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Club Chatter



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From Our President Betsy Grannis

Yes, it is time to "March" into Spring - finally! We don't know at this point if it will come in like a Lion or a Lamb, but we truly hope that our Spring will be here soon! It is hard to imagine we have been dealing with this pandemic for a year now. I feel like we have all done an excellent job in keeping our club going in as regular a fashion as possible. We will be continuing to meet in our virtual meetings for this month - the Wednesday meeting is on March 10th at 11am and the March 11th Thursday evening meeting is at 7pm. You will receive the invitation for the meeting the day before it is scheduled, along with the agenda and any other information. relevant Thank you to all of you who are able to participate with us - we appreciate seeing all your smiling faces!

Congratulations are in order for our club members that were submitted to District 8 for individual awards: Brenda Gay and Cheryl Champion have won at the district level and will move on to represent our club at the state level. These winners will be announced at the GFWC-NC Convention in April. Also, Susan Johnson has been submitted directly to the state for the Clubwoman with Heart Award so we

will also hear the results of this entry at the convention. We are so happy for you and know that you will represent our club well! **Congratulations, Ladies!!**

We are gearing up for our final fundraiser of the season - the Quarter Mile on April 10th! Please contact Trish Perna if you would be able to assist with this event. You can also contact Trish if you would like to donate to the cause we are working hard to meet our goal of a quarter mile worth of quarters – 15,840 quarters=\$3,960! If you are able to donate a foot of quarters (\$3=one foot) or a yard of quarters (\$9=one yard) or any other denomination you see fit please do! We are not just taking quarterscash money, checks or credit cards are welcome!!

International Women's Day will be cele-brated on March 8th this year. International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating women's equality worldwide. The first International Women's Day gathering was held in





1911 and was supported by over a million people. Today, International Women's Day belongs to groups collectively all everywhere and is not country, group, or organization specific. The campaign theme for 2021 is Choose to Challenge'. A challenged world is an alert world. And from challenge comes change. You can find out a lot more at www.internationalwomen sday.com.

Since the daffodil is the flower of March, I chose this William Wordsworth quote to share with you:

"I wandered lonely as a cloud that floats on high o'er vales and hills, when all at once I saw a crowd, a host, of golden daffodils; beside the lake, beneath the trees, fluttering and dancing in the breeze."

WILLIAM WORDSWORTH



February Meeting Highlights

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BRENDA HILL due to the loss of her husband, Jerry Hill, on 1/29/21.

PEGGY EARP who lost her husband, Jimmy Earp, on 2/7/21. BARBARA PIERCE

who lost her son, Jímmy, on 2/5/21.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Brenda Hill, Peggy Earp and Barbara Pierce and their families during this difficult time. The **February meeting** was comprised of two Zoom sessions on February 10 at 11am and January 11 at 7pm. There were 23 participants at the day meeting (including new member **Lynn Roman**) and ? participants at the evening meeting.

Sandy Nesselrode provided the devotion and blessing.

Betsy Grannis noted that members were asked to wear red to recognize Women's Heart Month. She stated that symptoms of heart conditions are more subtle in women and encouraged everyone to pay attention to any symptoms such as shortness of breath or tiredness and have these checked out by a physician. February is also Black History Month. Betsy discussed the GFWC-NC President's special project, the Charlotte -Hawkins Brown museum, which was a day and boarding school for blacks for nearly 70 years.

The program was arranged by the Health & Wellness CSP. Member **Rhon-da Nielsen** gave a wonderful presentation on "The Gift of Life—American Red Cross" and encouraged members to become blood donors. To find out locations for blood drives and register, go to www.redcross.org.

Highlights from the meeting:

- District 8 Board Meeting was held on 1/30/21 and the budget was approved.
- Virtual "social" gatherings are held the 4th Wednesday of each month at 10:30am.
- Quarter Mile Fundraiser—Trish Perna discussed the fundraiser to be held April 10th at East Clayton Community Park. The town has tentatively approved the event but will provide final approval 2 weeks prior to the event. This is necessary to determine the Covid restrictions effective closer to the date. Trish set up a Facebook page and has raised \$360 thus far. Flyers will be sent to members (end of this newsletter)

and all are encouraged to print and distribute the flyers. Members will also receive a list of volunteer opportunities to help with this event.

