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2025-2026

January 2026

From Our President *Trish Perna*

A new year always brings a sense of anticipation and possibility, and as we step into 2026, I am filled with excitement for what lies ahead for The Woman's Club of Clayton. January offers us the opportunity to reflect on the accomplishments behind us while looking forward with renewed energy and purpose.

Thanks to your dedication and hard work, we closed out 2025 strongly. Reports and awards are in and being successfully submitted to GFWC-NC, showcasing the incredible impact our club continues to have in our community. These submissions represent countless volunteer hours, club and in-

kind funds, thoughtful planning, and a deep commitment to service—and every member played a role in that success.

As we begin this new year, our calendar is already filled with exciting projects and spectacular fundraisers that support both our mission and the causes we care so deeply about. Our Community Service Programs are beginning to wrap up a busy and rewarding season, and I encourage each of you to jump in wherever your interests and passions lead you. Remember, you are always welcome to participate in projects across all CSPs—there is



truly something for everyone.

Thank you for the energy, heart, and fellowship you bring to this club. I am honored to serve alongside such dedicated women, and I look forward to the second half of our club year of growth, service, and shared accomplishments together.

Wishing you a happy, healthy, and inspiring New Year.

Trish Perna
TWCC President



**JANUARY**

- January 1** Happy New Year
- January 5** ESO
- January 9** Bingo
- January 13** House of Hope meal
- January 14** General Meeting
- January 16** Murder Mystery
- January 17** Murder Mystery
- January 19** Martin Luther King day
- January 19** Night n Gals
- January 20** Exec Board meeting

**December Meeting Highlights****Deborah Fuller****Monthly Meeting****Blessing & Devotional:
Sandy Nesselrode****President's Welcome: Trish Perna**

On behalf of everyone I would like to thank Arts and Culture CSP for hosting us today and doing all of our decorations. It is so beautiful. I want to welcome everyone to our December meeting. A month that always seems to sparkle a little brighter because of the joy, generosity, and spirit of service that define The Woman's Club of Clayton. As we gather today, I want to pause and reflect on what an incredible season this has been. December is often a month of reflection and celebration, and I hope each of you feels proud of what we've accomplished together this year. Our club continues to shine not only because of the projects we complete, but because of the compassion and camaraderie we share. As we enjoy today's meeting, I hope you feel the warmth of the season and the appreciation of your fellow members. May this month bring you peace, joy, and moments of rest. And may we carry this spirit of service with us into a bright and inspiring new year. Thank you for being here, thank you for all you do, and from my heart to yours — happy holidays.

Program: Betsy Grannis

Betsy led the group in a fun, interactive version of "The 12 Days of Christmas," with different tables assigned to sing specific verses. We also played a "pass the gift" game at each table, followed by a group sing-along of "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

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

Nancy introduced new member **Lindsay Tankersley** and guests Jen Butler, Angela Stroud and Cindy Battistella.

Business**Minutes Approval: Trish Perna**

The November meeting minutes were approved as amended.

The approved text clarifies the details of the ESO Book Club's 2025 book project, noting that **Brenda Gay** is the chair, **Robin Sachsenheimer** is the illustrator, and the book features member-read books, poems by **Sandy Nesselrode**, and current member authors **Sandy Nesselrode** and **Lisa Marie Zavala**.

Woman's Suffrage Monument: Trish Perna

A collection was taken for GFWC's assistance with raising funds for The Women's Suffrage Monument Fund.

Angel Tree: Trish Perna

Our budget allows for up to \$125.00 per child for reimbursement. Save your re-

ceipts and give those to **Karen Keeslar** when you drop off gifts or email the receipts ahead of time.

Gifts need to be wrapped, bagged and brought to the clubhouse this Friday, December 12th between 10:30 am and 11:00 am.

Golden Wishes: Trish Perna

If you have not yet delivered your Golden Wishes gifts to the senior assigned to you, please do so in the next few days. Let President Trish know when you have delivered so she can report back to Golden Wishes. Save your receipts and give them to **Karen Keeslar** for reimbursement.

Officers and Committees Reports**1st Vice President: Christie Latham**

Christie reminded CSP chairs to think about which project they'd like to submit for state reporting. Chairs should email her with their chosen project and any accompanying photos.

