosted a **Pampered Chef fundraiser** on December 4th. A total of \$542.05 was raised during the event. Betsy Grannis will host a party in January so if you missed the December event, you have another chance!
- Two **Murder Mystery Dinners** are planned for January 14-15. Tickets are \$35/person. Clayton High School drama students will be the actors. Seating will be limited (50 persons per dinner) so get your tickets soon!
- Judy Ryan reported that plans for the **Small Town Gala**, the club's largest fundraiser, are moving along. It will be held March 19th at The Farm@42. Members interested in helping with an event committee should contact Judy Ryan or Loretta Mascia.
- On December 4th, four club members participated in the **Rise Against Hunger** event on behalf of the Civic Engagement & Outreach CSP. The event was sponsored by 3 area churches and 10,000 food bags were packed. The food will be going to Haiti.
- **Christmas Kids:** Shoppers for Christmas Kids will drop off presents to the clubhouse on December 13th. 34 kids will receive the gifts. In addition, Cooper Academy has request-

ed that we purchase warm scarves, hats and gloves for students in need. The Civitan Club is unable to make a donation to help with this project this year; however, Patty Jo Johnson was able to secure a \$1000 donation from "**Woodmen of the World**" to help pay for the gifts.

- **Golden Wishes:** All gifts for 9 seniors need to be delivered by December 12th.
- A **silent auction** was held during the meeting for a Christmas arrangement provided by Sarah Brooks. Judy Ryan won the auction item for \$55.
- Clubwomen are encouraged to bring entries for the **Art Festival** in January.
- The Arts & Culture CSP will be making **no-sew blankets** this winter. Members are encouraged to participate in this fun project.
- Members in attendance were given a **bookmark** provided by the ESO Book Club. The bookmark was designed by Robin Sachsenheimer.
- Brenda Gay shared some of the notes she retrieved from the "**Leave Your Thoughts**" mailbox located at the Main St. Community Garden.
- Approximately 1000 people visited **Candyland** at Main St. Community Garden during the town's tree lighting event. Large crowds are also expected on December 11th for the town's Christmas parade.
- Volunteers are needed to provide a meal for **House of Hope** on the second Tuesday of each month. Also, volunteers are needed to call **Bingo** at the Senior Center on the second Friday of each month. Contact Nancy Maynard if you are able to volunteer for either event.
- **Riverwood Middle School** will be honoring Margaret Lee's husband, Phil, who was their principal for 11 years. The school gym will be dedicated in his honor and memory on January 16th.

Pictured L to R: TWCC members Peggy Earp, Mary Ellen Causby, Debbie Allison, Susan Johnson, Donna Steele and Judy Ryan





EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar

January 3

ESO Book Club
TWCC Clubhouse 10:00am

January 11

Education & Libraries CSP
Set Up
TWCC Clubhouse 10am

January 11

House of Hope Meal

January 12

TWCC Lunch Meeting
11:45am
TWCC Clubhouse

January 13

Night 'N' Gals
via Zoom 7pm

January 14

Bingo
Clayton Senior Center
10am

January 14-15, 2022

Murder Mystery Dinners
Clubhouse 6pm

January 16

Dedication Ceremony for
Phil Lee Gymnasium at
Riverwood Middle School
1:00pm

January 18

TWCC Executive Board
TWCC Clubhouse 10am

January 23

Pampered Chef Fundraiser
215 Beaufort Loop
2-4pm

January 25

TWCC Bunco
TWCC Clubhouse 1pm

February 3, 2022

TWCC Art Festival
Clayton Center

March 12, 2022

GFWC-NC Arts Festival
Mebane Arts Center

March 19, 2022

TWCC Gala
Farm at 42

April 22-23, 2022

GFWC-NC Annual
Convention
Marriott Winston-Salem



A great time was had by all at the **Clayton Center for Aging**. A big thank you to (pictured at left) Dianne Carroll, Brenda Hill, Nancy Maynard and Jeanne Dahl for helping with our December Bingo event. We call Bingo at the center every second Friday of the month from 10:00am-11:00am. Contact Nancy Maynard if you are interested in helping anytime. 815-274-4446

The **House of Hope** girls and staff were treated with authentic homemade Kielbasa and pierogies purchased from the St Nicholas European Christmas Market in Raleigh. Thank you Marianne Sapsara for suggesting this unique experience for the ladies. They were excited to try something new. A HUGE THANK YOU to Judy Ryan (and grandchildren) who made each girl bracelets for Christmas gifts.



