

## The Woman's Club of Clayton

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The Woman's Club of Clayton is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC), an international women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service.

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# Club Chatter



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November 2025

## From Our President

*Trish Perna*



November is almost here, and with it comes one of our busiest — and most heartwarming — times of the year!

### Our **Christmas**

**Kids** Shoppers sign-up sheet will be

available at the meeting, along with the **Senior Wishes** shopping sign-up.

These projects truly capture the spirit of giving and are some of the most rewarding ways we support our community during the holidays. I encourage everyone to sign up and experience the joy these programs bring to both the givers and the recipients.

Our **clubhouse project** is also coming along beautifully! I drove by recently, and the new siding looks fantastic. It's exciting to see this long-

awaited improvement taking shape — a reflection of our members' dedication to preserving and enhancing our club home for years to come.

### The **GFWC-NC Fall Conference** is

coming up on **November 8th**, and I

hope to see a wonderful representation from our club. It's always inspiring to connect with members from across the state, share ideas, and bring back new energy and enthusiasm for the work we do together.

As we enter this season of gratitude, I want to thank each of you for your time, your kindness, and your continued commitment to making a difference. Every

act of service — large or small — strengthens our club and our community. Wishing you all a warm and meaningful November filled with friendship, laughter, and purpose.

Trish Perna  
TWCC President





## November

November 2  
Daylight Savings EndsNovember 3  
ESONovember 11  
Veterans DayNovember 11  
House of Hope MealNovember 12  
TWCC General MeetingNovember 14  
Bingo at Senior CenterNovember 14  
Mom's Unhinged  
The Clayton CenterNovember 16  
Jake Shimabukuro  
The Clayton CenterNovember 17  
Exec Board MeetingNovember 18  
Night n Gals zoomNovember 20  
Fundraiser for Serve the  
Need @ Clayton Steak-  
houseNovember 26  
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Black FridayDecember 2  
Collingsworth Family  
A True Family Christmas  
The Clayton CenterQR Code to Order Bricks  
President's Special Project

## October Meeting Highlights

Deborah Fuller

Monthly  
Meeting

## Blessing &amp; Devotion: Sandy Nesselrode

## President's Welcome: Betsy Grannis for Trish Perna

**Betsy** thanked Health and Wellness for hosting and combining fall decorations with pink decorations in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness. She mentioned that two of the co-chairs were having medical procedures today. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. We are wearing pink today. We've decorated with pink to honor this cause.

## Guest speaker: Marianne Sapsara

**Marianne** introduced our speaker Scot Schwichow. Scot is the founder and owner of Revolution Modern Martial Arts. In 2009, he left his career in corporate America, to pursue his dream of owning his own martial arts dojo. Why? Because he knows firsthand the positive impact that a quality martial arts program can have on a person's life.

He provided the group with several safety tips as well as suggested we look at an "app" called "bSafe". The bSafe app is a personal safety platform with features designed to help in emergencies and everyday situations. Scot told the group there were two women self-defense courses last month that benefited Harbor House. One in Clayton with 30 ladies and one in Garner with 50 ladies. He expects to do something similar in the future.

Check out his website [www.revolutionselfdefense.com](http://www.revolutionselfdefense.com)

## Welcome New Members and Guests: Nancy Maynard

**Nancy** introduced guests and new members and asked them to briefly share a little about themselves.

Guests: Diane Klecker and Cindy Wood. New members: **Bernie Beck, Amy Hoffman, Nancy Conte, Pam McIntosh, Rebecca Soroka, Barbara Rossway, Cindy Kouhout**

## Business

Minutes Approval: Sept. minutes approved

## GFWC Suffrage Fund: Betsy Grannis

GFWC has successfully reached its pledge amount for the Women's Suffrage National Monument Fund. We may still continue to collect at our meetings.

## LEADS Nomination: Betsy Grannis

Nominations for the Leadership Training Seminar (LEADS) are due by October 20, 2025. Nomination narratives should be sent to Tricia Perna at [tricia.perna@gmail.com](mailto:tricia.perna@gmail.com).

## Officers and Committees Reports:

1<sup>st</sup> VP – Nancy Maynard

**Nancy** shared that each year we honor our breast cancer heroes. They were honored with plants donated by Hudson Hardware.

