# The Woman's Club of Clayton

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

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# Club Chatter



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# From Our President

Donna Steele

Stay Connected by **Sharing Your HOPE:** Are you tired of staying at home? I know I am. I invite you to examine how all of us are learning new ways to share HOPE every day. I wish for you this May, ways to stay connected and share your **HOPE. HOPE**, not fear, is what we need to bring to each other. We are now in our 5<sup>th</sup> week of selfisolation so we have come up with creative ways to spread HOPE. How are you staying connected and sharing HOPE that all your things will improve? We have joined together during these difficult and unusual times to share HOPE by **DOING.** All of you have been very fast learners in demonstrating ways to HOPE. spread With Loretta Mascia's help with her Zoom account, we have been meeting virtually on Fridays at 10:30 am. Please plan to join us via the Zoom link https:// us04web.zoom.us/ j/5238821987 and stay connected.

Our club began a telephone tree with volunteer members and tried to reach each one of our 80 members once every week. If you did not

receive a call or talk to a volunteer member, please let me know. These calls brought HOPE for the member being called as well as the caller. Additionally, many of you volun-teered to donate food for the needy families of Clayton. Thank you, Susan Johnson, for reaching out and leading this effort. This is a great demonstration of sharing HOPE. I thank all of you for taking the time to do this during the past month.

Many of you check in each day to your member friends and this is a great way to offer HOPE. We also have volunteers who have been shopping for members and delivering their needed items to their homes. Many of our members are making masks sharing these with the members of the community. Also, you are sending e-cards and cards to share HOPE and adding our members to your prayer lists. We have social media such as e-mail, texting, and using Facetime when calling. For example, I used with Facetime grandson to celebrate his 14<sup>th</sup> birthday. It



wasn't the same as being there but it was great just the same. Others are joining celebration parades in their cars for birthdays, graduations, reconnecting with students/teachers, and saying thank you for a family member/neighbors who recovered from Covid19.

Many of us are learning new social media tools to play games, connect with our churches, friends and family, exercise online, give concerts online, and have book club discussions online. In all these creative many ways even though we are staying home, we are connected and sharing HOPE to our members, our neighbors, and our community. Please continue to spread HOPE even though we are staying home and staying safe.



# From Our President (continued) Donna Steele

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How are you inspiring HOPE? Please share with me by e-mail or text or a call how you are inspiring others to have HOPE during this time. I will send your ideas out when I receive them so we can share your creativity.

**GFWC 2020 Awards:** Throughout the last two years I know all the good work that TWCC has And now all of done. GFWC worldwide members know about the many worthwhile projects of The Woman's Club of Clayton. All of you worked diligently for this much needed recognition. I am so proud of all of you working as a team to make our club so successful. I want to especially thank Mary **Sinzdak** for taking hours to describe our many projects in the excellent reports that were sent to the state to be judged.

Here are some of our many honors this year: Congratulations to All! Including the Clayton Junior Woman's Club who won many awards too!

Clubs with 10% or greater increase in Club Membership: I thank all of you for being inclusive and open during the past two years and inviting your friends and neighbors to become an active part of our club. We have 80 active members thanks to your friendliness and diligence. A special thank you to Belle Allen and Jo Howard for their 25 years of service!

Community Improvement Program Award and \$25.00: Third Place for the Snoopy Playground. Thanks so much for the Conserva-

tion CSP under the leadership of Rachel Masimore and Loretta Mascia.

ARTS CSP: Carolina Art Gallery Bowl: Snoopy Christmas Playground wins again! Thanks to all the members who participated in this meaningful project. A special thanks to our chairmen, Rachel and Loretta.

**Education CSP: The Norma Phaup Cates** Education Tray award: The Puppet Show won the creative project award. Thank you to Jeanne George, all of her puppeteers and a special thank you to Susan Quinn for set, story design and narration. Our members enjoyed the performance as much as the elementary children!

Communications and Public Relations: The Elizabeth Huntley Maddrey Tray: A big thank you to all for participating in more community outreach events and especially to Sarah Brooks for our new user friendly web site and newsletter.

Fundraising: The **Pierced Revere Bowl:** For our Small Town Gala supporting the Harmony Playground with a donation of \$5000.00. A special thank you to our hard-working COchairmen: Rachel Masimore, Judy Ryan, and Sunday Penny. And to members all who helped in many ways!

What an amazing Year!

March Event that was not cancelled: ROC5K Virtual Event: Running Over Cancer On March 29, 2020: Our sponsorship for this event was due to a generous reverse raffle prize returned from our Gala. We participated in a **Virtual** event. Nancy Maynard was our leader and 8 members participated.

May. 2020: With a tear in my eye and a broad smile on my face looking back on our many accomplishments, it is now time to say goodbye as your President to the most wonderful group of friends that I will It was ever know. such a privilege and pleasure to be your leader over the past 2 years and watch us grow in numbers and successes. Our club set and reached new goals for fundraising in order to make a larger difference in our Clayton communi-Together, ty. learned how to work as a team and develop many new partnering skills to make us more successful in the comyears. I truly thank you for all your support with all the new projects and for stepping up to lead in these projects.

WE ARE THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF CLAYTON STRONG FOR 2020-2022!

HOPE Pebbles in a virtual pond: Keep your HOPE pebble or stone close to you every day! See the smiles and HOPE in the faces of all those who you have touched. Stay safe and healthy! TWCC has much more work to be done and we need all of you!



