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Club Chatter



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September 2023

From Our President

Betsy Grannis



Hello, and welcome to another club year! We are looking forward to getting back to work in supporting our community. We have been involved in a few things since our last meeting in May. A wonderful project for our community, the filming for the pilot show of 'All Hands on Deck' was completed in June. We will inform everyone once we know if and when it will be available for viewing. Thank you to all of our members who assisted with this project, either by the contributing of goods, your time, your talents, or your winning personalities.

The annual GFWC International Convention was held in Louisville, Kentucky at the end of June. Congratulations to the TWCC ESO Club for receiving Creativity Honorable Mention for the Reading Bench! And big congratulations to Sarah Brooks – our club newsletter won 1st Place in the GFWC Club Newsletter Contest! Big thanks to all for representing our club so well; and great job!!

The CSPs have all had their planning meetings and have many projects lined up for our participation this year. You can read more about it

in the CSP articles here in the newsletter. As Ed Sullivan would say, 'let's get ready for a really big show!'

The GFWC-NC President's Special Project for our state association is the Mountains to Sea Trail here in North Carolina. The state theme is: "From the Mountains to the Sea, We Are GFWC-NC". For The Woman's Club of Clayton, our theme for this administration is: "We Are On the Right Trail". We will continue with our President's Special Project of the Bags to Benches program. I have asked the Environment CSP to assist with this recycle program. We are asking all members to collect their recycled plastic bags and wraps, to weigh them, and report the weights. This will begin on September 13th (our first meeting date) and continue until March 13th. Our goal again is to collect 500 pounds of recycled plastic and to be awarded a Trex bench. Our first bench is on display up at the Clayton Community Center on Amelia Church Road.

We had a great Member Social on August 24th at the clubhouse. Thank you to the Executive

Board members for hosting this fine event. There were a total of 56 attendees, 12 of which were guests. We had some wonderful treats provided by the Executive Board and we had some nice door prizes that were given away as well. It was wonderful to see everyone and thanks to all who participated!

The Ways and Means committee met a few times this summer and has come up with a plan for most of the fundraisers for this coming year. These fundraisers were approved by the Executive Board. You will be hearing more about them at our meetings, but I know you will be as excited as I am! What fun they will be!!

Our first meeting of the year will be on September 13th. You will receive an email invitation from our Recording Secretary, Loretta Mascia, about a week ahead of the meeting.

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September 8

Bingo
Clayton Senior Center
10am

September 8

Clayton Concert Series
Town Square 6:30
"Shoot to Thrill"

September 9

Clayton Civitan BBQ
Chicken fundraiser 11-7

September 11

ESO Book Club
TWCC Clubhouse
10:00am

September 12

E&L CSP
Set Up for meeting
TWCC Clubhouse
10:00am

September 12

House of Hope Meal

September 13

TWCC Lunch Meeting
11:45am
TWCC Clubhouse

September 14

Night 'N' Gals
Via Zoom
7:00pm

September 14

TWCC Play/Game Day
Mexican Train 12:30
Bridge 1:00

September 19

TWCC Executive Board
TWCC Clubhouse 10am

September 19

TWCC Bunco
TWCC Clubhouse
1:00pm

September 30

GFWC-NC District 8
Meeting
9:30-12:00

President's Message continued

We ask that you be prompt in your response so that we may have an accurate count of the number of members and guests joining us for our meeting and can plan appropriately for setup and catering. Thank you for helping us out - we really appreciate it!

As we kick off our new club year, I leave you with this quote for September and a welcome to our new club year.



The Woman's Club of Clayton held a Social on August 24th from 6:30 to 7:30 at the clubhouse. There were a total of 56 attendees, 12 of which were guests. We had some wonderful treats provided by the Executive Board and we had some nice door prizes that were given away as well.



L-R Dianne Carroll, Brenda Hill, Karen Keeslar, Cheryl Champion, Fay Brooks, Shauna McFarland, Betsy Grannis, Donna Steele, Sarah Brooks.

WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS

*Please welcome
Jean Cornell*

*Jean will be in-
volved with the
Environment CSP*





September

Zip Barnard—9/3

Karla Rajca—9/3

Pamela Ballard—9/8



Please continue prayers for Joann Cassone as she recovers from a fractured shoulder and collar bone.

Marie Monsees also requests your thoughts and prayers as she deals with problematic kidney function and from a reaction to medications.

Health & Wellness CSP

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



The Health and Wellness Kick Off meeting was held in June. We will be continuing with our monthly commitments in providing meals to the House of Hope and bingo at The Clayton Center for Active Aging (aka Senior Center). We have several new ideas for this year to reach out to the community. Deborah Fuller, Margaret DiNubila and Nancy Maynard are our representatives on the Ways and Means Committee. Thank you for volunteering.



Thank you to Susan Press, Sarah Brooks and Shauna McFarland for preparing and delivering meals to the House of Hope this summer. They are so appreciative of your generosity. More news from the school is that they celebrated a graduation over the summer! For more information on the House of Hope visit their website www.houseofhopeofnc.com. There will be a sign up sheet for meals at the September meeting.

MyKidsClub in Selma needed some extra hands during their summer camp. Rhonda Nielsen and Nancy Maynard volunteered helping with tutoring and field trips. The organization hopes to be in their new facility by January 2024. What is MyKidsClub you ask? Check out their website www.mykidsclub.com. If anyone would like to volunteer during the school year for their after school program please contact Nancy Maynard for more information.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. We are asking ALL members to wear PINK at our October meeting. We will once again be recognizing members that are battling breast cancer and our strong survivors. Please contact Nancy Maynard (mothermaynard@hotmail.com) if you would like to be recognized at our meeting.

Environment CSP

Co-Chairs: Rachel Masimore, Christie Latham, Sarah Brooks



The ENV CSP held their **Kick-Off Meeting** on July 26th. Attending were CSP members Barbara Barat, Cheryl Champion, Jean Cornell, Marlene Dillon, Christie Latham and Sarah Brooks. Also in attendance were Betsy Grannis and Trish Perna. It was a wonderful time of idea sharing and discussing potential projects for the year. Projects planned for the year include:

- Plastic bag recycling to qualify for a second Trex bench
- Promote Arbor Day Foundation
- Education program on Pollinators
- Celebrate Earth Day by planting garden at Harmony Playground
- Collect wine corks for ocean and forest conservation
- Organize a household hazardous waste collection
- Collect old athletic shoes for Nike Grind program
- Sponsor Shred-it Event
- Make donation to Heifer International

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



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What can members do NOW?

Begin collecting **wine corks** and bring them to each meeting.

Once again this year, collect **plastic bags** (including grocery bags, bread bags, bubble wrap, newspaper sleeves, ice bags, plastic shipping envelopes, Ziploc and other food storage bags, drink case overwrap, produce bags). Weigh the plastic and report the weight to Sarah Brooks. Deposit the bags at Food Lion, Harris Teeter or Lowes Food recycle bins. Another option is to bring the bags to the monthly meetings. (Flyer with more information is attached at end of newsletter)

Begin collecting old **athletic shoes** (any brand such as Nike, Reebok) and bring them to the monthly meetings.

Arts & Culture CSP

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



The Arts and Culture CSP met in July. We are working on several projects for the new year and more information is to come. We will again support our special needs class at River Dell Elementary. We have already purchased some craft supplies for them. In October we will be making trick or treat bags with the students. We will need seven volunteers to help. We will have a sign-up sheet at the September meeting.



ESO Awards given out at the May meeting. Pictured are **Jo Howard, Betsy Grannis, Loretta Mascia, Trish Perna, Patty Jo Johnson, Betty Francies, Brenda Gay, Robin Sachsenheimer, Nancy Maynard, Val Taylor, Marlene Dillon, & Sandy Nesselrode.**

Civic Engagement & Outreach CSP

Co-Chairs: Susan Johnson and Sarah Brooks



The CEO CSP held its fall kick-off meeting on August 16th with seven members present. We had an initial discussion of ideas and projects for this coming year and will meet again in October to confirm our plans. Members participated in the Back-to-School Youth Explosion program in August by contributing supplies and helping to pack the backpacks that were distributed to local school children at the community event on August 13th. Thanks to Gracie Chamblee for assisting with the organization of the project, and to all the club members who helped us by purchasing supplies or going to the packing.



