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The Woman's Club of Clayton is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC), an international women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service.

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From Our President

Betsy Grannis

"The Luck 'O the Irish" to all for this month of March! The **State Arts Festival** will be held on Saturday, March 3rd at St. Luke's Church in Hickory. Our club will be well-represented as we have several pieces in the arts and crafts competition as well as our performing arts student, so wish us luck for that day!



I know we have mentioned this several times, but I would just like to gently remind you that our **meeting** will be held on **March 7th**. That way we will have our meeting accomplished and be able to concentrate on the **Main Street Conference** the following week. Several of you have volunteered to assist at the conference during this time. If you haven't had a chance and would still like to help out, please contact Laurie Partlo or myself and we will be sure that you will have something to do. We are excited to have so many visitors in town from across the

state and we are happy to have the Woman's Club of Clayton available to help Clayton shine!



Our Ways & Means committee is hard at work planning for our lovely **Spring Tea for May 5th**. Be sure to dust off your bonnets and pull out your gloves! We will have tickets available at our meeting; invite your families, your neighbors, and your friends. Our seating is limited (two seating times of 11am and 1pm) so please be sure to reserve your tickets early! We will also have signup sheets for assisting with the production of this event, so plan to share your talents! Bree Rude is gathering our raffle items and I am sure they will be spectacular. We may get a sneak peak at our meeting. We will have



raffle tickets for sale at both our March meeting and our April meeting, so please consider purchasing a few to stuff the box of the item that you want to win.

For those of you who look forward to the **St. Baldrick's** event each year, I wanted to let you know that Rob & Amy Baker (the organizers of our Clayton fundraiser) are planning to make it an every-other-year event. They are encouraging those that wish to contribute to check out the event in Raleigh this year.

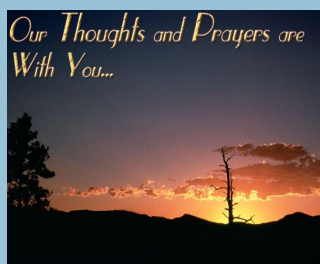
I leave you with these words on luck from Thomas Jefferson:

"I'm a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work, the more luck I have."

Thomas Jefferson



3/6 Faye Brooks
3/31 Mary Ellen Causby
Camey Daniels



Barbara Nangle
whose husband Phil (a Homework Helper) has been moved to a nursing home in Smithfield

Jo Howard
who suffered severe injuries in an automobile accident

Ramona Cash
whose brother-in-law, Arthur Lee Cash, passed away on 2/6/18

Mary Francis Harrison
who is undergoing chemotherapy

Belle Allen
who is undergoing treatments for breathing issues and varicose veins; also, her husband Rudolph who has been ill

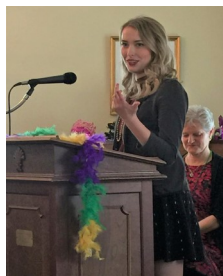
February Meeting Highlights

Members enjoyed a wonderful lunch prepared by Morning Glory Inn and hosted by the Arts CSP. The theme was "**Mardi Bras**" and many members were dressed in Mardi Gras attire. (See Arts CSP report)



The program featured two wonderful songs performed by the local and district performing arts winner, **Jordan Ward**. She sang "Riptide" while playing the ukulele and later played "Cleanse Me" on the guitar. She will go on to compete at State.

Celest Hope Whitaker, local Sallie Southall scholarship winner, thanked everyone for the scholarship and told members about herself and her future plans.



Betsy thanked everyone who was able to come to the Clayton Center on February 5th to attend the proclamation ceremony. She also acknowledged that everyone wore their new "**100 Years of Service**" shirts, and it showed the great solidarity of the club. Betsy read the proclamation received from Mayor Jody McLeod, recognizing the Woman's Club's 100 year anniversary. (Refer to pages 3 and 4 for pictures from the event and a reprint of the proclamation.)

Results from the **District 8 Art Festival** were announced. (Refer to Page 4 for highlights.)

Sarah Brooks, Chair of the **Nominating Committee**, announced the nominees for officers for 2018-2020.

