

The Woman's Club of Clayton

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Club Chatter



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September 2020

From Our President

Betsy Grannis

Is it still 2020? It seems that this year just goes on and on! It certainly has been an adventure this summer; well, since March, really. We are all doing our darndest to get through this pandemic the best way that we can. I hope you have all had a good summer, despite the circumstances. The Executive Committee and the Executive Board and all of the CSPs and committees have already been hard at work. It was a lengthy discussion and we tried to cover all of the facets of our decision thoroughly. When all was said and done, the **Executive Board voted to hold our regular club meetings (albeit in different form) starting in September.** Our first club meeting will be on September 9th. In this newsletter you will receive direction on how to sign up for the meeting. We will be holding two sessions of our meeting, each of which will cover the same information for our members. We will be spread out in the Clubhouse to **follow social distancing and masks will be required.** We are excited to see all of you in person, however we also know that some of you will not feel comfortable attending yet.

Our **Summer Social** was held on August 20th. We had around 25 people in attendance, between the clubhouse and the gazebo, with 5 guests. It was lots of fun and was wonderful to see everyone! The Executive Board provided a wonderful assortment of snacks and desserts – thank you to all who contributed!

Zoom meetings continued throughout the summer – our last one was held on Wednesday, August 26th. They were a great way to connect with people we may not otherwise have gotten a chance to spend some time with. A big thank you to **Loretta Mascia** for keeping this organized and for hosting us on her Zoom account!

Speaking of August 26th: GFWC-NC held an **"EqualiTea"** as a zoom meeting to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment securing the right to vote for women in this country, but recognizing that the fight for equal rights did not end there.

You should all have met in your **CSP's** and have plans underway for our



upcoming year. I have been able to attend most of these meetings and am so grateful for the volunteerism that is being put forth. Many of the CSPs have already started working on projects – especially the Environment CSP! They have been hard at work on the **Candyland Game** for the garden for months already – it will be amazing!! We have a lot to look forward to for the next few years!

Our Ways and Means Committee will be meeting soon to plan some fun **'fun'draisers** for us to participate in. We will not be able to have our regular large fundraising event (like the Gala that was held last fall), so we are planning a number of clever ways to make money during a pandemic. The Education CSP discovered a very simple but beautiful project already. After the Executive Board meeting several members stayed and assisted in making **Toilet Paper Pumpkins** (see photos from the social).



September 3rd is the final deadline for collecting census information. If you have not completed your census information, visit:

my2020census.gov



Voter registration information is included at the end of this newsletter

From Our President *(continued)* Betsy Grannis



Thanks to **Brenda Hill, Trish Perna and Susan Quinn** for staying further and making them even more beautiful.

These were prominently displayed at our Social and have **raised over \$200 already**. They will be available at our September club meeting and are only \$5 each, or 4 for \$20 – a wonderful hostess gift or perfect fall treat for everyone you know!

I look forward to seeing all of you at our September meetings and wish to leave you with a quote that I have used here before about a next year, **a new beginning**:

"The chief beauty about time is that you cannot waste it in advance. The next year, the next day, the next hour are lying ready for you, as perfect, as unspoiled, as if you had never wasted or misapplied a single moment in all your life. You can turn over a new leaf every hour if you choose."
— **Arnold Bennett**

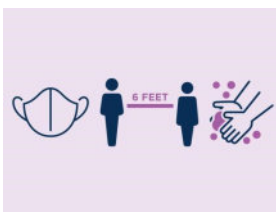
September Meeting Information

Monthly Meeting

September is the beginning of a **new club year**—of course, this will be a year like no other. The pandemic is hard on everyone and there will definitely be impacts to nonprofits across the country. The needs are many but it is difficult to meet all the community needs under the current restraints. But the CSPs have already been working hard and coming up with some awesome ideas on ways to help the community and ways to earn funds.

The Executive Board has met several times over the summer and at the last meeting, they reviewed the results of the survey sent out to members regarding participating in meetings and the summer social. 40 members responded to the survey; based on those responses the **Executive Board approved the following**:

- **In person monthly meetings** will be held on the second Wednesday of each month at the TWCC clubhouse.
- To ensure social distancing, there will be **two meeting sessions** with a limit of 25 attendees at each session – one at 10:00am and one at 1:00pm. The same information will be covered at each session.
- **CSP Co-Chairs** will attend different sessions so each CSP will be represented at each session and provide the same information.
- Members and guests will need to **sign up** for the session they prefer to attend.
 - * Members will receive an email with sign up instructions using **Sign-Up Genius**. For members that do not use email, call or text Sarah Brooks (919-601-7959) at least 48 hours prior to the meeting to sign up.
 - * Guests can use the "Contact Us" tab on the website (twccnc.org) to sign up or they can call Sarah.



- Bottled water will be available at each session but **food will not be served**.
- **Social distancing** will be practiced at each session and attendees must **wear a mask**.
- **CSP's assigned to each monthly meeting** will still be responsible for meeting set-up, decorating and clean-up.



