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Club Chatter

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From Our President

Betsy Grannis

Hello, March! February seems like such a short month (even with the extra day of Leap Year) and that March comes along entirely too quickly! Get ready for some March Madness – and I am not just talking about the college basketball variety!

Congratulations to our Individual Clubwomen Awards winners: **Brenda Gay** for Citizenship and Patriotism, **Susan Johnson** for Clubwoman with Heart, and **Betsy Grannis** for Clubwoman of the Year. These ladies' names will be submitted to GFWC-NC for the awards at the state level. Congratulations to all and thanks for being great representatives of The Woman's Club of Clayton!

We are excited about our largest fundraiser of the year – the **Taste of Carolina** event which will be happening on March 30th at The Farm at 42. Posters are being 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 money to **Judy Ryan**. What fun it will be to get all dressed up and enjoy all the deli-

cious food choices, dancing, and fun with friends!

The GFWC-NC State Arts Festival will be held at the Mebane Arts and Community Center on Saturday, March 9th. We have a great group of members 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 **Brenda Hill** and all the helpers that have made this happen. Thank you to **Angela Williams** for getting our clubwomen entries organized. Thanks also to **Margaret Lee** for being our club's literature chair!

Our Nominating Committee (**Angela Williams**, Chair; **Margaret Lee**; **Deborah Fuller**; and **Patty Jo Johnson**) has presented the slate of officers for the upcoming administration to the Executive Board and to the membership at our February meeting. The slate of officers is as follows:

Trish Perna – President

Christie Latham – 1st Vice President

Nancy Maynard – 2nd



Vice President

Susan Johnson – Corresponding Secretary

Deborah Fuller – Recording Secretary

Karen Keeslar – Treasurer

Please review these candidates as we will be holding the election of officers at our meeting in March.

Our Bylaws Committee has been working on some updates to the Bylaws and to the Standing Rules. The Finance Committee is working on our budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Keep your eyes open for this information coming soon.

I leave you with this thought about March:





March Woman's History Month

March 4
ESO Meeting

March 8
Bingo

March 10
Daylight Savings Time

March 10
Nat'l Hug Your Dog Day

March 12
House of Hope Meal
CSP Setup

March 13
General Meeting

March 14
Night N Gals Meeting
Pi Day
Play Day

March 15
Cathy Ladman
Clayton Center

March 16
3rd Annual Oyster Fest
Clayton Civitan

March 17
St Patrick's Day

March 19
Exec Board Meeting

March 20
Spring Equinox

Mar 23
Easter Egg Hunt
Town Square 11:00am

March 24
Palm Sunday

March 26
Bunco

March 29
Good Friday

March 30
TASTE OF CAROLINA

March 31
Easter

February Meeting Highlights

Monthly
Meeting

Call to Order – **Betsy Grannis**

Blessing – **Sandy Nesselrode**

Salute to Flags

Meal – Hosted by Education and Libraries CSP

Devotion – **Sandy Nesselrode** gave the devotion and read a poem she wrote "Only You"

President's Welcome

Ms. Grannis welcomed everyone.

Program – **Brenda Gay** introduced **Joy Garretson**, Director, Hocutt-Ellington Memorial Library. **Ms. Garretson** gave updates and changes the library has made over the last couple of years.

Ms. Grannis made a special welcome of guests attending today. **Chauncy Douglas**, one of our newest members, introduced her aunt, Ora Douglas.

Birthdays were recognized.

Approval of the January Meeting and Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Executive Board Report

Angela Williams presented the slate of officers for 2024-2026

Sarah Brooks will be replacing **Peggy Earp** as Parliamentarian

Resolution for Marie Monsees - will be read at the March meeting since **Dianne Carroll** could not attend today's meeting.

Individual Clubwomen Awards – Voting took place at the meeting; **Brenda Hill** will report on the individual clubwomen awards next month.

Fundraisers

Murder Mystery Dinner raised \$3971.00

Taste of Carolina – **Karen Keeslar, Debi Beal & Val Taylor** reported several restaurants have already committed to the event and sign-up sheets and opportunities are available; there were sign-up sheets available in the back. SELL TICKETS!

Lights of Love – **Trish Perna** reported tickets and memorial cards are available.

Deborah Fuller will represent District 8 at the GFWC-NC Convention as our LEADS Candidate

Scholarships – **Betsy Grannis** reported for **Donna Steele** on the scholarship winners.

