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Club Chatter



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From Our President

Donna Steele

I am so proud of this club and all of its members! Our fund-raisers have begun and all of you have volunteered in many different ways. The **Tricky Tray** event was a great success with our leader, Bree Rude, and all of her volunteers! As many of you know I had to be in California and could not attend but I knew it would be a great success and it was! Many of you participated in the **Dine and Donate** and I thank you for eating out at Vinson's.

Our **February meeting** was festively decorated in our Valentine's Day theme by our Art Community Service group. Betsy Grannis, The Morning Glory Inn, catered our luncheon. Thank you to Dianne Carroll, Faye Brooks and Angela Williams and their Art Community Services group for serving our lunch and our decorations. Our program featured our **Sally Southall Cotton Scholarship** recipient, Ashley Arrendondo. She thanked all of our scholarship committee for choosing her and told of her plans for attending college next year. Our meeting was so well-attended, that the room was completely full with 61 members and guests present. We had 6 visitors and 55 members. We had **3 new members**

join our club and we are so happy to meet these new members and get to know them working together on our fundraisers. Please welcome and introduce yourself to our 18 new members!

Also, as part of the program, Susan Johnson announced the recipients of the **Woman's Club Members art competition**. Many of these works of art will now be judged at the state level and I know many of our members will bring home the blue ribbons! Next year we hope for more participation among our members.

The GFWC-NC Arts Festival is Saturday, March 9, 2019 at 8:00-2:00 pm at the Mebane Arts Center in Mebane, NC. Our club will be well-represented as we have many arts and crafts pieces to be judged at the state level. I know Clayton will do well! (We will car pool so call Donna Steele if you are not registered yet.)

Ways and Means: Under the leadership of Teresa Mathis, our Ways and Means Sub-Committees are still meeting and planning our fundraisers for this year. We agreed to sponsor 5 fund-raisers through June in order to meet



our fiscal obligations for the year. **Please step up and volunteer!**

Clayton Sesquicentennial 2019! Save this Date on your calendar!

For one fundraiser in 2019, The Woman's Club of Clayton has partnered with the Friends of the Hocutt-Ellington Library and the town of Clayton to host a presentation and book-signing of the popular North Carolina author, **Scott Mason, The Tarhill Traveler**, on Thursday evening, **June 13, 2019** from 6:00 - 10:00 pm at the Gateway Event Center in Clayton. This will be a catered event with our own Betsy Grannis of the Morning Glory Inn providing the food. We will have 200 tickets to sell to the public and we are looking forward to inviting all of Raleigh to Clayton for this Sesquicentennial event. Please sign up and get involved with ticket sales, decorations, logistics, donations, pre-event and sponsors. Contact Donna Steele



3/6 Faye Brooks
3/6 Tara Knight
3/31 Mary Ellen Causby



March Menu

Entrée will be provided
by **Morning Glory Inn**

Irish Stew
Fruit Salad

Education CSP will
host and provide **Key**
Lime Cupcakes for
dessert & beverages



****Dinner for 12 at Manning's**
****4 bottles of wine**
****Limo for 4 hours**

Please help sell the tickets!

\$35 for a chance to win this wonderful, fun night out!

For tickets, contact
Rachel Masimore at
443-846-4315

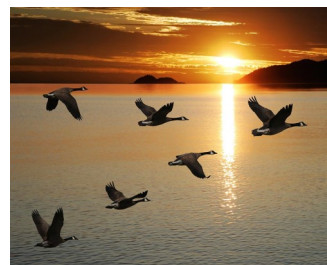
Miss America Tea Update: March 2, 2019 at 10:30 am. You may now register your daughters, grand-daughters and friends ages 5-13. Contact Sarah Brooks for additional information.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration Raffle Fund-raiser \$35.00 a ticket: Enjoy a St. Patty's Day celebration for you and eleven of your friends at Mannings' Restaurant in Clayton. A party bus provided by Shenanigans will transport you and your guests to dinner and fun for up to four hours. Your reservation will for 12 people at 7:00 ppm on Saturday March 16, 2019.

You and your guests will be able to select any dinner item form the menu and 4 bottles of wine will be provided. Contact Rachel Masimore.

And speaking of **Team-work** in our club, we are practicing team-work as we meet and plan the fund-raisers. We are striving to be a team working and remembering our common goal of helping this community and sharing the roles of leadership equally. Just as the geese do while flying in formation, when one leader gets tired, the leader moves to the back and a new leader

takes over!!! Our flock is really soaring and staying in a perfect V, thanks to all of you. Thank you for giving your time and talents to our club. We **will meet** our fund-raising goals if we continue to work and communicate as a team!