Pictured are (L-R) Pam Ballard, Susan Johnson, Patti Farmer, Judy Ryan, Sarah Brooks, Deborah Fuller, Marlene Dillon, Jean Cornell, & Gracie Chamblee. Not pictured is Rhonda Nielsen.



Clayton Civitan BBQ Chicken Fundraiser

September 9, 2023 from 11-7. Dinners are \$12.00 which include 1/2 chicken, string beans, potatoes, and a roll. Betsy Grannis and Angela Williams will have tickets for sale at the September meeting. Make checks to Clayton Civitan.

Night 'N' Gals



The **Night 'N' Gals** will meet via Zoom on **September 14th 7pm** and all members are invited to attend. The Zoom link will be sent to all members on September 13th.



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

CEO CSP honors firefighters for International Firefighters Day. Pictured among these hero's are **Karla Rajka, Dixie Brady, Sarah Brooks, and Susan Johnson**





As the sign indicates, School's Back. The Education/Libraries CSP would like for members to bring Pencils, Colored Pencils, Crayons, Disinfecting Wipes, Kleenex, Glue Sticks to our first meeting. We contacted Cooper Academy and this is the list given. We thank you in advance.

Please bring to the September meeting:

Old Athletic shoes

Wine Corks

Colored Pencils, Crayons, Wipes, Tissues, Glue Sticks

Please remember to wear PINK for Breast Cancer Awareness

We hope you have been enjoying your summer break and are looking forward getting back to "work" starting with our September meeting.

The Education/Libraries CSP will be the Hosts for our September meeting. Our speaker is Joy Callahan. Joy is retired from Johnston Community College where she was Associate Vice President of Workforce Development and Advanced Technologies.

The Education/Libraries had our "Kick-Off" meeting on August 10th to make plans for our up coming year. Members present are left to right: Margaret Lee, Susan Mancuso, Donna Steele, Robin Rose, Sandy Nesselrode, Robin Sachsenheimer, Brenda Gay, & Rhonda Nielsen (left before the picture) We welcomed our newest member, Robin Sachsenheimer to our CSP.

With sad hearts, will miss our two members, Belle Allen and Liz McLaurin. Belle and Liz were members in our Education/Libraries CSP. They both were long time active members until health problems became an issue.

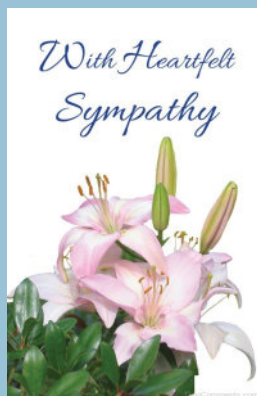
Listed below are some of our projects discussed at our "Kick-Off meeting that we will be involved in over the next several months:



Scholarships, Book Bag project (note, we will begin collecting books again for 4 or 5 first graders at Cooper Academy. Please bring books for this project to each meeting.), Murder Mystery (Fundraiser), Puppet Show, Recognizing Teachers, Silent Partner, HOBY Project, ESO book club. More information will be given on different projects as they come up in up coming newsletters. However, we would like to mention two in this September newsletter.

Puppet Show - Because of COVID, we had to place this on "the shelf" the last few years. We want to take it off the shelf this year. Any member can participate in the puppet show. We are in the process of getting a new puppet stage and after we get everything ready, we plan to have a puppet show at Cooper Elementary Academy. We will need volunteers to be puppeteers, help set up when we go to the school etc. If any member would like to be involved with this worthwhile project, please contact Brenda Gay or Sandy Nesselrode, co-chairs for the puppet show. We need your help to make it successful for the kids.

