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# Club Chatter



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## From Our President

*Donna Steele*

Where did our hot weather go? One day I had my air conditioning on and the next day I turned the furnace on! Fall is here and the holiday season is right around the corner! And hopefully our hurricanes are over but we do want to continue to help those who are still suffering from the 2 major hurricanes so far.

Our **second meeting in October** was delayed an hour in order to say good-bye to our dear friend and leader Sybil Taylor Champion. She was a great ambassador for Clayton as well as the for the Woman's Club of Clayton and we will miss her. Our meeting was well-attended, and we had 4 visitors with 2 visitors becoming members at the meeting. Thank you to Charlene Butala and Arianna Harrison and their Home Life Service Community team for hosting our meeting. Kaylynne Piper, our speaker and Administrator of The Enclave, presented information about "Dementia Awareness" to our group of 60 plus members and visitors. She also left current information for us to review about this important topic.

**The Taste of Carolina** is almost here so **sell, sell, sell tickets** to everyone you know **Now!** It is Friday night, **November 2, 2018** at the Clayton Center and it's a fun evening with food, drinks raffles and our silent auction! Sunday Penny, and Dianne Carroll and their many dedicated committee members are busy planning this awesome fund raiser event! Besides selling tickets to all of your friends and neighbors, please seek out business owners who will donate \$100.00 or more who will be recognized for their support at the Taste! It's great advertising for their businesses as well as adding their names to all the charities we support with their donations! My wish is to see over 90% of our members at the Taste and fill the Clayton Center to capacity by selling all 400 tickets on November 2!

After we take a breath from a successful Taste of Carolina, we will be helping with the **Serve the Need Thanksgiving meal on November 21** at the Civitan Center in Clayton.



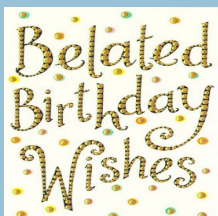
Please see Betsy Grannis for more detail for giving funds for the large cans of cranberry sauce or helping in other ways.

Susan Quinn and Rachel Masimore have volunteered to coordinate the **Christmas Kids project and the Golden Wishes program** for December. Our members will shop for 75 needy students and 5 needy senior citizens. Please contact them if you would like to help in any way.

Our **Art Festival** the first week of January will need volunteers from our members. This is also your opportunity to encourage young artists in the Clayton schools to participate and also to compete with your own arts and craft projects. Don't wait! Contact Susan Johnson to learn more about how to submit your arts and crafts to compete with other clubs. Don't be shy! I know how talented you all are!



11/7 Barbara Pierce  
 11/9 Ouida King  
 11/15 Rachel Masimore  
 11/21 Betsy Grannis  
 11/22 Sandy Harrison  
 11/24 Sandy Nesselrode



Belated Happy  
 October Birthday to  
 new member  
 NoNa Kelly—10/5



The clubhouse will be open Tuesday, Oct 30th thru Thursday, Nov 1st from 10:00AM-2:00PM and on Friday, Nov 2nd from 11am until cleanup of clubhouse is complete to accept silent auction items, assemble baskets, collect unsold tickets/proceeds, etc.

Set-up at the Clayton Center will begin on Friday, November 2nd at 3:00PM

If you have a TWCC name tag, please wear your name tag and a **BIG SMILE!**

Remember to participate in our **Women's Health Initiative** by recording your steps and getting your flu shot. Our walking group will walk again November 8 (contact Ruth LaRocca) and December 2 at the Christmas in Clayton Home & Art Tour. Also get extra exercise by helping in the Main Street Community Garden on Tuesday and Thursday mornings (Contact Rachael Masimore). You can sign up at our **November 14** meeting for December activities.



And speaking of **Teamwork** in our club, look at the picture of the flock of geese flying in a perfect V formation again this month. Scientists have studied how geese perform so well as a team. Did you know that when a goose gets sick, or is wounded and falls out of formation, two other geese fall out with their companion and follow it down to lend help and protection. They stay with the fallen goose until it is able to fly, or until it dies, and only then do they launch out on their own, or with another formation to catch up with their group.

Let's remember the members of our "flock" and lend help and encouragement to every club member just as this flock of geese overhead exemplifies a strong performing team!

## House of Hope Dinner and Auction



Carolyn Owen and Margaret Lee represented The Woman's Club of Clayton at the **House of Hope Fundraiser on October 11th**. Even with gusts of wind and heavy rain from Hurricane Michael, who was quickly blowing through the area, there were very few empty seats at The Angus Barn, where the event was held.

The **House of Hope** is located in Clayton and has long been a project that the Night 'N' Gals have officially embraced. Missy Naum has moved to Gar-

ner and no longer belongs to the Club. We did supply Missy with the art materials to work with these young ladies. This is a faith based facility that holds true to its 20 years of existence.

