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December 2025

From Our President

Trish Perna

As we close out this calendar year, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to every member who helped make our Community Thanksgiving Meal such a success. This year, **eight dedicated members** packed **500 cranberry cups** in just **24 minutes** the day before the meal. **Fifteen talented bakers** made a total of **510 brownies**, and on the Thanksgiving Meal Day, **15 members and some family members** packed **430 to-go meals** for delivery and served **more than 150 guests in person**. Your teamwork, generosity, and enthusiasm truly embody the spirit of service. Thank you all for your amazing efforts!



Meanwhile, our **Angel Tree and Golden Wishes shoppers** are out in the community spreading holiday cheer while selecting gifts for **70 Johnston County students** and beloved **seniors in need**. Thank you for giving your time and hearts to brighten someone's season.

We are also gearing up for the **Civitan Silent Auction**, which TWCC proudly leads during the Civitan's fundraising event on **December 5th**. Please continue donating your gently used, high-quality items by coordinating with **Susan Johnson** or **Carrolle Dayton**.

Looking ahead, our **first fundraiser of the year** is just around the corner — the always-entertaining **Murder Mystery Dinner in January**. This two-



night event is a member favorite! If you'd like to volunteer, please reach out to **Margaret Lee** or **Nancy Maynard**. It's a fantastic opportunity to support the club and have a great time doing it.

As we wind down 2025, I want to wish each of you a joyful holiday season and a very **Happy New Year**. Thank you for all the ways you've shown dedication to TWCC and to our community. I look forward to an exciting and impactful year ahead.

Trish Perna
President





DECEMBER

December 4
Tree Lighting Downtown

December 5
Yuletide Spirits @
Clayton Center

December 8
ESO @ La Cocina

December 9
House of Hope meal

December 10
General Meeting

December 12
Gift Drop-off

December 12
Bingo at Senior Center

December 13
Parade Downtown

December 14
Sing Noel with Johnston
County Chorus
Clayton Center

December 15
Night n Gal meeting

December 16
Exec Board Meeting

December 20
Motown & Soul
Christmas @ Clayton Ctr

December 24
Christmas Eve

December 25
Christmas Day

December 31
New Year's Eve



November Guest Speakers

November Meeting Highlights

Deborah Fuller

Monthly Meeting

Devotion & Blessing: Sandy Nesselrode**President's Welcome: Trish Perna**

Lunch and décor provided by Civic Engagement and Outreach.

Guest speaker: **Susan Johnson**

Todd Johnson & Allison Elsee from Smithfield, representing the Johnston County committee organizing America's 250th activities.

The main county celebration set for Saturday, June 27, 2026 at Johnston Community College (JCC), aligning with Johnston County's 280th birthday (June 28, 1746) and the nation's 250th.

Planned activities:

Historical parade, Living history encampment, Art & Historical displays, 3 performances of the musical "1776", Food vendors, crafters, organizational booths, Potential colonial-era magician, & puppet shows. Their website is under construction.

Welcome New Members and Guests:**Nancy Maynard**

Nancy introduced new members and guests. New member, **Cindy Wood**, Cindy will be joining the Health & Wellness CSP. Guests were Sherry McCracken, **Joyce Born**, Lindsay Tankersley, Mary Jane Weber.

Business**Minutes Approval: Approved****Nominating Committee: Trish Perna**

The Executive Board appointed **Brenda Hill** as chair.

GFWC NC Fall Conference: Trish Perna

Our Club was one of the sponsors for the Corporate Champions for Women and Children event.

Lucy Award honorees:

Designed for Joy, J Huffman, Dr. Antonio Ruiz, & State Employees Credit Union.

GFWC-NC State Convention: Durham, April 24 -26, 2026.

GFWC International Convention: Arizona, June.

Wendy Carriker, of GFWC-NC, will be the next GFWC International President.

Women's Suffrage National Monument: GFWC met \$250,000 goal; continue collecting quarters; installation will be on the Mall in DC.

District Restructuring: NC districts moving from 9 to 5 starting next fall; temporary color "yellow"; final district name expected in spring.

Community Service and Seasonal Projects**Civitan Serve the Need: Trish Perna**

To-go meal packing: November 26, arrive 10:15 a.m.; wear TWCC apron/shirt; no hats; sign-up sheet available. Cranberry prep: November 25 at the clubhouse, 10:00-12:00, to portion sauce.