9/9 Melissa Francis
9/12 Eman Zayyad
9/17 Debbie Williams
9/20 Marybeth Bailey
9/23 Cathy Federico
9/26 Belle Allen
9/28 Janet Williams



Cindy Harris—Civic
Engagement &
Outreach CSP

Connie Keller—Arts &
Culture CSP

Welcome Ladies!!

May Meeting Highlights

The May 13, 2020 annual business meeting of The Woman's Club of Clayton was held via **Zoom**—a first for TWCC!

Highlights from the meeting:

- Mary Sinzdak reviewed the **awards** received from GFWC-NC. These were covered in the May 2020 newsletter.
- Members approved the 2020-2021 **budget**.
- Hocutt-Ellington Library was awarded a grant from the **NC Humanities Reading Series**. Participants will be given a mystery book to keep every 2 weeks for 8 weeks. TWCC will host book discussions at the clubhouse. This was scheduled to begin in the summer but has been delayed due to the Coronavirus.
- TWCC was nominated by a community leader for "Johnston Now" magazine's **Non-profit organization of 2020 award**. The award presentation has been delayed until August 27, 2020.
- The new **TWCC officers for 2020-2022** were installed by Dianne Carroll, Chair of the TWCC Board of Trustees. At the conclusion of the Zoom meeting, the new officers met at the clubhouse for a more formal installation (Pictured below).
- It was announced that Judy Hoffman is moving to Assisted Living. Judy wants everyone to know that she is moving to Springbrook in Raleigh, a retirement community, and will be in **Independent Living**. Judy is featured in this month's Member Spotlight.



New Officers for 2020-2022: Front Row—Judy Ryan, Treasurer. Second Row—Loretta Mascia, Recording Secretary; Sarah Brooks, First Vice-President. Third Row—Sunday Penny, Second Vice-President; Donna Steele, Immediate Past President; Dianne Carroll, Installing Officer and Chair, Board of Trustees; Betsy Grannis, President; Susan Johnson, Corresponding Secretary

Installation of Officers

Arts & Culture CSP

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



Description: The study of art and culture enriches the human experience. Art education improves problem solving and critical thinking skills, builds focus and perseverance, and nurtures creativity, confidence, and collaboration. Cultural awareness promotes effective communication and profoundly increases the ability to appreciate and enjoy a variety of new people and experiences.

Hosting Duties: 2020-2022

October 14, 2020 - Luncheon Set-up, Program and Library Window

April 14, 2021 - Luncheon Set-up, *and Library Window

October 13, 2021 - Luncheon Set-up, Program and Library Window

April 13, 2022 - Luncheon Set-up, *and Library Window

***April is Federation Month and the Club Officers provide the program speaker**

Welcome Connie Keller to Arts & Culture CSP!! The CSP will be collecting left over crochet/knitting yarn of any length to work on an "afghan of many colors" to raffle/auction off as a fundraiser.

First	Last Name
Faye	Brooks
Dianne	Carroll
Peggy	Earp
Jeanne	George
Brenda	Hill
Patty Jo	Johnson
Susan	Johnson
Connie	Keller
Ruth	LaRocca
Connie	May
Debbie	Ragland
Becky	Stewart
Angela	Williams
Sharon	Wilson



Bring any leftover yarn to the September meeting. It will be used to create an Afghan of Many Colors!

Civic Engagement & Outreach CSP

Co-Chairs: Betty Lou Evans and Janet Williams



Description: The GFWC Civic Engagement and Outreach Community Service Program reminds GFWC members that each of us is a part of a larger society and is responsible for undertaking actions that will create a better quality of life and foster a sense of community— locally, regionally, nationally, and globally. The four "broad strokes" of this effort include: Citizenship; Crime Prevention, Safety, and Disaster Preparedness; the Needy, Hungry, and Homeless; and Our Military Personnel and Veterans.

Hosting Duties: 2020-2022

November 11, 2020 – Responsible for Program *

May 12, 2021 - Luncheon Set-up and Library Window (with Executive Board)

November 10, 2021 - Responsible for Program*

May 11, 2022 - Luncheon Set-up and Library Window (with Executive Board)

***November Set-up and Library Window will be responsibility of Health & Wellness CSP**

First	Last Name
Edie	Brown
Bettylou	Evans
Cathy	Federico
Cindy	Harris
Jo	Howard
Janet	Williams

The Civic Engagement & Outreach CSP is small but mighty! First of all, we would like to **welcome Cindy Harris** to our CSP! The CSP met in August and made plans for a variety of projects during the year. Most of the projects relate to the military and veterans. Members have already performed one project. They assisted Betsy Grannis in packing up items from the Morning Glory Inn that were donated to **Military Missions in Action**. This was an approximate **\$500 in kind donation**.



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MILITARY
MISSIONS
IN ACTION



This school year will be different but kids still need school supplies. The Education CSP will be collecting school supplies at the September meeting that will be taken to Cooper Academy. Let's help the kids!

Description: GFWC members promote education in both children and adults. We aim to help others, while we also continue to learn. Projects in the Education Community Service Program are designed to foster schools, as well as other educational institutions and opportunities, and to promote literacy, libraries, and the love of a good book. Through these efforts, we encourage the growth of individuals and communities at home and around the world.