This phenomenal facility is home to young teen women who have been sexually violated, fallen prey to drugs, have contemplated suicide, have been victims of serious bullying, and at a juncture where their parents have lost control. These young women agree to become members of this program, where they must live together, take classes together and go through continuing psychological counseling. All of this is done on their small campus and parents must attend classes. The goal for this organization is to help the teen and their parents learn how to move on comfortably together with life.

The gala that was held, had a silent auction, guest speaker who is a youth pastor in NC, but had a daughter go through the program. He said he could help fix other teens, but he couldn't fix his daughter without help.

The House of Hope would be a great group to have over to our gazebo in the spring for a hot dog cookout. They love to hear about our current/past careers.





### Sybil Champion

*The Woman's Club of Clayton mourns the death of Past President and Honorary Member, Sybil Champion, who passed away October 2, 2018. Our deepest sympathy to her sons, Peter and John, and the entire family.*



**Joyce Canady** who is recovering from a broken hip. Joyce is out of rehab and is recovering at home

**Patty Jo Johnson** who is recovering from surgery

**Mary Frances Harrison**  
So great seeing Mary Frances at the October meeting! She is finishing up her chemo treatments

## October Meeting Highlights

The October 10 TWCC lunch meeting was catered by Morning Glory Inn and hosted by the Home Life CSP. TWCC President, Donna Steele, presided over the meeting.

TWCC was honored to receive a proclamation from the **American Legion** recognizing 100 years of service. The proclamation was read by Jim Quinn (pictured below).



Joy Garretson, Library Director (pictured at left) spoke about the Little Free Library that has been placed in the Main Street Community Garden. TWCC will be responsible for maintaining the box.

Charlene Butala, Home Life CSP Co-Chair, introduced the speaker, Kaylynne Piper (pictured at right) of The Enclave, an assisted living, residential care home which is due to open this November in the Clayton area). Kaylynne spoke on dementia awareness.



Teresa Hartley introduced new club members (pictured below left to right), **NoNa Kelly, Bettylou Evans and Terri Sessoms. Welcome Ladies!!**



Other new members not pictured are **Marcie Vedelli, Jean Barnes, Suzanne Green and Jo Ann Ellington.**

Teresa Hartley recognized **4 visitors** who attended the meeting: **Donna White, Suzanne Green (Joined), Jo Ann Ellington (joined), and Karen Galley.**

Other items covered in the meeting:

- Michael Sims informed members about a gala being held to raise funds for **Harmony Playground.**
- Teresa Hartley reported on the November 2nd **Taste of Carolina Cuisine** (TOCC). There may be parking issues since Shindig and Harvest Festival will going on at the same time. All members are encouraged to **sell, sell, sell** those tickets.
- Charlene Butala will be the **LEADS** candidate from District 8.
- TWCC will no longer be responsible for the **Library window** during the months of June, July, August. The Library will do the window and feature their summer programs.
- Donna Steele thanked **Diane Carroll** for arranging for removal of the bushes from the clubhouse. This should help with moisture issues.
- Betsy Grannis encouraged members to sign up to bring items for the **100th Anniversary Open House** and to come to the open house in period clothing.
- Mary Sinzduk stated the next walk will be **Thursday, November 8th, at 11 am** on First Street in Clayton. Lunch will follow at Clayton Steakhouse. Notify Ruth LaRocca if you plan to eat lunch.
- Betsy Grannis encouraged everyone to sign up to help at the **Feed the Need Thanksgiving Meal** by working on November 21st or making brownies for the meal. Funds will be collected at the November meeting to cover the costs for cranberry sauce. About \$250 is needed.
- Dianne Carroll needs volunteers to serve as Docents for the **Christmas in Clayton Home & Art Tour.**





**Thank You!**

**Thank You  
Betsy Grannis**  
for all of the work you  
put into making the  
TWCC Centennial Open  
House Celebration a  
wonderful success!



*Is that Barbara Nangle  
behind those Foster  
Grants???*



*Love the hat  
Angela Williams!*

## Centennial Open House Celebration Chair: Betsy Grannis

CELEBRATING  
**100**  
YEARS

A BIG thank you to everyone who participated in our Centennial Open House on October 18th! We looked **great**, our clubhouse looked **great**, the food and beverage was **great**; it was just a **great** evening over all, thanks to all you **great** gals! So, thank you if you helped decorate inside and out, set up, clean up, dress up (and I do mean you, Dianne Carroll, for dressing so many lovely ladies), if you baked or brought items for the event, if you helped serve, and if you were able to be there and be a part of the festivities; or even if you thought about us from wherever you were. I hope that covers everyone in the club!

Thank you to the Mayor, Jody McLeod, who was not able to be there, but who graciously provided the mantle decorations and food table arrangement. And thank you to Mayor Pro Tem, Michael Grannis, for his words of acknowledgment to our club. Please let them know how much we appreciate them if you see them around town.

