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Club Chatter



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From Our President

Betsy Grannis

Welcome, March! March into spring, march on, March Madness, march to the beat of a different drummer, marching forward to help those in our community. We move into this month with many expectations and hope they are fulfilled.

We are excited for our largest fundraiser of the year – our **Small Town Gala** event that will be happening on March 19th at The Farm at 42. Posters have been distributed to downtown businesses and ticket sales are in full swing. Please continue to sell tickets to everyone you know – we need your support to make this a successful event. Remember to get in your ticket stubs with money to Loretta Mascia by March 5th. What fun it will be to get all dressed up and enjoy a lovely meal, dancing and fun with friends – oh yeah, and you might win **\$10,000!!!**

Congratulations to our members that were submitted to District 8 for Individual **Clubwomen Awards**: Judy Ryan for Citizenship and Betsy Grannis for Clubwoman of the Year. Nancy Maynard has been submitted directly to GFWC-NC as our Clubwoman With Heart nominee. Congratulations, Ladies,

and thank you for being great representatives of The Woman's Club of Clayton!

The **GFWC-NC State Arts Festival** will be held at the Mebane Arts and Community Center on Saturday, March 12th. We have a great contingency attending the event and bringing our student and clubwomen art to be judged. Thank you to **Susan Johnson** for her efforts as the Arts Festival Chair and to all the helpers that have made



this happen. Thank you to **Angela Williams** for getting our clubwomen entries organized. Thanks also to **Peggy Earp** for not only being our club's literature chair, but also the chair of literature for the state. Can't wait to hear the results!

I leave you with this thought for an inspired March:



February Meeting Highlights

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Nominees for Officers, 2022-2024: Betsy Grannis, Trish Perna, Brenda Hill, Loretta Mascia and Judy Ryan. Not pictured, Patty Jo Johnson

The **February meeting** was held February 9th with 40 members and 4 guests attending. The **Health & Wellness CSP** hosted the meeting and the meal was prepared by Betsy Grannis. The devotion and blessing was given by Sandy Nesselrode.

Four visitors were introduced—Jayne Hafer, Patti Farmer, Deborah Fuller and Christie Latham.



Tom Ricks from the **Serve the Need Johnston County** talked about Serve the Need and some of the wonderful things they have accomplished over the years.

Betsy Grannis presented Mr. Ricks with a check for **\$8333.33** from the Rye Foundation Grant.

The guest speaker was Kathryn Candore, (regional manager for the **American Heart Association**). The program focused on women's heart health. Kathryn gave TWCC 3 kits to help members learn CPR.



Highlights from the meeting:

- Betsy Grannis thanked Sarah Brooks for her work on **TWCC award entries** to GFWC-NC and presented her with a gift.
- Dianne Carroll, Nominating Committee Chair, introduced the **nominees for officers, 2022-2024**. They are President, Betsy Grannis; 1st Vice President, Trish Perna; 2nd Vice President, Brenda Hill; Treasurer, Judy Ryan; Recording Secretary, Loretta Mascia; Corresponding Secretary, Patty Jo Johnson. There were no further nominations from the floor. Elections will be held at the March meeting.
- Brenda Hill presented winners for clubwoman awards with plaques (entries are included in this newsletter):
 - ⇒ **Outstanding Citizenship & Patriotism**—Judy Ryan
 - ⇒ **Clubwoman with "Heart"** - Nancy Maynard
 - ⇒ **Clubwoman of the Year**—Betsy Grannis
- Betsy Grannis thanked members who helped with the **Murder Mystery Dinner** on January 14th. \$1752 was

raised! Margaret Lee was thanked for her work to make this event happen.

- Judy Ryan and Loretta Mascia 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. Members were encouraged to sell tickets which are being maintained by Loretta. Also, tickets can be purchased online. Loretta explained that the odds are really good for winning something.
- Scholarship winners were announced: Jacob Tolar won the **Sallie Southall Cotton Scholarship** from TWCC (\$1000) and District 8 (\$500). He will now compete at State. An anonymous donor gave \$500 for a runner-up scholarship given to Matthew Davis. Brooke Mischke won \$500 for the **Sybil Champion Community College Scholarship** and \$200 from District 8.
- The **Art Festival** was held at the Clayton Center on February 3rd. First Place winners were awarded a total of \$330 and will compete in the State Art Festival on March 12th. Clubwoman award winners were presented with certificates. Refer to the Art Festival report in this newsletter.
- Sarah Brooks reported that the **House of Hope Gala** is already sold out but members are encouraged to participate in their Golf Tournament on April 29th or 5K race on September 10th.
- The Arts & Culture CSP displayed some of the **no-sew blankets** that members made on February 3rd. Some of the blankets will be completed and given to the Special Needs class at **River Dell Elementary** on February 17th. The remaining blankets will go to **Harbor House**.
- Rachel Masimore announced that town has granted special permission to have baby chicks at the **Main Street Community Garden** for the Easter celebration.
- 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.
- The **Riverwood Middle School** event to honor Margaret Lee's husband, Phil, who was their principal for 11 years, was postponed and has been rescheduled for March 27th at 1:30pm.
- **Peggy Earp** gave members a bookmark with the Collect.