Arts Festival: Susan Johnson

Susan announced that submissions for the Arts Festival (crafts, visual arts, photography, literature) are due at the January general meeting.

Murder Mystery: Betsy Grannis

Betsy gave an update on our "Murder on the High Seas" dinner fundraiser, scheduled for January 16th & 17th. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased from **Nancy Maynard** with cash/check or online (with a small fee). About half the tickets are sold for each night.

Sign-up sheets are in the back for volunteers to help with food and serving.

CSP, Special Project Reports**ESO: Brenda Gay**

Brenda shared that the book club's project, which documents ESO's reading and activities for the year, is complete and will be submitted for a state award. A copy will be available for viewing at the clubhouse.

Bunco: Julie Ginsler and Donna Steele

Bunko is Back! It will be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 1:00-3:00 PM at the clubhouse. Details of snacks and refreshments are still to be worked out. A sign-up sheet is in the back for interested members.

Education & Libraries CSP:

Members of this committee were asked to meet after the meeting to plan for hosting in January.

Poem: Sandy Nesselrode

Sandy wrote a fun/funny poem that she read to the group.

Health & Wellness CSP

Co Chairs: Tina Zimmerman and Marianne Sapsara



JANUARY

- 1/1 Brenda Gay
- 1/7 Pam McIntosh
- 1/12 Marianne Sapsara
- 1/16 Angela Williams
- 1/17 Robin Sachsenheimer
- 1/20 Amy Hofmann
- 1/22 Joni Koch
- 1/26 Mary Ann Gilbert
- 1/31 Margaret Lee



- Meals for House of Hope (2nd Tuesday)
- Bingo at Senior Ctr (2nd Friday)
- Silent Partners
- Hospitality
- Walking Challenge
- Recipe Makeovers

In Charleston



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!

As we wrap up the year and look forward to new opportunities, we're thrilled to share updates on some amazing programs designed to help us grow, connect, and thrive.



This holiday season, we spread joy through our Christmas Gift Delivery at the Clayton Senior Center. Thanks to the incredible efforts of our members, thirty-seven seniors received thoughtful gifts and warm holiday wishes. It was a beautiful reminder of the power of community and kindness.

Our members also extended care to the House of Hope by providing a delicious meal for the girls and staff. Our support ensured that everyone enjoyed nourishing food and felt the warmth of community.

Thanks to **Sandy Nesselrode** and **Ginny Kennerly** for working with **Debra Beal** on this endeavor.



The Clayton Senior Center for Active Aging was buzzing with excitement as a packed house enjoyed a lively game of Bingo. Laughter, prizes, and great company made this event a true highlight of the day. **Judy Ryan** always leaves the guests wanting more! We're always needing small 'prizes' so please remember to bring those to each meeting.

While still in the planning stage, the Health & Wellness CSP will be partnering with the Junior Woman's League of Smithfield in filling a few Blessing Boxes around town with non-perishable foods to help those in need. Every can, box, and bag contributes to making sure no one goes hungry. Your kindness truly makes a difference. **Marianne Sapsara**

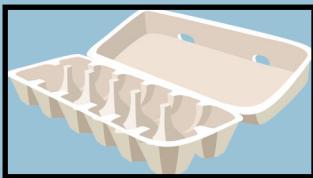
will be finalizing the program plans in the coming months; however, you can make a drop-off any time of year to any of the boxes around town (Fire Stations).



Your support and participation in these programs show what we can achieve together. Let's keep the spirit of giving alive throughout the year.

Environment

Co-Chairs: Sarah Brooks



New Year's resolutions always fall through because people aim too high. You gotta start small, something like 'I'll try my best not to eat the whole pizza by myself!'



QR Code to Order Bricks
President's Special Project



A huge thanks to **Jean Cornell** who has been working on the Fairy Garden. She planted some crocus bulbs and added artificial succulents that look amazing and require much less maintenance. To celebrate Thanksgiving, she added a pumpkin fairy house and then replaced that in December with some Christmas decorations. We also want to thank **Tina Zimmerman** for the Fairy Garden sign. Go by the Community Garden and check it out – it looks amazing! Don't forget to bring *old shoes, wine corks and foam products* to the monthly meetings so they can be recycled!