1st place winner and District 8 winner – Jose Perez-Hernandez

Runner Up – Jade Madison Frances Chilcote

Sybil Champion Community College Scholarship winner – Shalea Eley-Wiggins

Arts Festival – **Susan Johnson** announced clubwomen winners and passed out certificates. GFWC-NC Arts Festival will be March 9, in Mebane. Cost is \$40.

Officer's Reports

1st Vice President – no report

2nd Vice President – no report

Treasurer – no report

Recording Secretary – no report

Corresponding Secretary – no report

CSP and Special Projects

President's Special Project – **Sarah Brooks** asked members to please let her know how many pounds have been turned in

Arts and Culture – **Angela Williams** has set February 21 at 11:00 to assemble coloring books and crayon bags for children in hospital emergency room

Civic Engagement – no report

Education and Libraries – **Brenda Gay** thanked her group for hosting today's meeting. **Robin Sachsenheimer** is working on the puppet show with a "Clayton" theme. If you are interested in helping out/performing with the puppets, please contact **Robin**.

ESO – **Betsy Grannis** showed everyone Jan Hemby's new book.

Environment – no report

Health and Wellness – **Nancy Maynard** passed out Challenge calendars – the new challenge will run for the next two months.

Announcements

Night 'Gals virtual meeting Thursday, February 15 at 7 PM with **Trish Perna**

Executive Board meeting – February 20 at 10:00 with a By-Laws Committee meeting to follow.

GFWC-NC Arts Festival – March 9, Mebane Arts Center

Club Meeting – March 13

Civitan Oyster Roast – March 16

Taste of Carolina – March 30, The Farm @ 42 – Doors open at 6 PM

Lights of Love – April 26, Clayton Town Square

GFWC-NC Annual Convention – April 26 & 27, Raleigh Crabtree Marriott

The meeting closed with the collect and adjourned at 2:00.

Health & Wellness CSP

Co-Chairs: Nancy Maynard, Deborah Fuller, & Judy Ryan



March

3/2	Joann Cassone
3/6	Faye Brooks
3/26	Barbara Barat
3/28	Betty Godwin
3/31	Mary Ellen Causby



Slainte Mhaith!! Happy St. Patrick's Day from Health and Wellness CSP. We are certainly "lucky" to be part of TWCC.

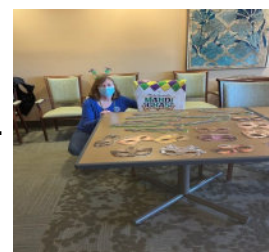
February brought many opportunities for volunteering. **Deborah Fuller** and **Nancy Maynard** made Valentine's Day cards with some of the residents at Springbrook Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Most of the cards were going to family members or roommates. One gentleman started to pass out his to the nurses on his way back to his room.



We also hosted a Mardi Gras party at Springbrook which included a King Cake, lemonade, and coloring sheets. We are looking forward to more activities at the nursing home.

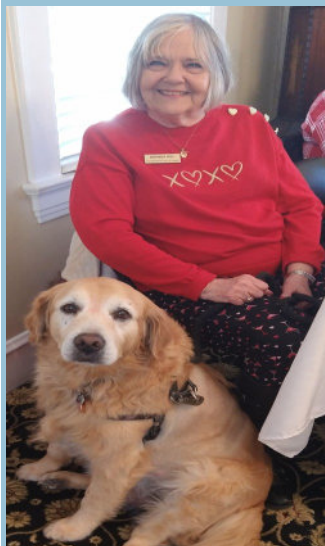


Thank you to **Trish Perna** and **Nancy Maynard** for providing the House of Hope meal. They are hosting their biggest fundraiser on Thursday, April 26th at Angus Barn in Raleigh. For more information on this event please check their website or contact **Nancy Maynard** (815) 274-4446.

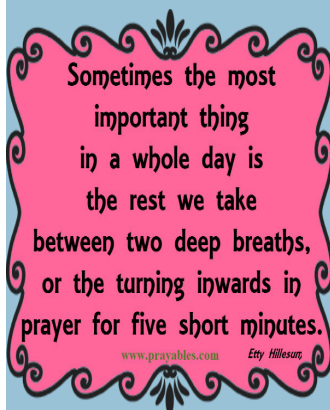


The members of the Clayton Center for Active Aging enjoyed their monthly Bingo with us. We are always looking for prizes. If you have any questions about what to donate, please contact one of our co-chairs. Thank you to Arts and Culture CSP for the crocheted blankets. We will use these as a fun raffle at our next Bingo.

