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May 2026

From Our President

Trish Perna

As we step into May, I find myself reflecting on what an incredible and rewarding season this has been for our club. Our Spring Fling Brunch and Fashion Show was not only a huge hit and a lot of fun, but it also made a meaningful impact, with proceeds benefiting Isaiah 117 House. It was a beautiful example of what we can accomplish when we come together with purpose and heart.

I would also like to extend our congratulations to **Templa Stewart** of the Clayton Junior Woman's Club for being named Runner-Up in the GFWC-NC LEADS Program. This is a wonderful achievement, and we are proud to celebrate her success and the continued strength of leadership within our community.

As we are moving into an important time for club business, I encourage each of you to take time to review the proposed budget. The budget is once again included in this newsletter. If you have any questions, please reach out to **Karen Keeslar** prior to our vote at the May meeting. Your commitment and understanding are vital as we make decisions that shape the future of our club.

Please remember that our May meeting is our annual business session, and we will not be hosting guests. This meeting is also one of our favorite traditions—a covered dish gathering! We ask that all attending members bring a favorite or signature dish to

share as we enjoy fellowship together.

In addition, we will be hosting a silent auction, and we kindly ask you to bring your gently used items for donation on Tuesday, May 12th between 10:30 and 11:00 a.m. To ensure everything runs smoothly, please do not bring items on Wednesday. If you're unable to drop off during that time, please coordinate with a fellow member or contact a member of the Executive Board to make alternate arrangements. This silent auction is our final fund raiser for this year. Let's make it successful while *cleaning our closets*, so to speak!

I am especially proud to hear that our TWCC scholarship winner, Isabella (Issy) Sholar, has gone on to be selected as the state scholarship recipient. This is an incredible achievement, and we congratulate her on this well-deserved honor.

One of the most exciting parts of this meeting is the opportunity to look ahead. Our 1st Vice President, **Christie Latham**, will have forms available for members interested in switching Community Service Programs—but even more importantly, this is your chance to step into something new. Whether you've been considering a leadership role, serving on a committee, or simply getting more involved, this is your chance. Your ideas, talents, and enthusiasm are what



keep this club strong and thriving, and we encourage you to take the next step in shaping our future.

As this is our final meeting of the fiscal year, it's a time to celebrate all that we've accomplished together. Your dedication, compassion, and commitment have made this a truly impactful and productive year. After May, we will enjoy a well-earned summer break—but not without carrying forward the pride and momentum of everything we've achieved.

Finally, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our incoming administration. I know this club will continue to thrive under your leadership, and I look forward to supporting you in the year ahead. It has been an absolute honor to serve as your President for the past two years. Thank you for your trust, your support, and the opportunity to lead such an incredible group of women.

Let's close out this club year with energy, intention, and just a little extra sparkle. I look forward to celebrating with all of you at our May meeting!





MAY

May 1
May Day

May 4
ESO

May 8
Downtown Concert

May 10
Mothers Day

May 10
Puppet Rehearsal

May 12
House of Hope meal

May 13
General Meeting

May 18
Night n Gals

May 19
Exec Board meeting

May 20
Puppet Rehearsal

May 22
Dillard's Shopping

May 25
Memorial Day

May 26
Bunco



Trish Perna, Betsy Grannis, Patty Jo Johnson, & Templa Stewart attending GFWC State Conference in Durham.

March Meeting Highlights

Deborah Fuller

Monthly Meeting

Blessing & Devotional: Sandy Nesselrode

President's Welcome: Trish Perna

Thank you to CEO for helping the Executive Board with today's meeting. Thank you to all of you for being here, for your continued dedication, and for everything you do to make our club so special. Let's have a great meeting!

Scholarship Winners: Ginny Kennerly

Ginny emphasized that all the winners are top scholars in their classes with extensive extracurricular involvement and have overcome obstacles.

Ginny thanked the members of the scholarship selection committee, **Sarah Brooks** and **Margaret Lee** for their efforts. They interviewed 14 candidates from several high schools during January to select the winners.

Winner of the Sallie Southhall Cotten Scholarship: Isabella Scholar is from Cleveland High School. Isabella will attend the UNC Chapel Hill with a goal of becoming an attorney.

First Runner-Up of the Sallie Southhall Cotten Scholarship: Sophia Pak from Johnston County Early College Academy. Sophia will attend the UNC Chapel Hill with a goal of becoming a nurse practitioner.

Winner of the Sybil Champion Community College Scholarship: Evelyn Paloma Rodriguez is from Corinth Holders High School. Evelyn will attend Johnston County Community College to pursue a career in criminology.

Welcome New Members and guests: **Nancy Maynard** **Nancy** introduced our guests and asked them to briefly share a little about themselves. Guests: **Sharon Humphrey**, **Kelly Reitzammer**, Beth Reitzammer, Deborah Ritchey, Jane Saternis, and M'Lea Peak.

Business

Minutes Approval: March Minutes Approved

GFWC State Conference in Durham: Trish Perna

The call went out to all members; the early bird deadline has passed but you can still register if you would like to attend. I am happy to send the link out to anyone that needs it. Let me know.

Bylaws changes: Trish Perna

The recommendations from the Bylaws committee went to the Executive Board for review and were placed in the April newsletter for the membership to review. A vote was called for and passed.