Welcome
New Members



Denise Fries

Pictures Coming
Soon!

Jayne Hafer
Patti Farmer
Deborah Fuller



Items for military (list to be sent out prior to March meeting)



Honorary member **Joyce Lipscomb Canady** broke her shoulder and hip following a fall. Wish Joyce well by sending cards to 315 Crescent Dr, Clayton, NC 27520



- Read Across America
- Meals for House of Hope (2nd Tuesday)
- Bingo at Senior Ctr (2nd Friday)
- Mentoring students at SSS and Clayton High Schools
- Small Town Gala
- Silent Partners
- Hospitality

Health and Wellness would like to welcome **Patti Farmer and Deborah Fuller** to our CSP! We look forward to getting to know you better and appreciate your willingness to share your time and talent with us.

A **BIG thank you** to all the ladies that helped with decorating, serving, making a delicious dessert and cleaning up for the February meeting! You are amazing! A special thank you to our guest speaker, Kathryn Candore, for sharing her knowledge on how to keep our hearts healthy. Thank you to **Creative Cousins** (co-owned by former TWCC member Sunday Penny) for providing carnation bouquets for the ladies which were handed out after the meeting. Thank you, **Betty Francies**, for decorating the library window that was enjoyed for the month of February.



CAM was very happy with the feminine hygiene products that we donated. Thank you to everyone that brought items to the meeting.



The House of Hope ladies enjoyed a scrumptious meal prepared by **Robin Sachsenheimer** and desserts provided by **Dixie Brady**. Thank you, ladies! We appreciate your kindness.

We have a new favorite Bingo caller--**Brenda Hill!** Thank you, Brenda and **Jeanne Dahl**, for helping **Nancy Maynard** make it such a fun hour! We continue to get many compliments from the players and program coordinator, Connie Keller. If anyone has any small items that they would like to donate for prizes or have any questions about Bingo or prize donations, please call Nancy Maynard 815-274-4446. ****Most of the prizes so far have come from Dollar Tree or Popshef**** so nothing extravagant.



March is **National Nutrition Month**. The definition of **nutrition** is: "the process of taking in food and converting it into energy and other vital nutrients required for life". Modern version: "you are what you eat". In our very busy lives, it is easy to not really think about what we are eating/drinking to nourish our bodies. Someone years ago advised me "to give myself as much time as I give to others". Perhaps this is a good time for all of us to give our "nutrition" some extra thought and time. **YOU** are worth it!

Happy St. Patrick's Day!!

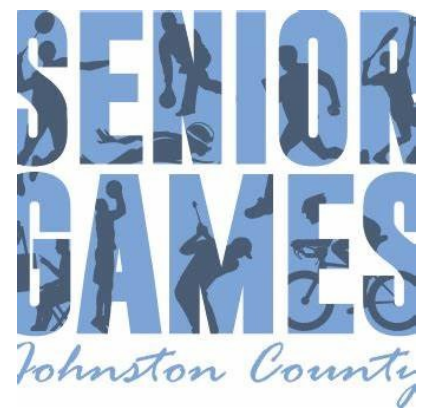
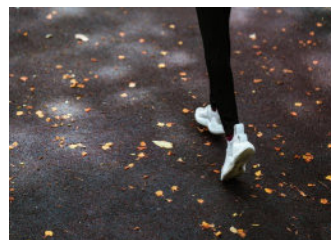
HOUSE OF HOPE FUNDRAISERS



Golf Tournament

We can't wait to see you at our golf tournament on April 29th! We need corporate sponsors and players! To sponsor or sign up to play register go to https://givebutter.com/fVFYP9?blm_aid=19909

Register for the 5k! Run, walk, or come cheer the crowds at the annual House of Hope 5K on September 10th at Knightdale Station Park! Registration includes a race t-shirt/ or women's tank and a medal. The race is \$35 per person. Go to https://houseofhope5k.com/?blm_aid=19909



Registration Deadline is March 4, 2022. For details and registration forms, go to www.cssjohnston.org

Civic Engagement & Outreach CSP

Co-Chairs: Susan Johnson and Susan Quinn



The CEO CSP welcomes our newest member **Denise Fries** to our group. She is recently retired and wants to use her time in service to others in our community. We welcome her to our group and our club.