Hosting Duties: 2020-2022

September 9, 2020 - Luncheon Set-up, Program and Library Window

January 13, 2021 - Luncheon Set-up, *and Library Window

September 8, 2021 - Luncheon Set-up, Program and Library Window

January 12, 2022 - Luncheon Set-up, *and Library Window

***January Program will be on the President's Special Project – Club Officers provide the program**

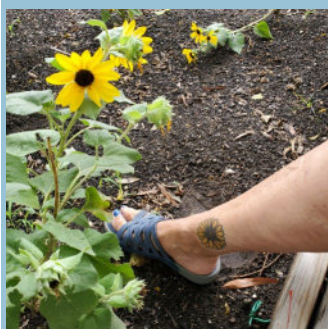
First	Last Name
Belle	Allen
Jean	Barnes
Joyce	Blackley
Brenda	Edge
Brenda	Gay
Mary	James
Catherine	Lane
Jean	Lee
Margaret	Lee
Loretta	Mascia
Liz	McLaurin
Rhonda	Nielsen
Eman	Zayyad

The Education CSP will be hosting the September meeting. The speaker will be **Patti Whittington**, area superintendent for Clayton Schools. She will speak at both meetings.

CSP members: Set up will be done on 9/8 at 10am. Please bring school supplies for tables—they will be given to Cooper Academy. A flower arrangement (fresh or faux) for the mantle would be appreciated. The library window cannot be done until the library reopens.



At the meeting, the Education CSP will be taking orders for **hand-painted glasses with sunflowers**, in honor of suffrage and 100 years since women were granted the right to vote. Glasses will be **\$5 each, \$20 for four**. Any artistic members who want to assist with this project should contact Margaret Lee or Brenda Gay, Education & Libraries CSP co-chairs.



Brenda Gay loves her sunflower tattoo!

Silent Partners in Education – Message from Belle

Allen: I am happy to serve in the Education & Libraries CSP this year and will manage the *Silent Partners In Education* that our club has sponsored for many years. We assist the local schools in providing funds for special needs of students that cannot be financially met by parents/social services. This might be glasses, special clothing or shoes, or some other item. (Funds to pay some students' cost for a field trip used to be a regular need but not in later years.) We help meet these needs.

I hope you will be a part of this. Those who participate sign up as willing to **contribute \$25** when called. Hopefully, it will not be necessary to contact you more than once a year. Some years we do not even have to call all of those who do sign up. I can imagine, though, that the requests we receive will be greater this year due to the economy and other effects of this pandemic. If you cannot attend the September meeting to physically sign the sheet, please call me at 919-553-7533. I will add you to the list. I am sorry but I will not be there this time. Thanks, Belle Allen



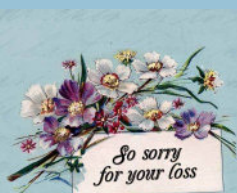
Environment CSP

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



Marianne Sapsara as she recovers from reconstructive surgery

Rachel Masimore as she recovers from hip replacement surgery



Heartfelt sympathy for TWCC member Eman Zayyad who lost her mother, Aisha Aisha Osman Ziyad in July.



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

Description: The GFWC Environment Community Service Program encourages us to become stewards of the earth by working to preserve the world's resources, protect wildlife and domesticated animals, live sustainably, and beautify our communities and enjoy nature.

Hosting Duties: 2020-2022

December 9, 2020 - Luncheon Set-up, * and Library Window

March 10, 2021 - Luncheon Set-up, Program and Library Window

December 8, 2021 - Luncheon Set-up, * and Library Window

March 9, 2022 - Luncheon Set-up, Program and Library Window

***December Program will be responsibility of the Executive Board**



Recycling

As the CSP dedicated to environmental concerns, we hope to provide **recycling at the clubhouse** and encourage all members to be aware of what we use in order to limit single use products that can easily be replaced by reusable items. As much as we can, let's pass on the plastic water bottles and bring our own water to meetings. For all extra paper products and recyclable items, a recycle bin will be at the clubhouse. To facilitate removal to home for recycling, the bin will be lined with a clear bag liner. Our CSP will remove the recycling after every club meeting. Thanks to all for their efforts to help out! Respectfully submitted, **Mary Sinzdak**

The Environment CSP is working feverishly on transformation of the Community Garden into **Candyland**. They plan to have everything set up before Halloween so kids will have plenty of time to enjoy the garden. Because of social distancing, there may be issues with kids playing the game but they continue to evaluate ways to let the kids play and stay safe. If you want to help with this project, please contact one of the co-chairs.



The Environment CSP is investigating a day trip to **Planets Delight** as a garden to visit in Clayton as well as a day trip to **Southern Supreme** for the holidays.

Pictured at right at the Environment CSP Kick-off Meeting are Trish Perna, Susan Johnson, Donna Steele, Melissa Francis, Rachel Masimore, Cecilia Soporowska and Betsy Grannis. Photographer, Sarah Brooks.