MAY

5/9 Jessica Bull 5/13 Connie May

5/14 Gail Neumann

5/19 Margaret Dinubila

5/19 Loretta Mascia

5/21 Arianna Harrison

5/21 Nadine Wells

5/23 Liz McLaurin

5/26 Teresa Mathis

**JUNE** 

**6/6 Mary Frances Harrison** 

6/10 Rhonda Nielsen

6/12 Judy Ryan

6/16 Bettylou Evans

6/27 Cathy Carter

6/30 Betty Francies

**JULY** 

7/2 Jo Ann Ellington

7/5 Cecilia Soporowska

7/24 Susan All

7/28 Jeanne Stewart

**AUGUST** 

8/2 Sunday Penny

8/18 Mary Sinzdak

8/19 Laurie Partlo

8/25 Brenda Hill

8/27 Louise McHale

8/28 Debbie Ragland

8/30 Jamie Kosik

# **TWCC May Meeting**

Governor Cooper has extended the **stay at home order** until **May 8th**. Even if the metrics developed by the state to determine when Phase 1 can begin started on May 8th, gatherings of more than 10 persons will still be prohibited so the May meeting cannot be held at the clubhouse.

# **GFWC and GFWC-NC**

The **International GFWC Convention** scheduled for the end of June in Atlanta has been **cancelled**. There is not information about what will replace it (possibly coming out in News & Notes).

**GFWC-NC** is planning a Business Meeting/Installation on Friday, **June 5th**, scheduled from 9:30 - 11:30am. There will be an eblast going out to all members on May 5th with the call and all the information about the meeting. GFWC-NC will request that folks planning to attend this virtual meeting register so they can plan for the number of members to expect (cost of the virtual meeting is free). There will also be an opportunity to contribute to the regular things on convention registration forms. GFWC-NC wants members to be looking for this so they can get registered and to read over all the business information so that they can get any questions about bylaws, resolutions or the budget answered beforehand.

# People born in

January

February

March

April

May

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June

July

August

September

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October

Novermber December **Bold and Alert** 

Lucky and Loyal

Naughty and Genius

Caring and Strong

Loving and Practical

Romantic and Curious

Adventurous and Honest

Active and Hardworking

Sensitive and Pretty

Stylish and Friendly

Nice and Creative

Confident and Freedom Loving



We all need to do our part to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Protect your family, protect your neighbors, protect North Carolina.



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

# Home Life CSP

Co-Chairs: Brenda Gay, Nancy Maynard



Nothing to report

# Public Issues CSP

Co-Chairs: Sarah Brooks, Bree Rude



Nothing to report.

# Education CSP

Co-Chairs: Betsy Grannis, Marlene Dillon



Nothing to report.

# Conservation CSP

Chair: Rachel Masimore, Loretta Mascia



Nothing to report.

# Night 'N' Gals/International CSP

Co-Chairs: Robin Sachsenheimer and Bree Rude



Nothing to report.

# Art CSP Co-Chairs: Angela Williams, Faye Brooks, Dianne Carroll





We hope everyone is well and staying safe. This has been a trying time for all of us. We sent an email with all of the clubwoman arts festival cat-

egories. There are 36 craft categories, 10 visual arts categories and 5 photography categories. There is something for everyone. We would like to see lots of entries in our arts festival next year. If you need the list just email Angela at angelawms@centurylink.net. You can find free crochet and knitting patterns at https://www.yarnspirations.com/.

Speaking of the arts festival, congratulations to Brenda Gay who brought home a 1st place award in photography from GFWC-NC!

Stay safe and craft on!!!!

# Backpack Buddies Coordinator: Marie Monsees

The **Backpack Buddies** program at Clayton First Baptist was still going strong during the Shelter in Place order. Church volunteers continued to pack bags with food and took them to Cooper Academy where parents could pick them up. Similar programs have been go-

ing on Corinth-Holders High School and Middle School, Archer Lodge Middle, River Dell and East Clayton Elementary.



**Brenda** Gay's Place winning photo at State level for Still Life: North Cape, Honningsvag, Norway. Unfortunately, entries will not be sent GFWC for judging due to the coronavirus and the national office being closed. Congratulations Brenda!





#### May 4

ESO Book Club via ZOOM 10:00am

#### May 5

TWCC Executive Board meeting (virtual using Google Hangouts) 10:00am

#### May 12

Executive Board to set up for lunch meeting

#### CANCELLED

**May 13** TWCC Lunch Meeting hosted by Public Issues CSP—11:45am

#### CANCELLED

## **May 14**

Night 'N' Gals Meeting Bree Rude's Home—7pm

#### CANCELLED

**June 5**GFWC-NC Business Meeting/Installation 9:30-11:30am (Meeting is free but members need to register if they plan to participate)

June 27-July 1 GFWC Annual Convention

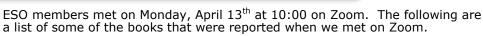
#### CANCELLED

July 25

Junior Woman's Club of Clayton Christmas in Sum-mer Craft Faire TWCC Clubhouse 10am-4pm

# **ESO Book Club**

Chair: Brenda Gay



**Betsy Grannis** - "Hold Tight" by Harlan Coben (A Suspense Thriller)

Mary Sinzdak -"The Innovators" by Walter Isaacson (How a Group of Hackers, Geniuses, and Geeks Created The Digital Revolution}

**Donna Steele** - "Legend of Mammy Jane" by Sibyl Jarvis Pischke (Fiction)

Loretta Mascia - "The Stranger's Wife" by Anna-Lou Weatherley (Thriller)