On May 23rd, we will once again join in another **Rise Against Hunger Event** in partnership with Christ Community Church. More information will be coming but save the date on your calendars.

As we are nearing the end of this fiscal year, CEO plans a project to support the military, active or retired, and have made initial contact with a local group to plan this. When details are available it will be shared with the club. For now we will be **starting a collection of items that can be used at our meeting on March 9th**. A list will be emailed to members next week with specific items that are currently needed.

If anyone has a specific military need that they would like to share for consideration, let Susan Johnson know at 919-522-7746.

Pray for our troops as they travel to support the Ukrainian people.



Education & Libraries CSP

Co-Chairs: Brenda Gay, Margaret Lee



Please welcome **Jayne Hafer** to the Education & Libraries CSP. Jayne, we look forward to getting to know and working with you.

In celebration of Read Across America Day on Wednesday, March 2nd, Cooper Elementary School is asking individuals to serve as guest readers to their students/classes. Guest readers can be anyone in the community who feels comfortable reading one or more short stories to a homeroom class. This helps students understand the importance and value of reading in school, along with in the home each day. This is extremely important in the literacy development for our students! The time slots are in 30-minute increments, but any amount of time you can provide for reading with their students is appreciated. Follow this link for sign-up

<https://bit.ly/3qQNLDP>

If you have questions, please call Brenda Gay at 919-763-7117 or Email: bmgay82@gmail.com

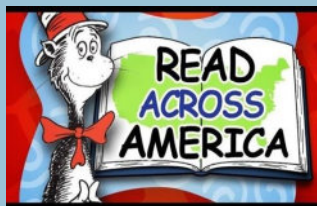
Book Bag Project for five first grades at Cooper Academy – We have more than enough books for this project because of those club members who brought books. Thank you! We will begin filling the bags with books, pencils, bookmarks, etc. sometime in April, date TBA. We have scheduled the time to take them to the school **Friday, May 6th at 2:30.** Per the school, we are allowed to go to each first grade and read a short story to the students. We will need five or six volunteers for this.

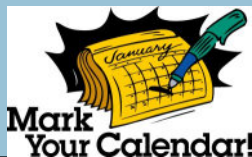
Scholarships – Jacob Tolar from Cleveland H.S. won the competition for the **Sallie Southall Cotten Scholarship** at the local level (The Woman's Club of Clayton) in the amount of \$1000. Jacob also won \$500 at the district 8 competition and will continue on to the State level.

Matthew Davis from Cleveland H.S. was Runner-up for SSC Scholarship (thanks to a very generous gift from a club member of \$500).

Sybil Champion Community College Scholarship of \$500 to Brooks Mischke from Cleveland H.S. Brooke also won a \$200 scholarship from District 8.

A big thank you to **Betsy Grannis, Donna Steele, Sandy Nesselrode, and Loretta Mascia** for doing a great job for all their work on this worthwhile venue.



**March 2**

Read Across America
Cooper Elementary

March 7

ESO Book Club
TWCC Clubhouse
10:00am

March 8

Environment CSP
Set Up
TWCC Clubhouse 10am

March 8

House of Hope Meal

March 9

TWCC Lunch Meeting
11:45am
TWCC Clubhouse

March 10

Night 'N' Gals
via Zoom 7pm

March 11

Bingo
Clayton Senior Center
10am

March 15

TWCC Executive Board
TWCC Clubhouse 10am

March 22

TWCC Bunco
TWCC Clubhouse 1:00pm

March 12, 2022

GFWC-NC Arts Festival
Mebane Arts Center

March 19, 2022

TWCC Gala
Farm at 42

March 27

Dedication Ceremony for
Phil Lee Gymnasium at
Riverwood Middle School
1:30pm

April 22-23, 2022

GFWC-NC Annual
Convention
Marriott Winston-Salem

April 28

Friends of the Library
Hocutt-Ellington Library
1:00pm

May 6

Bookbags to First Graders
Cooper Elementary
2:30pm

May 23

Rise Against Hunger
Christ Community Church

Arts & Culture CSP

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



We would like to thank the 10 TWCC members who worked on the no sew blankets at the clubhouse. They made 15 blankets. For the blankets going to students in the Special Needs class at River Dell Elementary, one end of each blanket was left untied so the students could complete their own blanket.

A **BIG THANK YOU** to the 7 members who went to River Dell Elementary and helped Mrs. Ricks special needs class finish their blankets. These members were Dixie Brady, Robin Sachsenheimer, Nancy Maynard, Rachel Masimore, Zip Barnard, Denise Fries and Dianne Carroll. They were a real blessing to this group of kids!