First	Last Name
Jessica	Bull
Cathy	Carter
Mary Ellen	Causby
Marlene	Dillon
Melissa	Francis
Suzanne	Green
Rachel	Masimore
Trish	Perna
Susan	Quinn
Mary	Sinzdak
Cecilia	Soporowska
Donna	Steele
Nadine	Wells



Description: The human body, mind, and spirit comprise our health and wellness. To improve our wellbeing, we must address three key components: nutrition, disease prevention, and physical and emotional care. This Community Service Program aims to explore the various opportunities for awareness and advancement of each of these vital areas.

Hosting Duties: 2020-2022

November 11, 2020 - Luncheon Set-up, *and Library Window

February 10, 2021 - Luncheon Set-up, Program and Library Window

November 10, 2021 - Luncheon Set-up, * and Library Window

February 9, 2021 - Luncheon Set-up, Program and Library Window

***November Program will be responsibility of Civic Engagement & Outreach CSP**

We have a new name! Previously known as Home Life CSP we are now Health and Wellness CSP. Our mission may have changed but our passion for knowledge regarding health matters and serving others has not! Our name isn't all that's new! **Marybeth Bailey** has volunteered to co-chair with **Nancy Maynard**. We look forward to making this a successful year.....no matter what!!

First	Last Name
Susan	All
Marybeth	Bailey
Joann	Cassone
Margaret	DiNubila
Jo Ann	Ellington
Betty	Francies
Arianna	Harrison
Mary Frances	Harrison
Sandy	Harrison
Nancy	Maynard
Louise	McHale
Marie	Monsees
Laurie	Partlo
Barbara	Pierce
Judy	Ryan
Marianne	Sapsara
Jeanne	Stewart
Linda	Strevig

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL Annual Dues

Dues are Due by Dec 1

Day members-\$75

Night'n'Gals-\$55

Also, tax deductible donations are greatly needed and appreciated

*Make checks payable to
The Woman's Club of
Clayton and send to:*

The Woman's Club of Clayton
PO Box 26
Clayton, NC 27528



OR

Donate online at
twccnc.org



We had our kick-off meeting on Thursday, July 23rd. **Judy Ryan** and **Joann Cassone** volunteered to represent our CSP on the Ways and Means Committee. Thank you, ladies! **Marie Monsees** will be organizing volunteers for Backpack Buddies again this year. Regardless what type of general meeting we have or how you feel about socializing at this time, these children still need our help. More on this forthcoming. We will also be in contact with the Cancer Center and Hospice House in Smithfield to fulfill our longstanding commitment to these organizations (*pictured at left is **Lou McHale** delivering snacks to the Cancer Center*). We continue to seek more opportunities to serve others.

We will be focusing on information regarding our physical health as well as our mental health. Have you heard of the "freshman 15lb"? How about the Covid-19 5lbs-10lbs? There has been a good amount of stress, anxiety, loneliness, despair, uneasiness, uncertainty, and even anger since we first heard of the Coronavirus disease. How are you handling all of this? **Please don't forget we have each other to lean on.** We don't have to go through this alone! One way that Health and Wellness has reached out is by sending cards and making phone calls to our honorary members. We hope to expand this concept to nursing homes, etc. If anyone has someone, they would like to add to our list please let us know.

September 30, 2020 is **National Women's Health and Fitness Day**. Perhaps a good day to re-evaluate your current physical and mental health, reassess your choices and make changes if applicable.

Walking Group--Nancy Maynard will be sending out an email regarding TWCC Walking Group soon. If you are interested in checking out this group, please contact her. (815) 274-4446 or mothermaynard@hotmail.com



**September 8**

Education CSP to set up
for meeting sessions
10:00am

September 9

TWCC Meeting
TWCC Clubhouse

Session 1

10am-11:30am

Session 2

1pm-2:30pm

(Email with sign up in-
structions will be sent
out 10 days prior
or call/text Sarah
Brooks at 919-601-
7959 to sign up)

September 10

Night 'N' Gals
TWCC Clubhouse
7pm

September 14

ESO Book Club
TWCC Clubhouse
10:00am

September 15

TWCC Executive Board
TWCC Clubhouse
10:00am

Epsilon Sigma Omicron book club (ESO) held our "Kick Off" meeting at The Woman's Club on August 3rd for our current 17 members. Because of our ESO member participation, this year The Woman's Club of Clayton won the Faye Hoffman Goblet award that is given each year to an ESO. ESO is an honorary educational society that is federation supported and open to all General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) members.

It was incorporated as a national society in 1930. For the past 60 years, over 40 states have established chapters and enjoy the reading program as we know it today. The North Carolina Alpha Eta Chapter of ESO was begun in 1961. The motto of ESO is "Enlighten Your Own Pathway". Its purpose is to provide club women with a structured reading program to promote educational pursuits and stimulate a desire for self-improvement. To become a member, first you Pledge to join; second, read 16 books in 4 different categories for Member Level.



The following ESO members have won the following award levels:

Pictured from Left to Right: Donna Steele, Member L; Mary Sinzduk, Member L; Nancy Maynard, Member L; Edie Brown, Member L; Loretta Mascia, Member L; Betsy Grannis, Member L; Patty Johnson, Torch L. *Not pictured:* Marlene Dillon, Member L; Margaret DiNubila, Member I; Jamie Kosik, Member L; Marianne Sapsara, Member L; Angela Williams, Century First/Second L, and Brenda Gay, Century L.