Angel Tree / Christmas Kids: Trish Perna

There are 70 children to shop for; reimbursement up to \$125 per child; save receipts; submit to **Karen Keeslar**. Drop-off: December 12, 10:30-11:15 a.m. (wrapped and bagged). Shoppers will receive child info via email once provided by counselors.

Golden Wishes (Seniors): Trish Perna

10 seniors to shop for; reimbursement up to \$50; sign-up available; save receipts. Shoppers personally deliver to seniors (name/phone/address provided); brief visits encouraged.

Civitan Club Silent Auction: Trish Perna

Date: December 5. Leads: **Susan Johnson** and **Carrole Dayton**.

Need 10-15 items: gently used quality items or themed baskets.

Officers and Committees Reports:

Corresponding Secretary: **Susan Johnson**

Sympathy thank you note received from the family of David Patrick Stewart.

The centerpieces on the tables today were created by **Karen Keeslar** and are for sale to benefit Christmas gifts.

Arts Festival: Carrole Dayton

Submissions are due by the January meeting; categories list available and will be in the newsletter.

Murder Mystery Dinner Theater Fundraiser:

Dates: January 16-17 at the clubhouse; theme "Set Sail for Disaster". Performed by Andrew Wade and Clayton Theatricals. Tickets are \$40 per person. Volunteers are needed for serving, cleanup and food preparation. Planning meeting to be scheduled.

Civitan Fundraisers: Betsy Grannis

Boston Butt sale: November 21, 5:00 p.m., Civitan clubhouse, \$45, fully cooked. Reverse Raffle: December 5, 6:00 p.m.; \$100 ticket includes two dinners and raffle entry.

CSP, Special Project Reports**Health and Wellness CSP: Marianne Sapsara**

Partnership discussion with Main Street Community Garden and Junior Women's League (JWL) of Smithfield to stock Blessing Boxes beginning 2026. Plan to focus on boxes at Horne Street, Fire Station on Hwy 42, and on Main Street.

Education and Libraries CSP: Ginny Kennerly

Thanks to readers at Wilson's Mills; upcoming reading at Cooper Academy on Friday at 10:15 a.m.; volunteers welcomed.

We will be providing lunch support at Cooper Academy on Thursday, November 20; four volunteers confirmed; coordinator will follow up via email/text.

President's Special Project: Trish Perna

QR code sheet available for direct website checkout for bricks; paper order forms also available.

ESO Book Project: Margaret DiNubila

ESO is publishing a book curated by **Robin Sachsenheimer**; includes genres, book images, and a poem by **Sandy Nesselrode**. Cost is \$35. Proceeds will support a club project.



DECEMBER

12/2	Page Redmon
12/3	Debby Smith
12/7	Deborah Fuller
12/7	Linda Soporito
12/10	MJ Hilliard
12/12	Edie Brown
12/14	Cheryl Champion
12/20	Nancy Maynard
12/24	Sharon Listenberger
12/28	Ann Kruezing



Meals for House of Hope (2nd Tuesday)

Bingo at Senior Ctr (2nd Friday)

Silent Partners

Hospitality

Walking Challenge

Recipe Makeovers



Traveling??? Snap a pic of a landmark and send to Judy Ryan. Bonus if you're wearing your TWCC shirt, ball cap or carrying the newsletter!



What happened? All of a sudden the Christmas season is here! The Health & Wellness CSP started off the holiday season



shopping for and packaging gift bags for the 37 residents at the Clayton Center for Active Aging. We'll be delivering the goodies on December 5th. Each H&W member donated the funds for this project. The goodie bags were filled to the brim with personal care items, some personal treats, and holiday cards that they can share with their loved ones.



Many thanks to **Kari Murray** for providing the meal with dessert to the residents and staff of House of Hope. **Debi Beal** heads up the monthly meal project so please check with her to get your name on the list for future months.



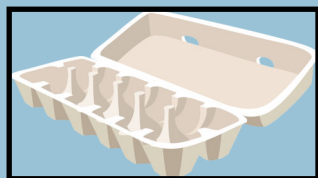
Judy Ryan joined local seniors for a morning of Bingo. Smiles fill the room as numbers are called out and prizes are won, but the real reward is the companionship and connection shared.

Our group used the last portion of last year's funds to buy the paint to bring some 'splash' to the Boys & Girls Club of Smithfield's basketball court.



Together, these efforts highlight the spirit of service that defines our group. Whether through a warm meal, a fun game, a helping hand, or a small gift, we continue to build bridges of compassion and joy.

Health & Wellness wishes everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Healthy New Year!