January is **National Blood Donor Month**. Check out the American Red Cross website (redcross.org) to learn when and where to donate. You can also preregister to online.

Thinking ahead-----

WEAR RED DAY to recognize women's heart healthy month (February) is Friday, **February 4th**. Health and Wellness CSP speaker for February's meeting will also be speaking about how to keep our hearts healthy. We would love for everyone to **wear RED to the February meeting**.

Environment CSP Co-Chairs: Rachel Masimore, Trish Perna



Once again, **Candyland at Main Street Community Garden** has been a big success. A huge thanks to all members who volunteered their time to work at the garden! (See pictures on Page 7)

The **trees** are coming!! Some trees arrived earlier and Robin Sachsenheimer is the proud owner of a **red maple**. Delivery of the remaining 6 trees Trish Perna procured from Arbor Day was delayed but now they are expected to arrive sometime the first half of February. Any members interested in one or more trees for themselves or family/friends, please let Trish Perna know.

Arts & Culture CSP

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



The Arts & Culture CSP will organize a day for members to make **no-sew blankets** that will be donated. This project was done several years ago and it was a fun day for members making a product that was much appreciated. More details will be coming soon!

Night 'N' Gals

Chair: Robin Sachsenheimer



The **Night 'N' Gals** will meet via Zoom on **January 13th at 7pm** and all members are invited to attend. The Zoom link will be sent to all members on January 11th.



JANUARY

1/1 Brenda Gay
 1/12 Marianne Sapsara
 1/16 Angela Williams
 1/17 Connie Keller
 1/17 Robin Sachsenheimer
 1/24 Dixie Brady
 1/24 Susan Quinn
 1/25 Linda Strevig
 1/31 Margaret Lee



Meals for House of Hope (2nd Tuesday)

Bingo at Senior Ctr (2nd Friday)

Mentoring students at SSS and Clayton High Schools

Small Town Gala

Arts Festival

Silent Partners

Hospitality

Hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year. BTW, **Happy New Year!** Isn't it great that we can start a brand new "slate"? Of course, the year of 2021 was not "The End"; would just say an AMEN for it but we can also say an AMEN starting 2022.

There are a few projects going on with our Education CSP which are:

- **Sallie Southall Cotten Scholarship (SSCS):** This scholarship shall be awarded to an outstanding senior (male or female). The student must be a North Carolina high school senior who is sponsored by a Federated club in good standing with GWFC-NC (General Woman Federation Club of North Carolina), administered through the GFWC-NC Headquarters in cooperation with State SSCS Chairman and the Financial Officer of the college which the recipient attends. It is a four-year scholarship of \$12,000 (\$3,000 each year) for the State winner as long as he or she undertake and satisfactorily completes a full academic number of hours as described by the current college catalog. Any grade point average less than a 3.0 per year, does not satisfactorily meet the terms of the contract. A one-time sum of \$1,000, shall be sent to the school of choice for the second runner-up.

Application Rules – Local/District/State: This 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. Applicant must be present for judging at the time and place designated. The winner of the Local will go to District to compete, then the winner from District will go to State to compete.

- **Murder Mystery Dinner** presented by TWCC and performed by Clayton High School drama students. Tickets are on sale: \$35.00 each -includes dinner and a show. The event starts at 6:00 pm at The Woman's Club of Clayton, 109 N. Church Street, Clayton, NC. There will be two evenings for this - Friday, January 14th and Saturday, January 15th.

Please contact Nancy Maynard for tickets or questions.

815-274-4446 Cell **Or** E-Mail: mothermaynard@hotmail.com

- We will begin our **book bag project** for Cooper Academy in April for five first grade classes. We need books for first graders so please start bringing books you may have to the meetings for January, February, and March. The bags will go home with each student to have over the summer.

Closing with Food for Thought – 5 New Year's Resolutions

1. Work out to feel good, not to be thinner (although this helps)
2. Give a compliment a day
3. Go a whole day without checking your E-mail
4. Read a book a month
5. Drink plenty of water



Thanks to everyone who purchased gifts for Christmas Kids and Golden Wishes! Some of the shoppers pictured at left, with just a few of the purchased gifts, are Cheryl Champion, Betsy Grannis, Trish Perna and Judy Ryan.