Education & Libraries CSP

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



I was going to quit all my bad habits for the new year, but then I remembered that nobody likes a quitter!



Scholarship interviews will begin on January 21 and end on January 27. We will be in touch with the high schools that have students with Clayton addresses to set up the individual interviews.

Our committee is very excited about the individual interviews because Clayton has so many gifted children.

If there is someone in our club that has a grandchild or knows of a child in the Clayton area that would be interested in having an interview, please have them get in touch with their high school guidance counselors.

Our first place winner will again receive a one time \$4500 check that will be mailed to the College of their choice and our second

place winner will receive a \$1500 check that will be sent to their in-state college

We also have a Johnston Community College Scholarship that is available to any student that meets the clubs criteria. The scholarship is called the Sybil Champion community scholarship.

Members **Margaret Lee, Bernie Beck and Donna Steele** delivered purses with travel-size cosmetics and gifts to the Pizazz thrift store in Clayton for Harbor Inc. Harbor Inc is a domestic violence and sexual assault agency located in Johnston County.

Night 'N' Gals



The **Night 'N' Gals** will meet via Zoom on MONDAY, January 19 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.

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)

Arts & Culture CSP

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



We would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year. We hope your year is fill with lots of joy, love, and lots of adventures.

The Southern New Years traditions begins on New Years Day with a meal of black eyed peas, greens (collards, turnips, mustard, etc.), pork (fatback, smoked sausage, pork chops, etc.) and cornbread. The black eyed peas are for good luck, the greens are for wealth, the cornbread for good fortune, and the pork is because pigs move forward, not backward, so you learn from the past but keep going forward.

Other New Years traditions around the world include:

Eat 12 grapes at midnight (Spain)

Nochevieja, Spanish for "New Year's Eve," is a tradition from Spain and also a Mexican New Year tradition to bring luck for the next year. At midnight, celebrators eat *las doce uvas de la suerte* (12 grapes for luck) to symbolize the hours on the clock.

Serve oysters and Champagne (France)

A traditional part of French New Year's Eve parties is Le Réveillon de la Saint Sylvestre or Le Réveillon du Nouvel An, a feast that often includes oysters, foie gras, and of course, Champagne. The custom alludes to Aphrodite, the goddess of love and beauty who emerged from the ocean on a beautiful oyster shell.

Dress in polka dots (Philippines)

Like many other cultures, Filipino New Year's traditions involve wishing for good luck and prosperity for the next year. Wearing polka dots is traditionally thought to bring prosperity and wealth since the round shapes look like coins.

Hang onions (Greece)

Welcome good spirits of fortune and fertility into your year by hanging onions above your door. Bonus: You can use them the next day for a delicious Greek New Year's Day meal.

We would like to thank all of our CSP members for all of the help last year. They made no sew blankets, filled coloring bags for the kids at local hospitals. Delivered these items to area nonprofits. They helped kids paint masterpieces at the Clayton Town Market at Horne Square. They set up and decorated for the January and December meeting. They served the meal and cleaned up. They also prepared wonderful desserts. One member presented the program at the January meeting. Thank you ladies.

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!





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

Joni Koch's brother is recovering and should be home by mid January.

Prayers are welcome for the loss of **Robin Sachsenheimer's** sister.

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

Civic Engagement & Outreach CSP

Co-Chairs: Susan Johnson & Karen Keeslar



January 2026 marks the official kickoff of **USA250**, the nationwide commemoration leading up to the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. This historic milestone provides a meaningful opportunity for The Woman's Club of Clayton to celebrate our nation's past while reaffirming our long-standing commitment to civic engagement, education, and community service.

Throughout 2026, USA250 activities across the country will honor the people, events, and ideals that have shaped the United States over the past 250 years. Locally, this initiative aligns closely with our Club's mission to promote informed citizenship, encourage community involvement, and support educational and cultural programs.

As we begin this commemorative year, members will be invited to participate in programs and activities that highlight American history, civic responsibility, and the role of women in shaping our democracy. January's kickoff is just the beginning of what promises to be a year of reflection, learning, and meaningful engagement for our Club and our community.

We look forward to sharing more details in the months ahead and invite all members to join us as we take part in this historic celebration.