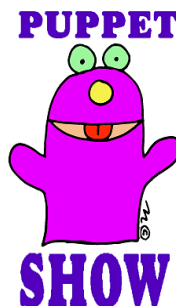
I look forward to seeing you at our March meeting on the 13th

Puppet Shows

Chair: Jeanne George

The Woman's Club of Clayton Puppeteers performed at Cleveland Elementary School on February 26th. The play, *I'd Rather be a Buddy, Than a Bully*, was enjoyed by approximately 156 First Grade children. Brenda Hill was Billy, the Bully; Melissa Kennedy was Alice; Brenda Gay was Sarah; and Sandy Nesselrode was Ted. Margaret Lee was in charge of sound; Dianne Carroll was the Curtain operator; Nancy Maynard was solo on the props (one of the toughest jobs); Susan Quinn was Photographer; and Jim Quinn helped put up the stage. Jeanne George narrated and introduced the puppets. All the Puppeteers did a wonderful job and the children laughed and had lots of fun....we did too! The children were given bookmarks that they signed as pledging to be Buddy's, not Bully's.

The next Puppeteer performance will be at Cooper Elementary on March the 18th at 8:20 AM. All Woman's Club Members are invited, and if you'd like to join our merry band of puppeteers, please email Jeanne George at creativejeanne@mac.com.



The Puppets



Puppeteers Brenda Gay, Brenda Hill, Sandy Nesselrode and Melissa Kennedy perform

February Meeting Highlights



Thank You Suzanne Greene for providing beautiful fresh flowers for the tables at the February meeting!



Jeanne George is recruiting members to serve as puppeteers, stage hands, etc. Contact Jeanne if interested.



Pictured L to R: Donna Steele, Susan Johnson, Art Award Winners Marlene Dillon, Peggy Earp, Betsy Grannis, Brenda Gay

The February 13 TWCC lunch meeting was catered by Morning Glory Inn and hosted by the Art CSP members who beautifully decorated the clubhouse.



The program was the introduction of Sallie Southall Cotton Scholarship candidate, Ashley Arrendondo from Clayton High School (CHS). Ashley has been accepted at Davidson College and hopes to become a physician.



Pictured L to R: Donna Steele, CHS Guidance Counselor, Ashley's Mother and Sister, Ashley Arrendondo, Betsy Grannis, Marlene Dillon, CHS Principal Thomas Jones, Margaret Lee

Art Festival Member Awards were presented by Susan Johnson:

Betsy Grannis - Crochet Garments - Irish Stitch Shell - first place

Brenda Gay - Nature Craft - Sea Shell Candle - first place

Marlene Dillon - Upcycling Craft - glass totem - first place

Brenda Gay - Photography A Year in Pictures - Springtime in the Garden - first place

Marlene Dillon - Photography Living Things - Dog in Sleep - first place

Brenda Gay - Photography Scenes - Ginger Bread House - first place

Marlene Dillon - Photography Scenes - Sunset on Eluthra Island, Bahamas - second place

Marlene Dillon - Photography Still Life - Sacre Couer - first place

Brenda Gay - Photography Still Life - Eiffel Tower, Paris - second place

Other items covered in the meeting:

- **St. Baldrick's** fundraiser will be March 16. Once again, Betsy Grannis will have her head shaved and will be soliciting sponsorships at the February and March meetings.

- Dianne Carroll presented a check for \$500 given to TWCC by Clayton Visual Arts in recognition of TWCC member participation in Christmas in Clayton event.
- Bree Rude described the Tricky Tray fundraiser taking place on 2/22/19 at the Civitan Club. Raffle tickets were available for sale at the meeting.
- Sarah Brooks discussed the Miss America Tea (and fundraiser) that TWCC will host on 3/2/19 and solicited volunteers for a variety of items.
- Rachel Masimore is coordinating the St. Patrick's Dinner Raffle and had raffle tickets available for sale—\$35/ticket. Each member was encouraged to sell 2 tickets.
- Donna Steele announced that the June 13 literary event speaker will be Scott Mason, The Tarheel Traveler. This event will be part of the town's sesquicentennial and will be held at the Gateway Event Center.
- On April 13 there will be a Sesquicentennial Celebration Volunteer Fair from 9am-3pm. Volunteers are needed for this event.
- Modifications will be made next year for Club Woman award nominations.