We were so honored to have GFWC-NC President Ann Landis there to celebrate with us. Ann lives in Holden Beach so it was especially kind of her to make the trip to share our big occasion!

A very, very special thank you to Susan Quinn who put together the memory boards and who did so much work and research for the display tables. She is amazing!

We can all pat ourselves on the back for a wonderful anniversary event.

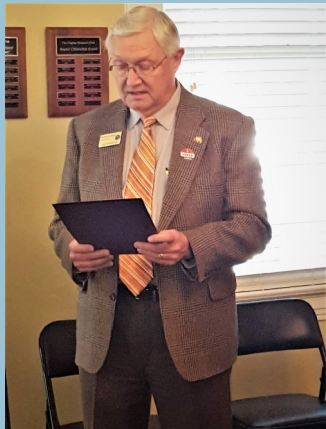


*Wonderful group picture with  
members in their finery repre-  
senting the different decades of  
service. At left, Betsy Grannis  
with GFWC-NC State President,  
Ann Landis.*





Becky Stewart is ready to  
Charlston



Thank You Mayor Pro  
Tem Michael Grannis for  
reading the Proclamation  
from the Town of Clayton



Brenda Gay with GFWC-  
NC State President, Ann  
Landis

Top Left: Herman and  
President Donna Steele

Top Right: Marie Monsees,  
Faye Brooks, Sunday Pen-  
ny and Susan Quinn

Middle Left: Linda Strevig,  
Barbara Nangle, Charlene  
Butala, Dianne Carroll,  
Mary Sinzdak and Becky  
Stewart

Middle Right: Donna  
Steele, Becky Stewart, Kim  
Kreske and Bettylou Evans

Bottom Right: Donna  
Steele, Peggy Earp, Mary  
Sinzdak and Rachel Masi-  
more







Donna Steele with Honorary Lifetime Member Ramona Cash



The food and beverages were outstanding and beautifully displayed. Thank you Mayor Jody McLeod for the beautiful flower arrangements.



Susan Quinn developed memory boards for:

**Who We Are** (information on the GFWC organization from top down to TWCC—top left)

**What We Do** (pictures of the many projects we have done over the past few years—bottom left)

**When Did It Start** (history pictures of the club from 1918 up to the early 50's—pictured at right)



Bottom Left: The clubhouse looked amazing!  
Bottom Right: Betsy Grannis, Marie Monsees and Susan Quinn







**Oct 30—Nov 1**  
Clubhouse open for  
Silent Auction Items,  
Tickets/proceeds,  
assemble baskets, etc.  
10am—4pm

**November 2**  
Clubhouse open for  
Silent Auction Items,  
Tickets/proceeds, assem-  
ble baskets, etc.  
11am-clean up complete  
**TASTE OF CAROLINA  
CUISINE**  
6:30pm-? (until clean up  
complete)

**November 6**  
ESO Book Club  
Hocutt-Ellington  
Library  
10:00am

**November 8**  
Downtown Walking Tour  
11:00am—Noon

**November 10**  
Grand Opening for Little  
Free Library at Main  
Street Community  
Garden  
12:30pm

**November 13**  
Education CSP to set up  
for lunch meeting  
10:00am

**November 14**  
TWCC Lunch Meeting  
hosted by  
Education CSP  
11:45am

**November 15**  
Night 'N' Gals Meeting  
7:00pm

**November 21**  
Feed the Need Thanks-  
giving Meal

**December 2**  
Christmas in Clayton  
Home & Art Tour

**January 10**  
Arts Festival

## Let's go for a walk

### Calling All Walkers!

Our first **walking tour on October 4th** brought 10 members and husband and photographer, Klaus LaRocca, together for an impromptu tour of the Sculpture Trail in downtown Clayton. Since our guide was unable to meet with us for the history tour downtown, we were reading along as went to see the remarkable art that Clayton is able to exhibit. Liz McLaurin and Belle Allen filled in gaps with their knowledge of Clayton and the visual arts program and Klaus took photos that are works of art themselves. After the Sculpture Trail we had time to visit and enjoy lunch at Mannings. We walked a mile, saw amazing art, had lunch, all in good company!

Our next walking tour will be on **Thursday, November 8th at 11 am** and will commence at the library. Pam Baumgartner, the library historian, will lead the tour of downtown Clayton's historical buildings. (In case of rain our group may visit the history room in the library.). Lunch afterward will at the Clayton Steakhouse. Please let Ruth LaRocca know if you will be at lunch. Her email is [larocca1@juno.com](mailto:larocca1@juno.com), and home #919-879-8557. Come for the walk and lunch at noon or either, but don't miss our gathering.