Remaining blankets were taken to Pizzaz for kids at Harbor House.



Top Left: Dixie Brady works with a student; Top Center: Rachel Masimore helps student with the "bird" blanket; Top Right: Dianne Carroll delivers blankets to Pizzaz/Harbor House.

Environment CSP

Co-Chairs: Rachel Masimore, Trish Perna



The Environment CSP will be hosting the **March meeting** and providing the lunch. The program will be on **recycling**. Also, Ashley Graham from the Clayton Junior Woman's Club, will be present to inform members of a Murder Mystery fundraiser the club is having.

Night 'N' Gals

Chair: Sarah Brooks



The **Night 'N' Gals** will meet via Zoom on **March 10th at 7pm** and all members are invited to attend. The Zoom link will be sent to all members on March 9th.





MARCH
 3/2 Joann Cassone
 3/6 Faye Brooks
 3/31 Mary Ellen Causby

ESO (Epsilon Sigma Omicron) book club met Monday, February 7th at 10:00 a.m. at The Woman's Club of Clayton. We celebrated **Valentine's Day** early by enjoying a little brunch, visiting with one another and catching up on news.

Friends of the Library – Nancy Maynard and Brenda Gay attended their meeting on January 27th. Dates for the 2022 Friends of the Library meetings are set for the fourth Thursdays in the month on January 27, April 28, July 28 & October 27. The meetings are at 1:00 p.m. at the Library. As you know, ESO book club joined as an organization and it would be great for at least several of us meet with them. **The next meeting will be April 28th at 1:00. Please save the date.**



The library will not be collecting any books for the **book sale** coming up the end of May as they have many books and do not have room for anymore. However, they will need a lot of **HELP** organizing the books for sale and as chair of ESO, I volunteered our help.

We had 13 members at the book club meeting and some great **book reports**. The following are two such books:

Look Up and See by Sandra Nesselrode (Sandy is a member of TWCC). This book was reported by ESO member, Robin Sachsenheimer. The author writes about people who are in her life. Her poems in this book illustrate her faith in God and inspiration to be thankful for the things around us. A very uplifting book of poems of everyday people we all have in our lives. Robin said in this book she found a Haiku poem.

An Unfinished Story by Boo Walker. The story starts with the character, Claire Kite's husband, David, deceased three years from a tragic car accident. He was an aspiring novelist. Claire finally finds the courage to move on; then she discovers among the remnants of her shattered world her husband's last manuscript. It's intimate, stirring -and unfinished. An idea comes to her, what if she can find someone to give David's novel the ending it deserves?

The ESO book club meeting will meet Monday, March 7th at 10:00 at the TWCC clubhouse. Save the Date!



A huge "Thank You" to Peggy Earp who presented a very needed basketball goal to My Kids Club in Selma.



Call out for members who play bridge! If you are interested in playing, let Sarah Brooks know
 (sbrooks@twccnc.org or text 919-601-7959





Brenda Hill, Ruth LaRocca, Susan Johnson.

Thank You Susan Johnson for leading this effort!



Pictured at right: Front, Peggy Earp; Back (left to right), Ruth LaRocca, Chris Boyette, Judy Boyette, Susan Johnson, Deborah Dawe, Betsy Lucena. Not pictured - Evelyn Wool who judged the literature. The judges are from the Johnston County Arts Council.

The **TWCC annual art festival** was held in conjunction with Clayton Visual Arts at the Clayton Center on Thursday, February 3rd, with Mayor Jodi McLeod as our special guest. This year 67 students submitted 85 pieces of work. There were **33 first place winners** and 18 second place winners. The schools that participated were Cleveland High School, Corinth Holders High School, Clayton High School, Riverwood Middle School, Swift Creek Middle School, Clayton Middle School, and Johnston Charter Academy. All first and second place winners were given a certificate elegantly designed by Emily Brown and Ruth LaRocca. The first-place winners received a monetary stipend of \$10 each. The visual arts will hang in the Clayton Center gallery until the end of February. Please take a few minutes to visit the center and enjoy the work. All first-place entries will be taken to the **State Art Festival** in Mebane on March 12th.

TWCC members who participated in the festival were Linda Strevig, Patty Jo Johnson, Betsy Grannis, Brenda Gay, Sandy Nesselrode, and Trish Perna. The eight first place winners from this group received a certificate and will have their entries taken to the State Art Festival as well.

Several of our members contributed snacks for the event and helped serve as well. Thanks to **Betsy Grannis** for coordinating this part of the festival.

Angela Williams, with help from Patty Jo Johnson, organized the clubwomen entries and Peggy Earp took care of the literature entries and secured our judges from the Johnston County Arts Council.