Civic Engagement & Outreach CSP

Co-Chairs: Susan Johnson and Susan Quinn



Members working at Rise Against Hunger were Cheryl Champion (pictured above) and (pictured at right) Jeanne Dahl, Dixie Brady and Susan Johnson.



The Civic Engagement and Outreach CSP partnered with Horne Memorial UMC, Greater Heights UMC, and Christ Community UMC to share a Meal Packaging Experience on Saturday, December 4th, 2021. Four of us, and one club husband (Roy Dahl) met at Christ Community Church and within two hours had packaged 10,000 meals that are to be distributed in Haiti this week through the Rise Against Hunger non-profit organization. Meals are distributed through this organization to global partners that administer school feeding programs, orphanages, health clinics, vocational training, and this year to agencies as they responded to crisis events. Since the Rise Against Hunger (previously called Stop Hunger Now) organization started its work, over 600 million meals have been packed and distributed to 78 countries. In 2020 alone, 2.8 million meals were served. It was a wonderful, fun filled, laugh filled, dance filled, and yes hair net wearing event. We are always blessed when we can interact with others who are doing similar works as our team.

Art Festival Chair: Susan Johnson



The members of the Art Festival Committee are at work organizing the festival for February 3rd, 2022 at 6:00 at the Clayton Center. Angela Williams will collect clubwomen entries again this year. The clubwomen categories cover visual arts, crafts, and photography. We will accept entries at the January 12th meeting or sooner, or at the Executive Board Meeting on January 18th. Peggy Earp is in charge of clubwomen literature as well as the GFWC-NC state chair for the literature contest. Brenda Gay is developing a performance festival for the students of our area. Contact Susan Johnson Chair of the Art Festival if you have questions or need a handout.

TWCC Bunco Chair: Sarah Brooks



Members enjoyed a fun and relaxing time of playing Bunco on November 30th. Hostesses were Cecilia Soporowska and Sarah Brooks. **Lucky winners for the day:** Most Buncos—Nancy Maynard; Most Wins—Marybeth Bailey (tie breaker with Jeanne Dahl); Most Losses—Susan Johnson; Most Fakes—Edie Brown; Bunco Gift—Nancy Maynard; Boobie Prize—Robin Sachsenheimer.

Edie Brown and Margaret DiNubila will host Bunco on December 28th.

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—just let Sarah Brooks know if you want to be added to the Bunco list. Upcoming Bunco dates: **January 25th and February 22nd.**



One of the TWCC fundraisers this year is the **Jewelry Tree**. Jewelry donated by members will be listed and sold on **Facebook Marketplace** by Margaret Lee and Trish Perna. Some things that sell well are vintage pieces, such as pins, silver (925) rings and bracelets. Contact Trish or Margaret if you have items to sell or bring the items to one of the monthly meetings.



January Menu

- Chicken Vegetable Soup
- Pimento Cheese Sandwiches
- Seasonal Fruit

Education & Libraries CSP will host and provide dessert and beverages



The TWCC Yearbook has been updated and is located on gfwcnc.org/memberresources

Changes include some Committee/CSP Chair changes and updating the member pictures based on 2022 paid members.



In addition to the Yearbook update, the Membership Rosters reflecting paid members for 2022 (Alphabetical sort, CSP sort and Excel format) have been posted to gfwcnc.org/memberresources



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

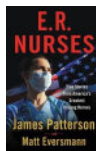
ESO Book Club

Chair: Brenda Gay



Happy New Year! Our ESO book club did some great reading and reporting on our books read in 2021. Just think, we will look forward to the same in our new season, 2022. We ended our book club meeting in 2021 by enjoying a "Festive" brunch before our book club meeting in December and passed out our book marks to The Woman's Club membership. Our book club members report on great books they have read at each of our meetings, two are listed below:

Mailbox by the Sea by Mark Grady (A love story filled with suspense and an ending you will never forget.) The mailbox is a take-off from the mailbox called "Kindred Spirits" at Sunset Beach. Book reported by book club member, Patty Jo Johnson.



E.R. Nurse by James Patterson and Matt Eversmann (True stories from America's greatest unsung heroes.) Book reported by book club member, Nancy Maynard.

A big thanks to **Robin Sachsenheimer** (pictured at right) for making the ESO project bookmarks. The bookmarks have been given to TWCC members and to the library.