Picture at left taken by Klaus LaRocca, husband of TWCC member Ruth LaRocca, during the walking tour. This photo is an infra-red, unprocessed image of "The Dancer" in Horne Square.



Members participating in the walk: Donna Steele, Betsy Grannis, Faye Brooks, Susan Johnson, Ruth LaRocca and husband Klaus, Liz McLaurin, Brenda Gay, Belle Allen, Mary Sinzdak, Rachel Masimore and new member Betty Lou Evans





Belle Allen was featured in one of the Library's mugshots from Banned Books Week. From September 23-29, the Library celebrated with displays of banned and challenged books, and they took mugshots of some of the patrons caught reading these books.



## Home Life CSP

Co-chairs: Charlene Butala, Arianna Harrison



Just a reminder that there is a sign-up sheet on the back table during our meetings if you are interested in helping with **Backpack Buddies**. And, contact Lou McHale to volunteer to hand out **snacks to cancer patients** at Johnston Health in Smithfield.

## Art CSP

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



The Art CSP will be working with Clayton Visual Arts (CVA) again this year with their **Christmas Tour of Homes & Art**. Barbara Nangle will be coordinating the event. She needs **volunteers** to be docents in the homes. CVA's members will have tickets for the event at the November meeting.



(Left) CSP Co-Chair Faye Brooks presents a check for art supplies to Kaci Hunt, Art teacher at Archer Lodge Middle School. (Right) CSP member, Connie May, presents a check for art supplies to Janine Frantz, Art teacher at Clayton High School.



## Public Issues CSP

Co-Chairs: Bree Rude, Jamie Kosik



Teresa Mathis will be coordinating efforts on behalf of the Public Issues CSP and any other club members interested in participating in the **Donate Life Festival of Trees** event on November 27 at 6pm at Revival 1869. Tickets must be purchased in advance at <https://www.classy.org/event/donate-life-nc-festival-of-trees/e197162>.

We will decorate a Christmas tree or a door wreath with a theme, and suggestions are welcomed, to be auctioned off at this event sponsored by Donate Life NC. This organization inspires North Carolinians to save lives through **organ eye and tissue donation**.

I will announce once a theme is determined and would appreciate decoration donations. Public issues will purchase the tree or wreath and a date to decorate it will be shared. This is a great opportunity to donate to a good cause and enjoy the company of our fellow members!

## Education CSP

Co-Chairs: Betsy Grannis, Marlene Dillon



By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have already participated in the **Jump Start Read for the Record** event. We will let you know at our November meeting just how many children we reached (our club members) and how many children were read to across the country.

The **Education CSP** is hosting our luncheon meeting this month. We look forward to seeing all of you and to serving a delicious meal and scrumptious dessert to everyone!

We will be getting our **scholarship** information out to the counselors at the area high schools later this month. If you have a child or grandchild that is eligible for our scholarships, please be sure they ask about them at school. We would love to have several qualified candidates to interview this coming year.





Taste of Carolina Cuisine

Arts Festival Committee

Water TWCC Garden Box at Main Street Community Garden

Shred Day

Backpack Buddies

Take Snacks to Cancer Centers

Silent Partner

Walgreen's Shot @ Life

Docents for Christmas in Clayton Home & Art Tour

*Thanks to everyone who has volunteered for Thanksgiving Feed the Need Meal and Christmas Kid/Golden Wishes shoppers—we have enough volunteers!*



Please let Brenda Hill and/or Bree Rude know of any silent auction items you have procured

## Conservation CSP

Chair: Rachel Masimore



### Parsley, Sage, Rosemary and Thyme

The Main Street Community Garden, located at 439 E Main Street, has lots of herbs. Members are encouraged to bring a plastic bag and cut herbs for your personal use.



## Night 'N' Gals/International CSP

Chair: Robin Sachsenheimer



The Night 'N' Gals will meet **Thursday, November 15th**, 7:00pm at the clubhouse. The group is preparing a cooler for the silent auction.



Thanks to TWCC members who helped serve food to 120+ folks at the **Barbour Court Family Day** on October 6th. They also helped residents play Bingo and assisted with clean up. Pictured at left are Brenda Gay, Mary Sinzduk, Rachel Masimore and Robin Sachsenheimer (also pictured at right). Donna Steele was there as well and served as the photographer.



Mums planted by the Night 'N' Gals are on display at Barbour Court



### Shot at Life

This GFWC partner program provides vaccines for children in developing countries. Walgreens will donate a vaccine for a child for every one given at Walgreens Pharmacy. Please get your flu shot at Walgreens and bring along spouses, too. See Herman Steele setting the example. If you participate, please send your name to Mary at [msinzduk@yahoo.com](mailto:msinzduk@yahoo.com).