- Arts Festival Susan Johnson reported the Student Arts Competition received 14 entries; 9 first place entries will continue to the State Arts Festival to be held 3/13/21 at 10am. The event is free but if interested, you must register. Angela Williams reported on the Clubwomen entry results. Angela encourages members to begin working on projects for next year's competition. Brenda Gay coordinated the performing arts competition that was covered in the February newsletter. She would like to see this competition become an annual event as it is very beneficial to the students that compete.
- Judy Ryan reported that the Finance Committee has begun discussions of the 2021-22 budget and will present the proposed budget to the Executive Board in March.
- The **Scholarship Committee** conducted interviews with 11 students via Zoom for the Sallie Southall Cotton Scholarship. The winner was Avery Berg, a student at Cleveland High School. It was announced she also won the District 8 scholarship and will be going to the State competition.
- **Pollinator Garden**—The President's Special Project will be the establishment of a Pollinator Garden at the library. **Donna Steele** is working with Joy Garretson at the library to plan this project as well as reading grant program.
- **House of Hope**—Donations of puzzles and other items have been made to House of Hope and the dinners continue.
- Silent Partners—Belle Allen reported she has received several requests for assistance. Anyone who has not signed up for this program and would like to participate should contact Belle. You would only be contacted one time during the year.



Nothing new to report

Night 'N' Gals

Chair: Robin Sachsenheimer



The **Night 'N' Gals** meeting on **March 11th at 7pm** will be held via Zoom and all members are invited to participate.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBER **Lynn Roman**

HOUSE OF HOPE OF NC Addresses such hurts

AS:

Sexual Abuse Physical Abuse Emotional Abuse Divorce Loss of a parent Trauma Anger Self Esteem Cutting and self-injury Depression Anxiety And other diagnosis



Arts & Culture CSP Co-Chairs: Angela Williams, Faye Brooks, Dianne Carroll



We are planning to do a **kid's art zone** at the Club's "Quarter Mile" event. We will be need volunteers to help. We will have more information next month, but mark your calendar to help on **April 10th**.

We are still collecting **greeting cards** for St. Jude's Children Ranch. Save all of your greeting cards.

We hope to have the afghan of many colors finished soon.

Congratulations to the following clubwomen for their entries in the **Arts Festival!** Enjoy some of the 1st place entries at the end of the newsletter.

Category	Clubwoman	Description	Place	
Needlework				
Crochet - Large	Patty Jo Johnson	Christmas Afghan	1st	
Crochet - Garment	Betsy Grannis	Green Cardigan	1st	
Crafts				
Paper Craft	Linda Strevig	Folded Paper Birthday Card	1st	
Open Category	Becky Stewart	Stamped and hand drawn Christmas Card	1st	
Visual Art				
Acrylic	Sandy Nesselrode	Bird's nest with eggs	1st	
	Marlene Dillon	Kids at the Beach	2nd	
Photography				
Our World Up Close	Brenda Gay	Pigeons on Callu del	1st	
Natural Wonders	Marlene Dillon	Moody Winter Landscape	1st	
	Brenda Gay	Azaleas in sister's Back- yard	2nd	
Reflections	Marlene Dillon	My Home at Dusk	1st	
	Brenda Gay	Swan	2nd	

Health & Wellness CSP Co-Chairs: Nancy Maynard, Marybeth Bailey



Health and Wellness would like to thank **Rhonda Nielson** for speaking at our February meeting. She works with The American Red Cross and did a wonderful job teaching us about the importance of giving blood. She also talked about some of the misconceptions and even possible fears of donating blood. For more information on how to volunteer or donate please contact **The American Red Cross** at <u>www.redcross.org</u>

Health and Wellness continues to support the **House of Hope** by providing two meals a month. We also donated two soccer balls and a pump to go with their newly installed soccer goals. For more information on House of Hope or to check out other ways to help please go to their website houseofhopeofNC.com or their Facebook page. They have an ongoing list connected with Amazon shown on their website. A Covid-19 friendly way to help!

Valentine e-cards for the young patients at **St. Jude** was very successful. We sent around 19 cards without even leaving our homes! I am sure we put some smiles on their faces. Thank you!

The Optometric Association has listed March as **"Save Your Vision"** month. One way to take care of your eyes is to follow the 20/20/20 Rule. For every 20 minutes of staring at a computer, tablet, computer or book, take a 20 second break, look at an object at least 20 feet away. Take several blinks before returning to your close-range tasks.

Education & Libraries CSP Co-Chairs: Brenda Gay, Margaret Lee





Avery Berg TWCC and District 8 Sallie Southall Cotten Scholarship recipient



I wish to thank the members of The Woman's Club of Clayton for selecting me Club Woman of the Year. I know there are many other members who would have been eligible for this award which makes me particularly grateful that I was able to receive it.