Join me in thanking the members of the Committee who served as liaisons to the schools: Brenda Hill, Ruth LaRocca and Connie May, Dianne Carroll and Linda Strevig, Becky Stewart, Debbie Allison, and myself. This event was truly a group effort by many of our members.

Participation in the Art Festival is open to all Club Members. If you are interested in joining this project for the 2023 Festival, let Susan Johnson know.

The following is the list of Clubwoman entries for this year:

- Needlework: Counted Cross Stitch – Linda Strevig
Crochet – Garment – Patty Jo Johnson
- Crafts: Painting on Other (wine bottle) Betsy Grannis
Upcycling – Jewelry- Patty Jo Johnson
- Visual Arts: Acrylic Painting – Betsy Grannis
- Photography: Our World Up Close – Brenda Gay, Sandy Nesselrode
Natural Wonders – Brenda Gay
Reflections – Trish Perna, Brenda Gay
- Literature: Poetry – Peggy Earp
Short Story – Sarah Brooks



Left to right: Linda Strevig, Dianne Carroll, Nancy Maynard, Becky Stewart, Marianne Sapsara, Rhonda Neilsen, Betsy Grannis, Debbie Allison, Rachel Masimore



MENU

- Stuffed Manicotti w/Beef
- Stuffed Shells w/ Cheese
- Green Salad
- Italian Bread
- Cannoli
- Environment CSP will host



Below is a statistical summary of the work club members did January—December 2021

Grand Totals:

58 Projects

4141 Volunteer Hours

(Note: ESO volunteer hours are determined differently so all of their hours are not captured in this total)

\$38,028 raised

(includes \$25,000 from the Rye Foundation)

\$5800 Donated

(Note: Additional funds will be dispensed before May 31st)

Members enjoyed playing Bunco on February 22nd. Hostess was Rhonda Nielsen. **Lucky winners for the day:** Most Buncos—Dixie Brady; Most Wins—Sarah Brooks; Most Losses—Marlene Dillon; Most Fakes—Brenda Hill; Bunco Gift—Guest Gail Neumann. Gail will be coming to the March meeting!

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. Next Bunco date/time: **March 22nd at 1:00.** A hostess is needed for March Bunco—let Sarah Brooks know if you can host.



All Gala tickets and stubs need to be turned in to Loretta Mascia by **MARCH 5th**. We have less than 2 weeks left so please contact your friends and family to include them in this wonderful event. If we could each get 2 more sales, that would put us in a supreme position. This fundraiser will greatly help the various projects that receive support from The Woman's Club of Clayton. Thanks so much to everyone for stepping up to the plate...now let's hit it out of the park!!!!



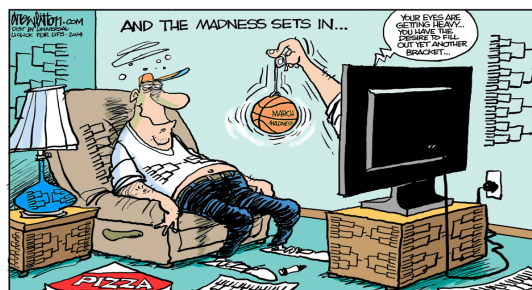
Motion to revise the 2021-2022 Budget from the Executive Board to the TWCC members to be voted on during the March 9th lunch meeting and March 10th Night 'N' Gals virtual meeting:

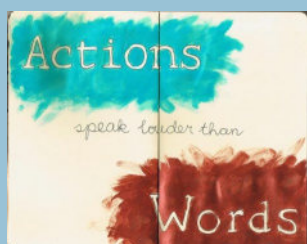
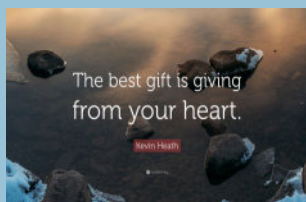
"Whereas there are approximately \$4047 included in the 2021-2022 budget that will not be expended, the Executive Board moves that an additional \$200 be given to each CSP (Total of \$450 for each CSP for the current fiscal year) to support projects of their choosing before fiscal year end June 30, 2022.

In addition, under Club Donations, \$500 be donated to My Kids Club in Selma to help pay for snacks for the more than 100 kids participating in the program."



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.