National Poison Prevention Week is March 17-23. Please go through your medications and cleaning supplies and throw out expired items. It's also a good time to check to make sure these items are out of reach to children and pets.



Brenda Hill & Cash



Arts & Culture CSP

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



A big THANK YOU to **MJ Hillard, Val Taylor, Brenda Hill, Patty Jo Johnson, Patti Farmer, and Deborah Fuller** for helping us pack coloring bags for the hospitals in Clayton, Smithfield and Harbor House. We will deliver 51 bags to the hospitals and 10 bags to Harbor House. Thanks to everyone who donated crayons, coloring books and stickers. You ladies rock!!!!

Pictured; Patti Farmer, Deborah Fuller, Patty Jo Johnson, Dianne Carroll, Angela Williams, MJ Hillard, and Brenda Hill



Environment

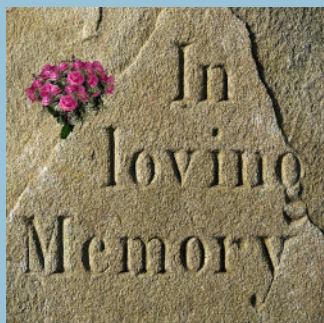
Co-Chairs: Sarah Brooks & Christie Latham



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Please keep the family of **Rachel Masimore** in your thoughts and prayers.

Loretta Mascia is planning a memorial to honor the life of **Rachel** on March 2nd at 1:00pm at the clubhouse. Please join us.



Rachel Masimore

The Environment CSP will be hosting the April meeting so CSP members are asked to **remain after the March meeting** for a short period of time so we can make plans for the April meeting and finalize plans for our contributions.

We are in the process of making plans for a fall club project by hosting a **Shred-It event**. Thanks to **Mary Ellen Causby** for obtaining information related to this. More information will be forthcoming! In the meantime, there will be two Shred-It events on **April 13th**. One will be at the Percy Flowers Store from Noon-2pm. The other one will be at Smithfield-Selma High School from 10am-1pm. These events are for paper shredding so if you have sensitive papers that you no longer need (e.g., old tax returns, credit cards and other bills), this is a convenient and safe way to dispose of the papers.



The Club's **Plastic recycling** really picked up in February. Thanks to all those who have stepped up for this important project. Thus far in February, **145** pounds have been reported for a total of **422** pounds since October 1, 2023. Thanks to **Deborah Fuller** and **Betsy Grannis** for being the major plastic contributors in February! We need to collect at least **578 pounds** by September 30, 2024 in order to qualify for a Trex Bench. Members continue to ask questions related to what can be recycled so the information sheet is reprinted at the end of the newsletter. Also remember the stores participating in the Trex program are **Food Lion, Lowes Food, and Harris Teeter**. PLEASE let **Sarah Brooks** know the amount of plastic you recycle. If you prefer, you can bring your plastic to the monthly meetings and CSP members will take them to recycle.

Deborah Fuller dropped off 17 pounds of plastic in February.



2 large bags of corks collected in January were taken to The Wine Cellar Outlet in Raleigh for recycling by RECORK. At the February meeting, **Marlene Dillon** brought 2 huge bags of **corks** and those will be dropped off soon. Corks will continue to be collected through the May meeting.



To date, 48 pairs of **athletic shoes** have been taken to the Nike Store in Smithfield for the Nike Grind Recycling program. Every little bit helps!

Don't forget to bring your old **mascara brushes** to the monthly meetings. The mascara wands will be cleaned and sent to a Wildlife Refuge to clean away oil, larvae, fly eggs, mites, infections, mud, and other contaminants from wildlife.



Do you throw your old batteries in the trash? WAIT! Consider recycling them.

Rechargeable Batteries: The Home Depot has partnered with Call2Recycle, a non-profit battery recycling program. Rechargeable batteries can be dropped off in Call2Recycle bins at the store. Any rechargeable battery that weighs up to 11 pounds and is under 300-watt hours is accepted. There's no charge for recycling.

Single-Use Batteries: In California, it is against the law to put batteries in the trash and there are safety and environmental reasons for that. Even when single-use batteries can no longer run devices, they can still produce current. They can be hazardous if discarded improperly. Batteries can be taken to a **Batteries Plus** Store for recycling (there is one in Knightdale and 3 in Raleigh). Collect used household batteries in a container. A cardboard box or plastic tub is a safe option. Prevent any fire risk by taping 9-volt battery terminals before getting rid of them. You can use a piece of masking, electrical or duct tape.