The Woman's Club means a lot to me and I will continue to be a faithful member. I think we have a strong and outstanding membership.

Thank you again, <mark>Brenda Gay</mark> There were 11 applicants this year vying for the prestigious **Sallie Southall Cotten Scholarship**. Brenda Edge, Donna Steele and Margaret Lee sat in on zoom meetings with these outstanding candidates from 9:30 am-4:30 pm continually interviewing students from Clayton HS, Cleveland HS and Corinth Holder HS in late January. When all votes were taken and discussion was completed, there remained one student whose name kept rising to the top.

Avery Marie Berg is our new Sallie Southall Cotten representative and she is a senior at Cleveland High. Avery is currently ranked 5th out of a class of 415 seniors. Avery aspires to become a doctor, and there is no reason why she should not reach this goal. Avery Berg will either attend NC State University, or UNC, Chapel Hill. She is currently waiting to see which school will offer her the most in scholarships. She plans on majoring in Chemistry and Pre-Med.

Avery Berg has accomplished many things in her very young life. One of her most impressive accomplishments has been to single handedly put together a **blood drive** for Johnston County when the county was in dire need for blood during the Covid Pandemic. She managed to have an impressive outcome of nearly 200 volunteers that gave blood.

The Woman's Club of Clayton is very proud to announce that Avery Berg will be going to **State competition**. She will be representing **District 8** in the finals.

Clayton has so many bright students attending schools throughout the County. We think that Clayton has every right to be proud of its students who are working hard during these trying times. **We applaud these students**, their teachers and all the staff that has worked to assure our students continue to receive the education they deserve.

Environment CSP

Co-Chairs: Rachel Masimore, Trish Perna, Susan Quinn



The Environment CSP will provide the program for the **March meeting**. Marshall Warren from Johnston County Ag Extension office will be talking about the plants for the **Pollinator Garden**.

Arts Festival Chair: Susan Johnson



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For the **student awards**, there were a total of 14 entries and 9 first place winners—8 from Clayton High School and 1 from **Riverwood Middle School**. Special thanks to the art teacher at **Clayton High School**, Janine Frantz, for

her efforts with her students and submitting paper work for the festival. On the next page are samples of some of the 1st place student art from Clayton High School.

At left, Student Art Month Proclamation from Town Council

At right, Riverwood Middle School—1st place winner, Crochet





Clayton High School Art

SV912-Mixed Media



SV911-Pastel Drawing



SV905-Graphic Design (re-designing Logos)





SC904-3D Paper Sculpture (Papier Mache)





SV909-Color/Colored Pencil







March 1 ESO Book Club Location TBA 10:00am

March 10 TWCC Meeting Virtual via Zoom* 11am

March 11 Night 'N' Gals Virtual via Zoom* 7pm

March 13 GFWC-NC Arts Festival Virtual via Zoom 10am Register at <u>https:// forms.gle/</u> gkMzcgomuAqT7Jxw5

March 16 TWCC Executive Board Virtual via Zoom* 10:00am

March 24 TWCC Virtual Social

Gathering via Zoom* 10:30am

April 10 Quarter Mile Event 11am-4pm East Clayton Community Park

April 16-17 GFWC-NC Annual Convention Virtual

*(email instructions sent out prior to meeting)

Have you been receiving emails? If not, you may want to add "members@twccnc.org" to your contacts.

ESO Book Club

Chair: Brenda Gay



The ESO Book Club did not meet at our regular meeting February 1st because of inclement weather. However, I was pleased that several of our members did meet at the **Skyline Restaurant** on Wed. February 10th for a nice lunch and book club meeting.

Members, some of you have sent in your **reports for the different levels**. Even if you feel you do not have time to work on the "levels", please send in at least **four book reports** so all of us will be counted **"ACTIVE MEMBERS"**. Example: If you are working on the "Star Level" and send in at least four book reports, it will be counted toward the "Star Level" later and etc. If you do not understand the process, call me.

The ESO book club is **open to all club members**. If any member would like to join, please let me know. If you like to read, this may be the book club for you. We read great books in different categories. We do not read the same book, as long as we stay in the categories, we can read what we wish. The **ESO Reading List** are: History, Fiction, Non-Fiction, NC Authors, The Arts, Biography & Memoir, Business & Finance, Drama, Education, Health & Medicine, Home & Garden, Poetry, Religion & Inspirational, Science, Sports & Recreation, Travel & Geography, Women's Studies, just to name a few categories of great reads.