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

TWCC Mardi Bras Bash



Did you enjoy the TWCC Halloween Social? Well, get ready for another fun evening when TWCC members will celebrate Mardi Gras with a Mardi Bras Bash!!

Date: Fat Tuesday, February 17, 2026

Time: 6pm-8pm

Location: TWCC Clubhouse

Entry Fee: 1 New Bra to be donated to Harbor House

Food: Each attendee is asked to bring an appetizer or dessert with serving utensils. Members who bring Mardi Gras themed food items will be judged for best-themed item and receive a gift.

Questions: Contact sbrooks@twccnc.org or call/text 984-323-2625

Note: Members only event (no guests or spouses). Sign-up Genius will be used for RSVPs so check your email the first of February.



DOUBLE THE IMPACT.

\$25	→	\$50
\$500	→	\$1000
\$2500	→	\$5000

MATCHING GRANT

HOUSE OF HOPE
GIVING TUESDAY



Instead of saying,
“Happy New Year”,
could we just break it
into months? Like
‘Happy January!’ I
function better with
smaller tasks.



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

ESO Book Club

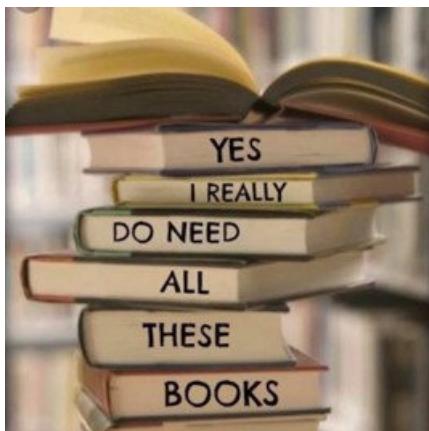
Chair: Brenda Gay



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

Hope in Life
with ESO by Brenda Gay

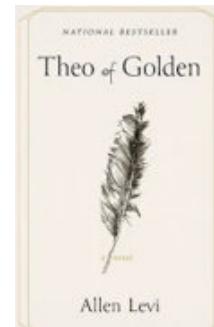


As 2025 comes to an end, the excitement of a brand-new year is in the air. The New Year is all about fresh starts, big dreams, and the joy of turning the page to a new chapter. It's the perfect time to reflect on what you've learned, let go of what no longer serves you, and step into 2026 with hope and confidence.

As your chair of the book club, I'm so grateful to be part of such talented and hardworking ESO members. Your collaboration, positive energy, and

dedication is great. We will continue turning the pages and reporting on the wonderful books we will be reading in 2026 together.

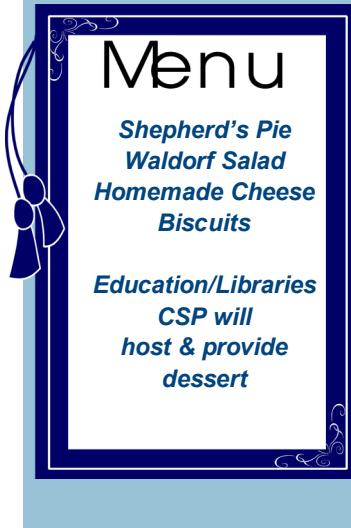
The ESO (Epsilon Sigma Omicron) book club will meet Monday, Jan 5th, 10:00 at The Woman's Club of Clayton. You may come early to enjoy coffee and refreshments.



Our Zoom Book Groups for "Theo of Golden" will be held on the evening of January 26th.

The book is about a mysterious, kind elderly man named Theo who arrives in a small Southern city called Golden and starts a quiet, anonymous campaign of generosity, buying portraits from a coffee shop and returning them to their subjects, which changes lives. It's a story about simple acts of beauty and connection, touching on faith and finding God in everyday moments.

Email **Lynn Wiss** (wisslyneso@gmail.com) to reserve a spot so she can send you the Zoom link.



Building Hope.
Changing Lives.
Restoring Families.

www.houseofhopeofnc.org

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

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!

'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

Here's to an amazing new year that we're starting out a little bit older, a little bit fatter, and somehow, none the wiser.