BatteriesPlus.





Please keep honorary member **Jean Lee** in your thoughts and prayers as she recovers from a fractured shoulder.

Cards may be sent to Jean at:
2117 Shotwell Rd.
Clayton, NC 27520

Have you ever considered that God has fallen in love with you?

He sends you flowers every spring. He sends you sunshine every morning. Whenever you want to talk, He listens to you. He can live anywhere in the universe, but He chooses your heart. Amen



plastic film recycling challenge/info sheet



COMMUNITY PROGRAM

How does the challenge work?

- Register on NexTrex.com to obtain access to the Trex Portal
- Determine a six-month collection time period.
- Collect a minimum of 500 lbs. or 40,500 plastic film and bags
- Weigh and record amount of film recycled each month
- Deliver the collected plastic film to a participating retailer (see list) for recycling
Stores prefer smaller and more frequent amounts in the provided bin. Please contact store ahead of time with larger amounts.
- Report recycling totals at my.trex.com

What does Trex provide?

- Up to three recycling bins
- Posters

What can I win?

- If goal is met or exceeded, group will receive a Trex bench

What can be recycled?

All plastic must be clean, dry and free of food residue.



Grocery bags



Bread bags



Bubble wrap



Dry cleaning bags



Newspaper sleeves



Ice bags



Plastic shipping envelopes



Ziploc & other reclosable food storage bags



Cereal bags



Case overwrap



Salt bags



Pallet wrap & stretch film



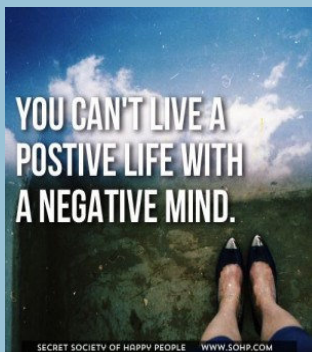
Wood pellet bags



Produce bags

register on the website: NexTrex.com





'I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.'

-Maya Angelou



Somewhere hidden in this newsletter is a tiny white star. Find it and be the first to email me (jaryan612@gmail.com) with its location and you'll be rewarded at the next membership meeting.

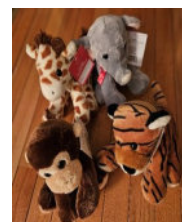
Our Book Bag Project is getting near. Our bags have arrived for five first grades classes at Cooper Academy and will be ready for filling up with books, book buddy, pencils, bookmarks, coloring books and crayons just to name a few items.



Education & Libraries CSP still needs more books and stuffed animals. We will continue to have a donation box available at each meeting until May so please continue to bring in your items.

We will assemble the bags on **Tuesday, May 7th at 10:30 at the club house.** The

teachers at Cooper Academy requested that we distribute the stuffed bags on Thursday, May 16th at 2:30 to the school. There will be a sign-up sheet for anyone interested in helping either stuff or deliver these wonderful bags. As you see, "it takes a village" for this project. As of this date, there are about 90 first graders who will receive a book bag to take home for their summer reading.



Scholarships: The Woman's Club of Clayton (Local) and District 8 first-place winner competition for the Sallie Southall Cotten scholarship is Jose Perez-Hernandez. Jose will now be in competition with other students at the state level for the GFWC-NC Sallie Southall Cotten Scholarship. Congratulations to Jose for winning the first two levels and we wish him all the luck at the state level. Judging at the state level will take place on March 16th. Jose attends Johnston County Early College Academy and plans to go to North Carolina State University. His course of study will be Chemical Engineering.

The Woman's Club of Clayton Sybil Champion Community College Scholarship is a merit-based scholarship awarded to any high school student in Clayton. The purpose of the scholarship is to assist the student in obtaining their associate degree from a community college. Our first-place winner of this scholarship is Shaleah Eley-Wiggins who attends Clayton High School.

Thanks to **Donna Steele**, Scholarship Chair, and members of her committee, **Sandy Nesselrode**, and **Robin Sachsenheimer** for their many hours on behalf of these scholarships. Also, to **Brenda Gay**, District 8 Scholarship Chair for collecting the first-place packets, checking that all the criteria was met and forwarding to final destinations.



Co-chairs, **Brenda Gay & Sandy Nesselrode** are wishing an early Happy Easter with Spring coming.