QR Code to Order Bricks
President's Special Project

The Clayton Civitan Club
will host a fundraiser in
December.

Reverse Raffle:

December 5th 6:00pm.

Tickets are \$100.00

Please see either Angela
Williams or Betsy Grannis
for tickets!



Environment

Co-Chairs: Sarah Brooks



ENV CSP members will enjoy brunch at the home of **Sarah Brooks** on December 30th so plans for 2026 can be finalized. Don't forget to bring *old shoes, wine corks and foam products* to the monthly meetings so they can be recycled!

Between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, the amount of household garbage in the United States increases by 25 percent, including gift wrapping and product packaging. We also use more electricity just on holiday lights than some countries use in an entire year! Here are twelve eco-friendly holiday tips to help you reduce your environmental footprint this holiday season.

[Make Your Own Wrapping Paper \(or Go Without\)](#)

if your wrapping paper is metallic, has foil or glitter decorations on it, or has a texture to it, **it is not recyclable**.

use white or brown craft paper, old maps, comics, a scarf or bandana, recycled cloth bags

[Buy Energy-Saving LED Holiday Lights](#)

[Add Organic & Local Foods to Your Holiday Feast](#)

[Get a Chemical-Free Tree](#)

The *most* eco-friendly holiday tree option is a **potted, native tree** that you can plant after the holiday season.

If getting a potted tree is not possible, reduce your carbon footprint by purchasing a locally grown cut tree, and making sure it gets mulched or otherwise recycled—rather than put into the landfill—when the holiday is over.

If you do choose an artificial tree, make sure you take good care of it so you can use it for *at least 10 years*, and be sure to handle it carefully to avoid being exposed to its toxic dust.

[Make Handcrafts & DIY Gifts](#)

[Give Experiential Gifts](#)

One of the most memorable gifts to give is the gift of an experience. By giving gifts that can be experienced, you can minimize wrapping and shopping, and still give them something they'll never forget.

Anything that allows your loved one to spend quality time experiencing something fun, new or interesting will make a gift sure to be cherished for years to come.

Some ideas for experiential gifts:

tickets to a ball game, play or concert

a trip to somewhere interesting

a year of zoo or museum membership

passes to a local theme or water-park

lessons, classes or a workshop

a bucket-list experience, like sky-diving or whale watching

a special homemade meal, massage or "spa day" with you

[Purchase Eco-Friendly & Locally Made Gifts](#)

[Shop Local](#)

[Eco-Friendly Online Shopping](#)

[Stuff Stockings With Yummy, Natural Treats](#)

Education & Libraries CSP

Co-Chairs: Margaret Lee & Donna Steele, Ginny Kennerly



On Friday, November 14, 2025, these members volunteered to Read for the Record at Cooper Academy: **Julie Ginsler, Maria Davis, Kari Murray, Nancy Berquest and Ginny Kennerly** (see pics at left). They read the book **See Marcus Grow** written by Marcus Bridgewater (also known as the social media sensation Garden Marcus and illustrated by Reggie Brown) to 5 first grade classes. This is the 20th Anniversary of Jumpstart's Read for the Record, and our members have participated in all these 20 years. If you would like to volunteer at Cooper Academy or Wilson Mills next time, talk to **Ginny, Margaret or Donna**.



Benches in Clayton (Club Project)

The Executive Board voted to buy 4 benches with plaques stating "Donated by The Woman's Club of Clayton" to place in Clayton. Those benches are now placed in the community. The first bench is on the pedestrian connector near where it hits Veterans Parkway (formerly S Lombard St.), Bench 2 is along the trail of East Clayton Park overlooking the soccer field, Bench 3 is in Town Square along Main Street, and Bench 4 is along Sam's Branch Greenway near where you can access the Carolina Overlook neighborhood.



Gracie Chamblee assisted the teachers at Cooper Academy and says, "I has a wonderful time volunteering with members of the Cooper Academy PTSA and the TWCC for a duty free lunch for our wonderful public school teachers".

The Education and Libraries Scholarship Committee has begun the process for administering the club's two scholarships, the Sallie Southall Cotten Scholarship and the Sybil Champion Scholarship.

High School Guidance Counselors from Cleveland High School, Corinth Holder High School, Clayton High School and American Leadership Academy have been contacted and application information has been sent. Interviews will begin mid January.

Night 'N' Gals



The **Night 'N' Gals** will meet via Zoom on **MONDAY, December 15** at 7:00pm. This is open to any member who wishes to attend. The Zoom address will be emailed to members prior to the meeting.