The nominees, approved by acclamation, are:

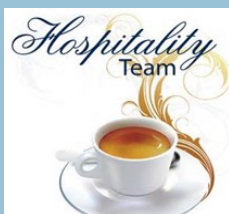
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1st Vice President-Mary Sinzdak
2nd Vice President-Teresa Hartley
Recording Secretary-Susan Quinn
Corresponding Secretary-Susan Johnson
Treasurer-Rachel Masimore



New officers for 2018-2020 to be installed at the May meeting. (Left to right: Donna Steele, Mary Sinzdak, Susan Johnson, Susan Quinn, Teresa Hartley, Rachel Masimore)

Other items covered during the meeting included:

- The Spring fundraiser will be a **Spring Tea** on Saturday, May 5th. There will be 2 seatings at 11am and 2pm, 60 per seating. Tickets will be \$15 and \$10 for children under age 10. Club members will need to make sandwiches and desserts for the event. Bree Rude is collecting items for a raffle. Raffle tickets will be available for sale at the March and April meetings and the day of the Tea.
- Members are encouraged to sign up as a volunteer for **Main Street Conference** March 13-15. Volunteers are also needed on March 9th at 11am to stuff 600 "goody" bags to be given to conference attendees.
- Teresa Hartley, Membership chairman, reminded everyone there will be a **perfect attendance** gift certificate awarded at the May meeting.
- The **GFWC-NC State Convention** will be in Cary, April 27-28. Betsy Grannis will be installed as State Treasurer.
- TWCC will host a **book signing** March 20th, 2-4pm, at the clubhouse for Jan Hemby's new book, Burnt Toast: Devotions for Imperfect People.
- Don't forget—the March meeting will be one week early on March 7th!!**



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



Betsy Grannis made this wonderful cake for members to enjoy at Manning's



March Menu

Lunch will be provided by Skylines

Education CSP will host and provide beverages and cake for dessert

Centennial Year Celebration—2018

CELEBRATING
100
YEARS

TWCC members were present in a sea of blue to hear Mayor Jody McLeod read the town's **proclamation** that recognized The Woman's Club of Clayton and their 100 years of service to the community. The proclamation is reprinted on Page 4. After the reading of the proclamation, many members met at Manning's for dinner. Thanks to Bree Rude for making the arrangements with Manning's.



Proclamation

The Woman's Club of Clayton 100 Years of Service

WHEREAS, The Woman's Club of Clayton was organized under the name of The Twentieth Century Mother's Club on October 18, 1918 with eighteen members; and

WHEREAS, two years later on November 12, 1920, with a membership of twenty-seven, the club became a federated club of the General Federation of Woman's Clubs; and

WHEREAS, the interests of the club have always been focused on service to the community of Clayton; and

WHEREAS, programs of service include Arts, Conservation, Education, Home Life and Public Issues; and

WHEREAS, the club has contributed to numerous programs and projects over the years, to include the formation of the Hocutt-Ellington Memorial Library as well as the completion of the Clayton Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE PROCLAIMED by the Honorable Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Clayton that we honor The Woman's Club of Clayton for their

100 Years of Service

Duly adopted this 5th day of February, 2018.



Jody L. McLeod
Mayor



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

Things to bring to the **March 7th** lunch meeting:

- **Greeting cards** for deployed military personnel
- Prescription/Over-the Counter **Pill Bottles**
- **Box Tops** for Education and **Pop Tops**
- **Payment** for TWCC items ordered from Bree Rude
- **Computers and Laptops** to be refurbished for Cooper Academy
- Money for Civitan BBQ Chicken Dinner (\$8/plate)
- Food items for the Senior Pantry Food Drive



Food Pantry Donations Needed

Arts Festival

Chair: Brenda Hill



The **District 8 Arts Festival** was held February 10th at Clayton First Baptist Church. The Festival was co-hosted by TWCC and the Clayton Junior Woman's club. Thanks to Dianne Carroll for arranging for the use of the facilities. TWCC is making a donation of \$100 to the church's organ fund in honor of Sybil Champion, an Honorary member of TWCC and a member of First Baptist Church.

Other than Clayton, there wasn't much competition this year so **all of the Clayton Student and Club Woman's entries won at District** and will go onto the **State Art Festival being held March 3rd** at St. Luke's Church in Hickory. Other winners from District 8 going on to state were: Betsy Grannis for the Bryan Citizenship Award, the TWCC newsletter and TWCC for its Federation Day Program. Thanks to the time reports everyone turned in, TWCC is also entered in several other award categories.



TWCC Members Brenda Hill, Ruth LaRocca, Peggy Earp and Susan Johnson

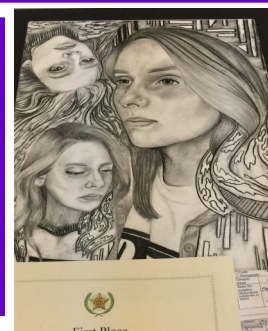


Linda Strevig wins another award for her beautiful counted cross stitch



(Left) TWCC members- Susan Quinn, Linda Strevig, Marie Monsees, Faye Brooks, Dianne Carroll

(Right) First Place Charcoal, Grades 9-12, Olivia Bargoil



*(Above) First Place Acrylic or Oil Painting, Grades 9-12, Olivia Bargoil
(Right) First Place Watercolors Painting, Grades 9-12, Emily Freeman*