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**Meals for House of
Hope (2nd Tuesday)**

**Bingo at Senior Ctr
(2nd Friday)**

Silent Partners

Hospitality

Walking Challenge

Recipe Makeovers

Menu

*Irish Beef Stew
Salad
Homemade Biscuits*

*The Arts & Culture
CSP will host and
provide
dessert—*

Civic Engagement & Outreach CSP

Co-Chairs: Susan Johnson and Karen Keeslar



We Need



Your Vote

Primary Election Day in North Carolina is March 5. All registered voters can cast a ballot that day. Polling places are open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. The League of Women Voters has a good nonpartisan website, Vote411.org, where voters can see what's on their ballot, check their voter registration status, find their Election Day polling place, learn about early voting hours and locations, compare candidate responses to League questions, and much more!

Help us **#SlamTheScam** and
stop government imposters
in their tracks.

Protect yourself from fraud
and know what to do if your
Social Security information
is compromised.



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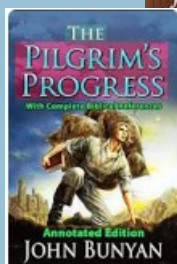
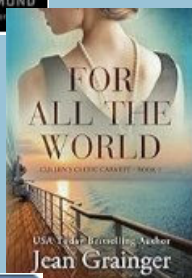
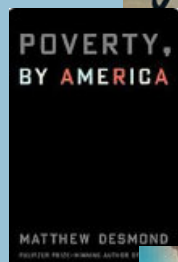
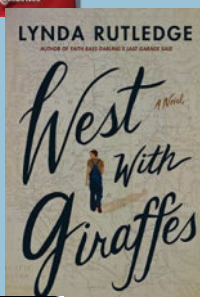
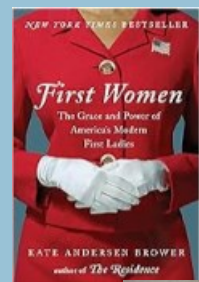
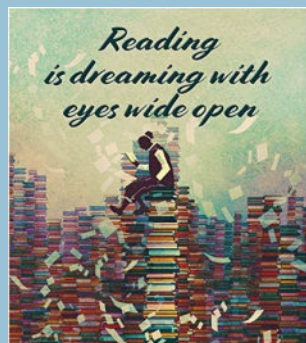


March 9 is National "Slam the Scam" Day. The Social Security Administration (SSA) has designated March 9th as its annual Slam the Scam Day. The day is intended to raise awareness of Social Security-related and other government imposter scams. Keeping in-

formed about these types of scams is the most effective method for deterring cyber criminals. On this Slam the Scam Day, take proactive steps to safeguard your personal information by learning the telltale signs of common government imposter scams and how to report them. National Slam the Scam Day began in 2020 to educate the public on ways to combat Social Security-related scams. Due to the frequently changing tactics used by scammers, the initiative has since expanded to include other government imposter scams. Slam the Scam Day is held annually as part of the Federal Trade Commission's [National Consumer Protection Week](http://NationalConsumerProtectionWeek.gov), (NCPW), March 3-9, 2024.



March 5th is North Carolina's Primary—Don't miss out!!!



Our ESO book club met at the home of **Donna Steel's** for our February meeting.

Thank you **Donna**, for hosting, and also for providing a delicious Brunch for the seventeen members who attended! Thanks also to **Robin Sachsenheimer** for helping Donna by bringing all that fruit for us to enjoy. As you can tell from our pictures, we were having a fun book club meeting.

As stated before, we always have great book reports from our ESO members each month. Following are several book titles that members reported on:

"First Women: The Grace and Power of America's Modern First Ladies" by Kate Anderson Brower. (Book report by **Robin Sachsenheimer**)

"West With Giraffes" by Lynda Rutledge (two members reported on this book; **Jo Howard & Marianne Sapsara**)

"Poverty, by America" by Matthew Desmond (book report by **Sandy Nesselrode**)

"For All the World" by Jean Grainger (book report by **Betsy Grannis**)

"Pilgrim's Progress" by John Bunyan (book report by **Brenda Gay**)

ESO is an honorary educational society that is federation supported and open to all GFWC (General Federated Woman's Club) members. Over 40 states have established chapters and enjoy the structural reading program. To become a member, you must complete the ESO pledge application and pay just \$2. If interested, please contact Brenda Gay, email: bmgay82@gmail.com or 919-763-7117 (cell)

Our next ESO book club meeting will be Monday, March 4 at 10:00 at The Woman's Club of Clayton.