Marianne Sapsara - "You're Get Through This" by Max Lucado (Hope and Help for Your Turbulent Times)

**Angela Williams**-"The Great Alone" by Kristin Hannah (Story about a Vietnam POW) **Betty Lou Evans** - (No report but very interested in what everyone was reading)

Brenda Gay - "Jimmy Stewart and His Poems" by Jimmy Stewart (Jimmy Stewart was an Actor and his poems was a desire to write down unique and special events in his life. He was a famous bomber pilot in WWII but he does not write anything about his exceptional services in the U.S. Air Force)

We want to thank Loretta Mascia for allowing us to meet with her Zoom account and we plan to meet again on the account on Monday, May 4th at 10:00. It is really easy to meet this way and we had a lot of fun interacting with one another this way. Please plan to join the Zoom ESO book club in May. Loretta and I will let you know as time come close how to log on.

Reminder: As we celebrate 100 years of the Women's Suffrage, please read a book about the movement. This is not just for the ESO members but all club members. There are many books you can choose. Donna Steele emailed a few you can choose from via Audible or Kindle from the following:

The Woman's Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote by Elaine Weiss

https://www.amazon.com/Womans-Hour-Great-Fight-Vote-ebook/dp/B073TK1OWV/ ref=sr 1 2?

dchild=1&keywords=Women's+suffrage&qid=1587737072&s=books&sr=1-2

Votes for Women! American Suffragists and the Battle for the Ballot by Winifred Conkling

https://www.amazon.com/Votes-Women-American-Suffragists-Battle/dp/B079C3RPLL/ref=sr 1 1?

dchild=1&keywords=Winifred+Conkling&qid=1587737234&s=books&sr=1-1

The Woman's Suffrage Movement by Sally Roesch Wagner

https://www.amazon.com/Womens-Suffrage-Movement-Roesch-Wagner-ebook/dp/ B07D23K18N/ref=sr 1 1?

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Suffrage: Women's Long Battle for the Vote by Ellen Carol DuBois

https://www.amazon.com/Suffrage-Womens-Long-Battle-Vote-ebook/dp/ B07TD6G54L/ref=sr 1 3?

dchild=1&keywords=Women's+suffrage&gid=1587737072&s=books&sr=1-3

Why They Marched: Untold Stories of the Women Who Fought for the Right to Vote by Susan Ware

https://www.amazon.com/Why-They-Marched-Untold-Stories-ebook/dp/ B07QHBQRGL/ref=sr 1 8?

dchild=1&keywords=Women's+suffrage&gid=1587736392&s=books&sr=1-8

And Yet They Persisted: How American Women Won the Right to Vote by Johanna Neuman

https://www.amazon.com/Yet-They-Persisted-American-Women-ebook/dp/ B081VWCT77/ref=sr 1 4?

dchild=1&keywords=Women's+suffrage&gid=1587737072&s=books&sr=1-4

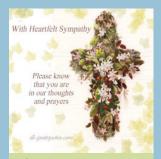
Please report to me the book or books you have read so it can be reported to GFWC-

I miss our book club meeting the conventional way but am thankful for the TECH-NOLOGY!

PS— I sent a video on my Facebook recognizing our club members who have had birthdays in March, April, and will have in May. Hope you have an opportunity to view it. It will make you smile or LOL.







Susan All 's mother, Sandy Kochanowicz, passed away on 4/8/20. Our thought and prayers are with Susan and her family during this difficult time.



TWCC member Jessica Bull has been very ill with the flu twice this year. Her mother, TWCC member Cathy Carter, has been caring for her. In addition, Jessica and Cathy have been caring for Jessica's ill father who lives in New Orleans, when they are able.

Angela Williams niece's husband, Mike, suffered from bleeding in the brain following back surgery. He is now home and improving.

# TWCC Awards from GFWC-NC

- Clubs with 10% or greater Increase in Club Membership
- 25 Year Memberships—TWCC members Belle Allen and Jo Howard