Award Entry sent to GFWC-NC: I had never heard of GFWC before moving to North Carolina four years ago. The more I learn about what the organization stands for the more I love it. I knew when I retired that I wanted to volunteer more, and The Woman's Club of Clayton (TWCC) has opened many doors for me to do just that. The day my friend Amy walked me into the clubhouse was a very good day for me. I was warmly welcomed from the first day and that warmth continues to grow. It didn't take me long to realize how special these ladies are that call themselves members of TWCC. Warm, loving, caring, strong, smart, dedicated, determined are only a few of the words that I can use to describe them. It warms my heart to see their kindness and compassion. It certainly

inspires me to be a better person. I have volunteered most of my life and through the club, I have learned that you don't have to be perfect to help others. You just need willingness, humility, and compassion. From an early age I was taught the importance of service to others and true "giving" comes from somewhere deep in our hearts. I must admit it took me a few years and many volunteer hours to totally grasp this concept. And now I know there are opportunities everywhere and nearly every day another one opens up. People know when you are genuine. "Actions speak louder than words" sums it up.

I have been co-chair of the Health and Wellness CSP for three years. We are always looking for ways to help others in our community while focusing on our three CSP areas of health, wellness and projects that focus on growth in those two areas. The pandemic put a lot of brakes on things we could do, but slowly we have been able to return to some of them. One thing that I particularly enjoy is running Bingo at the Clayton Senior Center. My main goal is to make sure everyone is enjoying themselves. It's a wonderful feeling when they come up to me and say how much fun they had and that they are looking forward to the next time we are on their calendar. The other activity that is especially dear to my heart is our monthly meals to the girls at House of Hope. To be even a small part of the healing process that the home strives for is a true blessing. We ALL rejoiced when we heard two girls graduated this past year! As a member of TWCC, I have many chances to continue my quest to serve others with deliberate acts of kindness. I'm excited to see what else we try next!

Outside of TWCC, I also am an active volunteer at St. Ann Catholic Church. With the Ladies Guild, I have taken meals to the needy, walked dogs at the animal shelter, driven people to doctor's appointments and made meals and served them at funeral luncheons. Every Friday I work at our church Food Pantry. We sort, bag, and distribute items to an average of 150-180 families weekly through our mission. This year we sang Christmas carols as they drove by to pick up their food. Everyone seemed to enjoy our singing despite our voices!

I love being with my fellow clubwomen whether it's an event we are hosting, attending our monthly meetings, or gathering in a social setting. I do my best to welcome the new members, so they aren't overwhelmed with all they are learning. I think it's important for people to feel included right from the beginning. I still remember the first few months that I was a member. It can be quite intimidating at times. I really enjoy meeting new people and truly believe we all have gifts to offer, and it is important to encourage ourselves and others to use them to the fullest. I am so proud to say I am a member of The Woman's Club of Clayton.

My favorite quote --- "Trying to be someone you are not is a waste of who you are". I feel I can be myself as a club member and the others will help me to grow into the person I inspire to be.



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Corresponding Secretary,
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needs to be sent to anyone

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Marlene Dillon
if assistance is needed with
meals, errands, etc.
Call 315-559-7240
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Award Entry sent to District 8, GFWC-NC: I joined the Woman's Club of Clayton very soon after my move here in 2015. I originally joined the Night-N-Gals group that met in the evening and was the Recording Secretary for that group. After retirement in 2019, I joined the day group and got involved with every volunteer event imagined.

While the 2021 calendar year had its challenges, the Woman's Club of Clayton didn't sit back on its laurels. I was fortunate enough to serve as the Woman's Club of Clayton Treasurer for the 2020/2022 program year. I also participated in the annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Clayton Community Garden, filling 200 goodie bags with candy for distribution to children eager to fill their baskets.

I served as a member of the Ways and Means Committee for the past several years, brainstorming ways to not only fund the various organizations that depend on us, but also to call attention to the club itself. I also served on the Nominating Committee and served as Chairperson of the Small Town Gala, the Club's major fundraiser.

*Fundraising
Gala*



Several other organizations have my heart as well. I serve as the Treasurer and Organization Chair of the Clayton Downtown Development Advisory Board, a 501c3 organization that works as a liaison between the downtown businesses and the community. I've donated my time to the 911 Memorial Celebration for the Clayton Chamber of Commerce; volunteered to serve beverages and protein to the riders for Cycle NC which brought cyclists into the town of Clayton from all 50 states; worked at the Farmers Market on Saturday mornings and helped with "Last Friday" events to help celebrate the wonderful downtown community; and worked several days at the Clayton Harvest Festival. The Clayton culture isn't to be left out either. I've worked as a "Scene Stealer" with the Clayton Center for the last 7 years. The Clayton Center is a performing arts and conference center.

I joined the Woman's Club of Clayton to get involved, use my imagination, stir my creativity, and secure my dedication. All these convictions have been realized but the best attribute that the Woman's Club of Clayton offers is friendship and camaraderie.





Award Entry sent to District 8, GFWC-NC: 2021 continued to be a challenging year for people everywhere due to the ongoing affects of the pandemic. That did not stop this clubwoman from stepping up and standing up for the federation at all levels. Having been active in Woman's Club activities for 22 years she was not going to let a little thing like a pandemic stop her from giving her all to her club, the district, and the federation.