Budget: Trish Perna

The budget was in the newsletter this month and will be in the May newsletter also. Please review them and contact **Karen Keeslar** with questions or concerns prior to the vote at our Annual Business Meeting in May.

May Meeting: Trish Perna

Our Annual Business meeting will be a potluck lunch and our final fundraiser for the year - our club silent auction. If you have something gently used that you would like to donate, please be prepared to drop off prior to the meeting. More information to come regarding dropping off your item(s). Please bring a covered dish of your choice. The Executive Board will be hosting, and Arts & Culture (CSP) will be assisting the Board with setup.

Officers and Committees Reports

2nd VP: **Nancy Maynard**: Clubwoman Awards

Nancy thanked her committee, **Sarah Brooks**, **Deborah Fuller**, and **Patty Jo Johnson**.

Nancy presented the awards to our 2025 winners: **Susan Johnson**, Clubwoman of the Year; Clubwoman with Heart, **Marianne Sapsara**; Outstanding Citizenship & Patriotism, **Emily Stocks**.

Nominating Committee: Trish Perna

The new administration is as follows:
President - **Karen Keeslar**

1st Vice President - **Christie Latham**
2nd Vice President - **Nancy Maynard**
Recording Secretary - **Kari Murray**
Corresponding Secretary - **Teresa Chicarelli**
Treasurer - **Sarah Brooks**

Corresponding Secretary: **Susan Johnson**
Susan shared thank you notes from **Betsy Grannis** and **Dianne Carroll**. She asked that we continue to pray for **Melea Basom**, **Brenda Gay** and **Tina Zimmerman**.

Taste of Carolina: Karen Keeslar

A total of 102 thank-you notes have been sent to participating businesses, restaurants, and committee members. The event's budgeted goal was to raise \$30,000. The final amount raised was \$32,778.

The venue, "The Farm," has been booked for the 2027 event.

Outreach to restaurants for the next event has already begun.

Spring Fling & Fashion Show Event: Sarah Brooks

Volunteers are still needed.

The event will feature a fashion show with models who have selected outfits from Dillard's.

Tickets are still available for purchase.

Food is being prepared by the First Baptist Church men. The net proceeds from the event will be donated to Isaiah 117 House of Johnston County located in Selma, which supports children awaiting placement in foster care.

CSP, Special Project Reports

ESO: Marianne Sapsara

The ESO book club discussed "Remarkably Bright Creatures," which is being adapted into a Netflix movie starring Sally Field, set to release on May 8th.

Health & Wellness CSP: Marianne Sapsara

A blessing box bag is available in the back for food contributions.

The group supports three local blessing boxes.

Volunteers can sign up individually or as a CSP to stock the boxes at their convenience.

The provided list of items costing around \$25 can fully stock one box.

Contributions are especially needed this week due to children being on spring break and missing school meals. The need is also greater during the summer months.

Tina Zimmerman, who spoke in February about her heart condition, is now on the heart transplant list after her condition deteriorated. She is currently in the ICU at Duke Hospital awaiting a heart.

A message from **Tina** was shared, expressing gratitude for cards received and asking for prayers for a suitable donor heart and for the donor's family.

The pinwheels in front of our building are being displayed for the month of April to bring attention to and acknowledge child abuse awareness month.

Join us April 20th for a walk in Dix Park to see the Trolls. Sign-up sheet is on the back table.

Civic Engagement and Outreach (CSP): Karen Keeslar

Last year we bought three flags for \$250 from the Rotary Club and dedicated them to Lee Hudson, who was the past president of the Rotary Club. He started this event; he was the owner of Hudson's Hardware. This year we're asking the club to nominate people. Our committee will determine who we select if we have more than three names. And as an example, somebody said **Joyce Blackley** who owned a business on Main Street and was a solid member of the Woman's Club for many years. That's an example of the kind of names that we're looking for. Please email or call **Karen**, **Joni Koch** or **Susan Johnson** with your suggestions.

America 250 festivities: Robin Sachsenhiemer

The Johnstonian News announced that Smithfield/Johnston County will commemorate the 250th anniversary of the U.S. in 2026. The main event is the America 250 Fair on June 27th from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Johnston Community College. The fair will include a puppet show by The Woman's Club of Clayton.

The play (written by **Robin**) is based on real people from Johnston County and aims to be educational for children. Other organizations, including book clubs and the tobacco museum, have expressed interest in hosting the show. **Robin** asked for more volunteers. Please reach out to her if you can help with this event.

Health & Wellness CSP

Co Chairs: Tina Zimmerman and Marianne Sapsara



MAY

- 5/19 Margaret DiNubila
- 5/21 Marie Maiorana
- 5/22 Deborah Newman
- 5/26 Cristy Hoskins
- 5/27 Carletha Koonce



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!

The Health & Wellness CSP sponsored a visit with the amazing Trolls inhabiting Dix Park in Raleigh on April 20th.

Marianne Sapsara, Nancy Maynard, Patti Farmer, Debi Beal, Betty Francies, and Judy Ryan put on their hiking shoes and did a meet-and-greet with all five Trolls and then finished off the event with an outdoor lunch at The House of Many Porches. H&W will again be sponsoring an easy stroll through downtown Clayton to see some of the new sculptures on October 7th so keep an eye out for that announcement.