**KIVA**—As the club organizer for International programs and donations, the Night 'N' Gals have been continuing to participate with loan requests from [Kiva.org](http://Kiva.org). When sufficient credit accrues from repaid loans, new loans are made. All transactions are done online and by lending as little as \$25, anyone can help a borrower start or grow a business. 100% of every \$1 that is loaned on Kiva goes to funding loans. Kiva covers costs primarily through optional donations as well as through support from sponsors and grants. Please go to [Kiva.org](http://Kiva.org) and discover how little it takes to make a big difference! And, if making a loan, be sure to note Team Night 'N' Gals.



**Just a reminder...**



RSVP your CSP Chair by **Sunday** before the meeting if you will be attending the **November** lunch meeting as well as any guests you may be bringing.

Things to bring to the **November** lunch meeting:

- Money/checkbook for club **dues** (\$55 for dues and \$20 for lunch assessment)
- Contributions for cranberry sauce for Feed the Need Thanksgiving Meal



### **Taste of Carolina Cuisine Restaurants**

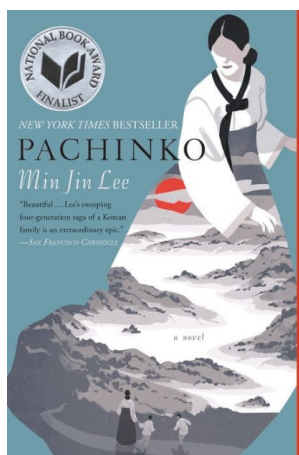
Sherry's Cheesecake  
 Flipside  
 Chefella's  
 Dylan's  
 Festejo's  
 Morning Glory Inn  
 Clayton Steakhouse  
 Manning's  
 Caribbean Delight  
 Anthony's  
 Vinson's  
 Fat Boys BBQ

## **ESO Book Club**

Chair: Brenda Gay



The next ESO Book Club meeting will be Tuesday, November 6th at 10:00 (note, we meet the first Tuesday of the month). Gabriella Connelly, owner of Chefella's Cafe has graciously agreed to set up a meeting room for us to have our meeting at no cost this time. Please let Brenda Gay know with a confirmation if you will be at the meeting by email or telephone. This will help in setting up the meeting room to meet our needs. The address is 436 E Main Street, Clayton, NC (it is across from Main St Community Gardens). If you arrive early, coffee, etc. can be purchased before the meeting.



### **Pachinko by Min Jin Lee**

*Book Review provided by Donna Steele*

Pachinko follows one Korean family through generations beginning in early 1900's. Sunja, a daughter of a poor family, is saved from an unplanned pregnancy by a young minister who marries her and brings her to Japan to start a new life. I recommend this book because it gives insight into the history and the plight of the Korean people and helped me to better understand today's political situation in Asia.

## **Art Festival**

Chair: Susan Johnson



The GFWC-NC is again sponsoring the **State Arts Festival** for 2018-2019. Our club will participate on the local, district, and state levels. All our clubwomen are encouraged to offer their talents in the 36 craft categories as well as the 10 visual art categories and the three photography categories. There will be a list of the categories again at our November meeting. **Angela Williams** is in charge of collecting your entries and will need to have your selections by the **December 12th** meeting.

**Peggy Earp** is once again coordinating the **literature section** of the contest. Any clubwoman may submit a one act play/skit, a short story limited to 2000 words, poetry of any style with a minimum length of eight lines and maximum of 50 lines, and/or an essay on any subject. These must also be submitted by the December 12th meeting to Peggy.

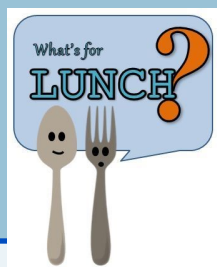
All entries must have been completed within the **prior year** and all contests are limited to **non-professionals**.

We have invited **10 of our local schools** to participate in the Festival. These are Home School Association of our area, Archer Lodge Middle, Clayton Middle, Riverwood Middle, Swift Creek Middle, and Johnston Charter Academy. Our local high schools are Clayton High, Cleveland High, Corinth Holders High, and West Johnston High. If you know students or staff at these schools, please encourage their participation in the event. They also will have the categories of visual arts, photography and literature.

The local arts festival is to be held on **Thursday January 10th at 6:00-7:30** at the Clayton Center in cooperation with the Clayton Visual Arts monthly artist reception. Certificates, ribbons, and cash prizes will be awarded that evening.

Thank you for your participation and support!