- Roll of Honor Clubs—In order to qualify as an Honor Club, a club must send their complete list of members and dues to headquarters by December 31st. Clubs must also make donations to the Arts Fund, Legacy Fund, Sallie Southall Cotton Scholarship Fund, GFWC-NC Greeson-Johnson Teaching Scholarship Fund and to the General Trust Fund by December 31.
- Community Improvement Program—The GFWC Community Improvement Program Award aims to enhance the lives of our neighbors around the world by meeting community-specific needs that heighten the community's awareness of the GFWC organization. This two-year project has a 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place winners. These winners are awarded cash from GFWC. This administration we had 7 award entries. We were so pleased to see so many entries. Congratulations to our winners: Third Place and \$25 for their Snoopy Playground, The Woman's Club of Clayton
- ARTS CSP—Creativity and artistry were evident in all aspects of this club's Creative Art Project, "Snoopy Christmas Playground." The club received the town's "Most Creative Award for Non-Retail for their project which showcased a winter wonderland with Snoopy, Mrs. Claus, a mailbox for letters to Santa and more. For the creative project award for general clubs, the winner of the Carolina Art Gallery Bowl goes to The Woman's Club of Clayton.
- Education CSP—This club revived their puppet show with a theme of "I'd Rather
  Be a Buddy than a Bully". New costumes, script and the donation of a handmade
  stage, helped to bring the puppet show back to life. Two performances were done for
  elementary schools with more planned for the future. For the creative project
  award for general clubs, the winner of the Norma Phaup Cates Education Tray
  goes to The Woman's Club of Clayton
- Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO) The ESO Participation award is awarded annually to the club that shows the most participation in ESO. This year's winner of the Faye Hoffman Goblet goes to The Woman's Club of Clayton.
  - ⇒ These TWCC clubwomen earned the following levels • Edie Brown, Member Marlene Dillon, Member Brenda M Gay, Torch & Century Betsy Grannis, Member Patty Jo Johnson, Torch Jamie S Kiosk, Member Loretta Mascia, Member Nancy Maynard, Member Marianne Sapsara, Member Donna Steele, Member Angela Williams, Century, C2
- Relations efforts they were able to successfully increase their membership from 67 to 76 members in 2019. Many of these new members are younger, more diverse, still working or newly retired. The retention of these new and active members has brought a passion and focus on having a complete Communications and Public Relations plan. A tool box has helped them to successfully grow their club, thus allowing them to have great impact on their community through fundraisers and service. They have a newly designed website, active social media, traditional print materials like brochures and have had success in being featured by local media outlets. Their events have been more successful with more members working together. They participate in community fairs, festivals and events, and through the newsletter, redesigned Web site, yearbook, local media calendars, and Facebook page. The overall winner of the Elizabeth Huntley Maddrey Tray is The Woman's Club of Clayton.
- **GFWC Fundraising**—To support their pledge to sponsor a major project for Clayton's children known as Harmony Playground, this club organized their "Small Town Gala." The gala included a reverse raffle as well as the sale of champagne glasses with a ½ carat cubic zirconia, and one with a ½ carat diamond. The club netted \$19,000. For the creative project winner of the Pierced Revere Bowl is The Woman's Club of Clayton.





WRAL News Story: Microchip helps Raleigh woman reunite with her cat after missing for 15 years. The girl on the left is the granddaughter of TWCC member, Susan Johnson, and she found the cat at Flowers. Susan says she is glad the owners were found because her granddaughter, who is allergic to cats, was bonding very quickly with the cat. Great story Susan—thanks for sharing!

# Clayton Junior Woman's Club Awards from GFWC-NC

- Conservation CSP—Throughout the year, this club collected gently used shoes to be donated to the Shoebox Recycling program. These shoes are mailed to them, and they send them to people around the world who are in need of shoes. This kept all these shoes out of local landfills. 8 members worked 10 hours on this project and donated \$500 worth of shoes. For the creative project award for junior clubs, the winner of the District Junior Clubwoman Silver Tray is the Clayton Junior Woman's Club
- In the summer of 2019, this club helped sponsor LytCon, a comic/super hero-themed literacy event for children in grades K-5. The students participated in games and activities to promote reading and writing with a comic-con theme. Free lunch was provided for the children. Children were able to earn "lytbucks" by playing the games and then were able to turn those bucks in for free books. The books were donated by local businesses and individuals. For the creative project award for junior clubs, the winner of the Morris-Day Tray goes to GFWC Clayton Junior Womans Club.
- International Outreach—This Junior club held a Pub Crawl to raise money for the Taiwo Foundation. Taiwo Foundation helps parents, community leaders and youth protection agencies in St. Vincent develop and deploy community initiatives that increase the awareness and prevention of domestic violence and child sexual abuse and motivate communities to protect women and children. Through the fundraiser the club was able to collect and donate 86 soccer jerseys, 22 shorts and warm up pants and 8 t-shirts. For the creative project award for junior clubs, the winner of the Mamie Brown Latham Tray goes to Clayton Junior Woman's Club

# **PLANT A POSITIVE GARDEN**

First, plant five row of peas:

- Presence
- Promptness
- Preparation
- Purity
- Perseverance



Next to those, plant three rows of **squash**:

- Squash gossip
- Squash criticism
- Squash indifference



Then plant four rows of lettuce:

- · Let us be faithful to duty
- · Let us be loyal and unselfish
- Let us be true to our obligations
- Let us love one another



No garden is complete, of course, without turnips:

- Turn up for meetings
- Turn up with a smile
- Turn up with new ideas
- Turn up willing to accept responsibility
- Turn up with determination to make everything count for something good and worthwhile



Inspirational message provided by Marianne Sapsara







The official lockdown started March 23 and may end May 1st; That is **EXACTLY 40** days. The Latin root of the word "quarantine" is "forty". **So what does the Bible say about 40?** 

- The flood lasted 40 days.
- 40 years Moses fled Egypt.
- 40 days Moses stayed on Mount Sinai to receive the Commandments.
- Exodus lasted 40 years.
- Jesus fasted for 40 days.
- 40 days for a woman to rest after giving birth.
- Optimum number of weeks for human gestation is 40.
- A group of theologians thinks the number 40 represents "change". It is the time of preparing a person, or people, to make a fundamental change.
- Something will happen after these 40 days. Just believe and pray. Remember, whenever the number 40 appears in the Bible, there is a "change".
- Please know that during this "quarantine" rivers are cleaning up, vegetation is growing, the air is becoming cleaner because of less pollution, there is less theft and murder, healing is happening, and most importantly, people are turning to Christ. The Earth is at rest for the first time in many years and hearts are truly transforming.
- Remember we are in the year 2020, and 20 + 20 = 40.
- Also, 2020 is the year of the United States Census. Jesus Christ, the savior of the world, was born during a census.
- Lastly, 2020 is perfect vision. May our sight focus on the Lord and living according to His perfect vision for us knowing He holds us in the palm of His hand.
- May these days of "quarantine" bring spiritual liberation to our souls, our nation, and our world.