We are so thankful that our amazing Lord has his healing hands on H&W Co-Chair, **Tina Zimmerman**, while she waited for a heart donor. Our blessings and prayers were finally answered on April 22nd when a matching donor heart arrived and she underwent transplant surgery. **Tina** is still recovering at Duke and will hopefully be joining us when her doctors give her the thumbs-up. Our prayers are extended to the gracious donor family; a life lives on with a different view. Please consider being an organ/blood donor.



The residents and staff at House of Hope were treated to a pizza dinner with gooey dessert in April. Thanks to **Judy Ryan** for sidestepping the salad that she usually provides and delivered what they really wanted...PIZZA!! **Julie Ginsler** will be providing dinner in May; the June meal is compliments of **Sarah Brooks, Debi Beal** will whip up something special in July; August is hosted by **Jayne Hafer**; and **Joyce Born's** culinary delights will be enjoyed in September. Thanks to everyone who has signed up. The sign-up sheet will be on the back table at our May meeting.

Your generous donations of non-perishable foods have been put to good use in the Blessing Boxes. Please go through your pantry and pull out any extras that you have or consider purchasing a few extra items when you do your shopping.

Marianne Sapsara will have a basket on the back table for all donations at the May meeting. You can also stuff the boxes yourself during the summer months. Locations are at the fire stations on East Hwy 42, Downtown on West Horne St, and in front of the Community Garden on Main Street. As we head into the summer months, school kids are especially in need since schools may not be able to provide as they do during the school year.



Once again, **Judy Ryan** brought smiles and Bingo prizes to the Clayton Center for Active Aging in April. We can always use small items to give as prizes so save those items when you do your spring cleaning and bring them to the meetings when we resume in September.



It is such a blessing when prayers are answered!

Michael Grannis husband of **Betsy Grannis** continues to battle the Big C. But he is finally home after a long stay in the hospital. He could still use your prayers.

Keep **Brenda Gay** in your thoughts as she recovers from a recent episode.

Tina Zimmerman's doctors have located a heart donor and she has had transplant surgery. She is still in the hospital and will be for a while but please continue your prayers for her recovery.

Malea Basom has had knee surgery and is recovering but please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

ATTENTION

Please make sure that the storm door on the clubhouse is closed properly and latched when entering and exiting the clubhouse. The wind gusts catch the door when improperly closed and throws the door open beyond it's intended arc.

Thanks for your help.

Angela Williams-
Clubhouse Committee

Civic Engagement & Outreach CSP

Co-Chairs: Susan Johnson & Karen Keeclar



The Civic Engagement & Outreach CSP is pleased to share that The Woman's Club of Clayton is participating in this year's Flags for Heroes program sponsored by the Rotary Club of Clayton. On behalf of the entire Club, a **\$250 donation** has been made, designating TWCC as a **Corporate Silver Sponsor**.

With input from the Executive Board, Civic Engagement & Outreach selected three heroes to be honored through this display. Each of these individuals will be honored with a commemorative medallion displayed on one of the Club's sponsored flags in the Leigh Hudson Field of Honor.

Belle Allen

Belle Allen's life was marked by servanthood and many organizations recognized Belle's commitment to service through the years. She was active in The Woman's Club of Clayton and served as Chaplain and as Chairman of the Education & Libraries CSP. Belle was a former Clayton Citizen of the Year, an Educational Office Professional of the Year, and the recipient of the first Johnston County Democratic Women's Lacy Ruth Coates Award for Outstanding Citizenship. Governor Jim Hunt named **Belle** to the Order of the Long Leaf Pine for providing extraordinary service to the state of North Carolina and her community. Her legacy reflects the very spirit of service and neighborly care that defines our town.

Joyce Blackley

Joyce Blackley thrived on being involved in her community and helping others. She served as Secretary of Cooper Middle School PTA, served in various capacities as a member of the Woman's Club of Clayton, the Clayton Chamber of Commerce (President in 1980), the Clayton Rotary Club, the Halcyon Book Club, the Clayton Downtown Development Association, and Women in Networking. Whether through volunteer efforts or her support of local initiatives, she consistently worked to uplift others and strengthen the bonds within our community.

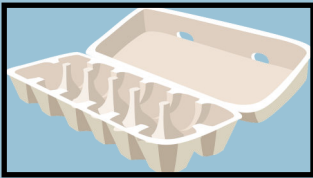
Jim Quinn

Jim Quinn is honored for his dedication, leadership, and service. Known for his willingness to step forward and contribute wherever needed, Jim has made a meaningful difference through his involvement and support of causes that benefit others.

The Woman's Club of Clayton is proud to honor these three individuals whose lives have exemplified service, generosity, and community spirit. Their names will be displayed for all to see, serving as a reminder of the positive impact one person can have.

Environment

Chair: Sarah Brooks



The Environment CSP plans to work with the girls at House of Hope to plant their vegetable garden so they can enjoy fresh vegetables throughout the summer. **Trish Perna** is heading up this effort so if you are interested in helping, please let **Trish** know.

Key Environmental Dates in May - August

- May 20: World Bee Day
- May 23: World Turtle Day
- June 1: World Reef Day
- June 5: World Environment Day
- June 8: World Oceans Day
- June 25: World Decarbonisation Day
- July 28: World Nature Conservation Day
- August 15: National Honey Bee Day

Do not forget to bring *old shoes, wine corks, and foam products* to the monthly meetings so they can be recycled.