**NOTHING IS AS
STRONG AS THE HEART
OF A VOLUNTEER**

JIMMY DOLITTLE

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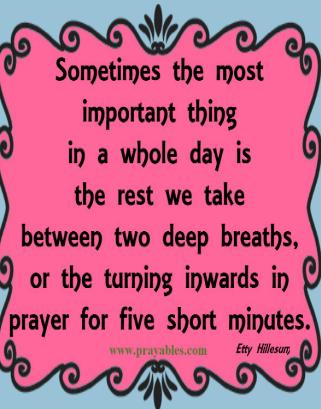
SMITHFIELD — Soon, children taken from their homes because of abuse or neglect will have a safe, comforting place to stay while awaiting a foster home.

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.

Fundraising—Murder Mystery

Co-Chairs: Betsy Grannis, Nancy Maynard, Margaret Lee



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



Our 'Set Sail for Disaster' Murder Mystery Dinner is coming up next month -January 16th and 17th - and we are so excited! Tickets are \$40 each and you can purchase them on the website (with an additional \$1.50 processing fee) or call **Nancy Maynard** for tickets without the fee at (815) 274-4446. Hurry and do this soon, as tickets are going fast!! As of this writing, there are only 15 tickets left for the Friday event and 4 tickets for Saturday.

We have had a wonderful response to our request for help and can't thank everyone enough for their willingness to help out. We also are thankful for those who have volunteered to contribute food for our event. If you are making a hot food for our dinner, we will have the aluminum pans that we want you to use available at our January meeting. It is important for you to bring your food in these containers so that we can keep everything warm in our hotbox. If you did not receive your recipe or instructions for your item, please let Betsy know so that she can get that to you.

Please see the next page in the newsletter for the signup sheets so that you can recall which item(s) you have volunteered to bring. If you haven't signed up to volunteer and can help us out, please let **Betsy** know.

If you are cooking something for the evening, we ask that you bring it hot to the clubhouse between 5pm and 5:30pm. If you are volunteering to work for the evening, we ask that you wear a white shirt and black pants (if you happen to have them) and comfortable shoes and arrive at the clubhouse by 5:30pm. We should be done with clean up (and resetting on Friday night) by 9:30pm-ish.

If you have any questions about working or cooking, please reach out to

Friday Night – January 16th Volunteers

Debra & Lance Beal	Barbara Rossway	Deborah Fuller	Patti Farmer
Ann Kreuzinger	Sarah Brooks	Rebecca Seroka	Denise Rogatnick
Susan Johnson	Brenda Hill	Brenda Gay	Donna Steele
Bernie Beck	Tina Zimmerman	Susan & Lou Mancuso	

Saturday Night – January 17th Volunteers

Susan & Lou Mancuso	Susan Johnson	Brenda Hill	Brenda Gay
Joni Koch	Judy Ryan	Marlene Dillon	Marianne Sapsara
Sandy Nesselrode	Maria Davis	Kari Murray	Nancy Berquist
Rosemary Confrey	Joyce Born	Pam McIntosh	Amy Hufmann

Fundraising—Murder Mystery

Co-Chairs: Betsy Grannis, Nancy Maynard, Margaret Lee



To a New Year full of new possibilities, even though I'm sure we'll just do the same old stuff anyway.



GENERAL GIVING AWARENESS SERVICES ASSISTANCE
CHARITY ALTRUISTIC LIFE VOLUNTEER TIME
COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION RESCUE SUPPORT HOPE DONATIONS
ADULT ASSISTED RESCUE SUPPORT HOPE TEAMWORK PERSON

Friday Night – January 16th FOOD

ICE – 2 bags	Barbara Rossway
SWEET TEA – 2 gallons	Judy Ryan
UNSWEET TEA – 2 gallons	Debbie Ragland
SALAD FIXINS	Patti Farmer & Deborah Fuller
PORK TENDERLOIN (2 each)	Marianne Sapsara, Susan Mancuso, Mary Ellen Causby
PEAS & CARROTS	Julie Ginsler & Debi Beal
POTATO CASSEROLE	Susan Johnson x2 & Tina Zimmerman
ROLLS - #60	Ann Kreuzinger
BUTTER BALLS	Debi Beal
CHOCOLATE CAKE	Sandy Nesselrode & Mary Ann Gilbert
LEMON POUND CAKE	Joyce Born & Betsy Grannis