Welcome New Members (L to R): Cheryl Dicaro, Cecilia Soporowska, Nancy Maynard and Eman Zayyad





- Books for 1st graders
- Kleenex
- Dry Erase Markers
- Post-It Notes
- Hand Sanitizer
- Copy Paper
- Pencils



Sorry For Your Loss

Angela Williams mother, Edith Dees Pridgen, passed away on February 15, 2019. Please keep Angela in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Debbie Ragland is recovering from gallbladder surgery

Linda Strevig is being evaluated for cardiac issues

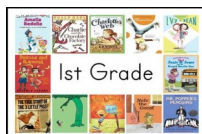
Joyce Lipscomb-Canady is recovering from surgery

Education CSP

Co-Chairs: Betsy Grannis, Marlene Dillon



Welcome **Cheryl Dicaro** to the Education CSP!



Our Education CSP is once again collecting things! We are **still in need of more books** to fill our book bags. We are doing this project during the month of March so this is our last time to collect the books. **Please contribute one or two first grade level new or gently used books.**

The other collection we are doing this month is for **items for the teachers** to have in their rooms. These are some of the things that teachers try to keep on hand for their use and for their students when needed. Some of the items include: **tissues, dry erase markers, post-it notes, hand sanitizer, copy paper, pencils** etc. If you have been a teacher you know what they may want, so be creative!



As a gentle **reminder to the Education CSP members** we are hosting the March meeting. Please plan to be at the clubhouse on March 12th at 10am for set up and decorating. Also please plan to be at our meeting on March 13th by 10:45 to serve the meal and clean up afterwards. It takes a village...

Night 'N' Gals/International CSP

Chair: Robin Sachsenheimer



The next meeting will be **Tuesday, March 19th, 7:00pm** at the clubhouse.

Shot at Life—Please get your flu shot at Walgreens and send your name to Mary Sinzdak at msinzdak@yahoo.com.

Art CSP

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



CLAYTON YOUTH THEATER

We would like to thank everyone who volunteered to help with the **Clayton Youth Theater**. I would like to thank Susan Quinn for stepping up and helping with the plans when I could not. Thank you to everyone who bought candy and water, to everyone who baked goodies, to everyone who worked at the concession stand and to everyone who attended the play. There will be a signup sheet at the March meeting for reporting purposes.

Conservation CSP

Chair: Rachel Masimore



Welcome **Cecilia Soporowska** to the Conservation CSP!

Home Life CSP

Co-chairs: Charlene Butala, Arianna Harrison



Nothing to report

Public Issues CSP

Co-Chairs: Bree Rude, Jamie Kosik



Jamie Kosik hosted a meet and greet on February 15th and the group discussed military service projects and other citizenship projects.

**March 2**

Miss America Tea
TWCC Clubhouse
10:30am-12:30pm

March 5

ESO Book Club
TWCC Clubhouse
10:00am

March 9

GFWC-NC Arts Festival
Mebane Arts Center

March 11

TWCC Puppet Show
Cooper Elementary
8:20am

March 12

Education CSP to set up
for lunch meeting
10:00am

March 13

TWCC Lunch Meeting
hosted by
Education CSP
11:45am

March 16

St. Patrick's Night Out
Manning's

March 16

St. Baldrick's Fundraiser
(Sponsors needed to
support Betsy Grannis)

March 19

Night 'N' Gals Meeting
(meet with Junior
Woman's Club)
7:00pm

April 12-13

Clayton's Sesquicenten-
nial Celebration
4/12-6pm till 4/13-3pm

April 13

Sesquicentennial Cele-
bration Volunteer Fair

June 13

Literary Event
Tarhill Traveler
6pm-10pm
Gateway Event Center

Tricky Tray Fundraiser

Chair: Bree Rude

**TRICKY
TRAY**

The **Tricky Tray fundraiser** was a resounding suc-
cess with more than **\$2000 raised!** The weather was
not cooperative but that did not dampen the spirit of
the evening. A huge **thanks** to everyone who contrib-
uted items for the auction, solicited items from various sources and the won-
derful helper bees that organized all the items so that every item looked very
appealing. If you solicited an item, please be sure to thank the contributor
for their generous donation. And a **huge thanks to the many members
who bought tickets and spread the word to others in the communi-
ty.** It definitely takes a village!!



Left: Sunday Penny worked diligently to make appealing baskets—even though her feet were killing her! Right: Patrons view the goodies and drop their tickets in bags for the treasures they hope to win.