## Corresponding Secretary – Susan Johnson

**Susan** read resolutions for two members, **Peggy Earp** and **Joyce Lee Blackley**, who passed in the last few months. **Susan** read a thank you note received from Harbor House. We also received a note from Friends of the Library for the contribution in memory of **Joyce Blackley & David Stewart**.

## Treasurer: Karen Keesler

The club has approximately \$98,000 in the bank. The federal tax filing for the past fiscal year is complete. Membership dues are due by the end of November.

## Rental Custodian – Carrolle Dayton

The clubhouse is renting well. A sheet with details on rental rates and times is available. Club members do not have to pay the \$200 security deposit for half or full-day rentals.

A special two-day beginner's Mahjong class is being offered exclusively to the club for \$20 per person on November 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>. The clubhouse has also been reserved for a public Mahjong event on the 19th and 20th of November.

CSP, Special Project Reports

## Arts &amp; Culture CSP (A&amp;C): Betsy Grannis

The group, with help from the senior center, made four no-sew blankets. The blankets are being delivered to "Sleep in Heavenly Peace," an organization that builds beds for children.

The Arts Festival is coming up soon. Members can submit art projects they have completed this year for a statewide club women's competition. All entries must be brought to the meeting on January 14, 2026 for labeling and processing. The student art festival is held in February.

Club members can receive a 15% discount on up to two tickets for Clayton Center shows using the code TWCC. This discount does not apply to shows in December or to events where the center is only renting out its facility.

## Environment CSP (Env): Sarah Brooks

Members are encouraged to recycle Styrofoam egg cartons and wine corks.

A new shoe recycling program has been started. Shoes in good condition will be donated to "With Love from Jesus." Shoes in poor condition will be sent to "Soles4Souls."

## Civic Engagement &amp; Outreach CSP (CEO): Karen Keeslar, Susan Johnson

Our theme for the year is celebrating the 250th anniversary of the United States. The club is collaborating with the Johnston County USA 250 Committee (JOCO 250) on several projects.

The club's puppet show will be featured at Smithfield's 280th-anniversary event on June 27, 2026.

The "Art in the Park" project will use coloring materials provided by the Johnston County Heritage Foundation.

Other ideas include planting a "Clayton Liberty Tree" and facilitating a performance of the musical "1776."

## Education &amp; Library CSP (E&amp;L): Ginny Kennerly, Donna Steele, Margaret Lee

The club has adopted Cooper Academy and Wilson Mills, both Title I schools. Volunteers are needed to read to five first-grade classes in October and November for the "Read for the Record" program. Help is also requested for school book fairs and for supervising cafeterias during duty-free teacher lunches in November.

## Community Thanksgiving Meal &amp; Serve the Need Fundraiser: Betsy Grannis

Volunteers are needed to help pack to-go meals with the Civitan Club Serve the Need on the morning of November 26, 2025. The event is held at the Civitan Club.

A fundraising lunch for Serve the Need in Johnston County will be held on Monday, October 20, 2025, at the Clayton Steakhouse. The 1:00 PM seating is sold out. Four tickets remain for the 11:30 AM seating at a cost of \$20 each.

## Murder Mystery Fundraiser "Set Sail for Disaster": Betsy Grannis

This fundraiser will take place on January 16 & 17, 2026, at 6:00 PM. Tickets are \$40 each. All members are requested to participate. Setup will occur the day before, with volunteers needed between 4 & 5.

## Taste Of Carolina Fundraiser: Karen Keeslar

This is the club's largest fundraiser, held in March, raised over \$35,000. The first 2026 committee meeting will be held in November on a date to be determined. The event features food from 10 to 12 local restaurants, wine, and a silent auction. Members interested in providing input on restaurant selection should contact Val or Karen.

## Halloween Social Event: Sarah Brooks

A members-only Halloween social will be held on October 30, 2025 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the clubhouse. The executive board will provide beverages and plates, while non-board members are asked to bring an appetizer or dessert. A Sign-up Genius will be circulated to coordinate food and track attendance. Prizes will be awarded for the best Halloween-themed appetizer and the best costume.

## President's Special Project: Betsy Grannis

Engraved bricks are being sold to replace the front walkway. Order forms and a QR code are available.