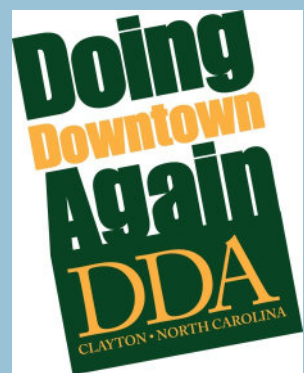
This clubwoman is serving her third term as President of her club and is proud to support her club and her fellow clubwomen. She is responsible for all her club's activities; planning all the meetings, doing the agendas, being available for whatever assistance is needed. She has participated in all fundraising activities by giving of her time, talent, and resources. She assisted with the Quarter Mile fundraiser and managed all aspects of the fundraiser for the Downtown Tree Lighting event in December. She was the coordinator of her club's Golden Wishes and Christmas Kids projects, whereby many seniors and children were able to enjoy happier Christmases due to her club's efforts. As President of the club, she dedicates her time to meeting with her officers, the Executive Board of her club, and the CSP Chairs to ensure that the work of the club continues smoothly. She is a champion of her club, soliciting funds and donations and in December of 2021 was thrilled to learn that her club would be the recipient of the Ray Bryan Award, the highest award given by the Rye Foundation, a grant of \$25,000 to enhance the club's children-focused programs. In addition to her official activities, this woman also provides the catering for her club for the luncheon meetings and other events. Her upbeat personality and cheerfulness and her sense of humor are an asset to her club.

On the district level, this clubwoman was present for all the district meetings. She represented her club at the board meeting in January. She also participated in the district fundraising efforts. The fall district meeting had a theme of "Christmas in October," and she put on her holiday best to attend. She was the sole delegate of her district at the GFWC-NC Fall Conference in Asheville and did her best to be a good steward, collecting information to pass on to her district's officers, and representing her district at the district dinner event.

This clubwoman was also very involved at the state level in 2021, serving as the Convention and Meetings Chair. Though there was less need of her assistance during most of the actual meetings due to them being held virtually, she still was able to offer her assistance to the GFWC-NC staff and executive officers. She did this by assisting with certificates for the Arts Festival winners, preparations for 2021 Arts Festival and Convention, and planning for Fall Conference. She traveled to Winston-Salem with the Executive Assistant to vet the venues for the 2022 GFWC-NC Convention. In November, this clubwoman was ecstatic to join her fellow clubwomen in person at the GFWC-NC Fall Conference in Asheville. To fulfill the duties of her job as Meetings Chair, she arrived early to assist with set up and preparations for the conference. She assisted in managing the logistics for the conference, making announcements throughout the event, lending a hand wherever needed to ensure that things ran smoothly, and attending the event as a representative of her club and district. She reveled in the fact that she was finally able to do her job as Convention and Meetings Chair! Additionally, this clubwoman was elected to be a GFWC-NC Trustee for 2022-2027 and is excited to take on this new challenge for the upcoming administration.

This clubwoman is extraordinarily dedicated to her town and to her community. As the owner of a hospitality business, she has been afforded the opportunity to be the best ambassador for her town. She is a member of the local Catholic Church; however, she and her husband have opted to follow services on TV each Sunday although they continue to support their church in other ways. She attended Town Council meetings in 2021, both in person and virtually. She assisted her husband in his run for Town Council in November, attending Meet and Greets, the Chamber Forum for Candidates, town hall meetings, post card parties, and the Celebration Party; generally acting as his biggest cheerleader. She served in her tenth year on the Downtown Development Association attending meetings, volunteering at events, and serving on the Organization Committee. She was instrumental in developing the plan (and the name) for the "Ransom on the Roof" fundraiser for the DDA, in which town leaders competed in raising funds from the roof of a local business overlooking Town Square. She assisted the Civitan Club at their Reverse Raffle by being the Vanna White of the numbers board. She was most humbled by the fact that she and her husband were chosen to represent their town as "Mr. and Mrs. Christmas 2021", being onstage for the Tree Lighting event as well as riding in the annual Christmas Parade.

This clubwoman loves to have fun! Her motto is "if it's not fun, don't do it." Because of this attitude she can make even the most unfun things seem like fun. She enjoys being with people and always has a smile on her face. She is not afraid to be a leader and especially loves to be a leader in service to others, whether in her club, her community, or her neighborhood. This clubwoman is dedicated to making those around her better and in so doing allows herself to become a better person, too!



Recipe Corner—Lamb



*Recipes provided by
Sarah Brooks*



Do you have club member news, personal announcements, family news, personal achievements or recipes to share with club members?