Upper Left: Brenda Hill, Bree Rude Susan Johnson and Marlene Dillon draw tickets, announce winners and distribute the goodies. To the right is Robert Gay checking his numbers.

Upper Right: This little cutie won the huge stuffed monkey she wanted. Happy Girl!



Lower Left: Betsy Grannis mans the dessert table with wonderful goodies made by members and assorted snacks. In the background, Rachel Masimore is counting all the money that was made!



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



Sell Tickets for St.
Patty Day
Fundraiser

Sell Tickets and
Work at Tar Heel
Traveler Event

Sesquicentennial
Celebration
Volunteer Fair

Puppeteers

Backpack Buddies

Silent Partner

Walgreen's Shot @
Life



A big THANKS to
Susan Johnson
and her committee
for planning and
executing a suc-
cessful arts festi-
val!!!

ESO Book Club

Chair: Brenda Gay



ESO book club members, we will meet at the clubhouse on **Tues-
day, March 5th at 10:00am**. Refreshments will be provided.
Please let Brenda Gay (919-763-7117; email, bmgay82@gmail.com) know if
you plan to attend or not.

Ways and Means Committee

Chair: Teresa Mathis



On **Saturday, April 13, 2019 from 9a to 3pm**, The Woman's Club of Clayton will be participating in the first ever **Clayton Volunteer Fair** in Town Square, in conjunction with the Town of Clayton's 150th anniversary party. It will be an excellent opportunity for our Club to educate the public on what our organization does and to recruit new members. Teresa Mathis is serving on the Town planning Committee for this event. There will be a sign up sheet at the March 2019 meeting, asking for volunteers to sign up for 1 or 2 hour shifts during the course of the event, and to set-up and take down promotional materials.

Art Festival

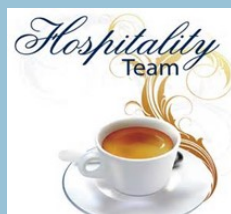
Chair: Susan Johnson



Below is the final report for the local arts festival held on January 10th at the Clayton Center.

- ◇ 9 schools participated
- ◇ 91 entries were displayed
- ◇ 40 categories were represented
- ◇ 40 First Place winners
- ◇ 19 Second Place winners
- ◇ 216 hours worked by clubwomen
- ◇ \$800 in cash awarded
- ◇ 4 clubwomen participated in crafts and photography
- ◇ 2 clubwomen and 2 students participated in literature
- ◇ Of the 40 **first place** student winners
 - ◆ 16 were from middle school
 - ◆ 24 were from high school
 - ◆ Corinth Holders High—12 first place winners
 - ◆ Home School Middle—7 first place winners
 - ◆ Home School High—7 first place winners
 - ◆ Clayton High—4 first place winners
 - ◆ Archer Lodge Middle—3 first place winners
 - ◆ Riverwood Middle—3 first place winners
 - ◆ Swift Creek Middle—2 first place winners
 - ◆ Johnston Charter Academy Middle—1 first place winner
 - ◆ Cleveland High—1 first place winner
- ◇ Of the 19 second place student winners
 - ◆ Corinth Holders High—9 second place winners
 - ◆ Riverwood Middle—4 second place winners
 - ◆ Archer Lodge Middle—2 second place winners
 - ◆ Swift Creek Middle—1 second place winner

Information from Brenda Gay: This is the first year that performing arts have not been included as part of Art Festival since GFWC-NC decided to remove performing arts from state competition. District 6 decided to sponsor performing arts just for their district so students could experience the process of being judged. Brenda Gay was asked to be one of the judges for this special competition.



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



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** meeting:

- **Children's Books** for First Graders (new or used)
- Small **stuffed animals** for book bags
- **Supplies for teachers** including Kleenex, hand sanitizer, copy paper, dry erase markers, Post It Notes, pencils
- **Money** to sponsor Betsy Grannis for St. Baldrick's fundraiser or contribute at www.stbaldricks.org/events/clayton2019

Miss America Tea

Chair: Sarah Brooks



TWCC will be hosting a tea on **March 2nd, 10:30am—12:30pm** so young ladies (Carolina Princesses) from across the state, ages 5-13, can meet and hear a presentation from **Miss America 2019, Nia Franklin**.

A huge **thanks** to the many members of TWCC who have volunteered to provide food, beverages, flowers, table decorations and to help with set up, serving and clean up. Volunteers will receive email communications prior to the event but any questions can be referred to Sarah Brooks at 919-550-0874 or email sbrooksgolfer@gmail.com

I would like to thank everyone for all of the love, prayers and support I received during my time of grief. Thank you for the calls, text, cards and emails. It has been a difficult time for me and it helps knowing that others are thinking of you and keeping you in their prayers.