## Health & Wellness CSP

Co Chairs: Tina Zimmerman and Marianne Sapsara



### NOVEMBER

|       |                   |
|-------|-------------------|
| 11/7  | Linda Garcia      |
| 11/9  | Ginny Kennerly    |
| 11/11 | Teresa Chicarelli |
| 11/12 | Jean Cornell      |
| 11/12 | Karen Keeslar     |
| 11/18 | Carrole Dayton    |
| 11/21 | Betsy Grannis     |
| 11/24 | Sandy Nesselrode  |



Health & Wellness hosting the October General Meeting



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

Cooler weather with crisp mornings and wall-to-wall sunshine sure help to energize the soul. Autumn is a 'second spring' when every leaf is a flower. This type weather encourages our feet to move outdoors, dust off the walking shoes, and breath in the wonderful cool fall air. The days are getting shorter so get out your jacket and your ear buds and enjoy; because old man winter will be here before you know it!



The Health and Wellness CSP hosted the October meeting among a sea of pink! October is Breast Cancer Awareness month and **Nancy Maynard** always loves to recognize our member survivors. And of course, we must give generous thanks to our chef extraordinaire, **Betsy Grannis** for the delicious meal with **Judy Ryan** and **Janet Cowell** provided dessert. Thanks to everyone who helped to make the meeting wonderful. Special thanks to **Deborah Fuller** and **Patti Farmer** for the festive decorations.

Thanks to Scot Schwichow of Revolution Modern Martial Arts for being our guest speaker this month.



Once again, our membership provided a meal for the ladies at the House of Hope. Thanks to **Angela Williams** provided both the meal and dessert. The girls always look forward to the TWCC meal because these ladies know their way around a kitchen!



It was a packed house at the Clayton Center for Active Aging in October. Every seat was occupied for the monthly Bingo game. **Judy Ryan** loves to see a packed house when she calls the Bingo games.

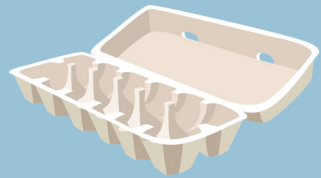
We'd like to thanks everyone who brought snacks for the Boys & Girls Club. They are always thankful for our assistance.



The H&W group would like to give a special shout out to **Deborah Fuller** and **Patti Farmer** for hosting our CSP group. The H&W committee has endeavored to gather for social meetings to get to know each other a little better while still tackling issues . So often, we are together for meetings and workshops that the personal side gets left behind.



Chairs **Tina Zimmerman** and **Marianne Sapsara** have encouraged a more personal roundup that feels more like a social affair while still getting work done.



The Clayton Civitan Club will host 2 separate fundraisers this fall.

**Delicious Boston Butts:**  
November 21st after 5:00pm. Each order is 8-10 pounds and comes with a bottle of sauce. Tickets are \$45.00 each

**Reverse Raffle:**  
December 5th 6:00pm. Tickets are \$100.00

Please see either Angela Williams or Betsy Grannis for tickets!



### Town of Clayton Yard Waste Changes

All-Star Waste, the Town's waste collection provider, is phasing out plastic bags for yard waste. Starting October 1, 2025, plastic bags will no longer be allowed for yard waste collection. This change will reduce the number of plastic bags going to the landfill and help keep Clayton cleaner and more sustainable.



### Yard Waste Collection Guidelines

Plastic bags are no longer allowed for yard waste

Approved reusable containers include:

- Plastic totes
- Burlap bags
- Canvas bags
- Trash cans with a 32-gallon max capacity
- Any other reusable container that is properly labeled
- Official All-Star Yard Waste Container\*

All reusable containers must be labeled "Yard Waste" and include the address number

Limbs and trimmings must continue to follow existing size standards: piles no larger than 6'L x 6'W x 3'H

### \* Optional All-Star Yard Waste Rollout Cart:

Residents may purchase an official Yard Waste Container from All-Star Waste for a one-time cost of \$85. This cart has a 95-gallon capacity, which is the same size as the current garbage and recycling rollouts. To purchase a container, call or text All-Star at: (919) 989-1562.

**Reminder:** Loose Leaf Season runs October 1 – January 31. You may still place loose leaves at the curb for vacuum collection.

For questions about waste collection service or approved reusable containers, customers should call or text All-Star Waste at (919) 989-1562.