Arts & Culture CSP

Co-Chairs: Angela Williams, Dianne Carroll, & Patty Jo Johnson



Did You Know????

Some businesses around town offer discounts to seniors.

Airlines—varies

Alamo Car Rental with AARP membership

Amtrack—10%

Applebees—15% with Gold Apple Card

Arbys—10% locations vary

Clayton Steakhouse—15%

Chili's—10%

Dennys—15%

DoorDash 25% of 1st order of \$15 or more

Harris Teeter—5% (Thurs)

Hertz—20% off base rates

IHop—10%

Krispy Kreme—10%

Lenscrafters—varies with AARP membership

Michaels—10%

Movie Theaters—varies

Nat'l Park Service Pass—annual pass \$20

Outback—10%

Papa Johns—20% online

Pep Boys—10% instore

PetSmart—10%

Publix—5% (Wed)

Sonic—10%

Subway—10% locations vary

Texas Roadhouse—10%

UPS Stores—5%

Walgreens—20% on 1st Tuesday

Wendy's—10%

Be sure to inquire!! Some require completing an application and some require AARP membership (AARP is \$12.00)

From all of us in the Arts and Culture CSP we would like to wish all of you a very *iFeliz Navidad!*, *Joyeux Noël!*, *Frohe Weihnachten!*, *Buon Natale!*, *Feliz Natal!*, *Crăciun Fericit!*, *Счастливого Рождества!*, *Schastlivogo Rozhdestva!*, *God Jul!*, *Glædelig Jul!*, *Hyvää Joulua!*, *Gleðileg Jól!*, *Wesołych Świąt!*, *Vrolijk Kerstfeest!*, *Sretan Božić!*, *Veselé Vánoce!*, *メリークリスマス!*

(*Merikurumasu!*),

圣诞节快乐! (*Shèngdàn jié kuàilè!*), *메리 크리스마스!* (*Meli Keuliseumaseu!*), *Felicem Natalem Christi!*, *Nollaig Shona!*, **MERRY CHRISTMAS** and a

Bonne Année, iFeliz Año Nuevo!, *Ευτυχισμένο το νέο έτος*, *Frohes neues Jahr*, *Gelukkig Nieuwjaar*, *Godt nytt år*, *Gott nytt år*, *С Новым Годом!* (*S Novym Godom!*), *Szczęśliwego nowego roku*, *Feliz Ano Novo*, *Buon anno*, *新年快乐* (*Xīn nián kuài lè*), **HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!**

Spring Fashion Show Fundraiser – April 11, 2026

We're excited to announce that TWCC will host a Spring Fashion Show fundraiser on **April 11, 2026!** All proceeds will benefit Isaiah 117 House.

Event Highlights:

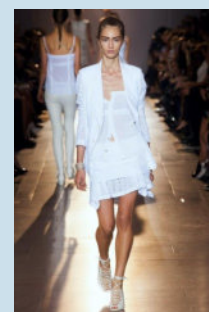
- **Sponsors:** Dillards (providing all clothing/attire), Clayton First Baptist Church
- **Venue:** Fellowship Hall, Clayton First Baptist Church

Catering: Delicious food prepared by the church's talented cooking team

Get Involved: Planning begins in January, and we're looking for members to help in various roles. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact co-chairs **Dianne Carroll** or **Sarah Brooks**. Watch for sign-up details in upcoming newsletters and during club meetings.

Save the Date: April 11, 2026

We look forward to making this event a success together!



HOUSE OF HOPE
— OF NORTH CAROLINA —

House of Hope, traditionally known for its residential program for teenage girls, also offers an extensive outpatient counseling program.

Building Hope.

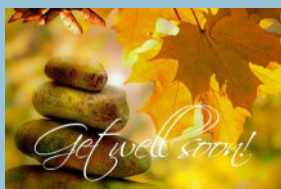
Changing Lives.

Restoring Families.

www.houseofhopeofnc.org

We offer traditional forms of therapy, as well as Christian counseling for all ages with sliding scale payment options.

Reach out to Denise Campbell at 919-550-8181 for more information!



Michael Grannis husband of **Betsy Grannis** continues to battle the Big C. Please send him your healing prayers.

Thoughts and Prayers are always appreciated. Please remember those that may be under the weather or without a close-by loved one. Please brighten their day with a card or a phone call.

Who do I Contact?