Pledged Members who have not reached the First Level (Member) but working on it are: Betty Lou Evans, Jo Howard, Rachel Massimore, and Janet Williams.

If any club member is interested in joining the ESO book club, please call Brenda Gay at 919-763-7117.

We usually meet the first Monday of each month at 10:00 (place TBA a week or two before meeting). Since Labor Day is the first Monday in September, we decided to meet the 2nd Monday, **September 14th at 10:00** at the TWCC clubhouse.

As a reminder, we are celebrating the **Suffrage Amendment** this year. I listed sites of books in the May issue you may wish to check on or others. Also, you may wish to google the site selected for the Memorial where suffragists were imprisoned and kept in inhumane conditions after organizing the famous 1917 march on Washington and protest in front of the White House. The memorial was to be completed this year in August. This work house will be dedicated as the Suffragist Memorial, and the Plaza Rotunda will feature a statue of GFWC clubwoman, Carrie Chapman Catt who succeeded Susan B Anthony as President of the National American Woman Suffrage Association in 1900.

Joy Garretson, Hocutt-Ellington Memorial Library Director has listed other books on **Race in America** you may wish to check out as follows:
From the e-book/ e-audiobook list, I would especially recommend:

So You Want to Talk About Race

Just Mercy

The New Jim Crow

How to Be an Anti-Racist

Between the World and Me



For TWCC members who are unable to attend day-time meetings, there is a group, the Night'N'Gals, who meet on the second Thursday of each month, September through May, at 7:00pm at the clubhouse. These members are not assigned to a specific CSP but are open to work on any TWCC and CSP projects.

First	Last Name
Cheryl	Champion
Lorraine	Perri
Robin	Sachsenheimer
Terri	Sessoms



"The Secret of Forgiving"

Written By: Peggy Earp

For every thousand sweet notes
Melded into song,
The Masters tried a like amount
That turned out sour and wrong,
For every Master painting
That found eternity,
A greater number made their mark
In bleak obscurity.
For every living, green leaf,
A brown, dead counterpart
Must under go the cycle
When the dead of Winter starts,
The loathsome caterpillar
Is soon a butterfly, but then
One compliments the other
As good must balance sin.
The sterlingness of error,
The many 'what might have been's,
Have golden compensations
That say 'with trying', you can win.
To meld love with understanding,
This one rule you must have met:
The secret of forgiving
Is 'learning to forget'.

This poem won 1st place, Best Lyric Poem at the State Arts Festival.

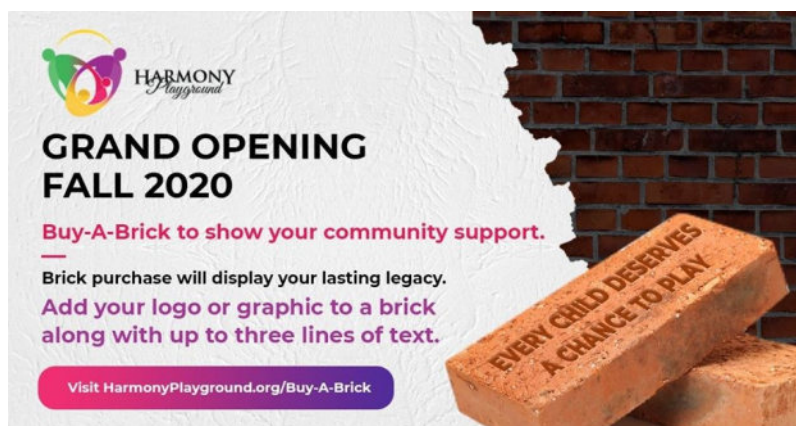


Interested in joining a TWCC Bunco group? What a great way to socialize with members! If you have never played Bunco, it takes about 1 minute to learn how to play—no special skills required! To get things “rolling”, there will be a sign-up sheet at the September meeting. If you are not attending the meeting but are interested in joining the **TWCC Bunco Group**, please email sbrooks@twccnc.org or call/text Sarah Brooks at 919-601-7959.



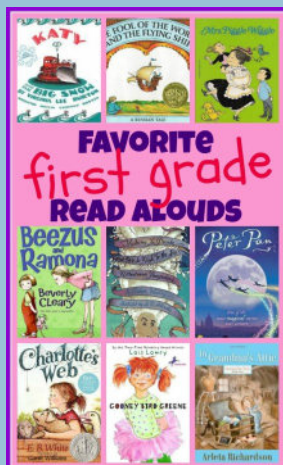
Do you have club member news, personal announcements, family news, personal achievements or recipes to share with club members?

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



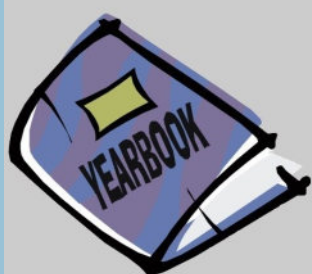


OH NO!
WE HATE TO SEE YOU GO...



Please help the Education CSP by procuring books for first graders. If you are at Goodwill, Used Book Store, Yard Sales - pick up a few!