Our next ESO book club meeting will be at the clubhouse on Monday, January 3rd, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Please contact me if you cannot come.

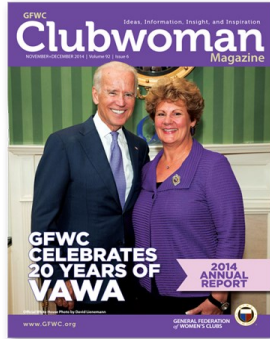
Candyland—Year 2 Had Some New Additions



Journey to Recovery

Margaret Lee has an inoperable fractured hip. She is out of Rehab and is staying with her daughter in North Raleigh. Cards can be mailed to 169 West Copenhaver Dr, Clayton, NC 27527

Honorary member **Mary Helen Woodard** is in rehab following hip surgery



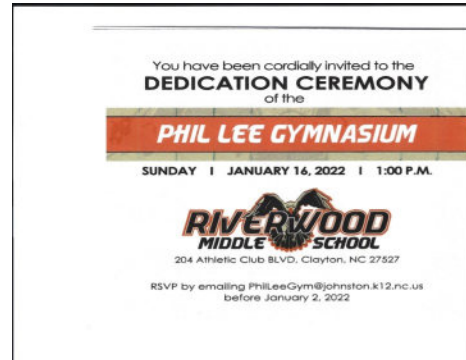
Exciting news! Beginning with the Winter 2022 issue, the *GFWC Clubwoman Magazine* will now be available to every member, without subscription, as a benefit of belonging to the Federation.

The magazine is distinct from other GFWC publications and belongs in the hands of every clubwoman. Each issue provides a message from the International President and Director of Junior Clubs, news on GFWC activities, in-depth information exploring the many facets of our program and advancement areas, and educational articles from professional, outside contributors on issues of importance to our members.

The current magazine, now available through the GFWC Member Portal, offers a comprehensive look at the 2021 GFWC Annual Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, and information about the 2022-2024 Candidates for Office. It also showcases the winning recipes from the GFWC Soup Contest and articles from our Advancement Committees on collaboration (Membership), photo tips (Communications and Public Relations), and cultivating leadership talents (Leadership). You certainly don't want to miss the exceptional article "Cancer Prevention," provided by John Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center.

Download your magazine today from the GFWC Member Portal, under "C" in the "Clubwoman Magazine" folder. If you receive *News & Notes*, then you have already created a profile for accessing the Portal! If you do not receive *News & Notes* and have not yet created a profile, visit the [FAQs page of the GFWC website](#) to get started. Alternatively, you can visit the [GFWC YouTube channel](#) for a tutorial on how to use the Digital Library. Or, if assistance is needed, please contact GFWC@GFWC.org.

Betsy and Michael Grannis were named the Town of Clayton's Mr. and Mrs. Christmas 2021. They were recognized at the town's Tree Lighting and rode in a fire truck during the Clayton Christmas Parade. Congratulations Betsy and Michael!



This dedication ceremony is in honor of TWCC member Margaret Lee's husband, Phil. Mr. Lee was principal at Riverwood Middle School. Members planning to attend the ceremony are requested to send an RSVP to PhilLeeGym@johnston.k12.nc.us by January 2, 2022.





**Recipe provided by
Judy Ryan**

*Not a pretty cake but
delicious if you're a
chocolate lover!*



Each month will feature
recipes by category

- January—Cake
- February—Appetizers
- March—Lamb
- April—Italian
- May—Cookies
- September—Seafood

**Send your favorite
recipes to**

sbrooks@twccnc.org

**Recipe provided by
Margaret DiNubila**



In the event of illness or be-
reavement, members are
encouraged to contact
Marlene Dillon
if assistance is needed with
meals, errands, etc.
Call 315-559-7240
or email
marlenedillon4@icloud.com

Coca Cola Cake

Ingredients

Cake

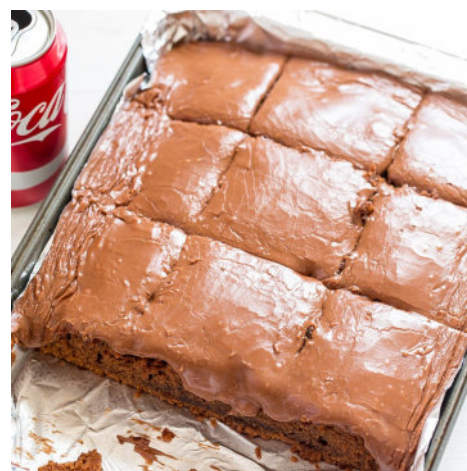
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 cups flour
- 2/3 cup butter
- 3 T cocoa
- 1/2 cups oil
- 1 cup coke
- 1/2 cup buttermilk
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1.5 cups mini marshmallows