Saturday Night – January 17th FOOD

ICE – 2 bags	Marlene Dillon
SWEET TEA – 2 gallons	Connie May
UNSWEET TEA – 2 gallons	Ginny Kennerly
SALAD FIXINS	Jean Cornell & Margaret Lee
PORK TENDERLOIN	Judy Ryan x3, Maria Davis, Kari Murray, Nancy Berquist
PEAS & CARROTS	Jean Cornell, Judy Ryan
POTATO CASSEROLE	Trish Perna x2 & Maria Davis
ROLLS - #60	Bernie Beck
BUTTER BALLS	Debbi Beal
CHOCOLATE CAKE	Sarah Brooks x2
LEMON POUND CAKE	Betsy Grannis x2

Art Festival

Chairs: Susan Johnson



It is time for 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 membership meeting and **Carrole Dayton** will collect them for the event. **Margaret Lee** will collect the literature entries. Our committee members have contacted the schools and will have their entries collected as well. We will need assistance the night of the Festival (February 5th) to provide refreshments for the event. There will be a sign-up sheet available at our January meeting with a list of items needed and slots to work the event. Thanks for all your help.



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



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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 appliquéd)

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 (appliquéd, 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

Volunteer



Before I agree to 2026, I need to see the terms and conditions!



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



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

Lindsay Tankersley— she will be working with Health & Wellness

If your picture has not appeared in the newsletter please seek me out at the next meeting...I'm the one taking all the pictures.



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

**Recipes Provided
by
Angella Williams
and Betsy Grannis**



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

February—Superbowl
Dips

Send your favorite recipes to
jaryan612@gmail.com

IT IS ALWAYS THE SIMPLE THAT PRODUCES THE MARVELOUS.
AMELIA BARR

Recipe Corner



Potato Soup for 2

INGREDIENTS

2 slices bacon
1 cup chopped onions
2 cloves garlic
2 cup low sodium chicken broth
2 medium Russet potatoes—peeled & cubed
1 tsp kosher salt
1/2 tsp coarsely ground black pepper
1 cup milk
2 tsp all purpose flour
1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese
2 green onions, sliced



DIRECTIONS

In a 2-quart saucepan over medium heat, cook the bacon until crisp. Transfer to a paper towel-lined plate to cool, then crumble.

Sauté the onions and garlic in the bacon drippings until softened, about 3 minutes.

Add the broth, potatoes, salt, and pepper. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat and simmer for 10 minutes, or until the potatoes are tender.

In a small bowl, whisk the milk and flour until smooth. Stir into the soup and bring to a gentle boil. Cook, stirring often, for about 2 minutes, or until thickened.

Remove from heat and stir in the cheese until melted.

Pour into a bowl and top with crumbled bacon & green onions. Serve right away.

Broccoli Salad

INGREDIENTS

Salad Ingredients:
5 cups fresh broccoli florets, cut into small pieces
1/2 cup raisins
1/2 cup sunflower seeds
1/2 cup cooked, crumbled bacon (I use Real Bacon Bits)
1/2 cup red onion, chopped
1 cup frozen peas, thawed



Dressing Ingredients:

1 cup mayonnaise
2 Tbsp apple cider vinegar
1/2 cup granulated sugar

DIRECTIONS

Combine broccoli florets, raisins, sunflower seeds, bacon bits, chopped onion and peas in a large bowl.

To make dressing: in a separate bowl, whisk together mayonnaise, vinegar, and sugar.

Add the dressing to the salad and toss to mix well.

Chill thoroughly before serving. The broccoli will condense as it sits in the dressing so you may need to drain off the dressing before serving. Serves 4-6

January 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1  Happy New Year Brenda Gay	2	3
4	5  ESO	6	7  Pam McIntosh	8	9  Bingo	10
11	12  Marianne Sapsara	13  House of Hope meal	14  General Meeting	15	16  Angela Williams	17  Robin Sachsenheimer
18	19  Night n Gals Martin Luther King day	20  Amy Hofmann Exec Board meeting	21 	22  Joni Koch	23	24
25	26  Mary Ann Gilbert	27	28	29	30	31  Margaret Lee