Jokes provided by
Lorraine Perri's
Golden Years Club



The 2020-2022 TWCC Yearbook is available on the website (twccnc.org) in the Member Resources tab. If you do not remember the password, call or text Sarah Brooks at 919-601-7959

Name	Member Since	Reason
Judy Hoffman	2008	Moving to Raleigh
Melissa Kennedy	2018	Young kids and new work obligations
Jamie Kosik	2018	Moving to Wake Forest
Karin Lee	2020	Moving to Charlotte
Teresa Mathis	2012	Moving
Sherry Miller	2019	Unknown
Barbara Nangle	2004	Moving to Pennsylvania
Gail Neumann	2020	Too many obligations
Sunday Penny	2017	Opening new business
Carolyn Peterson	2019	Unknown
Bree Rude	2014	Moving out of state
Debbie Williams	2020	Moved to Burlington

Never in a million years could I have imagined I would go up to a bank teller wearing a mask and ask for money.

For the second part of this quarantine do we have to stay with the same family or will they relocate us?

Had I known in March that it was the last time I would be in a restaurant, I would have ordered dessert.

I don't think anyone expected that when we changed the clocks this year we'd go from standard time to the twilight zone.

People driving alone in their car while wearing a mask are the reason why pop-tarts come with instructions.

I HATE IT WHEN I SEE AN OLD PERSON AND THEN REALIZE THAT WE WENT TO HIGH SCHOOL TOGETHER

New monthly budget:

Gas \$0

Entertainment \$0

Clothes \$0

Groceries \$2,799

Member Spotlight—Judy Hoffman



As you read this, perhaps you can imagine this member in a vast array of packing boxes and wandering around muttering, "Now where is...?" In the last week of August, **our member of 13 years**, Judy Hoffman, will be in the midst of moving from her home in Riverwood Athletic Club to a new independent living "villa" in the **Springmoor Retirement Community** off Creedmoor Road in Raleigh. (This is the same community to which our long-time member Ramona Cash moved a couple of years ago.) Judy and her husband, Cris, are very excited about this new chapter in their lives. The community is full of active adults who participate in all kinds of interesting activities. If, in the future, either of them needs Assisted Living or Skilled Nursing, those facilities are on the same campus, which provides peace of mind to them and their daughters. Speaking of daughters, Cris and Judy will be only 10 minutes away from the elder one, Cindy, who lives in Raleigh with her husband and their three children which will be nice for all of them. The younger daughter, Cheri, lives and works in Washington, D.C. with her husband and three stepchildren.

Judy says everything seemed to come together for them to make this move now, though their name came up on the waiting list about a year before they anticipated. The unit that became available will be completely refurbished with new bathrooms and kitchen along with the usual painting/flooring changes. **She is just sorry that she did not get to say good-bye in person to all of the friends she has made in TWCC over the past 13 years since the coronavirus put such a sudden end to our meetings.**

As Judy says, "I will always treasure the friendships I made in TWCC. When I first was asked if I'd like to join, this northern gal had the impression that it might be a lot of white-gloved ladies gathering to kibbitz over punch and cookies and I wasn't interested. I was still working as a crisis communications consultant at that time, conducting media training workshops around the country and writing the fifth revision of my book on dealing with the media in a crisis. But I was convinced to attend one meeting. I could see right away that this was a group of women who worked hard at various projects to provide service to this community while at the same time enjoying lunch and fellowship once a month. So I joined within the first year of moving to Clayton from New York State and have never regretted it. I know **I will miss seeing my friends and colleagues**, but please know that I will come back when invited and when you send me notices of fundraisers in which we can participate. I look forward to getting involved with service and fun groups through Springmoor and making new friends. But I never will forget all of you. **Keep up the excellent work as you head into your 101st year of being a major part of the Clayton community.**"



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Recipes from Sarah Brooks
The Russian Tea recipes were from my mother—nothing better on a chilly day. The instant tea mix can last several months—great for gift giving!



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Recipe Corner—Beverages



Oprah's Lemon Drop Martini

These are fantastic! Do not substitute store bought juice for the fresh squeezed lemons. Cheers!

Ingredients:

Juice of 6 lemons
 4 tablespoons sugar
 6 fresh mint leaves
 4 shots vodka
 Ice in shaker
 1 sugar-rimmed martini glass



Mix lemon juice, sugar and vodka in a martini shaker filled with ice. Shake well and pour into sugar-rimmed martini glass. Garnish with mint.

Serves 2

Russian Tea (from scratch)

Ingredients

8 cups boiling water
 5 tea bags
 2 cups sugar
 8 cups cold water
 1 tsp whole allspice
 1 tsp whole cloves
 Juice of 1 lemon
 6 oranges



Pour boiling water over tea bags and steep 3 minutes. Remove tea bags. In another pot, combine sugar and cold water with spices and have this come to a boil. Remove from heat and add to tea mixture. Preparation can be done to this point before time for serving. When ready to serve, heat mixture to boiling and add juice of lemon and oranges.