### Environmental Tips:

- 1 Wrap gifts in fabric and tie with ribbon; both are reusable and prettier than paper and sticky-tape.
- 2 Start a compost heap to reduce the waste you send to landfill sites.
- 3 Buy your own hive: without bees the planet would last for only 60 years (and honey is good for your health).
- 4 Slow down. Driving at 50mph uses 25% less fuel than 70mph.
- 5 Wash full loads of clothes instead of wasting water on half-empty loads.
- 6 Turn down your central heating
- 7 Take a brisk shower, not a leisurely bath, to save water.
- 8 Use airtight food containers that can be reused; sandwich bags and plastic wrap cannot.
- 9 Choose energy-efficient appliances when you replace old ones.
- 10 Join a library instead of buying books.

## Education & Libraries CSP

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

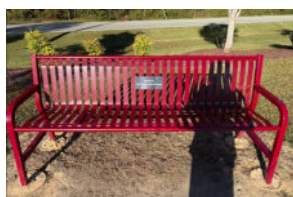


Robin Sachsenheimer, Julie Ginsler, Marlene Dillon, Nancy Conte, Alese Young (counselor)

On Friday October 17, 2025, these members volunteered to "Read for the Record" at Wilson Mills Elementary: **Julie Ginsler, Bernie Beck, Robin Sachsenheimer, Marlene Dillon and Nancy Conte**. They read **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 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Jumpstart's Read for the Record, and our members have participated in many of these 20 years. If you would like to read next time, talk to **Ginny, Margaret or Donna**.



### Benches in Clayton



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.



Welcome New Education & I Libraries Members: Welcome to all of our new members! We look forward to you signing up for activities such as reading at the schools and assisting teachers with a free lunch period and book sale assistance.

**Nancy Conte:** Nancy loves golf, costuming and dancing plus many other activities. We're excited to welcome you to participate with all your interests.

**Pam McIntosh:** Pam has been in the Real Estate business for over 20 years. Some of her interests are traveling, spending time at the beach and refinishing furniture. We'll be getting you involved in lots of activities.



### Night 'N' Gals



The **Night 'N' Gals** will meet via Zoom on MONDAY, November 17 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



### 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

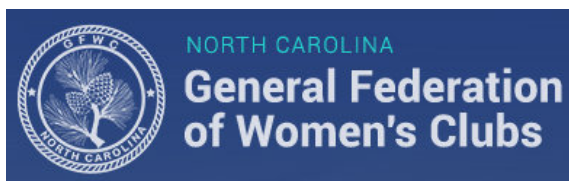
Wendy's—10%

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



Patty Jo Johnson and Jennifer Batten, President of Sleep in Heavenly Peace

We are happy to announce that we delivered six blankets to Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Each blanket included a tag that read "This blanket was made especially for Sleep in Heavenly Peace by The Woman's Club of Clayton and Labor of Love the Clayton Senior Center".



Some of our lovely ladies doing great work at the GFWC NC District 8 meeting in Raleigh.



**Building Hope.**

**Changing Lives.**

**Restoring Families.**

[www.houseofhopeofnc.org](http://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!*



Please keep **Tina Zimmerman** in your thoughts and prayers as she recovers from some heart conditions.

**Melea Basom** continues to need your prayers as she goes through a rough patch with gall stone/bladder issues. She also recently lost her sister so double prayers are needed.

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

#### 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 and Karen Keeslar



The Municipal Election is right around the corner, happening on November 4th. It's time to make your voice heard and shape the future of our town! Voters are asked to show photo ID when voting in North Carolina. Most voters will simply show their

driver's license, but there are many other acceptable photo IDs. All voters will be allowed to vote with or without a photo ID. For a list of the specific candidates on the ballot, you can look up your sample ballot on the [North Carolina State Board of Elections \(NCSBE\) website](http://www.ncsbe.gov).



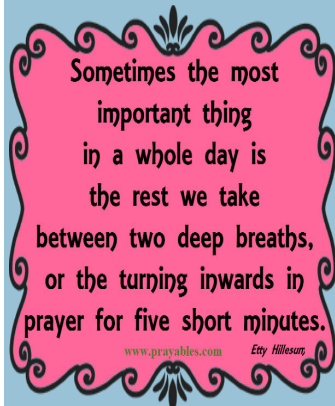
North Carolina is one of the states that has a special program to honor veterans on Election Day. The **Vote in Honor of a Veteran Program** provides North Carolinians an opportunity to pay tribute to those who have served this country in the Armed Forces. Any voter can honor a veteran on Election Day by requesting a pin.