To see all of the information about Governor Cooper's Plan for reopening businesses/ activities, go to <a href="https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/public-health/covid19">https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/public-health/covid19</a>. Below is a description of the different phases for lifting restrictions.

#### Phase 1

- Stay At Home order remains in place, people can leave home for commercial activity (this would be retail businesses)
- Those retailers and services will need to implement social distancing, cleaning and other protocols
- Gatherings limited to no more than 10 people
- Parks can open subject to gathering limits
- Face coverings recommended in public
- Restrictions remain in place for nursing homes and other congregate living settings
- Encourage continued teleworking

### **Phase 2** (at least 2-3 weeks after Phase 1)

- Lift Stay At Home order with strong encouragement for vulnerable populations (including people 65+) to continue staying at home
- Allow limited opening of restaurants, bars and other businesses that can follow strict safety protocols (reduced capacity) (this would include nail salons, hairdressers, pet groomers)
- Allow gathering at houses of worship and entertainment venues at reduced capacity
- Increase in number of people allowed at gatherings
- Open public playgrounds
- Continue rigorous restrictions on nursing homes and congregant care settings

#### **Phase 3** (at least 4-6 weeks after Phase 2)

- Lessen restrictions for vulnerable populations with encouragement to continue practicing physical distancing
- Allow increased capacity at restaurants, bars, other businesses, houses of worship and entertainment venues
- Further increase the number of people allowed at gatherings
- Continue rigorous restrictions on nursing homes and congregant care settings

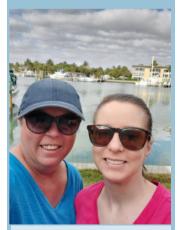


Do you have club member news, personal announcements, family news, personal achievements or recipes to share with club members?

Please submit items by the **25th** of the month to the "Club Chatter" Editor, Sarah Brooks <a href="mailto:sbrooks@twccnc.org">sbrooks@twccnc.org</a>



Nancy Maynard walks with her 'baby', Gretchen, a long haired Dachshund.



Laurie Partlo and her daughter Kelly participated in the Virtual 5K Running Over Cancer in South Beach, Fort Pierce, Florida. Laurie says, "It was hot!"



First cake Sarah Brooks has baked in 20 years. Fell in the middle—don't judge!

# How I Spent My Time in Isolation





(Left) Judy Ryan made 23 masks for her daughter's co-workers at Raleigh Family Medicine. Workers were complaining their ears were getting raw so Judy made headbands with buttons so the masks could be attached to the headband rather than behind the ears. She also made covers for shopping cart handles.



Debbie Williams makes: Easter baskets with candies for realtors (Left) and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) including gloves, Clorox/Lysol wipes and homemade masks for staff at Miracle Movers of Raleigh.





(Top) Brenda Hill, her husband family pet are excited about the fruit that comes once a month—a gift from their son. Sure beats going out to the store and getting it! According to Brenda, "Didn't take much to excite us!"



(Left) Brenda Hill stays busy making masks.



Margaret Lee, "What have I been doing since the Pandemic......I don't seem to remember!"

# FEED THE HUNGRY



# Come ZOOM every Friday at 10:30am!

Several members have been enjoying checking in with each other once a about week for 30 Thanks to minutes. Loretta Mascia for sponsoring the Zoom site. Pictured above are Cecil-Soporowska, Donna Steele, Belle Allen, Mary Sinzdak, Joann Cassone, Betsy Grannis, Sarah Brooks and Betty Lou Evans.

To go ZOOMing, just use the link below and follow the instructions <a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/">https://us04web.zoom.us/</a>

# How I Spent My Time in Isolation



Food Drive Collection Info - Monday, Wednesday & Friday 4:00-7:00

Juice Boxes, Family Size Mac N Cheese, Apple Sauce Cups, Bread, Fresh Fruit

Archer Lodge Community Center April 2 at 2:38 PM

FOOD DRIVE UPDATE! We are still working hard to help provide food for the kids in our area who typically rely on a nutritious breakfast and lunch from school. A special thanks to the **Woman's Club of Clayton**, **NC** for their donations this week and a huge SHOUT OUT to Horne Memorial UMC for their continued support and weekly donations. Thank you to everyone who continues to support this effort, to date we have handed out more than 800 breakfast and lunch bags to local children.

Remember- We collect items on MWF from 4:00-7:00.

A big thanks to **Susan Johnson** for leading the charge to get food donated to the Archer Lodge Community Center and to **all the members** who responded to the charge. Other TWCC members have been helping out with food collections including:

- Sarah Brooks who purchased food for the First Baptist Church Backpack Buddies
  program when she learned that volunteers were having difficulty purchasing food
  because some stores were putting limitations on the amount of food that could be
  purchased.
- **Betty Lou Evans** who has been working as a volunteer at Clayton Area Ministries. Betty Lou reports the food pantry is well stocked!
- Betsy and Michael Grannis (pictured at right) helped pack 300 hot dog lunches at Civitan Club. 200 were given out at Generation Church in Clayton and the other 100 went to healthcare workers at Johnston Memorial in Smithfield.



Bottom Left: **Mary Sinzdak** and her cat, Bonnie, both love working on puzzles during isolation! Bottom Right: While **Brenda Gay** has been "shut In", she has been busy with her music. Practicing the steel drum, piano, and learning to play a guitar. Just started guitar lessons before the down time. She is hopeful she can play "Silent Night" at Christmas time on the guitar.