### November Menu

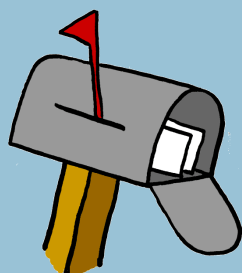
Entrée will be provided  
by Morning Glory Inn

**Turkey & Dressing  
Sweet Potatoes  
Green Bean Casserole  
Dinner Rolls**

Education CSP will host  
and provide Pumpkin  
Spice Cake for dessert  
& beverages



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



Does anyone have a cur-  
rent mailing address for  
Honorary Member Helen  
Woodall? If so, please  
send to  
sbrooksgolfer@gmail.com



## **CHRISTMAS IN CLAYTON HOME & ART TOUR**

**December 2, 2018, 3-6pm**

**Downtown Clayton**

**8 Beautiful homes to tour with artists in all homes**

**Christmas Carolers**

**Starts at The Woman's Club of Clayton**

**\$10/ticket—See Dianne Carroll for tickets**

**Proceeds go to Clayton art teachers for supplies for teaching**



**Clayton Visual Arts Home Tour** will take place on Sunday, December 2nd, 2018 from 3pm to 6pm and will fit in perfectly for our December walk. It's a fun activity to share and everyone interested in doing the tour as a group please let Mary Sinzdak know. Mary's email is [msinzdak@yahoo.com](mailto:msinzdak@yahoo.com) and home phone 919-553-9858. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from Dianne Carroll.

The **Feed the Need Thanksgiving meal** will be held on Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at the Civitan Building. Thank you to all who have signed up for baking brownies and for volunteering at the event. We will have the baggies for the brownies available to distribute at our November meeting. We will also be confirming the volunteer opportunities. We had an overwhelming response from volunteers and we thank you all for your willingness to participate in this worthy event.



Tom the Turkey will be making an appearance at our meeting and he will be mighty hungry for your dollars and your spare change. We hope to collect **\$200** to purchase the cranberry sauce for the event, so please feel free to be generous!



The **Clayton Civitan's reverse raffle** will be on December 7. Tickets are \$100 for a chance to win up to \$1500. The tickets include a barbecue and chicken dinner for two. There will be door prizes, a live auction and a 50/50 raffle. **A portion of the money raised at this event is donated to The Woman's Club of Clayton** to help buy gifts for our Christmas kids. Betsy Grannis and Angela Williams will have tickets at the November meeting. Make checks payable to Clayton Civitan.

### **Our Biggest Fundraiser—A Taste of Carolina Cuisine!**

**November 2, 2018**

**6:30 until....**

**The Clayton Center**

**\$40/ticket (contact Sunday Penny at 919-412-6368)**

**Best Restaurants in Johnston County!**

**Best Silent Auction Items!**

**Best People!**

**A Big Win for Everyone!**

## **SELL, SELL, SELL**

**Let's Make it the Best Taste of Carolina Cuisine ever!!!!**





## Member Spotlight—Brenda Gay



**Brenda Gay**  
**ESO Chair**



**Brenda led the  
crowds with cheers  
at Fountain High  
School**



### Biography:

I was born in Greenville, North Carolina, one of the youngest of five children, three brothers, one sister. Two brothers are deceased, one who served in Viet Nam and my oldest brother from heart attack at age 45. My Father died when I was in first grade so my Mother reared us. She was a great Mother! I have lived in Rocky Mount, NC, Florida, Greensboro, NC, Raleigh, NC. I attended East Carolina University in Greenville, NC when I was in my 20's but my studies were interrupted when I entered a beauty pageant and won. While in Rocky Mount, NC, I attended a Community College in Kinston to study to become a dental Hygienist. I did not like being a hygienist but I was employed in a dental office for several years as manager of the office. I also taught cosmetology four nights a week at Sherrill's University of Hairstyling while in Raleigh, NC as well as working three days a week in the dental office.

### TWCC Questions:

***How long have you been a member of TWCC and how has membership in TWCC been of value to you?***

I have been a member of TWCC for about 13 years. After I moved to Clayton, I went to Hocutt-Ellington Library to obtain a library card and check out books. I met Debbie Ragland there and mentioned I had just moved to Clayton. Debbie invited me to come as her guest to the Woman's Club and I thought to myself, why not. I didn't know anyone in Clayton, Bob had retired from NCSU and I quit my job as we wanted to get out of the big city of Raleigh. This was a good way to meet people and become involved.

### ***What surprised you most about working with TWCC?***

How busy the club is and although I never wished to be an officer, I do wish to make a difference by being an active and willing member. There always seems to be something to contribute without being an Officer. Some of the positions I have participated in thus far have been: Chair of Art CSP, Chair of Education CSP, Chair Performing Arts Locally and State Chair of Performing Arts for several years (I gave this up this year), ESO Chair. This doesn't look like much compared to how much so many others have contributed but I am not counting. I am willing to continue working in a group effort. As Martha Stewart says "It's A Good Thing".

### Personal Questions:

***Where is your favorite place to be?***

With my husband at Myrtle Beach. We go as much as we can, especially in the summer where I love to go to the beach and read. I never tire of looking at the ocean with a book in my hand.