Night 'N' Gals

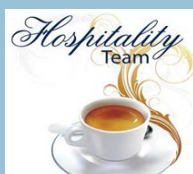


The **Night 'N' Gals** will meet via Zoom on March 14th at 7:00pm. This is open to any member who wishes to attend. The Zoom address will be emailed to members on March 13th.



Things to bring to the February meeting:

- Books appropriate for First Graders (English or Spanish) for E&L CSP
- Old sneakers
- Wine corks
- Old eyeglasses
- Empty mascara
- Bingo prizes for seniors



In the event of illness or bereavement, members are encouraged to contact Patty Jo Johnson if assistance is needed with meals, errands, etc. Call 919-818-3444 or email johnsonpatty2253@gmail.com



Notify Patty Jo Johnson, Corresponding Secretary, if information about a club member needs to be communicated to the membership (e.g., illness, bereavement)

919-818-3444

The 2024 Clubwomen and Student Art Festival was held February 8th, 2024, at the Clayton Center. Our special guest for the evening was Mayor Jody McLeod, who presented each first or second place student (in attendance) with a certificate, a handshake, and a photo op. Ladies of the club provided refreshments and kept the food, water, and juice stocked on the tables. This year six schools participated in our festival. Those represented were Clayton High School, Cleveland High School, Corinth Holders High School, Riverwood Middle School, Clayton Middle School, and Swift Creek Middle School. One Home School student also participated. Our high school students received 17 first place certificates, and 14 second place certificates. Our middle school students received 27 first place certificates and 16 second place certificates.

Judges for the event were from the Johnston County Arts Council. The Clayton Visual Arts allowed us to use the gallery for the month of February to display the art. We thank both of these groups for sharing their time with us.

Our Clubwomen also did an outstanding job with entries this year with 17 entries overall. These ladies were presented with their certificates at our general meeting in February.

CATEGORY		1 st Place Winner	2 nd Place Winner
Crochet (Small)		Betsy Grannis	
Crochet (Large)		Val Taylor	
Crochet Garment		Betsy Grannis	
Knitted Garment		Val Taylor	
Jewelry		Val Taylor	
Upcycling		Patty Jo Johnson	
Oil Painting		Marlene Dillon	
Acrylic Painting		Marlene Dillon	Brenda Gay
Pencil Drawing		Marlene Dillon	
Photography	Our World Up Close	Brenda Gay	Jayne Hafer
Photography	Natural Wonders	Jayne Hafer	Brenda Gay
Photography	Reflections	Trish Perna	Jayne Hafer
Literature		Margaret Lee	

All first-place entries for students and clubwomen will be taken to the GFWC -NC State Art Festival in Mebane, NC on March 9th.

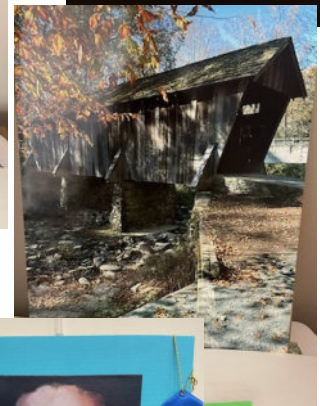
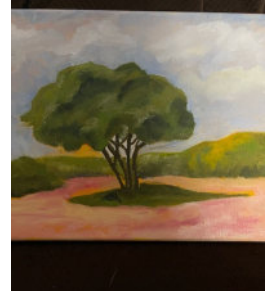
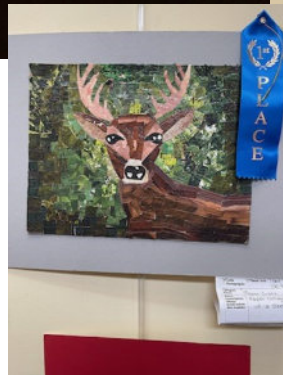
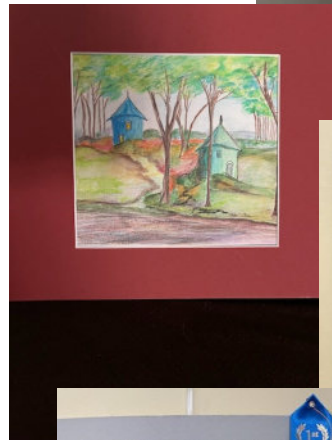
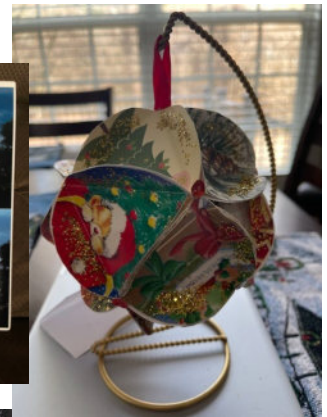
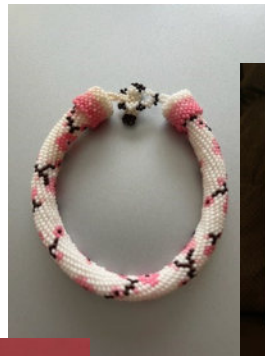
Our next Festival will be February 6th, 2025, at the Clayton Center. Any piece completed during the year 2024 can be entered, so it is not too early to get started!