Russian Tea (Instant)

Ingredients

½ cup instant tea (no sweetener or lemon)
 1 ¼ cups sugar
 2 cups Tang (if not in stores, available on Amazon)
 ½ tsp ground cloves
 1 tsp cinnamon
 1 or 2 pkgs of lemonade mix

Combine all ingredients and mix well. Store in airtight container. Put desired amount into very hot or boiling water.



The Perfect Cosmopolitan




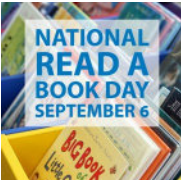



















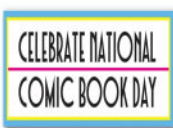







Ingredients

1 ½ oz Vodka (recommend Tito's)
 ½ oz Cointreau
 ½ oz Cranberry Juice
 Fresh Lime Wedge



In a cocktail shaker with ice, add the above ingredients and shake for at least 15 seconds. Strain into a chilled martini glass and garnish with a lemon twist.

September 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1  World Letter Writing Day	2  World Coconut Day	3	4	5  Cheese Pizza Day
6  NATIONAL READ A BOOK DAY SEPTEMBER 6	7  LABOR DAY	8  International Literacy Day SEPTEMBER 8 Education CSP Set Up for TWCC meeting 10am	9  Melissa Francis  TWCC Meeting 2 Sessions: 10am, 1pm Clubhouse	10  WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY Night 'n' Gals 7pm Clubhouse	11  PATRIOT DAY	12  Eman Zayyad
13  national GRANDPARENTS DAY	14  ESO at TWCC Clubhouse 10am	15  BOARD MEETING TWCC Board Meeting 10am Clubhouse	16	17  Debbie Williams  CITIZENSHIP DAY	18  National Cheesburger Day	19 TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY 
20  Marybeth Bailey  PEPPERONI PIZZA DAY!	21  International Day of Peace PEACE BEGINS WITH YOU	22  First Day of Fall!	23  Cathy Federico	24	25  CELEBRATE NATIONAL COMIC BOOK DAY	26  Belle Allen  NATIONAL PANCAKE DAY
27  CHOCOLATE MILK DAY!	28  Janet Williams  NATIONAL BEER DAY	29  NATIONAL COFFEE DAY SEPT. 29	30 NATIONAL Women's Health & Fitness DAY 			

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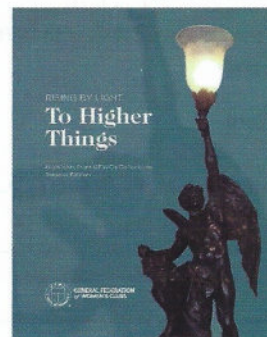
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August 3, 2020

Greetings TWCC Members.

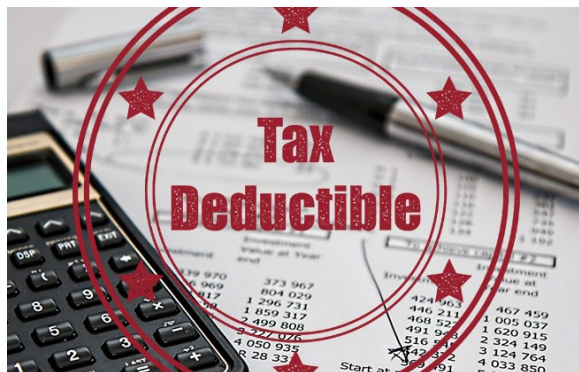
One thing is for certain, this will be a trying year for all volunteer organizations! Volunteer organizations rely heavily on local support for donations, both monetary and in-kind. This year many of our wonderful sponsors were devastated when their businesses were ordered shuttered because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Some of our past fundraisers will be taking a break this year. Not only to allow our wonderful supporters to recover financially but because social distancing, face coverings, and gloves don't guarantee safety from this virus.

The TWCC Annual Dues are due beginning in September. There will be no increase this year. Regular member dues are **\$75.00**, which includes the monthly meeting lunch (wow, what a deal!!!) and Night-n-Gals dues are **\$55.00**. I will be available at the Social on August 20th at the clubhouse to accept your dues or you may mail them to me if you prefer. Please make checks payable to TWCC (The Woman's Club of Clayton) and mail to Judy Ryan, 263 Grantwood Drive, Clayton, NC 27527.

Please take a moment to consider some of the past events and what you personally spent (tickets, creating baskets for donation, baking items, packaging contributions, buying raffle chances, and your time). We will not be able to do as much this year for the organizations that depend on us the most. With that in mind, please consider making a donation in the absence of a major fundraiser. Last year I spent at least \$400.00 on fundraisers including St. Patrick's Day Raffle ticket, Scott Mason event, tickets to the Gala, Raffle for Diamond Dip, tickets to Spring Fling, donated a basket for the Spring Fling silent auction, Tricky Tray tickets, and many other items that currently escape my thoughts. If each member could find it in their heart to make their timely dues payment and include just a small donation (to be considered a fundraiser) or maybe a monthly contribution, then we just might be able to assist the Harmony Playground, Boys & Girls Clubs, Clayton Area Ministries, Harbor House, Friends of the Library, Clayton Visual Arts, Feed the Need, IChoose Pregnancy, JoCo Relay for Life, Bookbags for 1st Graders, Christmas Kids, and Senior Wishes without interruption. Let's not let them down. Our gifts may be smaller this year but let our hearts be just as large.