Save the Date:



Community Shred Event
 May 9th, 10am-Noon
 New Parking Lot by Percy Flowers Store (4879 Hwy 42 East)



QR Code to Order Bricks
President's Special Project

Flags For Heroes
 May 24 - June 20, 2026
 Veterans Blvd. in
 Clayton next to UNC
 Johnston Health

Sponsor flags in honor of your hero(es)!

To learn more and sponsor flags visit:
claytonrotaryclub.org



Education & Libraries CSP

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



The Education & Libraries CSP were pleased to have the 2026 TWCC Scholarship winners and their families attend the April General Membership Meeting. **Ginny Kennerly** thanked the Scholarship Committee which consists of **Margaret Lee, Sarah Brooks, and Ginny**. The process of awarding the scholarships was very tedious as there were so many qualified and gifted candidates. The first prize Sallie Southhall Cotten scholarship was awarded to Isabella Scholar from Cleveland High School. She will be attending UNC-Chapel Hill in the fall. First runner up for the Sallie Southhall Cotten scholarship was Sophia Pak from Johnston County Early College Academy. Sophie will also be attending UNC-Chapel Hill. The winner of the Sybil Champion Community College scholarship goes to Evelyn Paloma Rodriguez from Corinth Holder High School. She will be attending JCC in the fall. All of the applicants not only had impressive GPS's but also had extensive extracurricular involvement. Congratulations to this year's winners.



Isabel Scholar



Sophia Pak



Evelyn Paloma Rodriguez



If you don't find your nametag on the back table at the meetings please see **Nancy Maynard** to have one made.



ESO Book Club

Chair: Brenda Gay



Betsy Grannis, Patty Jo Johnson, and Templa Stewart, from the Clayton Juniors attended GFWC-NC state convention April 24-25 in Durham. The ESO breakfast was led by **Lynn Wiss** and Clayton received 6 certificates for reading this past year. The amendment was approved to no longer send in written reports for the first 4 levels of ESO. Just need book title, author and genre. Members present at the breakfast shared their favorite books this past year. There will be a ZOOM ESO meeting statewide June 2 at 11:45 and 7:00. **Lynn** will share this information with everyone later. Next ESO meeting will be May 4 at 11:00. Restaurant TBD. Enjoy reading this summer!!



Health and Wellness

Walking Challenge through Dix Park with the Trolls



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
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Puppet Show

chair: Robin Sachsenheimer

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)

Let's all tip our "Tricorn" hats to **Robin Sachsenheimer** for her extraordinary dedication in perfecting our 250th anniversary celebration through the Revolutionary War puppet show. With creativity, care, and countless hours of work, Robin not only wrote the script that brought the story to life, but also sewed each costume by hand, ensuring every character looked authentic and memorable. Her talent, attention to detail, and commitment to excellence transformed an ambitious idea into a standout tribute to our history, and her contributions will be remembered as a defining part of this milestone anniversary.

Below are the puppet assignments and the cutest Johnston County residents from a bygone era.



<u>Puppet Name</u>	<u>Member</u>
Archibald Artis	Karen Keesler
Governor Benjamin Williams	Ginny Kennedy
Mrs. Elizabeth Jones Williams	Joyce Born
Benjamin Williams	Teresa Chicarelli
Sarah	Nancy Maynard
Mom	Margaret Lee
Dog	Betty Francis
Chicken	Julie Ginsler
Pig	MLea Peak
John Tarver	Marianne Sapsara
Tom Holliman	Judy Ryan
Tommy Holliman, Jr.	Deborah Fuller
Mary Artis	Debra Beal
Luke	Patty Farmer
Mark	Brenda Hill

Set-Up Helpers – Susan Mancuso, Donna Steele

Tear Down – All those that can help at the end.

Night 'N' Gals



The **Night 'N' Gals** will meet via Zoom on **MONDAY, May 18th** 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.

Clubwomen Awards



Susan Johnson



Marianne Sapsara



Emily Stocks

The Woman’s Club of Clayton honors 3 deserving women annually. Congratulations to all these deserving women!!!

Clubwoman of the Year – this award is given to honor a clubwoman who has given of her time, talents, interest, organizational efforts, and active participation to render outstanding service through GFWC-NC. Clubwoman of the Year Annually a TWCC member is elected to receive this award. The 2025/2026 Clubwoman of the Year Award is **Susan Johnson**.

Clubwoman with Heart - this award is for a clubwoman, who by her efforts, provides the ‘heart’ for her club. It is not to be given based on community or club involvement, but rather to the person who best exemplifies the words of the Collect for Clubwomen. The 2025/2026 Clubwoman with Heart is **Marianne Sapsara**.

Clubwoman with Outstanding Citizenship and Patriotism – this award is to recognize a clubwoman for outstanding work in citizenship and patriotism. The 2025/2026 Clubwoman with Outstanding Citizenship and Patriotism is **Emily Stocks**.



Menu

Pot Luck

Exec Board to host
with Arts & Culture
assisting

GFWC Legislative Alert: Support Early Detection of Alzheimer’s

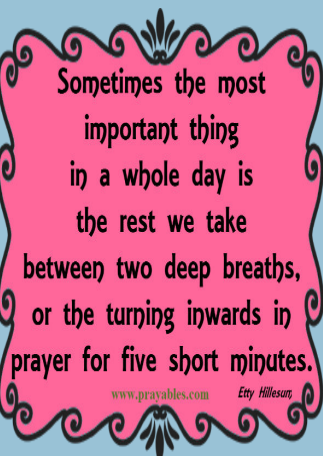
This is a “mammogram moment” for Alzheimer’s. The FDA has approved a simple blood test to detect Alzheimer’s and related dementia. The ASAP Act would allow Medicare to cover the cost of the blood test to detect Alzheimer’s before symptoms appear. The AADAPT Act will provide funding for virtual dementia education and training for primary care providers. These bills will help patients and their families make better informed treatment decisions, have access to new treatments, and obtain more support for families.