The following are three books that some of our members reported on at our February book club meeting:



<u>365 Ideas</u> by Sunny Fader (This book is about recruiting, retaining, motivating and rewarding your volunteers: A complete guide for Nonprofit Organizations).

The Other Einstein by Marie Benedict (This is a story of a not-so-famous scientist who not only loved Albert Einstein, but also shaped the theories that brought lasting renown. This novel resurrects Einstein's wife, a brilliant physicist in her own right whose light was lost in her husband's enormous shadow.

The Book of Lost Friends by Lisa Wingate (A novel about three young women searching for family amid the destruction of the post-Civil War South, and of a modern-day teacher who learns of their story and its vital connection to her students' lives.)

Our next ESO book club meeting is Monday, March 1st. Place of meeting and time TBA.



General and Executive Board meetings will be held virtually in March. Sign up is not required. Instructions for the Zoom session will be sent to members the day prior to the meeting.





The following **Member Resources** page documents have been updated on the TWCC website, twccnc.org:

- Active Membership Database
- Active Members by CSP
- Honorary Members (update to Ramona Cash's address)
- Membership Roster in Excel Format
- 2020-2022 Yearbook (added Clubwoman Awards winners, new member picture, new Parliamentarian)
- CSP Guidelines (added project reporting information and updated Project Information Worksheet)



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

Quarter Mile Event Fundraiser Chair: Trish Perna



Family, Friends, Food and FUNdraising! Ladies, gear yourself up for a SUPER Fundraiser. All members are encouraged to participate in this fun event that will be the **last fundraiser** before the club's summer break. It will be outdoors and everyone can social distance. You can enjoy a lovely day in the park, eat food from two food trucks and an ice cream truck, and help throughout the day. The event will be held **April 10, 2021** at the East Clayton Community Park: 1774 Glen Laurel Rd in Clayton from **11 am – 4:00 p**m.

How does it work? Request contributions in any amount—not just quarters. There will be a "fence" on the park's walking park. A sticker the size of a quarter will be placed on the fence for every "quarter" raised. For example, for a \$5 donation, 20 stickers will be placed on the fence. The goal is to raise enough quarters that will stretch a quarter of a mile (or hopefully more).

Come out and help cover a quarter of a mile!

Volunteer options list:

- Apply quarter **stickers to cardboard** strips prior to event: for money already raised
- Help Trish **paint signs** that will be placed around town the day prior to the event
- Share flyer on personal social media sites, churches; any groups/ contacts members have access to
- Solicit funds from family, friends and neighbors. Involve your grandkids—have them save their quarters and bring to the event!
- **Solicit funds from any businesses** that you have personal connections to and let Trish know which business it is to avoid repeat contact.
- We will need volunteers for set up and clean up as well as 2 hour blocks of volunteer time during the event hours.

Anyone wanting to volunteer the day of the event please **contact Trish Perna** at 702-875-2692 or email at tricia.perna@gmail.com.









Betty Lou **Evans** continues her recovery at Springbrook Rehabilitation and Nursing Care Center at 195 Springbrook Ave, Clayton, NC 27520. Please continue to keep her in your thoughts and prayers. Cards and calls (302-245-0300) are appreciated.

Joann Cassone is undergoing radiation therapy. Please keep Joann in your thoughts and prayers.

Susan Quinn has been moved to Smithfield Manor. She is weak but improving. Cards can be sent to Smithfield Manor Nursing and Rehab, 902 Berkshire Rd, Smithfield, NC 27577. Thoughts and prayers go out to Susan and Jim.

Trish Perna is in Las Vegas with her father who is in hospice.

Marybeth Bailey is recovering from heart surgery.

Marianne Sapsara is recovering from her second reconstructive surgery.

Ramona Cash has been moved to the Stewart Health Center (skilled nursing) at Springmoor. She would love to hear from TWCC members! Her phone number is 919-848-3191.





Crochet Large, Christmas Afghan, Patty Jo Johnson; Crochet Garment, Green Cardigan, Betsy Grannis; Paper Craft, Folder Paper Birthday Card, Linda Strevig





Open Category, Stamped and hand drawn Christmas Card, Becky Stewart; Acrylic, Bird's nest with eggs, Sandy Nesselrode; Photography (Our World Up Close), Pigeons on Callu del, Brenda Gay





Photography (Natural Wonders), Moody Winter Landscape, Marlene Dillon; Photography (Reflections), My Home at Dusk, Marlene Dillon

Recipe Corner—March Madness



Buffalo Chicken Crescent Rolls

Ingredients

- 1 cup shredded cooked chicken
- 4 oz cream cheese, cubed
- 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 2 T prepared ranch salad dressing
- 2 T Buffalo wing sauce
- 2 tubes (8 oz each) refrigerated crescent rolls
- 1/3 cup crumbled blue cheese