Member Illness
Susan Johnson

Clubhouse Rental
Carrole Dayton

Newsletter Content
Judy Ryan

Clubhouse Repairs
**Angela Williams,
Betsy Grannis, or
Dianne Carroll**

Membership
Nancy Maynard

Bylaws
Sarah Brooks

Webmasters
**Sarah Brooks
& Val Taylor**

Silent Partner
Brenda Gay

Civic Engagement & Outreach CSP

Co-Chairs: Susan Johnson & Karen Keeslar



The CEO CSP hosted the November 12th meeting and with the help of our caterer, **Betsy Grannis**, our attendees were treated with a bountiful Thanksgiving themed luncheon. Thanks to all who helped make this a success.

Our speakers for the day were Allison Elsee and Todd Johnson who represented the Johnston County 250th Celebration event that will occur on June 27th, 2026 at Johnston County Community College from 10:00am until 4:00pm. Our puppet team, led by **Robin Sachsenheimer** will be delivering a couple of performances that day for those present. The puppets will be in full Revolutionary dress and will discuss notable persons of the day. More exciting information will be available in the Spring. Save the date!

Nominating Committee—Brenda Hill



This Committee has been assigned to select candidates to serve as officers during the 2026–2028 administration which begins in May 2026 and concludes in May 2028. We would like to have at least two candidates for each office so we need your help and encourage you to let me know if you have an interest in any of the below positions. Officers serve on the Executive Board and some officers may also serve on some committees. Anyone who joined TWCC prior to March 2025 is eligible to serve as an officer for the upcoming term. Officer descriptions are below so **please contact Brenda Hill** via email at silver1188@aol.com or phone/text at 919-247-7617. I know we have members who possess qualifications to fill these positions but with more than 80 members, our committee may not be aware of your qualifications so please reach out!

President. The President shall preside at all Club meetings, Chair the Executive Board, and perform all duties pertaining to the office. She shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. She shall appoint CSP Co-Chairs and all committees (except Nominating Committee), a Chaplain, Parliamentarian, Rental Custodian, Arts Festival Chair, Hospitality Chair, Newsletter Chair, ESO Chair, and Historian. She shall represent the Club at GFWC-NC meetings. She shall have charge of important papers of the club, such as bonds, insurance policies and the deed to the Clubhouse. These papers shall be placed in a safety deposit box rented by the Club and she shall have one key to the box. She shall sign Club checks in the absence of the Treasurer._

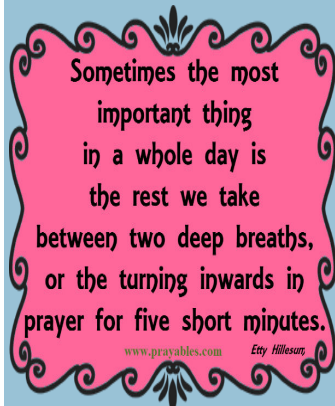
First Vice-President. The First Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in her absence or vacancy. She shall be Director of CSPs. (The First Vice-President shall not be assigned to a CSP.) She shall assist the CSP Co-Chairs in formulating the current program of work, which should reflect the ideals and policies of GFWC-NC. With the Second Vice-President, she shall assign Club members to CSPs. She shall work with the President on yearly GFWC-NC reports._

Second Vice-President. The Second Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in her absence and in the absence of the First Vice-President. She shall be Director of Leadership/Membership. She shall formulate and coordinate plans for the orientation of new Club members. She shall also be responsible for GFWC organizational training and leadership development for all Club members. With the First Vice-President she shall assign Club members to CSPs. She shall work with the Treasurer to ensure the membership roster is kept up to date and available on the Club website and ensure member name tags are current. She shall chair and appoint a committee to nominate Club members for Clubwoman awards. She shall also chair the Yearbook Committee._

Recording Secretary. The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Executive Board and any business conducted at monthly Club meetings. She shall maintain a list of Standing Rules. She shall ensure the roll is taken at all Club meetings by the CSP Co-Chairs and will take roll at all Executive Board meetings.

Corresponding Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary shall assist the President with the general correspondence of the Club. She shall read important correspondence at meetings. She shall keep the minutes in the absence of the Recording Secretary. Upon request of the President, she shall send out communications to all Club members. _

Treasurer. The Treasurer shall receive and bank all monies due the Club, keep records of receipts and disbursements, collect membership dues and report payment of dues to the Second Vice-President, pay bills by check (upon the approval of the Executive Board; any check over \$500 shall require two signatures), and present a financial statement at regular meetings and a complete financial report which will be presented at the Annual Business Meeting for inclusion in the minutes. She shall have a key to the safety deposit box and shall place the papers in the box and keep an inventory of the box. The Treasurer shall also have a key to the Post Office box and will check for correspondence on a regular basis. She shall serve as Chair of the Finance Committee. She shall submit dues, membership lists and project monies to GFWC-NC and to District 8, subject to their requirements. She shall send a payment each December to GFWC-NC for the 1902 Society from The Woman's Club of Clayton



If you don't find your name-tag on the back table at the meeting, please see Nancy Maynard to have one



Membership dues for TWCC are due by **November 30th**.