Please urge Congress to act! Join the GFWC Legislative Action Center NOW. If you are already registered, please respond to the Alert.

Thank you so much for your support.

Fundraising—SPRING FLING

Co-Chairs: Sarah Brooks & Dianne Carroll



Thank you to the many ladies in TWCC who played a part in the success of the Spring Fling Brunch & Fashion Event, including helping to sell tickets for the event. Special thanks to the 33 club members recognized below who assisted in a variety of ways to make the event successful. It truly takes a village. Apologies in advance for members who helped and are not recognized below. **Dianne Carroll and Sarah Brooks**, Co-chairs of the event, are proud to announce that **Isaiah 117 in Selma will receive \$6000** in funds raised for this event!!

Thank you models who went to Dillard's and tried on a variety of clothing and selected amazing outfits to model during the show - you all looked amazing and hopefully you had fun doing it! So, thank you **Trish Perna, Patti Farmer, Tiffany Boyd, Jackie Evans, Debi Beal, Nancy Conte, Robin Sachsenheimer, and Becky Stewart's** lovely daughter Georgia Stewart. We are also thankful for models Elaine Johnson and Jessica Collins from First Baptist Church of Clayton.

Thank you **Karen Kessler** for - where do we begin! Sharing your mother's beautiful jewelry and scarves for the models to wear, cutting out the forms for the centerpieces and purchasing the black foam cubes, getting needed supplies from the storage room, making directional signs, monitoring ticket sales, purchasing a floor length mirror for the models to use, offering a custom charcuterie board in the Silent Auction, helping promote the event, working with Old Fashioned Ice Cream, answering numerous phone calls from Sarah!

Thank you **Val Taylor** for designing the flyers, program and tickets and setting up ticket sales on the website.

Thank you **Deborah Fuller** for getting the UPS Store on Shotwell Rd to print the programs at no charge.

Thank you **Deborah Fuller, Judy Ryan and Brenda Hill** for the use of your clothing racks.

Thank you **Brenda Hill** for being an excellent Stage Manager! The show flowed beautifully!!

Thank you **Patty Jo Johnson, Deborah Ritchey, Lindsay Tankersley and Judy Ryan** for assisting the models.

Thank you **CSP and ESO** members for the wonderful baskets that were included in the silent auction. A total of **\$1420** was raised from the silent auction!

Thank you member husbands, **Bill Brooks (Sarah Brooks), Mike Pratt (Judy Ryan), and Lance Beal (Debi Beal)** for helping with set up, Lance helped Debi select clothing and Mike and Bill helped escort models to and from the stage.

Thank you to the following who helped with set up: **Ginny Kennerly, Patti Farmer, Judy Ryan, Becky Stewart, Karen Kessler, Karla Rajca, Deborah Fuller, Sandy Nesselrode, Nancy Conte, Marlene Dillon.**

Thank you to the following who made wonderful cookies to go with Old Fashioned Ice Cream: **Joyce Born, Becky Stewart, Marianne Sapsara, Robin Sachsenheimer, Deborah Fuller, Judy Ryan, Mary Ann Gilbert, Bernie Beck, Betty Francies.**

Thank you **Becky Stewart** for working with Corinth-Holders on the figurines.

Thank you **Val Taylor, Karen Kessler and Ginny Kennerly** for judging the figurine centerpieces. The first and second place winners were both from Cleveland High School.

Thank you **Margaret Lee and Angela Williams** for collecting tickets at the door and **Deborah Ritchey** for showing patrons to their seats.

Thank you **Brenda Hill, Margaret DiNubila, Marlene Dillon and Rosemary Confrey** for assisting with the Silent Auction.

Thank you **Judy Ryan** for checking out Silent Auction winners.

Thank you **Susan Johnson and Nancy Maynard** for assisting patrons with their beverages.

Thank you **Ginny Kennerly, Deborah Fuller, Becky Stewart, Marianne Sapsara** for collecting plates and flatware.

Thank you **Susan Johnson, Ginny Kennerly, Val Taylor, Patti Farmer, Becky Stewart, Brenda Hill, Kathy Ellen, Jackie Evans, Marianne Sapsara, Deborah Fuller** and any other members who pitched in to help with clean up.

Thank you **Patti Farmer, Val Taylor and Ginny Kennerly** for washing linens

Fundraising—SPRING FLING

Co-Chairs: Sarah Brooks & Dianne Carroll

Net proceeds benefit

Isaiah 117

changing the way foster care begins



Dillard's

The Style of Your Life.



Fundraising—SPRING FLING
Co-Chairs: Sarah Brooks & Dianne Carroll



Dillard's
The Style of Your Life.



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The Style of Your Life.