Susan Johnson, Art Festival Chair

LET YOUR SMILE
CHANGE THE
WORLD
BUT DON'T LET THE
WORLD CHANGE
YOUR SMILE



"BEAUTY
BEGINS THE
MOMENT YOU
DECIDE TO BE
YOURSELF."
- COCO CHANEL



A few of the entries
in the 2024 Arts
Festival. Congrats
to all!!

Compliment 3 people
every day

Forget the Joneses

Pray not for things but
for wisdom & courage

Never waste an oppor-
tunity to tell someone
you love them

Be tough minded &
tender-hearted

Never give up on
someone...miracles
happen.



Who do I Contact?

Member Illness
Patty Jo Johnston

Clubhouse Rental
Loretta Mascia

Newsletter Content
Judy Ryan

Clubhouse Repairs
**Angela Williams, Deb-
bie Ragland, or Dianne
Carroll**

Membership
Brenda Hill

Bylaws
Sarah Brooks

Webmasters
**Sarah Brooks
& Val Taylor**

Silent Partner
Brenda Gay

TOWN OF CLAYTON

PROCLAMATION

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:

STUDENT ART MONTH

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.

Proclaimed by the Clayton Town Council this the 5th day of February 2024.

Jody L. McLeod



TWCC Bunco/Play Day Organizer: Sarah Brooks

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, and it is a great way to learn more about members. Prior experience playing Bunco is not needed. Members playing Bunco put \$5 in the pot.



March 26, 2024 at 1:00pm (Hostess, Nancy Maynard)

Play Day at the present time includes **Bridge and Mexican Train**. Everyone puts \$1 in a pot to help pay for refreshments. In addition, the Bridge players have a separate pot of \$1 each which is split between high and second high score and lowest score. In February, 12 people played Bridge and 3 members played Mexican Train.



Bridge requires training and practice. Mexican Train is much easier to learn and can be taught in about 15 minutes.

Upcoming Play Day: March 14th at 1:00pm



Who do I Contact?

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Patty Jo Johnston

Clubhouse Rental
Loretta Mascia

Newsletter Content
Judy Ryan

Clubhouse Repairs
Angela Williams, Debbie Ragland, or Dianne Carroll

Membership
Brenda Hill

Bylaws
Sarah Brooks

Webmasters
Sarah Brooks & Val Taylor

Silent Partner
Brenda Gay

TASTE of CAROLINA

Co-Chairs Karen Keeslar, Val Taylor, Debra Beal, Dianne Carroll



Taste of Carolina – We Need Your Help!

Our signature fundraiser, the **Taste of Carolina**, is right around the corner and we need your help. Our goal is to raise \$30,000! These funds will help support Club community projects throughout the year.

We expect 250 guests will attend the event being held at **6:00pm on Saturday, March 30 at The Farm at 42**. Ten to Twelve local restaurants will be featured, along with a DJ, a silent auction, and a 50/50 raffle. Restaurants will serve 2-3 tastes of their delicious fare.

Restaurants include Mannings, Vinson's, Anthony's, El Patron 323, Fat Boys BBQ, Eggs Up Grill, and Cleveland Draft House. You'll find a current list on our website twccnc.org/special-events

How you can help:

Buy tickets! Sell tickets! Tickets are \$65 per person and are available from **Judy Ryan**, Treasurer, (jaryan612@gmail.com or 919-619-8155). Unlike last year, there will be seating for all guests.

Spread the word on social media by liking, commenting, and sharing our "Taste" Facebook posts. @twccnc. Thanks Val for getting us more publicized on social media!

We need more sponsors. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 from sponsorships and we're only about halfway there. People are more likely to say "yes" to someone they know whether that's a customer, neighbor, family member or friend. So, please help us by reaching out to businesses and people you know.