Above: Donna Steele's vegetable container garden planted in early April. According to Donna, it was a good way to spend time outside.

Below: Donna Steele after the Virtual 5K Race



# How I Spent My Time in Isolation

Lorraine and Ron Perri's Experience: We started our 'stay at home' on March 12! In solidarity we wore our Carolina Hurricanes shirt game day-Postponed! Bummer... On March 17th we ventured to Trader Joe's in Cary as Crewmember Jeff did our shopping and brought it to us curbside! Wonderful service.



Life at home became a challenge for us. Our main concern has been finding the organics and green and clean foods

for my husband's diet to prevent dialysis. Walmart has come to our need... lots of organic foods, grass fed beef and wild caught fish! Who knew??

make sure we exercise and get 10 minutes of sunshine each day for our vitamin D. I found my sprout kits and we have been growing alfalfa and mung beans. Yummy in our salads and soups. Now we know what it would be like to run a diner. LOL Every meal cooked to order. No junk food served here. Good home cooking...no Sugar, low sodium and potassium...



Lots of reading, watching educational shows on TV (getting our travel fix on PBS train travel across USA and Europe) writing letters and cards to family and friends and participation in 3 business meetings on Zoom.

We appreciated the call from Susan Quinn checking up on us and offering help. And a birthday card from **Peggy Earp** received in gratitude. Might join in on the next TWCC zoom call. Life is good here. We've each lost 10 lbs! Bonus! Making the best of Life! Living Simply.





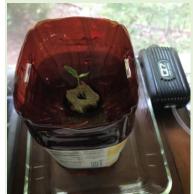
Robin Sachsenheimer and her hubby are styling when they shop wearing their St. Louis Cardinals and St. Louis Blues team shirts with matching masks that Robin made. She put a filter inside the mask for added protection— Great idea!! According to Robin, she saw Brenda Gay in the grocery store and Brenda did not recognize her with her mask on. Wonder why??

Jo Howard enjoyed spending her April 15th Birthday playing bridge with TWCC members Edie Brown and Brenda Gay

# How I Spent My Time in Isolation

**Trish and BJ Perna** have been watching the grand kids play on the swing in their backyard from well over 6 feet away.

Trish's **hydroponic green peppers** finally sprouted! "Hope they continue to grow with no issues. I don't have much of a green thumb!" (Hey Trish, call Rachel Masimore, the garden queen, if you need assistance)



Trish reports, "Luckily I have a lot of **weeding** to catch up on so I've spent the last few weeks doing

that. I have also planted some mint off of my back patio to hopefully help with insect control. There are a lot more flying bugs here than Las Vegas, that's for sure! We've been **Face Timing** friends and family more since this started. So thankful for those type of platforms these days. I can't imagine how lonely it must have felt during the Spanish Flu pandemic in the early 1900's."



# Message from Sarah Brooks:

Go ahead and call me a hoarder! We may be running low on hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes and toilet paper, but we will

# NEVER

run low on wine!













# We All Need a Laugh!!

Today's Drink Special:
The Quarantini

It's just a regular martini, but you drink it all alone in your house. How long is this social distancing supposed to last? My wife keeps trying to come in the house.

So are the dating site profiles going to start sounding like..

Man with 84 rolls of toilet paper seeks woman with hand sanitizer.

# FIRST TIME IN HISTORY

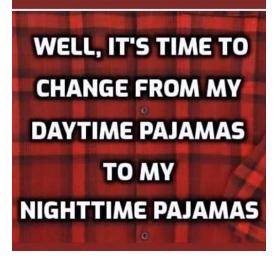
WE CAN SAVE THE
HUMAN RACE BY LAYING
IN FRONT OF THE T.V.
AND DOING NOTHING
LETS NOT

SCREW THIS UP

THEY SAID A MASK AND GLOVES WERE ENOUGH TO GO TO THE GROCERY STORE

THEY LIED, EVERYBODY ELSE HAD CLOTHES ON

Homeschool day
1:
Wondering how I
can get this kid
transferred out
of my class.



PARENTING DURING THE CORONAVIRUS SHUTDOWN: DAY 1: DAY 3:









Looking at the map for some weekend travel ideas



These certainly trying times for families with children since parents are having to assume responsibility for much of the schooling. We applaud the work the schools/teachers have developed for online learn-

Members over age 65 also remember home schooling. This was shared by TWCC member Sandy Harrison-Enjoy!

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We All Need a Laugh!!

# Most of us over age 65 were HOME SCHOOLED - in many ways.

1. My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE.

"If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."

2. My mother taught me RELIGION.

"You better pray that will come out of the carpet."

3. My father taught me about TIME TRAVEL.

"If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"

4. My father taught me LOGIC.

" Because I said so, that's why .

5. My mother taught me MORE LOGIC .

"If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."

6. My mother taught me FORESIGHT.

"Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."

7. My father taught me IRONY.

"Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."

8. My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS.

"Shut your mouth and eat your supper.

9. My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM.

"Just you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"

10. My mother taught me about STAMINA.

"You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone.

11. My mother taught me about WEATHER

"This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."

12. My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY.

"If I told you once, I've told you a million times, don't exaggerate!"

13. My father taught me the CIRCLE OF LIFE.

"I brought you into this world, and I can take you out..."

14. My mother taught me about BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION .

"Stop acting like your father!"