From the President



Things to bring to the September meeting:

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

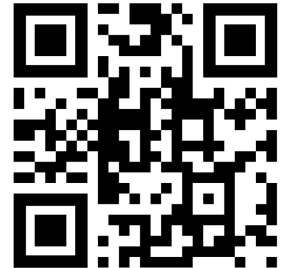


In the event of illness or bereavement, members are encouraged to contact Susan Johnson if assistance is needed with meals, errands, etc.
 Call/Text 919-522-7746 or email gr8100rn@aol.com

I have done some calculations with the help of AI for the price per brick. This is for 650 bricks at \$47.97 each . I am moving the brick price down to \$50.00, leaving a few dollars per brick for a buffer on install costs. Thank you to **Susan Johnson** for calling out the math issue. I think I was referencing their fundraising price ranges when I initially priced it. The members that have already purchased will receive a refund of \$25.00.

Cost Breakdown:

Brick & Engraving @ 650 bricks	\$ 24,700.00
Sales Tax	\$ 1,729.00
Labor for Install	\$ 4,750.00
Total Cost	\$31, 179.00



Kelly Reitammer (not pic yet)

Kelly will be sharing her talents with Arts & Culture. She will also be spending time with the Night n Gals.

Sharon Humphrey (no pic yet)

Sharon will be working with Civic Engagement & Outreach

If your picture has not been featured in the newsletter, please seek **Judy Ryan** or **Sarah Brooks** out at the next meeting so we can get a pic! Or you can send me a selfie to jaryan612@gmail.com





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Join the Health and Wellness Blessing Box Initiative



Health and Wellness is launching a new project, and your participation is encouraged. We have pledged to fill three Blessing Boxes in the Clayton area once a month. These boxes are conveniently located at the Main Street Community Garden, Fire Station #1 on Horne Street, and Fire Station #2 on Highway 42 E. A sign-up sheet will be available at every meeting for those interested in helping.

We invite you to sign up for a month that fits your schedule, either as an individual or as a Community Service Project (CSP). You can choose to fill one Blessing Box or all three during your selected month. There is no set schedule for restocking; simply replenish the boxes as you are able. If you prefer not to deliver food yourself, we will provide a bag at each meeting to collect non-perishable items. Additionally, you are welcome to drop off food whenever you are passing by and have items in your car. Please know that anything you add to the boxes will be used quickly, often within a day, as food insecurity remains a significant challenge in our community.

Thank you for your generosity and support in helping to reduce hunger in our area. The following items are especially needed and appreciated:

- Canned vegetables (4)
- Boxes of pasta (2)
- Tomato sauce (jars) or canned tomatoes (2)
- Boxes of mac and cheese (2)
- Packages of ramen (4)
- Canned chicken or tuna (2)
- Bags or boxes of rice (2)
- Cans of soup (2)
- Breakfast bars or granola bars (4)
- Peanut butter (1 jar)
- Jelly (1 jar)
- Cereal or grits (1 box)
- Laundry soap (1)
- Toilet paper (1 pack)
- Other hygiene items (pads, tampons, shampoo, deodorant, etc.)

To give some perspective, **Tina Zimmerman** was able to purchase all of the items listed above (with the exception of toilet paper and hygiene products) from Walmart for approximately \$24. This cost demonstrates that filling the Blessing Boxes can be a shared effort between individuals or a CSP. Every contribution makes a difference and is deeply appreciated.

The Woman’s Club of Clayton is making a meaningful impact in our community by funding special projects. This year, the Club allocated **\$15,000** to support initiatives that enhance the quality of life in Clayton and beyond.

This investment reflects the heart of club members to build both community pride and a spirit of service. We were proud to partner with the Town of Clayton to fund the purchase of **four public benches**, each featuring a commemorative plaque recognizing The Woman’s Club of Clayton’s contribution. These benches will soon be installed at various locations around town, offering residents and visitors welcoming places to rest and connect.

In support of local safety efforts, the Club also funded the purchase of an **electric sign for the Clayton Police Department**, helping improve communication and outreach within the community.

In addition, the Club extended its reach by providing financial support to impactful nonprofit organizations. Donations of **\$1,100 each** were made to **Able to Serve, Rise Against Hunger, and Sleep in Heavenly Peace**—organizations dedicated to addressing food insecurity, supporting vulnerable populations, and ensuring children have safe and comfortable places to sleep.

Through thoughtful budgeting and a continued focus on service, The Woman’s Club of Clayton is proud to invest in projects that strengthen our community, support those in need, and leave a lasting legacy.