Pins are provided for free by the State Board of Elections. Each pin can be personalized with the name of the veteran a voter wishes to honor. To request a personalized pin, go to <https://www.ncsbe.gov/voting/vote-honor-veteran>.

In celebration of the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United States of America, we recognize key events during the American Revolution that happened in November 1775. These include the establishment of the Continental Marines and The First Battle of Ninety-Six. The Town of Ninety Six in South Carolina is about 150 miles west of the ocean. Ninety Six proved to be a strategic location during the Revolutionary War, as it was the site of the first land battle in November 1775.



We are excited that the co-chairs of Johnston County USA 250, Todd Johnson and Allison Elsee, will be our speakers at the club meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup>!



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



# 1st Annual Leigh Hudson Memorial

## GOLF TOURNAMENT

WEDNESDAY  
NOVEMBER 19, 2025  
"LEIGH HUDSON DAY"

4-PLAYER  
TEAM  
\$500

Check-In: 8:00 am - 9:40 am  
Opening Ceremony: 09:40 am - 10:00 am  
Shotgun Start: 10:00 am  
Dinner & Awards Ceremony Follow Tournament Play

THE NEUSE COUNTRY CLUB  
918 BIRKDALE DRIVE  
CLAYTON, NC 27527

<https://www.claytonrotaryclub.org/2025-golf-registration-form/>

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**.

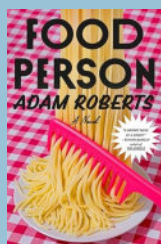
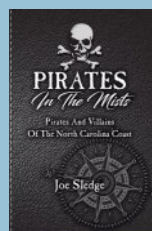
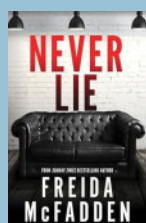
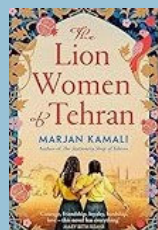
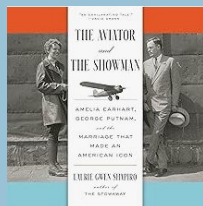
**By Mail**

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 November meeting





## ESO Book Club

Chair: Brenda Gay



Our Epsilon Sigman Omicron (ESO) book club met at The Woman's Club on Monday, October 6 with 15 members present. Each member gave a book report based on a book they had read. Listed as follows are several reports from members:

"The Aviator and the Showman" by Laurie Gwen Shapiro (book report by **Carrole Dayton**)

"The Lion Women of Tehran" by Marjan Kamali (report by **Maria Davis**)

"Never Lie" by Freida McFadden (book report by **Patty Jo Johnson**)

"Pirates in the Mist" by Joe Sledge (book report by **Angela Williams**)

"Food Person" by Adam Roberts (also report by **Angela Williams**)

The Summer Reading Project was on Females in History. We had several members participated in the Summer Project.

**Margaret Lee** gave a report on Jane Austin and **Nancy Maynard** gave a report on Susan Anthony. Next issue will

name two more members who participated.

Our ESO project to be reported to GFWC-NC (General Federation Woman's Club) ESO State Chair will be a "BOOK" we are writing. Of course, the purpose of ESO is to provide clubwomen with a structural reading program, which is educational and stimulates a desire for self-improvement, but our book will educate members all we do as members in our ESO book club.

Food for thought: Reading lengthens your life! You can live a long life—surpassing the age of your grandparents, by enjoying hobbies like reading novels and crafting. Japanese scientists say it comes down to the wise adage "use it or lose it." Your favorite pastimes keep your brain and body active, so you stay healthier.