15. My mother taught me about ENVY.

"There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do."

16. My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION.
"Just wait until we get home."

17. My mother taught me about RECEIVING

"You are going to get it from your father when you get home!"

18. My mother taught me MEDICAL SCIENCE.

"If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck that way."

19. My mother taught me ESP.

"Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"

20. My father taught me HUMOR.

"When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me.."

21. My mother taught me HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT.

"If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."

22. My mother taught me GENETICS.

"You're just like your father."

23. My mother taught me about my ROOTS.

"Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?"

24. My mother taught me WISDOM

"When you get to be my age, you'll understand.

25. My father taught me about JUSTICE.

"One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you!"

This should be sent only to the 60+ crowd because the younger ones would not believe we truly were told these "EXACT" words by our parents...

# Recipes from Sarah Brooks and Nancy Maynard



### Each month will feature recipes by category

September—Beverages October—Fall Vegetables November—Slow Cooker December—Breakfast January—Beef February—Pies March—March Madness April—Breads May—Poultry

# Send your favorite recipes to

sbrooks@twccnc.org

# Follow me for more recipes



# Bree Rude's recipe for Fish n' Chips

Combine bag of Pepperidge Farm Goldfish with Ruffle Potato Chips.

Voila! Fish n' Chips!!!

# Recipe Corner—Salads



### Fresh Broccoli-Mandarin Salad

Dressing

1 egg plus 1 egg yolk, lightly beaten

½ cup granulated sugar

1 1/2 teaspoons cornstarch

1 teaspoon dry mustard

¼ cup tarragon wine vinegar

1/4 cup water

½ cup Mayonnaise

3 tablespoons butter or margarine, softened



In the top of a double boiler, whisk together egg, egg yolk, sugar, cornstarch, and dry mustard. Combine vinegar and water. Slowly pour into egg mixture, whisking constantly. Place over simmering water and cook, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens. Remove from heat; stir in mayonnaise and butter. Chill.

#### Salad

4 cups fresh broccoli flowerets

2 cups sliced fresh mushrooms

1 can (11 ounces) mandarin oranges, drained

½ cup raisins

½ cup slivered almonds, toasted

½ large red onion, sliced (can use less, depends on personal taste)

6 slices bacon, cooked an crumbled

**To serve,** toss dressing with broccoli, mushrooms, oranges, raisins, almonds, onion and bacon in a serving bowl.

Makes 10-12 servings

# Skyline's Spinach Salad with Apple Poppy Seed Dressing

Dressing:

1 cup Sugar (or Splenda)

1 ½ T Dijon Mustard

½ T Salt

1 tsp Black Pepper

1/4 cup minced yellow onion

¼ cup Applesauce

2 T Poppy Seeds 34 cup Apple Cider Vinegar

1 ¼ cups Olive Oil

Mix sugar, mustard, salt, black pepper, yellow onion, applesauce, poppy seeds and vinegar together. Emulsify the dressing by slowly adding the oil to

the dressing while whisking. Note: Dressing will keep for up to 2 weeks refrigerated.

Yield: 2 1/2 cups

# Salad

Fresh Baby Spinach Goat Cheese crumbled on top Craisins Toasted Sliced Almonds Fresh Bacon Bits

# **Marinated Orange Strawberry Salad**

## **Ingredients:**

2 cups orange sections

1 1/2 cups sliced strawberries

1/4 tsp each ground cinnamon and ground pepper; 1/8 tsp salt

1 Tbsp honey

1 tsp olive oil

3 cups torn leaf lettuce

1 Tbsp pine nuts, roasted

Combine first 7 ingredients in a large bowl, tossing gently. Let stand 30 minutes. Add lettuce and pine nuts, tossing gently to coat.







# Top 2 Recipes from Angela Williams

# Sarah Brooks' husband uses Emeril's recipe exclusively— It's delicious!

# Small Homemade Croutons

1 cup ½ to ¾-inch cubed French Bread ¼ cup extra virgin olive oil 2 tsp Emeril's Original Essence or Creole

Seasoning

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Place the bread in a medium bowl and toss with the oil and Essence. Place on a baking sheet and bake, stirring occasionally, until light golden brown on top, about 6 minutes. Remove from the oven and cool slightly before serving.

Makes 1 cup

# Recipe Corner—Salads

## **Junk Yard Salad**

## **Ingredients**

1 can cherry pie filling

- 1 large can crushed pineapple, drained
- 1 can eagle brand milk
- 2 cups mini marshmallows
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 8 ounces cool whip

#### **Directions**

Mix in order and refrigerate overnight.

# Broccoli Pasta Salad

# **Ingredients**

1 head broccoli

8 ounces cheddar cheese

1 box tri-color pasta

1 red onion, chopped

16 oz mayonnaise

1 cup sugar

1 1/2 tsp vinegar

### **Directions**

- 1. Mix mayonnaise, sugar, and vinegar. Set aside.
- 2. Boil pasta until done. Rinse pasta with cold water.
- 3. Mix pasta, cheese, chopped onion, and broccoli florets.
- 4. Add the mayonnaise mixture and combine well.

# **Emeril Lagasse's Caesar Salad**

One 18 oz bag heart of Romaine lettuce, torn into pieces or left whole, as desired

1 recipe of Creamy Parmesan Dressing (recipe below)
1 recipe of Small Homemade Croutons (recipe at left)
1/2 cup finely grated Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese

Put the lettuce in a large bowl, toss with the dressing to taste, and divide among 4 large salad plates. (Or arrange the hearts on the plates and drizzle the dressing over the lettuce.) Top with the croutons and cheese and serve.