Icing

- 1 cup butter
- 6 T cocoa
- 12 T Coke
- 1 10oz box powdered sugar
- 1 t vanilla
- 1 cup mini marshmallows

Instructions:

- Preheat oven to 325 degrees
- Sift together in a large mixing bowl the Sugar and Flour
- Mix the Butter, Cocoa, Oil, and Coke together in a pot and bring to boil
- Mix dry ingredients and wet ingredients together. Then add the Buttermilk, Baking Soda, Eggs, Vanilla and Marshmallows
- Pour into prepared oblong baking pan. Bake until done (about 75 minutes)
- Prepare icing so it will be ready when the cake is removed from the oven.
- For icing, mix in pot the Butter, Cocoa, and Coke. Bring to boil and remove from heat. Mix in the Powdered Sugar, Vanilla and Marshmallows.
- Pour icing mixture over hot cake. Let cool.



Bacardi Rum Cake

Ingredients

Cake

- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1 pkg yellow cake mix
- 1 3 3/4 pkg instant vanilla pudding
- 4 eggs
- 1/2 cup cold water
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup Bacardi Dark Rum

Glaze

- 1/4-pound butter
- 1/4 cup water
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup Bacardi Dark Rum

Instructions:

- Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Grease and flour 10-inch tube pan or 12 cup Bundt pan. Sprinkle pecans over bottom of pan.
- Mix all cake ingredients together. Pour batter over pecans in pan. Bake 1 hour.
- Set on rack to cool. Once cool, invert on a serving plate. Prick top.
- For glaze, melt butter in saucepan. Stir in water and sugar. Boil 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Stir in rum.
- Spoon and brush glaze evenly over top and sides. Allow cake to absorb glaze.
- **Optional:** Decorate with whole Maraschino Cherries and border of sugar frosting or whipped cream. Serve with grapes dusted with powdered sugar.



Recipes 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
sbrooks@twcnc.org

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News & Notes

Simply provide your name, mailing address, email, and club name
to gfwc@gfwc.org

Crabby Road 12-28-11



Recipe Corner—Cake



Chocolate-Covered Cherry Cake

Ingredients

Cake

1 box (18.25oz.) Devil's Food Cake Mix
1 can (21 oz.) cherry pie filling
¼ tsp. almond extract
2 eggs

Chocolate Glaze

¾ cup sugar
¼ cup butter
¼ cup whole milk
¾ cup semisweet chocolate chips

Instructions:

- Heat oven to 350°F. Spray Bundt pan lightly with cooking spray. Set pan aside.
- Place the cake mix in large mixing bowl. Add one can of cherry pie filling, ¼ teaspoon almond extract, and 2 eggs to the bowl.
- Beat the contents of the bowl with an electric mixer at low speed for 1 minute. Stop the mixer and wipe down sides of bowls. Beat at medium speed for 2 more minutes.
- Pour batter into the prepared Bundt cake pan. Spread batter with spatula so that it is level.
- Place in 350°F oven and bake for 50 minutes. Test cake for doneness (it should spring back when lightly pressed) and remove from oven. Cool on wire rack for 10 minutes, while you prepare the glaze*. Flip cake out of pan onto serving plate and glaze while warm.
- *For the glaze, put the sugar, butter and milk in a small saucepan over medium-low heat. Cook, stirring constantly, until mixture comes to a boil and continue cooking and stirring for 1 minute. Remove from heat and add the chocolate chips, stirring until melted and smooth. Pour the glaze over the warm cake. Cool the cake completely before serving, at least 45 minutes.