***What is your favorite book?***

I like reading all kinds of books; being a member of ESO which is a structured reading program, I can do this. I am not sure I have a favorite but I do like historical novels. I can relate to the places in a lot of the stories as I have traveled to many of these places and it comes alive for me.

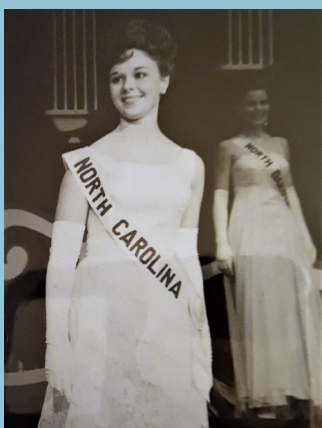
***What type of music do you prefer?***

I like Classical music, Elvis Presley music, Christian Hymns, 50's, 60's music. I grew up in the late 60's with the Lettermen music. My husband and I saw the Lettermen (a group started in 1959) at a show at Myrtle Beach a few weekends ago. They sang a lot of the 60's music as well as their own recordings. It was really a great show and brought back lots of memories.



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## Member Spotlight—Brenda Gay

### ***Personal Questions (continued):***

#### ***What do you always want to try but never have?***

Fly a Plane (wanted a sunflower tattoo but got that last year)

#### ***You have traveled extensively. What was your most memorable trip?***

Bob and I have traveled all over the world. There are not many places we have not been but still need to see more in those places. I have many memorable trips but a few are the Holy Land, the 500 year of Reformation of Martin Luther in Germany, and this summer a river cruise in France. One of the places we visited was Monet at Giverny in Normandy. We saw his home and gardens that he conceived as a work of art, and where he painted his Water Lilies series.

#### ***What kind of hobbies and interests do you have outside of Woman's Club?***

I am in an organization called Friendship Force started by a friend of past President, Jimmy Carter whose name was Wayne Smith in Atlanta, Ga. This is a nonprofit organization with the home office in Atlanta. It was nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize in the 80's and the Japanese contributed one million dollars to the organization in the 80's. There are many local clubs and international clubs around the world. Our local club is in Raleigh. I was President for two years in 2012, have been VP, Activity Chair, and am on the Board. I am active in my church, Holy Cross Lutheran where I am in the choir, Wednesday morning circle, etc. I am in ESO book club which is part of the Woman's Club, play bridge, bunco. I am not a great pianist, but I love to play just for myself. I like going with my husband to the Clayton Community Center three to four times a week to exercise. I love meeting my friends for lunch, get togethers, etc. I treasure friendship; I think I make myself vulnerable to friendship but I am just a friendly person.

#### ***What is the greatest challenge you have overcome?***

Adjusting to the death of my first husband, Phil and our child. I like what Albert Einstein said, "Life is like riding a bicycle, to keep your balance, you must keep moving."

#### ***Name your top 3 life highlights:***

Sharing my life now with a wonderful husband. Representing NC in the Miss USA pageant in 1966. Enjoying my moments

#### ***If you could witness any historical event, what would you want to see?***

Meet Jesus and ask Him all kinds of questions.

#### ***What are you passionate about?***

I am passionate about Living!!!

#### ***What one food do you wish had 0 calories?***

Steak

#### ***Please share anything else you think might be of interest to members:***

I am trying to write music notes to our club collect. I think singing it would be great!







***Make Collard  
Greens a part of  
your Thanksgiving  
Meal!***

***Recipes provided  
by Angela Williams***



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  
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## Recipe Corner

### Steamed Collards

#### Ingredients

1 large head of collards	5 tablespoons shortening
1 teaspoon salt	1 cup water

#### Directions

Wash collards and chop coarsely. Heat shortening in pan. Add collards and salt. Add 1 cup of water and simmer for 30 minutes. Add more water if necessary.

### Collard Greens

#### Ingredients

4 slices thick cut bacon	1 pound collard greens
1 small white onion	2 cloves garlic, minced
1/4 teaspoon salt	1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper.

#### Directions

Line a plate with paper towels. Cut the bacon crosswise into 2-inch long pieces. Place in a large, cold skillet and cook over medium heat until crisp. Transfer the bacon to the lined plate to drain, remove the pan from heat.

Rinse the collards. Working in batches, stack the leaves, roll them tightly and cut crosswise into 1/2 inch wide strips, discarding only the thick base of the stem.

Return the skillet of bacon fat to medium heat. Add the onion and the garlic; cook for 5 or 6 minutes, until the onion becomes translucent and the garlic is fragrant. Stir in the salt and pepper.

Add the collards to the skillet; cook for 10 to 15 minutes, until they are wilted and have turned several shades darker.

Transfer the collards to a serving bowl. Chop the cooled bacon into pieces. Top the collards with bacon.