#### Creamy Parmesan Dressing

1 large egg

2 anchovy fillets, drained

½ tsp chopped garlic

1/4 tsp kosher salt

1/4 tsp freshly ground black pepper

2 Tbsp freshly grated Parmigiano-Reggiano

1 Tbsp fresh lemon juice

1 tsp Dijon mustard

¼ cup extra virgin olive oil

1 tsp Worcestershire

2 dashes of hot sauce

Bring a small saucepan of water to a boil. Add the egg and cook for 30 seconds until coddled. Drain.

Combine the anchovies, garlic, salt, and pepper in a small bowl and mash with the back of a fork. Break the egg into the mixture and whisk well to blend. Add the cheese, lemon juice, and mustard and whisk well. Add the olive oil in a steady stream, whisking constantly to form a thick emulsion. Add the Worcestershire and hot sauce and whisk well to blend. Cover tightly and refrigerate until ready to use. (The dressing will keep refrigerated for 1 day.)

Makes ¾ cup









# Let's Play a Game!

# Can you name the following?

# Game Provided by Donna Steele



Number 4



Number 5



Number 6



Number 7



Number 8



Number 9



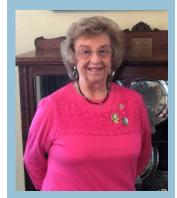




Tunitive Science

Answer Key:
1—Bluebirds
2—Mockingbird
3—Dove
4—House Finch
5—Cardinal
6—Thrush
7—Cowbird
8—Sparrow

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To my Club TWCC Members and to all it may concern.....

During the last several months, I have been concerned with a number of occurrences with our membership. As most of you know, I am one for following rules, and believe in the Federation, GFWC-NC, and all that it believes in and does. I reach out to you today because of these concerns that have weighed on my heart. With every thing that we are all dealing with now, my thoughts may not be timely, but for my own piece of mind, need to be shared.

The GFWC is an organization that operates by a list of bylaws that governs our group. It's simple, we follow these bylaws because it is the lanes with which our organization drives in. With out them, we are subject to drive outside the lines, and without correction, can and will eventually crash. I have never been one for driving while looking in the rearview mirror, and I am not today. I want to look forward with a clear heart and mind and a clear conscience. So for those that drive outside the lines....

Ask yourself, why are you a member? That is a broad spectrum. You could be a member for the luncheons or you could be a member because you enjoy the fellowship and meaning of what being a Federated Club is all about. Do you know your Club Members? You may know them, or do you just have an opinion of who they are and what they are about. Do you know the meaning of being a Federated Club? I would argue that some don't. I do, but I can only speak for myself. And regardless of my lifetime of knowledge and time in this organization, there are members in this Club that today, have made an impression on me. Those that I have great respect for and take what they have to say to heart. And we are a Club, much like a team, and no one person is more important than the other, regardless of how much or how little they do.

I want to implore everyone to remember the last sentence of our Collect, "And Oh Lord God, let us forget not to be kind". If you are saying to yourself, "who does she think she is", well let me answer that for you now. I am the same 82 year old woman that was raised by a poor, loving, Christian Mother and Father, who taught me to always give to others FIRST, then think of yourself. If you have copy of the Member Spotlight - April 2017 issue, you will find out that I have devoted my life in service to help others in our County and all across North Carolina to hopefully provide them a better way of life. My purpose is taking satisfactions in helping those that need help and giving to the community for a better place to live. And I am a Lifetime Member of this organization with a vast knowledge of what it is, why we are here, and how it works.

I love the GFWC-NC!! That is why I have devoted most of my life to it's service. I love our Club!! Because regardless of age or ability, we are all valuable in our own way, and have something to contribute. So to my Club members, my friends, please let us all come together as one, working together in harmony. What we are doing in our Club as a group together is much bigger than any single one of us.

I leave you with my belief and thoughts as in the first two paragraphs of our Collect. "Keep us, O'God from pettiness; let us be large in thought, in work, in deed. Let us be done with fought finding. And leave off self-seeking".

To all of you, please stay in, take care of yourself, call each other, which means everyone, to check on each other, and PRAY! Thank you for your time, my heart feels better already. In Federation Love, God Bless!!

Peggy Earp

# **May 2020**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	ESO via Zoom 10am	5  BOARD  Executive Board via Google Hangouts 10am	6  Nationar  Werses Do	NATIONAL PRAYER	8 Military Spouse Appreciation Day	9 Jessica Bull
Happy Mother's Day	11	12	Connie May	14 <u>W</u> Gail Neumann	PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY	PREAKNESS STAKES
17	18	19 Wargaret DiNubila Loretta Mascia	20	Arianna Harrison Nadine Wells	22	23 Liz McLaurin
24	memorial DAY	26 Employee Teresa Mathis	27	28	29	30
31 Pentecost Sunday						

# **June 2020**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7	8	9	10 Wallsen	11	12 Judy Ryan	13
Flag Day!	15	16 Bettylou Evans	17	18	19	20 Summer Solstice
21 Happy Father's Day	22	23	24	25	26	27 <b>W</b> Cathy Carter
28	29	30 Betty Francies				

# **July 2020**

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# August 2020

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23	24	25 Erenda Hill	26	27 Louise McHale	28 Webbie Ragland	29
30 Jamie Kosik	31					