Angela Williams

Thank You For The Love



(Left) Beautiful February library window done by Brenda Hill from the Art CSP. Good job Brenda!

(Right) **Jan Hemby's** latest book (part of The Gates Manor Series) is now available on Amazon!



Let's go for a **walk**

Seven TWCC members enjoyed lunch and then an indoor walking tour of the **NC Museum of Art** on February 21st. Karen Moffitt, docent at the museum, led the daily tour from modern art paintings to a pre-Egyptian artifact, the oldest possession in the NCMA. Prior to the hour of viewing some of the amazing treasures at NCMA, members had lunch in the museum restaurant, Iris. The consensus seemed to be "let's do this again". Stay tuned for next month's walk....



Pictured left to right: Betty Francies, Loretta Maschia, Mary Ellen Causby, Susan Johnson, Rachel Masimore, Suzanne Green and organizer Mary Sinzdek. Below, modern art by Gerhard Richter.





*Recipe provided by
Sarah Brooks*



**Send your favorite
recipes to**

sbrooksgolfer@gmail.com



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 provided by
Mary Sinzda*

Irish Lamb Stew

Ingredients

1 1/2 pounds thickly sliced bacon, diced
6 pounds boneless lamb shoulder, cut into 2 inch pieces
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
3 cloves garlic, minced
1 large onion, chopped
1/2 cup water
4 cups beef stock
2 teaspoons white sugar
4 cups diced carrots
2 large onions, cut into bite-size pieces
3 potatoes
1 teaspoon dried thyme
2 bay leaves
1 cup white wine



Directions

1. Place bacon in a large, deep skillet. Cook over medium high heat until evenly brown. Drain, crumble, and set aside.
2. Put lamb, salt, pepper, and flour in large mixing bowl. Toss to coat meat evenly. Brown meat in frying pan with bacon fat.
3. Place meat into stock pot (leave 1/4 cup of fat in frying pan). Add the garlic and yellow onion and saute till onion begins to become golden. Deglaze frying pan with 1/2 cup water and add the garlic-onion mixture to the stock pot with bacon pieces, beef stock, and sugar. Cover and simmer for 1 1/2 hours.
4. Add carrots, onions, potatoes, thyme, bay leaves, and wine to pot. Reduce heat, and simmer covered for 20 minutes until vegetables are tender.

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St. Patrick's Day Smoothie

Into a blender put 1 cup of milk, about a quarter of the flesh of a fresh pineapple, cored & cut into bite size chunks, one peeled banana, cut into chunks, one cup of crushed ice, one tsp. of almond extract (or whatever flavor you like), one tbsp. of seeds (e.g., chia or flax), if desired, and a handful of baby spinach. Pulse as much as needed to blend & add enough spinach for a pretty shade of green and pulse until smooth. Enjoy!



March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2  TWCC Hosts Miss America Tea 10:30am—12:30pm
3	4	5  ESO Book Club at TWCC Club-house 10am	6  Faye Brooks Tara Knight	7	8  International Women's Day	9  GFWC-NC Art Festival Mebane, NC
10 	11	12 Education CSP set up—10am	13  TWCC Lunch Meeting 11:45am Education CSP arrive at 10:45am	14	15	16  St. Patrick's Night Out Raffle Dinner St. Baldrick's Fund-raiser-Deep River
17 	18  Puppet Show at Cooper Elementary 8:20am	19  Night 'N' Gals (Meet with Junior Woman's Club) 7:00pm	20 	21	22	23
24  World Tuberculosis Day March 24 1 500 000 people die each year from tuberculosis	25	26	27	28	29	30
31  Mary Ellen Causby						

ST. PATTY'S DAY CELEBRATION FUNDRAISER

Enjoy a St. Patty's Day celebration for you and eleven of your friends at Mannings Restaurant in Clayton. A party bus provided by Shenanigans will transport you and your guests to dinner and fun for up to 4 hours.

Shenanigans Party Bus will contact the winner and arrange a pickup location. Total limo time is 4 hours.

Your reservation at Mannings will be for 12 people at 7 pm on Saturday, March 16, 2019. You and your guests will be able to select any dinner item from the menu and 4 bottles of wine will be provided.

\$35 a chance, drawing to be held

March 11, 2019

For tickets: (443) 846-4315

Proceeds to benefit The Woman's Club of Clayton 501c3