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



Each month will feature recipes by category

March—Lamb
April—Italian
May—Cookies
September—Seafood

Send your favorite recipes to

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Easy Lamb Chops

Ingredients

- ¼ cup Lemon Juice
- 2 T Olive Oil
- 2 tsp Garlic (finely chopped, about 4 cloves)
- 1 tsp Sea Salt
- 1 tsp fresh Rosemary, chopped
- ½ tsp fresh Thyme, chopped
- 1 dash Cayenne Pepper
- 4 Lamb Loin Chops (about ¾-1 inch thick)

Instructions

1. Mix ingredients, except for lamb, in a bowl.
2. Place the chops in a zip top bag and pour ingredients over chops. Seal the bag, after squeezing the air out, and squish the bag around to get the chops well covered on both sides.
3. Let marinate in the fridge overnight. The longer the better but give them at least one hour.
4. Remove the chops and let them come to room temperature (approximately 20 minutes) before cooking.
5. While the chops sit out, move an oven rack to the top position beneath the broiler, and preheat the oven on broil.
6. Place the chops (with the marinade) in a single layer in an oven proof skillet and place the skillet in the oven directly beneath the broiler.
7. Broil for 5-8 minutes on each side, using tongs to flip the chops, until they are seared on the outside and register around 145 degrees with a meat thermometer.
8. Drizzle with the pan juices before serving.



Slow Cooker Lamb Stew

Ingredients

- 2 lbs. Leg of lamb or lamb shoulder, boneless
- 1 lb. Baby Bella mushrooms
- 2 Bay leaves
- 3 Carrots (peeled and cut into 1/2" thick pieces), medium
- 2 Celery, ribs
- 4 cloves Garlic
- ¼ cup Parsley
- 1 cup Peas, frozen sweet
- 1 1/2 lbs. red potatoes
- 1 tsp Rosemary, fresh
- 1 Rosemary, Fresh
- 1 Yellow onion, medium
- 2 cups Beef broth, low sodium
- 2 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- ¼ cup All-purpose flour
- 1 tsp Black pepper, ground
- 1 tsp Sea salt
- 1 1/2 cups red wine

Instructions

1. Cut the meat into about 1.5-inch pieces. Then, heat some olive oil in a skillet over medium heat, season the lamb, and brown on each side for about 3-5 minutes. Note, this step is optional, but I strongly suggest browning the meat as it locks in the flavor.
2. Then, place all the ingredients into the slow cooker, and add enough water/broth to cover the ingredients.
3. Cover and cook on LOW heat for 7-8 hours, or HIGH for 3-4 hours.
4. Garnish with some freshly chopped parsley and serve warm.



March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 	2  Joann Cassone 	3	4	5
6  Faye Brooks	7  ESO TWCC Clubhouse 10:00am	8  House of Hope Meal Environment CSP Set Up for lunch mtg Clubhouse 10:00am	9  TWCC Lunch Meeting 11:45am	10  Night n Gals Via Zoom 7pm	11  H&W CSP-Bingo at Senior Center 10am	12  GFWC-NC Arts Festival Mebane Arts Center
13 	14	15  TWCC Board Mtg TWCC Clubhouse 10am	16	17 	18	19 <i>Fundraising Gala</i> Small Town Gala Farm at 42 6pm
20 	21	22  TWCC Bunco TWCC Clubhouse 12:30pm	23 	24	25	26
27  Dedication Ceremony for Phil Lee Gymnasium Riverwood Middle School 1:30pm	28	29  MARCH 29 th VIETNAM VETERANS DAY	30	31  Mary Ellen Causby		

*P*roclamation

Student Art Month

WHEREAS, the arts, in its many forms, constitute an important part of the community and contribute to the development of our youth; and,

WHEREAS, participation in and enjoyment of the arts can take many forms, including the visual arts, fine arts and performing arts; and,

WHEREAS, the Woman's Club of Clayton has sought to promote the involvement of our youth in various art projects to the betterment of their minds and the community as a whole.

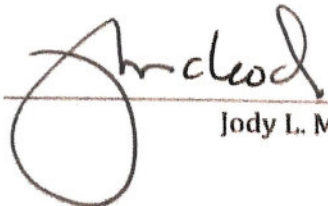
NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE PROCLAIMED by the Honorable Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Clayton that the month of February each year, be recognized as:

*S*TUDENT *A*RT *M*ONTH

Let it also be proclaimed that all businesses, industries and citizens in the Clayton community are urged to support and encourage the school aged children of Clayton to participate in the arts.

Duly proclaimed by the Clayton Town Council this the 18th day of January 2022, while in regular session.





Jody L. McLeod
Mayor