Silent Partner - This program was established years ago as a partnership between The Woman's Club of Clayton and local schools to help meet special needs for students. We can thank Belle Allen and Mavorine McLead (who are looking down at us from Heaven now) for starting this program. There is a sign up sheet on one of the tables behind the chimney if you have not signed up and would like to. The sign-up sheet is done during the two-year administration term. We are on our second year, therefore, if you signed up last year, you are still on the list. We ask for \$25 when called upon. You are only asked one time during the two year term. Brenda Gay is chair of Silent Partner. If a school counselor contacts her for help, she will then call a name on the list.



*TWCC sadly bid farewell to several long-time members, **Belle Allen** left us in May; **Liz McLaurin** past away in August. **Nadine Wells** also departed this life in August.*

***Ernest Blackley**, husband of **Joyce Blackley** passed away in August.*

TWCC always sends a memorial donation to The Friends of the Library in their memory.

Menu

Baked Spaghetti Salad
Garlic Bread
Granny Cake

Education & Libraries CSP will host and provide the dessert

ESO Book Club

Chair: Brenda



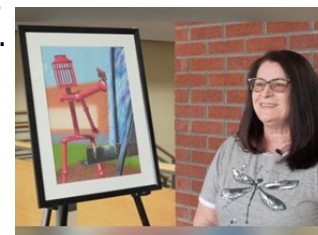
ESO (Epsilon Sigma Omicron)



We hope everyone had a great summer and stayed cool. It is hard to believe it is coming to an end and we will not only be celebrating our Fall season but starting our great book club back. Remember the "Book Challenge Assignment" for the summer break? I hope everyone has met the challenge and will be ready to report on their book. We voted in May to meet the 2nd Monday in September since the first Monday was Labor Day and many would be out of town. **We will meet Monday, September 11th, 10:00 at The Woman's Club. Beverages and refreshments will be served. Please plan to arrive a little before 10:00.**

We are so fortunate to have many talented members in our book club and so happy the talents are shared. One such talent in art is our member, Val Taylor.

Val is featured in the August issue of the Johnson Now Magazine (JNOW). Val stands with her piece "Clayton Painter" that won first place in the Clayton Visual Arts Paint the Town competition. "Clayton Painter" is currently on display at Clayton Town Hall located at 111 E. Second St.



We have a new member starting with us in September. Welcome Margaret Lee. All club members are welcomed to join ESO. Please contact Brenda Gay if you would like to join.

If you do not like to physically travel, the next best way is through books.



Membership dues are due. Judy Ryan will be collecting your annual dues at the September meeting. Please make checks out to TWCC in the amount of **\$85.00** for regular members and **\$55.00** for Night-N-Gal members, and **\$15.00** for Honorary members.

5 Best Things About September!

The Weather

Fall Colors

Sports

Shopping

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

Please submit items by the **25th** of the month to the "Club Chatter"

Editor, Judy Ryan @
jaryan612@gmail.com



TWCC Bunco

Organizer: Sarah Brooks



Bunco is an extremely easy game of dice that provides members with time to come together for an afternoon of fun and frivolity!! All members are welcome to participate, and it is a great way to learn more about members.

Hostess for May 23rd Bunco was Susan Press. Winners: Jo Howard—Most Buncos; Betsy Grannis—Most Wins; Loretta Mascia—Most Losses; Sarah Brooks—Most Fakes; Margaret DiNubila—Bunco Gift.

Hostess for August 22nd Bunco was Margaret DiNubila. Winners: Loretta Mascia—Most Buncos; Jo Howard—Most Wins; Zip Barnard—Most Losses; Laurie Partlo—Most Fakes; Laurie Partlo—Bunco Gift.

Next Bunco date/time: September 26th at 1:00pm. Hostess: Edie Brown

Who do I Contact?

Member Illness
Patty Jo Johnston

Clubhouse Rental
Loretta Mascia

Newsletter Content
Judy Ryan

Clubhouse Repairs
Angela Williams, Debbie Ragland, or Dianne Carroll

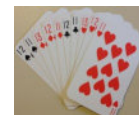
Membership
Brenda Hill

Bylaws
Sarah Brooks

Silent Partner
Brenda Gay

TWCC Play Day

Organizer: Sarah Brooks



Have you signed up for PLAY DAY? Organizer, Sarah Brooks is a Game Queen! She has put together a day of fun and competition. September 14th will be our first ever Play Day.