Taste of Carolina

**Saturday
March 30, 2024**
Doors open at 6:00pm

The Farm at 42
Hwy 42 East
Clayton NC

Featuring food from
many of your favorite
local restaurants

Beer and Wine Cash Bar

**\$65
PER
PERSON**

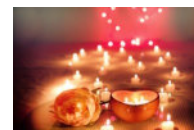
Silent Auction

DJ and Dancing

Presented by
**The Woman's
Club of Clayton**

Tickets available at
twccnc.org/special-events

Funds raised are used to support community causes such as
Backpack Buddies • Christmas for Kids • Hocutt-Ellington Library
Clayton Arts Festival • House of Hope, and more!



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Lights of Love

Light a Luminary for Someone Special

April 26, 2024

7pm-8:30pm

Also Date of Last Friday in Clayton Event

Town Square

\$20 per Luminary

Pick up glass jar luminary as remembrance 8:30-9pm

Event organized by The Woman's Club of Clayton

For tickets, email sbrooks@twccnc.org or call 702-875-2691

**Recipes Provided
by
Judy Ryan**



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

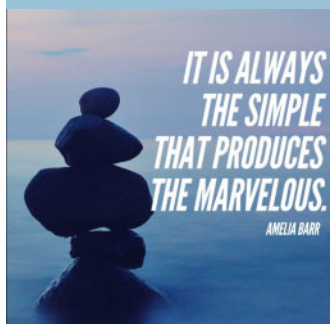
Please submit items by the **25th** of the month to the "Club Chatter"
Editor, Judy Ryan
jaryan612@gmail.com



Each month will feature recipes by category

April—Spring Favorites

Send your favorite recipes to
jaryan612@gmail.com



Recipe Corner—Superbowl Party Food



Apple—Maple Glazed Ham

INGREDIENTS

- 1 9-10 pound bone-in fully cooked smoked ham
- 2 Tbsp whole cloves (optional)
- 2 cups apple cider
- 1/2 cup apple jelly
- 1/2 cup maple syrup
- 1/4 cup whole-grain mustard
- 1/2 tsp ground allspice
- 1/4 tsp grated nutmeg

DIRECTIONS

Bring ham to room temperature.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Prepare the Apple-Maple Glaze: Boil the apple cider in a saucepan over medium heat until reduced to 1/2 cup (9 mins). Reduce heat to low. Stir in the apple jelly, maple syrup, mustard, allspice & nutmeg.

Trim off any skin from the ham. Use a sharp paring knife to score through the fat in a diagonal crosshatch pattern without cutting through to the meat. Insert the cloves into the ham, placing them at the intersections of the cuts.

Put the ham, flat-side down on a rack in a roasting pan. Pour 1/2 inch water into the bottom of the pan. Transfer to the oven and roast until a thermometer inserted into the thickest part registers 130 degrees, about 2.5 hours (about 15 minutes per pound)

Increase the oven temperature to 425. Pour half of the glaze over the ham and brush to coat. If the water in the bottom evaporated, add more.

Return ham to oven and roast, basting every 10 minutes with the remaining glaze, until glossy and well browned, about 45 more minutes.



HAM QUICHE

INGREDIENTS

- 1 refrigerated pie crust (from a 14oz box)
- 4 large eggs
- 1 cup half-and-half
- 1 Tbsp chopped fresh parsley, plus more
- 1 Tbsp Dijon mustard
- 1.5 Tbsp all-purpose flour
- 1/4 tsp kosher salt
- 8 oz diced ham
- 1 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 1 small shallot, finely chopped

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

Place an empty baking sheet in the oven to warm.

Wisk together the eggs, half-and-half, parsley, mustard, flour, salt and pepper in a large bowl.

Sprinkle the ham, cheddar cheese, and shallot in the bottom of the chilled pie crust.

Pour the egg mixture into the pie crust.

Place the quiche on the pre-heated baking sheet and bake for 40 –45 minutes until puffed around the edges and center is set.

Let cool on the sheet tray for at least 30 minutes before slicing and serving.

Top with more fresh parsley, if you like.



March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2  Joann Cassone
3	4  ESO	5  Primary Elections	6  Faye Brooks	7	8	9
10  Daylight Savings	11	12 CSP Setup	13  General Meeting	14  Night n Gals	15	16  Oyster Roast
17  St. Patrick's Day	18	19  BOARD MEETING	20	21	22	23
24  Palm Sunday	25	26  Barbara Barat	27	28  Betty Godwin	29	30 Taste of Carolina 
31  Mary Ellen Causby 						