Proposed Budget

Treasurer: Karen Keeslar

Line Item Number & Name	FY 26/27 <u>PROPOSED</u> Budget	FY 25/26 Budget Approved May 2025	Difference FY 25/26 from FY 26/27 as proposed)	Context:	FY 26/27 Recommendation Narrative	
1	4000 Revenue					
2	4100 Membership Dues & Lunch Fee	7,225	6,425	800	<p><u>FY 23/24</u> \$4,235 dues + \$2,250 food Assumes 73 members + 3 honorary <u>FY 24/25</u> 73 members x \$85 = \$6,250 + 4 members x \$55 = \$220 <u>FY 25/26</u> 83 members x \$50</p>	85 members x \$85 = \$7,225
3	4200 Clubhouse Rent & Deposits Minus Refunds	18,780	18,000	780	<p>FY 24/25 YTD actuals combines rent & deposits = \$17,087 (9 months) FY 23/24 actuals = \$9,200 security deposits + \$19,113.50 rent = \$28,314 FY 22/23 actuals = \$9,300 security deposits + \$22,337 rent = \$31,637</p>	<p><u>FY 26/27</u> Use avg collected of \$1,565 per month over the nine months of FY 25/26=\$18,780 <u>FY 25/26</u> 1) Decrease revenue assumption for FY 25/26 due to lower YTD actuals. 2) FY 25/26 Net rental revenue against refund expenditures on line 38 (Item 5300) to decrease the percentage of administrative expenditures. 3) FY 24/25 YTD Rent:\$17,087 minus Refunds \$6704 = \$10,383 4) YTD average of 9 months (\$10,383/9) = \$1,154 X 12 months = \$13,848</p>
4	4300 Fundraisers					
5	4320 Mystery Dinner	4,000	4,000	0		
6	4340 Taste of Carolina	30,000	30,000	0		
7	4360 Silent Auction (May)	1,100	1,100	0		
8	4370 Special Fundraisers			0		
	4371 Fashion Show			0		
10	Total 4300 Fundraisers			0		
11	4400 Dedicated Donations					
12	4410 Silent Partner Donations	150	375	(225)	Carryover unspent FY 24/25 funds	
13	4420 Dedicated New Scholarship Contributions	3,500	3,000	500	\$3,500 from NC Community Foundation.	
14	4425 Carryover Prior Year Unspent Scholarship Donations	5,581	5,581	0	FY 25/26 Carryover = Unspent Prior Year Restricted Donation	
	4430 President's Brick Project		225	(225)		
16	4440 Christmas Kids Donations	2,000	2,000	0		
17	4450 In Memory of-New Memorial Deposits	150	150	0	Correlates to line 93: Hocutt-Ellington Library- In Memory of Donations	
18	4455 In Memory of-Carryover Prior Year Unspent Donations	1,577	1,577	0	Correlates to line 111 Legacy Fund	
19	4800 Miscellaneous Revenue		110	(110)	Facebook Charity Contest Winner, Ditric 8 Mtg, Turkey Centerpieces, plus unrestricted misc donations	

20	4810 Interest	840	700	140		
	4815 Apparel			0		
	4825 Other Misc Revenue			0	1) Ice Cream Social Collection = \$180 2) Town of Clayton Façade Grant = \$7,500	
23	Total 4800 Miscellaneous Revenue	100	100	0		Offset GFWC-NC District 8 Fall mtg.
24	4950 Retained Earnings	0	27,546	(27,546)		Draw down reserves
25	Total Revenue	75,003	100,889	(25,886)		
26						
27	Expenditures					
28	5000 Clubhouse Operations & Overhead					
29	5010 Custodian	6,000	4,800	1,200		\$500 per month x 12
30	5020 Clubhouse Supplies	600	600	0		
31	5030 Utilities & Municipal Services	5,000	5,000	0		
32	5040 Lawn Care	6,500	6,500	0		
33	5060 Pest Control	525	525	0		Currently \$85 every other month = \$510 annualized
34	5070 Backflow/Winterizing	400	400	0		
35	5080 Piano Tuning		165	(165)		
36	5100 Clubhouse Repairs & Upgrades	5,000	3,500	1,500		
37	5200 Property Insurance	2,160	1,915	245		Assumes 11% increase as per FY 25/26 actual as adjusted to new policy rate
38	5300 Rental Deposit Refund		0	0		Correlates to line 3 to net refunds with rental income
39	5400 Reserve for Clubhouse Renovation	2,500	10,000	(7,500)		FY 25/26 expenses high due to façade replacement
40	6000 Administration					
41	6010 Postage/Print/Newsltr/awards	445	445	0		Same
42	6020 Website	265	265	0		Same
43	6030 Bank Fees	150	150	0		Same
44	6040 Food Expense	1,700	1,700	0		\$30 per member for monthly lunch food expense is part of dues. \$30 x 85 members = \$2,550. Budgeted amount is less than the amount collected for monthly club meeting food costs.
45	6050 Professional Fees	250	1,500	(1,250)	FY 25/26: 1) NC Center for Nonprofits membership dues = \$100 2) Tax990 fee to file club 990's = \$99.90	
46	6060 Apparel		100	(100)		Revenues for apparel expenditures = \$100.
47	6070 Storage Rental	1,500	865	635		EXTRA Space Storage: 42 & Glen Laurel 5'x8' = \$119 p/m current. Anticipate increase.