### BBQ Collard Greens

#### Ingredients

1/4 cup lard	1 medium yellow onion, diced
1 large clove garlic, minced	10 ounces smoked ham hock
Water	1 to 2 teaspoons kosher salt
1 tablespoon vinegar based BBQ sauce	1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar
1 pound collard greens, stemmed and rinsed well	

#### Directions

Melt the lard in a large, heavy bottomed pot over medium heat. Add the onion and garlic; cook for 5 to 7 minutes, until the onion is translucent.

Add the greens, the ham hock and enough water to cover the ingredients. Once the liquid begins to bubble at the edges, reduce the heat to medium low, cover and cook for about 45 minutes or until the collards are tender. Remove ham hock.

Add a teaspoon of the salt, all the barbecue sauce and the vinegar; taste and add some or all of the remaining salt as needed.

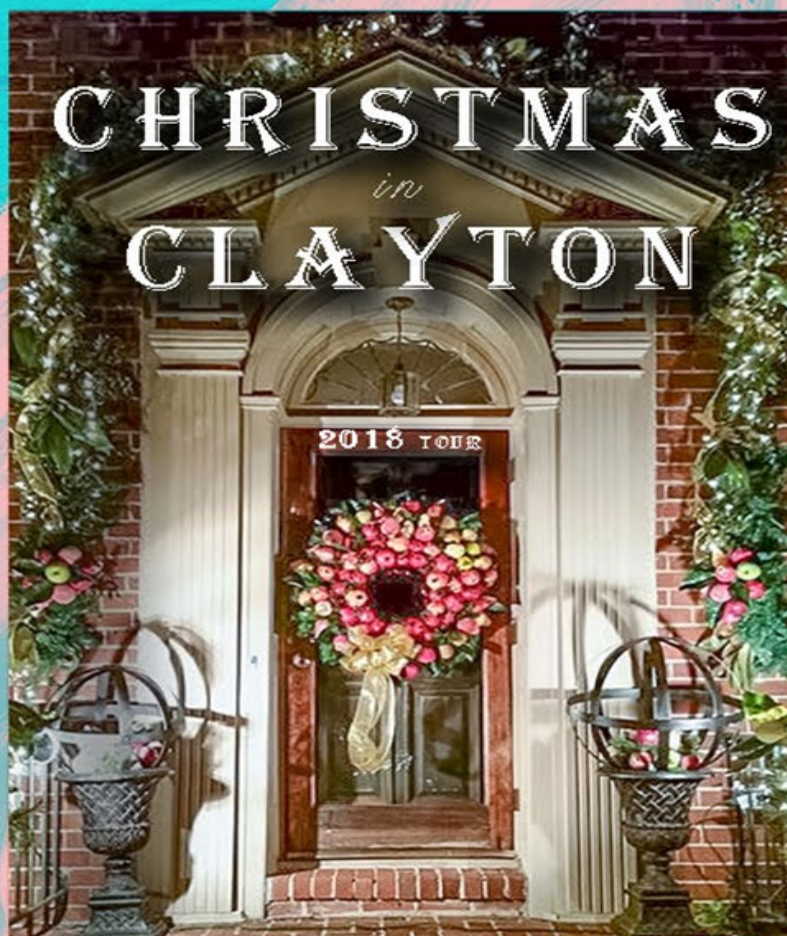
Serve warm or at room temperature with some of the cooking liquid.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Oct 30  Clubhouse open for silent auction items, prep baskets, tickets, etc. 10am-2pm	Oct 31  Clubhouse open for silent auction items, prep baskets, tickets, etc. 10am-2pm  <b>Harvest Festival</b>	1  Clubhouse open for silent auction items, prep baskets, tickets, etc. 10am-2pm  <b>Harvest Festival</b>	2  <b>Taste of Carolina Cuisine</b> Clubhouse open 11am Set-up begins 3pm <b>Harvest Festival</b>	3   <b>Harvest Festival</b>
4  	5	6  ESO Book Club at Chefella's—10am <b>Election 2018</b>	7  Barbara Pierce	8  Let's go for a walk Downtown Walking Tour-First Street 11am-Noon Meet at Library Lunch follows at Clayton Steakhouse	9  Ouida King  <b>Royal Wood</b>	10  <b>Grand Opening for Little Free Library at Main Street Community Garden 12:30pm</b>
11  	12	13  Education CSP set up for Wednesday meeting—10am	14  TWCC Lunch Meeting 11:45am	15  Night 'N' Gals 7:00pm  Rachel Masimore	16	17
18	19	20	21  Betsy Grannis  <b>Feed the Need Thanksgiving Meal</b> Civitan Building	22  Sandy Harrison  	23	24  Sandy Nesselrode
25	26	27	28	29  <b>Clayton Christmas Tree Lighting (7:45pm) Santa &amp; Ms. Claus and Downtown Business Open House (5:30-7:30)</b>	30	



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