Easy Blackberry Coffee Cake

Ingredients

Cake

½ cup butter, softened
2 cups granulated sugar
4 large eggs
1 tsp. vanilla extract
2 cups all-purpose flour
2 tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. salt
1 21-oz. can blackberry pie filling

Chocolate Glaze

1 cup powdered sugar
2 tsp. water
1 tsp. vanilla extract

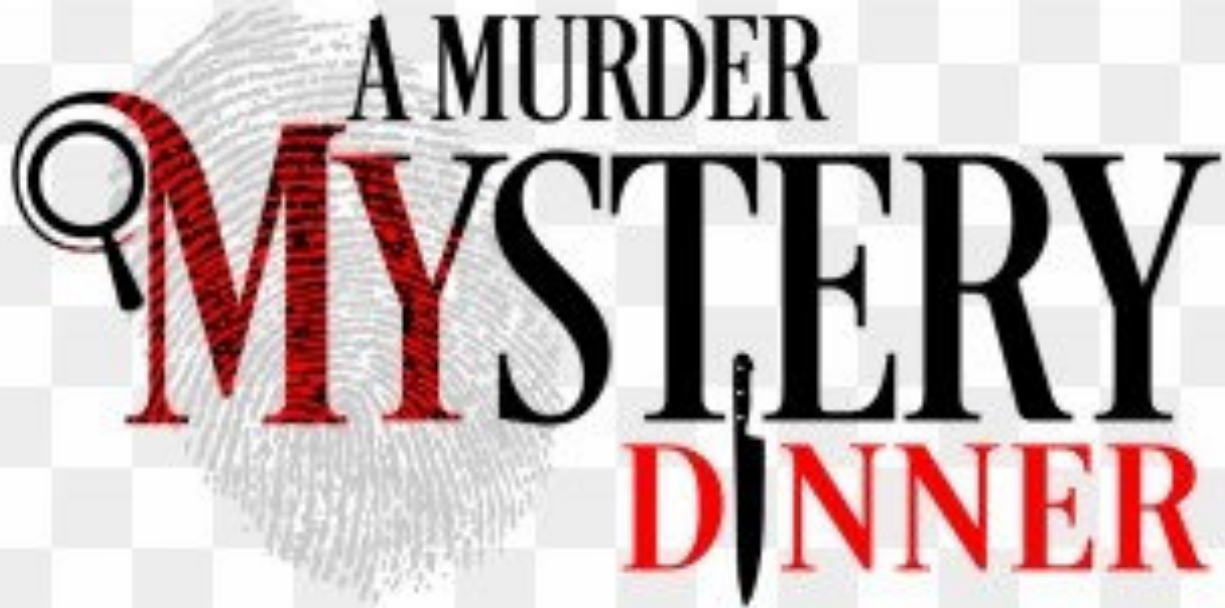
Instructions:

- Heat oven to 350°F. Spray 9" x 13" pan with baking spray. Set pan aside.
- Cream together the butter and granulated sugar until light and fluffy.
- Beat in the eggs and vanilla extract.
- Stir in the flour, baking powder and salt until well mixed.
- Pour batter into prepared pan. Spoon pie filling evenly over batter. Swirl in using a butter knife.
- Bake at 350°F for 45 – 50 minutes until lightly browned and cake is set. Remove from oven and cool completely.
- For the glaze, put the powdered sugar, water and vanilla extract in a small bowl and stir until completely mixed and lump free. Drizzle over cooled cake and serve.



January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1  <i>Brenda Gay</i> Happy New Year!
2	3  ESO TWCC Clubhouse 10:00am	4  NATIONAL Spaghetti DAY	5  National Bird Day	6	7	8
9  LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY	10	11  House of Hope Meal Education & Libraries CSP Set Up for lunch mtg Clubhouse 10:00am	12  Marianne Sapsara  TWCC Lunch Meeting 11:45am	13  Night n Gals Via Zoom 7pm	14  H&W CSP-Bingo at Senior Center 10am Murder Mystery Dinner Fundraiser TWCC Clubhouse 6pm	15  Murder Mystery Dinner Fundraiser TWCC Clubhouse 6pm
16  Angela Williams	17  Connie Keller Robin Sachsenheimer	18  TWCC Board Mtg TWCC Clubhouse 10am	19  National Popcorn Day	20	21  NATIONAL HUG DAY JAN 21	22
23  Pampered Chef Fundraiser at Betsy Grannis' Home 2-4pm	24  Dixie Brady Susan Quinn	25  Linda Strevig  TWCC Bunco TWCC Clubhouse 1pm	26  NATIONAL SPOUSES DAY	27	28	29
30  National Croissant Day	31  Margaret Lee  NATIONAL HOT CHOCOLATE DAY JANUARY 31ST					



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