48	6100 Misc Admin Expenditures	500	500	0		FY 23/24: 1) Refund overpayment: \$100 cash paid for dues = \$15 2) Rental fee for booking conflict/Pd to First Baptist Church FY 24/25: 1) Agent for Process Filing Fee = \$5 2) External Hard Drive for Archives = \$121.92 3) Discounted Annual Zoom Subscription = \$97.95 4) Blackey's for scanning to archive = \$150.89 5) Stripe invoice fee = \$0.31 6) Extra Space Storage = \$202 7) Return address stamp = \$12 FY 25/26 1) QuickBooks/TechSoup rate = \$80 2) Zoom/TechSoup rate = \$80 3) TWCC cards & envelopes = \$100
49	7000 Fundraiser Expenses			0		FY 24/25 amount based on FY 23/24 actuals and is the combined expense for all fundraisers
50	7020 Mystery Dinner Expenses	800	800	0		
51	7040 Taste of Carolina Expenses	3,700	4,000	(300)		FY 25/26 Plates & Cutlery for event + The Farm = \$2000
52	7045 Misc fundraising expenses			0		
53	8000 Programs					
54	8015 GFWC Dues	4,250	3,650	600	FY 23/24: 77 members x \$50.00 FY 25/26: 73 members x \$50	FY 26/26: 85 member x \$50
55	8020 GFWC-NC District 8 Dues	340	292	48	FY 23/24: 77 members x \$50.00 FY 25/26: 73 members x \$4	FY 26/27: 85 member x \$4
56	8025 GFWC-Honor Club	125	600	(475)		Base Honor Club \$125= GFWC-NC Arts Fund \$25 Legacy Fund = \$25 Sallie Cotton Scholarship = \$25 Corp Champions = \$25 Gen Trust Fund = \$25
57	8030 GFWC-NC 1902 Society	190	190	(0)		
58	8035 GFWC-NC Success for Survival Scholarship		500	(500)		New/One-time donation:
59	8040 District 8 Fall Meeting	100	110	(10)		
	8050 GFWC-NC Suffrage Monument			0		
	8060 Corporate Champions for Women & Children			0		
62	8100 Community Service Projects (CSPs)					
63	8110 Art & Culture	500	650	(150)		
64	8120 Civic Engagement	500	650	(150)		
65	8130 Education & Libraries	500	650	(150)		
66	8140 Environment	500	650	(150)		
67	8150 Health & Wellness	500	650	(150)		
68	8160 Night-n-Gals CSP		200	(200)		
69	8200 CSP Special Projects					
70	8210 Local Arts Festival	500	1,000	(500)		
71	8230 Student Music Competition	250	500	(250)		Could this be reduced?
72	8260 Puppet Show	200	200	0		
73	8300 Scholarships					
74	8310 Sallie S. Cotten Scholarship	6,000	6,000	0	FY 24/25 = \$5,850 1st = \$3,925 2nd = \$1,925	

75	8320 JCC Scholarship	1,000	1,000	0	FY 24/25 = \$1,000	
76	8350 Future Planning	5,581	5,581	0		FY 25/26 Carryover of unspent dedicated scholarship donations
77	8400 Contributions to Organizations					
78	8410 Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina	300	350	(50)		
79	8415 Civitan Ticket & Raffle	100	200	(100)		
80	8420 Boys & Girls Club of Johnston County	300	350	(50)	FY 22/23 = RYE Foundation	
81	8425 Clayton Area Ministries	300	350	(50)		
82	8435 Friends of the Library	750	750	0		
83	8436 Hocutt-Ellington Library- In Memory of Donations	150	150	0		
84	8440 House of Hope	300	350	(50)	FY 22/23 = RYE Foundation	
85	8445 Isaiah 117 House (Johnston County)	300	350	(50)	FY 22/23 = RYE Foundation	
86	8460 Harbor House	300	350	(50)		
87	8470 With Love From Jesus	300	350	(50)		
88	8480 Clayton Chamber of Commerce		175	(175)		FY 26/27 Discontinue membership
89	8480 Able to Serve	300				
90	8490 Her Haven of Light	300	350	(50)		
91	8500 Club Projects					
92	8510 President's Fund	100	300	(200)		
93	8520 Christmas Kids	8,750	8,750	0		Assumes \$125 x 70 kids
94	8530 Senior Wishes	500	500	0		
95	8540 Silent Partner Expenditures	150	384	(234)		
96	8550 President's Choice Project		300	(300)		
	8555 President's Brick Project			0		
98	8560 TWCC Signature Project		15,000	(15,000)		
99	8570 Charity Donations to Individuals		1,000	(1,000)		
100	8580 ESO (Epsilon Sigma Omicron)	50	200	(150)		\$50 for Friends of the Library as ESO organization
101	8700 General/Uncategorized Program Expenditures					
102	8710 Legacy Fund Expenditures	1,722	1,577	145		Add carryover to FY 25/26 revenue
103	8725 Uncategorized Program Expenditures		1,000	(1,000)		FY 24/25: 1) Food for Cooper Academy- Reimbursement = \$199.94 2) Donation for Western NC Recovery = \$268.89 3) Cranberry Sauce for Thanksgiving Service = \$173.82 4) Pro-rated dues refund = \$77.88 5) ESO expenditures FY 24/25; new ESO line item was added in FY 25/26 FY 25/26 1) Debit card error \$49 (reimbursed) 2) Thanksgiving Cranberry Sauce = \$348
104	8750 Annual Deposit to Savings	1,000	1,000	0		8/13/24 = \$20,000 transfer from checking to savings UCBI *9820 1/5/25 = \$1,000 annual deposit to savings UCBI *9820
105				0		
106	Total Expenditures	75,003	100,889	(25,886)		
107	Total Revenue	75,003	100,889	(25,886)		
108				0		
109	Net	0	(0)	0		

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 ESO 	5	6	7	8 Bingo Downtown Concert 	9
10 Mothers Day Puppet Rehersal	11	12 House of Hope meal 	13 General Meeting	14	15	16
17	18 Night n Gals 	19  Margaret DiNubila Exec Board	20  Puppet Rehearsal	21  Marie Maiorana	22  Deborah Newman Dillards	23
24	25 Memorial Day 	26  Cristy Hoskins Bunco 	27  Carletha Koonce	28	29	30
31						