Regular Member Dues: \$85.00 (includes monthly meeting lunch)

Night-n-Gals Dues: \$55.00

There are three convenient ways to pay:

Online Payment Annual dues can be paid online at: TWCC Membership Due
Please note: Online payments include a \$2.90 processing fee for a total of **\$87.90**.

By Mail

Renewing members may mail a check for **\$85.00** (regular members) payable to:

The Woman's Club of Clayton
P.O. Box 26
Clayton, NC 27528

In Person – Bring a check to the December meeting

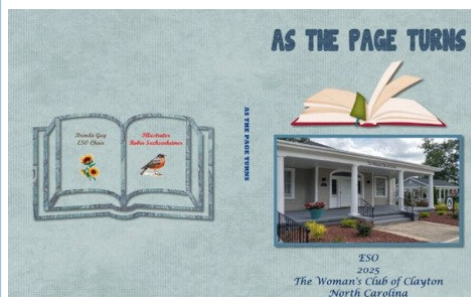




Have you ever considered
that God has fallen in love
with you?

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

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Club Members, you have listened to our ESO Book Club talk about the book we had planned to publish this year for the 2025 ESO project. Our book is basically how our ESO members are involved in the book club.

Our BOOK is now published! At left is a picture of the front and back. We will give a copy to The Woman's Club of Clayton.

A special thanks to **Robin Sachsenheimer** who has spent much time providing illustration and putting the book together. Also thanks to our ESO members for providing the articles and advice. At each meeting starting from September, **Robin** brought her computer to our meetings for our input (advice) on how the book should materialize. We are very proud of our book project for 2025 and we hope our club members will read "As the Page Turns"

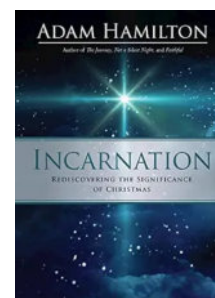
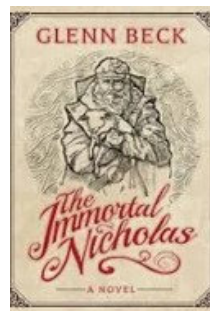
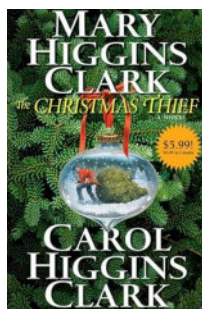
If anyone would like to have a copy, email **Robin** to let her know as she has agreed to take another order. **Robin's** email is robins2717@yahoo.com

Our book club will meet next on Monday, December 8th at 12:00 at the LaCocina Mexican Restaurant, 764 Shotwell Rd, Clayton, NC 27520 phone # 919-550-7323. The ESO book will be given out to those members who are present for the luncheon and who signed up to receive it. We will not give book reports at our meeting in December since we voted to just enjoy a social with one another and enjoy the holiday season. Our GFWC State Chair, **Lynn Wiss** plans to join us for our luncheon. We look forward to **Lynn's** visit.

Until then have a great and safe holiday season. Wishing every happy thing that God can give and life can bring in the New year.

Listed are a few books to read during the holiday season (if you have time).

Our first 2026 book club meeting will be at The Woman's Club, Monday Jan. 5th at 10:00 a.m.



Menu

*Sliced Ham
Broccoli Salad
Sweet Potatoes
Italian Bread/butter*

*Art & Culture CSP
host to provide
dessert*

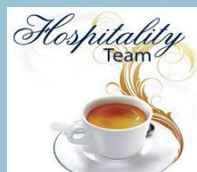
Art Festival

Chairs: Susan Johnson



Things to bring to the September meeting:

- Old sneakers
- Wine corks
- Styrofoam Egg Cartons
- Old eyeglasses
- Bingo prizes for seniors



In the event of illness or bereavement, members are encouraged to contact Susan Johnson if assistance is needed with meals, errands, etc.
Call/Text 919-522-7746 or email
gr8100rn@aol.com

VOLUNTEER



It is time for all you ladies to be completing your art entries for the February 5th Student and Clubwomen Art Festival to be held at the Clayton Center. Bring your entries to the January 14th general meeting and **Carrole Dayton** will collect them for the event. Our committee members have contacted the schools and will have their entries collected as well. More info to come next month.