We will be playing Mexican Train and Bridge on the 14th but considerable interest among club members also includes Backgammon, Canasta, Eucre, Qwirkle, Pokeno, Rook, Rummikub, Rummy, and Scrabble. If you'd like to get on the list for future dates, send Sarah an email.



How does the challenge work?

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

5 Best things about September!

The Weather
Fall Colors
Sports
Shopping
School Begins

Thank You

**Special thanks to
Susan Johnson for
September's
recipes**



Each month will feature
recipes by category

October—*Spooky!*

**Send your favorite
recipes to
jaryan612@gmail.com**



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

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

**Silent Partners
Hospitality**

**Knit or Crochet
Acrylic Squares (see
A&C CSP)**

**CPR Class (see H&W
CSP)**

ESO Book Club

Recipe Corner—Easter

Spaghetti Salad

Ingredients

1-lb. spaghetti, broken into 2-inch pieces, cook and drain

Add: 1 cup cucumber, chopped

½ cup green pepper, chopped

½ cup red pepper, chopped

½ cup yellow pepper, chopped

1 small red onion, chopped

2 Roma tomatoes, chopped

½ bottle salad supreme (in spice isle)

1 small bottle of Zesty Italian dressing (may need more)



Instructions

Mix well,

Can be refrigerated and served next day

Salt and Black Pepper (to taste)

Corn and Black Bean Salsa

Ingredients

1 can black beans, rinsed and drained (like Bush's best)

1 can baby white corn, drained (I like Green Giant)

1/8-1/4 of a red onion, chopped

4 Roma tomatoes, chopped

4 tablespoons lime juice (juice for 2 limes-fresh is best)

2 tablespoons vegetable oil

1 tablespoon red wine vinegar

1 tsp salt

1 tsp pepper



Instructions

Mix all together, chill before eating. May make the night before. Serve with Scoops or Hint of Lime tortilla chips.

May add 1 medium avocado, diced just before serving. Fold in gently to maintain shape and consistency.

Can sprinkle a little sugar in mixture if like a little sweet.

Punch

Ingredients

2 containers White Grape Juice

4 liters Ginger Ale

2 tsp Almond Extract

Instructions

Mix well in a large punch bowl

Add Ice

Serve



September 2023

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Mon

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Zip Barnard B-day
Karla Rajca B-day

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Labor Day

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Bingo @ Senior Center
Downtown Concert Series

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Clayton Civitan
BBQ Chicken
Fundraiser

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ESO Book Club
Patriot Day
Grandparents Day

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E&L CSP set-up
House of Hope meal

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TWCC General Membership
Meeting

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Night-N-Gals Zoom meeting
Play/Game Day

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Rosh Hashana begins

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AIDS Awareness Day
Aging Awareness Day

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TWCC Executive Board
Meeging
Bunco

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Autumnal Equinox/
Fall Begins

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Yom Kippur
begins

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Johnny Appleseed Day

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Sukkot starts

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GFWC-NC Dist. 8
Meeting

plastic film recycling challenge/info sheet



COMMUNITY
PROGRAM

How does the challenge work?

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What does Trex provide?

- Up to three recycling bins
- Posters

What can I win?

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

What can be recycled?

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



Grocery bags



Bread bags



Bubble wrap



Dry cleaning bags



Newspaper sleeves



Ice bags



Plastic shipping envelopes



Ziploc & other reclosable food storage bags



Cereal bags



Case overwrap



Salt bags



Pallet wrap & stretch film



Wood pellet bags



Produce bags

register on the website: **NexTrex.com**

Why be a Volunteer?

It's not for money, it's not for fame.
It's not for any personal gain.
It's just for love of fellowman.
It's just to send a helping hand.
It's just to give a tithe of self.
That's something you can't buy with wealth.
It's not medals won with pride.
It's for that feeling deep inside.
It's that reward down in your heart.
It's that feeling that you've been a part.
Of helping others far and near,
that makes you be a Volunteer!

Author Unknown