Upcoming Events

March 3rd

GFWC-NC Arts Festival
St. Luke's United
Methodist Church
Hickory, NC

March 6th

Education CSP to set
up for lunch meeting
11:15am

March 7th

TWCC Lunch Meeting
hosted by Education
CSP (Date Change)
11:45am

March 8th

Night 'N' Gals
Meeting
7:00pm

March 9th

Main Street Conference
Bag Stuffing Party
11am, Clayton Center

March 13-15

Main Street
Conference



March 20th

Book signing for Jan
Hemby at clubhouse
2-4pm

March 24th

Senior Food Pantry at
Lowe's Foods
9am-1pm

March 28th

ESO to meet at Clayton
Bakery and Cafe
10am

April 27-28

GFWC-NC Annual State
Convention in Cary

May 5th

Spring Tea Fundraiser
2 seatings: 11am, 2pm

Ways and Means Committee

Chair: Mary Sinzduk



The Ways & Means Committee is planning a **Spring Tea** on Saturday, May 5th. There will be 2 seatings at 11am and 2pm, 60 persons per seating. Tickets will be \$15 and \$10 for children under age 10. Please let us know your ideas for this event. Contact Mary Sinzduk at 919-601-4034.

Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO)

Chair: Ramona Cash



ESO will meet March 28th at 10am, Clayton Bakery and Café. Recommended reading from Angela Williams, "**Before We Were Yours**" by Lisa Wingate. Based on one of America's most notorious real-life scandals in which Georgia Tann, director of the Tennessee Children's Home Society Orphanage, kidnapped and sold poor children to wealthy families all over the country profiting personally to well over one million dollars. The horrible truth was revealed with her death in the 1950's. The author's tale is riveting, heart wrenching, and ultimately uplifting.

Night 'N' Gals

Chair: Robin Sachsenheimer



The Night 'N' Gals will meet **Thursday, March 8th**, 7:00pm at the clubhouse.

The **Senior Food Pantry Drive** to benefit the Community & Senior Services of Johnston County will be held on **Saturday, March 24th, 9am-1pm** at Lowe's Foods on Highway 70. Thank you to all who are volunteering that day! If you want to contribute food items and can't be at the food drive, contact Mary Sinzduk by text or call to 919-601-4034.

Education CSP

Co-Chairs: Brenda Gay, Marlene Dillon



Education CSP will be **hosting the March meeting**. We will be meeting at the clubhouse on Tuesday, March 6th at 11:15 for set up. On Wednesday, March 7th day of the Meeting/Luncheon, we will meet at 11:00. The Skyline Restaurant will provide the entrée and the Education CSP will provide the dessert and beverage. The program will be by the Conservation CSP on **Parks and Recreation**. The Education CSP would like to thank Laurie Partlo, Chair of the Conservation CSP and their members for providing the program. The **Library Window** will be decorated by Marlene Dillon for March. Please go by the Library to take a look at it. Thank you Marlene!

Cooper Elementary School Book Bag Project – We will meet at the clubhouse on Tuesday, March 27th at 10:00 to assemble book bags for the school. We need at least seven members to help. There will be a sign-up sheet if anyone can help with this project. We will take the bags to the school in April, date and time to be announced later. There are five first grades and a total of 100 students. We take the book bags to each grade and read a book to each grade, therefore; we will need five members for reading.

And, as always, remember to bring your **pop tops** and **Education box tops** to the meeting.

Please remember our Education CSP members, **Jo Howard** who was in an auto accident, **Belle Allen** who has been under the weather and having varicose vein surgery, **Margaret Lee's husband, Phil** who is sick in your prayers.



**NC Main Street
Conference**
*March 9 (Bag Stuffing)
March 13-15*

Senior Food Drive
March 24th

**Backpack Buddies
Hospitality**

**Spring Tea (need sand-
wiches, cakes, sell event
and raffle tickets, work
event)**



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

Grow Now: Petunias and More



A bright day and a warm breeze are all it takes to make you want to get outside and plant something in your garden. The first day of spring arrives on March 20, and though it means the season has officially changed, it does not mean cold weather is over. It also may not coincide with the last frost date in your area. So what can you plant? Petunias, snapdragons, marigolds, nasturtiums, and dianthus can handle the cool days. Vegetables such as broccoli, cabbage, lettuces, kale, spinach, potatoes, and onions will do fine as well. Just wait a little longer for favorites such as caladiums, impatiens, basil, and tomatoes.

Medicine Bottle Recycling



The Conservation CSP is collecting empty plastic pill bottles for Matthew 25: Ministries (m25m.org). We accept donations of

empty plastic pill bottles for inclusion in shipments of medical supplies and for shredding and recycling. Their pill bottle program fulfills the dual needs of improving medical care in developing countries and caring for our environment.

Acceptable collection items include:

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



Pill bottles that are not appropriate to include with shipments of medical supplies are recycled for cash that goes towards Matthew 25: Ministries' programs.