GFWC-NC Clubwoman Arts Categories Clubwoman Crafts Categories

1. All entrants are limited to non-professionals as defined in the GFWC-NC Arts Festival Rules and Procedures. Any earnings from craftwork must not exceed \$500 per year.
2. One article per category will be declared the winner at the Local level and then will be entered in the District competition.
3. Label entries correctly. Each article must be labeled with an Entry Label. It should be folded in half and the contest information showing. Yarn, ribbon, or lightweight string can be used to attach the card to the item or to a safety pin, pinned to the item so it may be flipped. DO NOT tape or pin the label directly to the item.
4. Needlework items may be framed under glass.
5. All entries must have been completed within the prior year of the Festival

Needlework:

- CC1. Basic Embroidery (on stamped canvas or fabric using basic embroidery stitches)
- CC2. Counted Cross Stitch
- CC3. Crochet (small – doilies, placemats, etc.)
- CC4. Crochet (large – bedspreads, afghans, etc.)
- CC5. Crochet (garments – sweaters, etc.)
- CC6. Knitting (accessories, scarves, booties, etc.)
- CC7. Knitting (garments only – sweaters, etc.)
- CC8. Quilting - Machine (small – baby quilts, pillows, wall hangings, etc.)
- CC9. Quilting - Machine (large – full quilts, pieced or appliqué)

Crafts:

- CC10. Jewelry (any single medium or combination)
- CC11. Painting on fabric, wood, metal or other surfaces
- CC12. Nature Craft (dried flowers, etc.)
- CC13. Sequin and Bead Craft (flowers, jewel pictures, Indian beading, ornaments, etc.)
- CC14. Paper Craft (quilling, paper sculpture, Papier-mâché, etc.)
- CC15. Scrapbooking (single page submission only)
- CC16. Glass Craft (stained glass, etc.)
- CC17. Fabric Craft (appliqué, felt/burlap work, wall hangings, etc. – not stenciling)
- CC18. Upcycling (creative reuse is the process of transforming unwanted products into new materials or products of better quality)
- CC19. Open Category: If an entry does not fit in any of the preceding categories, the Crafts Contest Chairman may place it in the Open Category

GFWC-NC Clubwoman Arts Categories Clubwoman Visual Arts Contest Directions/Submission Requirements

1. Any clubwoman may enter any or all categories.
2. All entries must not have been previously entered in the GFWC-NC Arts Festival on any level.
3. Entries must be no larger than 30 X 40 inches, not including mat. Entries on materials other than canvas must be matted. Only Canvas entries may have a simple frame. OTHERWISE NO GLASS OR FRAMES and will not be accepted.
4. All entrants are limited to non-professionals as defined in the GFWC-NC Arts Festival Rules and Procedures. Earnings from Visual Arts must not exceed \$500 per year.
5. All paintings must be original. The subject matter is the choice of the artist.
6. First, second, and third place ribbons and certificates will be awarded to clubwomen winners in each category.
7. Label entries correctly. Each article must be labeled with an Entry Label (page 10). Affix to back or underside of entry using string or tape with category information facing up.
8. All entries must have been completed within the prior year of the Festival.

Clubwomen Visual Art Categories

CV1=Oil; CV2=Acrylic; CV3=Pen & Ink; CV4=Watercolor; CV5=Pencil; CV6=Mixed Media

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

-Maya Angelou



**NOTHING IS AS
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OF A VOLUNTEER**

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF CLAYTON
PRESENTS
SET SAIL FOR DISASTER
A MURDER MYSTERY DINNER
ENACTED BY CLAYTON THEATRICALS

WHEN: 6:00 PM
FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2026
SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2026

WHERE:
THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF CLAYTON
109 SOUTH CHURCH STREET, CLAYTON

COST:
\$40 PER PERSON
(INCLUDES DINNER & SHOW)

MORE INFO:
www.twccnc.org



SMITHFIELD — Soon, children taken from their homes because of abuse or neglect will have a safe, comforting place to stay while awaiting a foster home.

The Johnston County Board of Commissioners on Sept. 15 signed an agreement with Isaiah 117 House, a nonprofit that builds houses for children awaiting foster care.