Directions

- Preheat oven to 375°. In a small saucepan, combine chicken, cream cheese, cheddar cheese, ranch dressing and wing sauce. Cook and stir over low heat until cheeses are melted, about 5 minutes. Remove from the heat.
- Unroll tubes of crescent dough; separate into 16 triangles. Place 1 tablespoon chicken mixture in the center of each triangle; sprinkle with 1 teaspoon blue cheese. Bring corners of dough over filling and twist; pinch seams to seal (filling will not be completely enclosed). Place on ungreased baking sheets.
- Bake until golden brown, 15-20 minutes. Serve warm

Bacon-Blue Cheese Stuffed Burgers

Ingredients

- 1-1/2 pounds lean ground beef (90% lean)
 3 ounces cream cheese, softened
 1/3 cup crumbled blue cheese
 1/3 cup bacon bits
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
 1/4 teaspoon pepper
 1 pound sliced fresh mushrooms
 1 tablespoon olive oil
 1 tablespoon water
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 4 whole wheat hamburger buns, split
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 4 romaine leaves
- 1 medium tomato, sliced

Directions

- Shape beef into 8 thin patties. Combine the cream cheese, blue cheese and bacon bits; spoon onto the center of 4 patties. Top with remaining patties and press edges firmly to seal. Combine the salt, garlic powder and pepper; sprinkle over patties.
- Grill burgers, covered, over medium heat or broil 4 in. from the heat on each side until a thermometer reads 160° and juices run clear, 5-7 minutes.
- Meanwhile, in a large skillet, saute mushrooms in oil until tender. Stir in water and mustard.
- Serve burgers on buns with mayonnaise, romaine, tomato and mushroom mixture.







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

Recipes provided by Sarah Brooks



recipes by category April—Breads May—Poultry

Send your favorite recipes to

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Recipe provided by

Sarah Brooks

Recipe Corner—March Madness



Ham 'n' Cheese Biscuit Stacks

Ingredients

4 tubes (6 ounces each) small refrigerated flaky biscuits (5 count each) 1/4 cup stone-ground mustard **ASSEMBLY:** 1/2 cup butter, softened 1/4 cup chopped green onions 1/2 cup stone-ground mustard 1/4 cup mayonnaise 1/4 cup honey 10 thick slices deli ham, quartered 10 slices Swiss cheese, quartered 2-1/2 cups shredded romaine 20 pitted ripe olives, drained and patted dry

20 pimiento-stuffed olives, drained and patted dry

40 frilled toothpicks

Instructions

- Preheat oven to 400°. Cut biscuits in half to make half-circles; place 2 in. apart on ungreased baking sheets. Spread mustard over tops. Bake until golden brown, 8-10 minutes. Cool completely on wire racks.
- Mix butter and green onions. In another bowl, mix mustard, mayonnaise and honey. Split each biscuit into 2 layers.
- Spread biscuit bottoms with butter mixture; top with ham, cheese, romaine and biscuit tops. Spoon mustard mixture over tops. Thread 1 olive onto each toothpick; insert into stacks. Serve immediately.

Fiesta Meatballs

Ingredients

1 pound ground beef 1 medium onion 1 egg 1/3 cup dry bread crumbs 1/4 cup milk 1/4 teaspoon salt 1/8 teaspoon pepper 1 12 oz jar salsa



Directions

- Heat oven to 400 degrees. Mix all ingredients except salsa. Shape into thirty 1-inch balls. Place in ungreased rectangular pan, 13x9x2.
- Bake uncovered about 15 minutes or until no longer pink in center and juice is clear.
- Place salsa and meatballs in 2-quart saucepan. Heat to boiling, stirring occasionally; reduce heat. Cover and simmer about 15 minutes or until salsa and meatballs are hot. Serve hot.

The fruit of silence is prayer. The fruit of prayer is faith. The fruit of faith is love. The fruit of love is service. The fruit of service is peace. MOTHER TERESA





Please submit items by the **25th** of the month to the "Club Chatter" Editor, Sarah Brooks sbrooks@twcenc.org

Recipe provided by Angela Williams



Backpack Buddies Silent Partner Hospitality Meals for House of Hope

March 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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21 Vorted Poetry Day	22	23	24 TWCC Virtual Social Gathering 10:30am	25	26	27 Passover
28 Palm Sunday	29	30 Take a Walk in the Park Day	31 Mary Ellen Causby			