Thank you for your continued support. Stay safe and well.

Judy Ryan
TWCC Treasurer



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June 4, 2020

Christopher Everett
Clayton, NC

Dear Christopher,

It was a pleasure to talk with you on Thursday, May 21, 2020 for the GFWC-NC Sallie Southall Cotten Scholarship interview. Congratulations on your many accomplishments academically as well as your extra-curricular endeavors.

You were selected as the Runner-Up for the 2020 GFWC-NC Sallie Southall Cotten Scholarship, valued at \$1,000 for the 2020-2021 academic year. It was a difficult decision – the candidates were a phenomenal group presenting many outstanding endeavors. In the coming weeks, you will receive additional information for completion to ensure that the scholarship amount is paid to the university you plan to attend.

Congratulations also on your selection as a club and district winner, and we wish you much success as you continue your academic studies.

Best wishes as you begin your college career!

Sincerely,

Dottie Jennings

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How to Register to Vote

First, check to see if you are already registered at:

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If you are not already registered, you may register to vote in Johnston County if you are:

- A citizen of the United States (if convicted of a felony, citizenship rights must have been restored).
 - A person 18 years of age or older.
 - A legal resident of Johnston County for 30 days by the date of the next election.
- Johnston County has a permanent registration system. You need to register, transfer, or re-register **ONLY** if you:
- Have not registered in Johnston County before.
 - Have moved to a different voting precinct since you registered in Johnston County. If you move, it is a violation of the law to return to your old precinct after 30 days.
 - Wish to change your party affiliation.
 - Have changed your name.

Complete the Voter Registration Application

The State Board of Elections issues the standard Voter Registration application. You can download a copy from the link below:

https://dl.ncsbe.gov/Voter_Registration/NCVoterRegForm_06W.pdf

You may also obtain registration forms at the following locations in Johnston County:

- Board of Elections Office, 205 South Second Street (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)
- Public Libraries during regular hours
- Public locations including the Chamber of Commerce and political headquarters
- Various Town Halls
- Drivers License Offices
- High Schools
- Various Agencies (Social Services, Agencies dealing with people with disabilities, Employment Security Commission, Armed Forces Recruitment Offices)
- You may also request a registration form by phone or mail from:

Johnston County Board of Elections
205 South Second Street
P.O. Box 1172
Smithfield, NC 27577
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To register to vote, complete the Voter Registration Application and mail it to:

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A voter registration card will be mailed to you once your registration application has been processed. They are mailed monthly. Keep the card as it may be used to change your address by mail should you move, change your name or change your party within Johnston County. It can also be used to cancel your Johnston County registration should you move out of the county.

A registration form must be postmarked 25 days before election or delivered to the Board of Elections office no later than 25 days before election in order to be good for that election.

In addition, you may change your address by filling out the back of your voter registration card and returning it to the Board of Elections. **CARD MUST BE POST-MARKED 25 DAYS BEFORE ELECTION OR RECEIVED IN THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS OFFICE BY 5:00 PM, 25 DAYS BEFORE ELECTION.**





In order to keep the Clayton community safe during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Clayton Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Staff, and the Town of Clayton have decided to transform the 2020 Clayton Harvest Festival, originally scheduled for October 28 to November 1, 2020. In lieu of the 2020 Clayton Harvest Festival, the Clayton Chamber of Commerce will be organizing a 2021 Spring Fling Festival to be held April 21 to April 25, 2021.

The Clayton Chamber of Commerce CEO and President, Dana Wooten, said "Although we are extremely disappointed we cannot bring our signature Harvest Festival to Downtown Clayton this fall, we are excited about the opportunity to bring a brand new event to the area in April of 2021. The Clayton Harvest Festival typically brings over 30,000 people to Downtown Clayton over the course of five days. We know that for the safety of this community, and for the financial and planning considerations that take place months in advance, this is the best decision we can make at this time. We are looking forward to bringing this community together again at the 2021 Spring Fling Festival!"

All typical components of the Clayton Harvest Festival including the Midway Carnival rides, Main Street Vendor Fair, Squealin' on the Square, Car Show, Military Crossroads, Kid's Village, Hometown Talent Music Stage, and more will be present at the 2021 Spring Fling Festival. All sponsorships and vendor booths that are currently registered for the 2020 Harvest Festival will have the option to transition to the 2021 Spring Fling Festival, with the exact same benefits and opportunities as typically present at the Harvest Festival.

Vendor Registration for the 2021 Spring Fling Festival, brought to you by Leak Locators, is open now. For more information, or to register for the Spring Fling Festival, please visit <https://www.claytonspringfestival.com/vendors.html>.

In 2021, the Clayton Chamber of Commerce will also be hosting the originally scheduled 2021 Clayton Harvest Festival from October 27 to October 31, 2021. Sponsorship opportunities for the 2021 Clayton Harvest Festival will be available through the 2021 Total Resource campaign, launching September 2020. Vendor Booth Registration for the 2021 Harvest Festival will open in May 2021.