"This quite literally has been a labor of love for all who are involved in this project," County Attorney Jennifer Slusser told commissioners.



GFWC of North Carolina



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to all our new members!!! Please invite these new dynamic ladies to join you at the December meeting. Please welcome:

Cindy Wood — she will be working with Health & Wellness

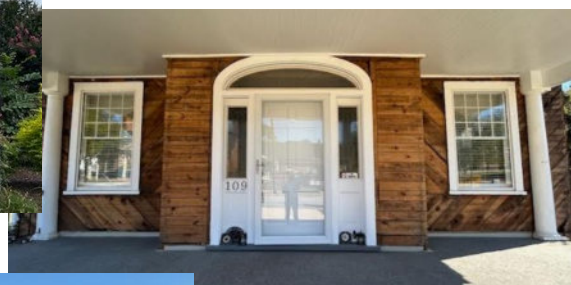
Joyce Born — she will also be sharing her talents with Health & Wellness

No pictures available at time of print

Just a friendly reminder that we are assisting the Civitan Club on Friday, December 5th, during their annual fundraising raffle and silent auction.

Betsy Grannis and **Angela Williams** have the tickets for the event, which includes a chance to win \$10,000 and which includes a meal for two.

I am still accepting items for the Silent Auction. Please deliver to the Civitan Club at 1:00 PM on Friday or notify me for pickup or other drop off. If you can help with the checkout process that evening, let me know.



Before and during the transition. The BIG REVEAL is coming soon!

**Recipes Provided
by
Judy Ryan**



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

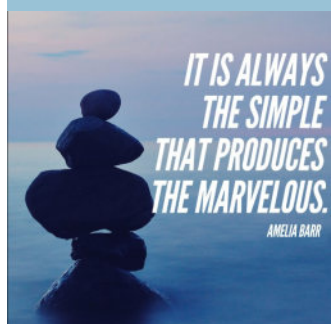
Please submit items by the **25th** of the month to the "Club Chatter"
Editor, Judy Ryan
jaryan612@gmail.com



Each month will feature recipes by category

January—Superbowl Dips

Send your favorite recipes to
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Recipe Corner



Shortbread Christmas Cookies

INGREDIENTS

3 cups all-purpose flour
3/4 cup white sugar
1/4 tsp salt
1 1/2 cups cold butter
1/2 tsp rum extract
1/2 tsp almond extract
2 Tbsp cold water
2 cups powdered sugar
2 Tbsp milk
2 tsp milk
1 drop food coloring
1 Tbsp colored edible glitter



DIRECTIONS

Whisk flour, white sugar, & salt in lg bowl. Cut in butter with pastry cutter until resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in rum extract, almond extract, & water into a small bowl. Stir into flour mixture until mixture holds together in a ball when squeezed.

Place dough on floured work surface & sprinkle with flour; roll out into a sheet 1/4" thick. Cut into shapes with floured cookie cutters, place 1 inch apart on ungreased baking sheet. Cover with a layer of plastic wrap and refrigerate for 30 minutes.

Preheat oven to 325. Bake cookies just until edges are lightly browned (15-18 mins). Allow to cool for 2 mins before removing to wire racks to finish cooling. Cool completely before decorating.

To make frosting: whisk powdered sugar, 2 Tbsp milk and 2 tsp milk in bowl until smooth. If desired, divide frosting into small bowls and tint each to desired shade with food coloring.

Frost cooled cookies, Sprinkle with edible flitter before frosting sets.

Fudge

INGREDIENTS

3 cups semisweet choc chips
1 (14oz) can sweetened condensed milk
1/4 cup unsalted butter, cut into pieces
1 cup chopped walnuts



DIRECTIONS

Combine choc chips, condensed milk, and butter in a large microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on medium heat until chips are melted (3-5 mins), stirring once or twice during the cooking.

Meanwhile, grease an 8-inch square glass baking dish.

Remove choc mixture from microwave and stir in nuts. Pour into prepared dish.

Refrigerate until fudge is set, about 2 hours

Cut into 16 squares

December 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7 Deborah Fuller Linda Soporito 	8 ESO 	9  House of Hope	10  General Meeting  MJ Hilliard	11	12 Gift Drop Off Bingo Edie Brown 	13 Parade
14  Cheryl Champion	15 Night n Gals 	16 Exec Board Meeting 	17	18	19	20  Nancy Maynard
21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Sharon Listenberger 	25 Merry Christmas 	26	27
28  Ann Kreuzinger	29	30	31 New Year's Eve 			