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

- Bottles included in shipments of medical supplies must have an all plastic

lid.

- Remove labels, leaving no glue or residue.
- **Wash** bottles in very hot water and dish soap.
- Rinse and dry thoroughly.
- Replace lids on clean, dried bottles.
- **Place clean, re-capped bottles in zip lock 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!





TWCC members who order from Amazon are encouraged to sign up for AmazonSmile. AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support TWCC every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization.

- Go to amazon.com
- In the search box, search "Amazon Smile"
- In the first box, click on "About AmazonSmile" (here you can read about the program)
- Click on "Get Started"
- If you already have an Amazon account, sign in. If you do not have an account, click on "Create an account" (Note: to create an account, a credit card is not needed)
- After you are signed in, go to the box, "Or pick your own charitable organization:"
- Type in "Womans Club of Clayton"
- 2 options will appear so be sure to select Clayton, NC
- After you make your selection, you are reminded to use smile.amazon.com to access Amazon in order for proceeds to be allocated to TWCC
- Bookmark the link smile.amazon.com

Art CSP

Co-Chairs: Angela Williams, Faye Brooks



We would like to thank everyone who brought sport bras to our **"Mardi Bras"** Party. We collected 47 sport bras to donate to Harbor House.

We would also like to thank our ladies for the great decorations and the "king" cupcakes. It was a great day for all!



Thank you Brenda Hill for an AWE-SOME Library window display!!



Who is this lovely masked lady? It's the charming Sandy Nesselrode!



Kim Kreske rocks it in green!



Liz McLaurin and Debbie Ragland enjoy the beautiful table decorations

Home Life CSP

Chair: Susan Quinn



The Home Life CSP is exploring possibilities for where they can best distribute their remaining budget funds. They don't plan to release the monies until the end of the club year in May.

Lou McHale plans to make one more trip, in late March, to distribute snacks to the **cancer centers**.



International Outreach CSP

Chair: Mary Sinzduk



Please remember to **get your flu shot** to protect yourself and loved ones. As of 2/22/18, the total number of flu-related deaths in NC rose to 200 for the current flu season.

Walgreens pharmacy will provide a shot for a child in a developing country for every one given at the pharmacy. Please let Mary Sinzduk know if you receive your flu shot at Walgreens, so that we may list ourselves with the GFWC as participants in this program. (msinzduk@yahoo.com)

Public Issues CSP

Co-Chairs: Teresa Mathis, Bree Rude



Public Issues CSP will be responsible for the **April luncheon** and the Library window.



Congratulations to TWCC member, Jan Hemby, who just published her second book, Burnt Toast: Devotions for Imperfect People. The book is available on Amazon so don't forget to use Amazon Smile (see information on Page 8) when you make your purchase!

Community Announcements

North Carolina Main Street Conference Volunteers



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

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



Clayton Civitan Bar-B-Q Chicken

The Clayton Civitan's Bar-B-Q Chicken fundraiser is on March 16. Tickets are \$8. Plates include ½ chicken, green beans, potatoes, and roll. Please help give back to the Civitan for all they do to support our Christmas Kids program. Tickets will be available from Angela Williams.



*Recipe provided by
Angela Williams*

*Recipe provided by
Lou McHale*



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

Cornbread Casserole

Ingredients

- 1 ½ lbs. lean ground beef
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 can mixed veggies
- 1 small can tomato sauce
- Dash of salt, pepper, Worcestershire sauce
- 1 box Jiffy brand cornbread muffin mix



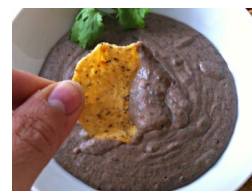
Directions

1. Brown beef and onion. Drain.
2. Add veggies, tomato sauce, salt, pepper and Worcestershire sauce. Heat until warm.
3. Pour into casserole dish or 9 x 13 pan.
4. Mix Jiffy muffin mix per package instructions and distribute evenly over meat mixture.
5. Bake in preheated 400° oven until cornbread is done, about 15 to 20 minutes.

Black Bean Dip

Ingredients

- 1 15 oz can black beans
- 1/4 cup finely chopped onion
- 1 T chopped jalapeno pepper
- 1/4 cup sour cream
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 2 T picante sauce
- 1 1/4 cups grated cheese (e.g., Cheddar and Monterey Jack)



Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Drain beans well.
3. Mash beans with a fork leaving some chunks. Do not use blender!
4. Add remaining ingredients reserving 1/4 cup cheese. Mix well.
5. Pour into 1 qt baking dish and sprinkle with remaining cheese. (May be prepared ahead to this point and refrigerated).
6. Bake 30 minutes.
7. Serve with tortilla chips.



March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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