## Menu

**Turkey  
Dressing  
Mashed Potatoes  
Gravy  
Green Beans  
Cranberry Sauce**

**CEO CSP  
will host & provide  
dessert**

## An Evening of Purposeful Giving

October 28 2025, 4:00 pm EDT

October 28 2025, 6:00 pm EDT

**17 North Main - Wendell**

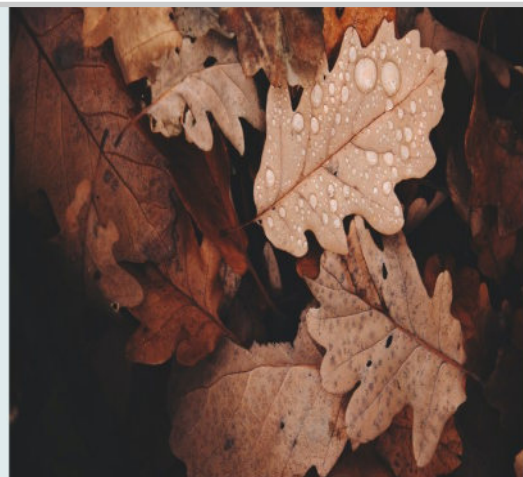
Sip & Shop Cafe

**Register**

You're invited to An Evening of Purposeful Giving with Narron CPA & Thrivent. Join us for an inspiring event that brings generosity to life. Discover how you can make a lasting impact and leave a legacy through strategic giving while supporting your goals.

RSVP to Kimberly.loftin@thrivent.com  
or call 919-801-2108

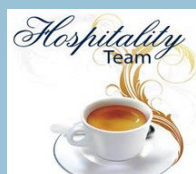
Enjoy an evening of connection and conversation, complemented by light refreshments and a curated selection of hors d'oeuvres.





### 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](mailto:gr8100rn@aol.com)

## VOLUNTEER





# Join One Blood MOU

10th Annual

# Thanksgiving Service





**Help us serve hope. Donate to this cause.**



Call (919)944-1800 or email: [info@obmou.com](mailto:info@obmou.com)

**7:45AM TO 12:00PM**  
**Thursday**  
**November 27, 2025**  
**Fellowship Baptist Church**  
**911 W Main St.**  
**Clayton, NC 27520**

## YOUR DONATION IMPACT

|                                        |                              |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>\$.81 = 1lb Rice</b>                | <b>(Less Than Candy Bar)</b> |
| <b>\$5.81 = Green Beans</b>            | <b>(Fancy Coffee)</b>        |
| <b>\$6.91 = Yams</b>                   | <b>(Fast Food Combo)</b>     |
| <b>\$15.00 = Turkey</b>                | <b>(Movie &amp; Popcorn)</b> |
| <b>\$28.63 = COMPLETE FAMILIE MEAL</b> |                              |
| <b>(LESS THAN DINNER OUT)</b>          |                              |



**Mahjong** is the newest craze, even the host on the TODAY Show talk about the fun playing.

Mah Birdie Bam (she's on Facebook & Instagram) is offering to teach the Ladies of the Clayton Women's Club at a special price of **\$20.00** (regular price \$75) **for a 2 day session on Wednesday, Nov, 5 & Thursday, Nov 6 from 10AM to 2PM** with a 30 minute break (bring your own lunch or snack).

Mahjong 101 for Beginners, you'll learn

- The different tiles
- The Charleston (tile passing round) and why it matters
- How to read and use the official NMJL card

Guided practice hands with instructor support  
Tables, Mahjong board & tiles are provided by the host.

A sign-up sheet was at the last general meeting, to date only 3 players have signed up. A max total of 8 players for two tables, 5 open slots are available.

Contact **Carrole Dayton** with your interest, 919-830-0409, [carroledayton619@yahoo.com](mailto:carroledayton619@yahoo.com)



'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  
STRONG AS THE HEART  
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](http://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.

Volunteer



Rental Custodian  
**Carrole Dayton** has informed me that a renter has reserved the clubhouse to host Beginner Mahjong on November 3rd & 4th. from 6PM to 9PM. See page 10 for discount and information.



WELCOME  
NEW MEMBERS



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

**Kari Murray**—she will be working with Art & Culture

**Pam McIntosh**—she will be sharing her talents with Education & Libraries

**Cindy Kouhout**—she is also being welcomed to the Education & Libraries CSP

**Amy Hoffman**—she too will be helping with Education & Libraries

**Kathy Ellen** (not pictured)—she will be sharing talents with Health & Wellness

**Angela Bullock** (not pictured) - CSP to be determined



Our beloved clubhouse on October 18th. After the old wood was removed, this interesting herringbone design was revealed. The new siding will be installed very soon!



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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## TWCC Halloween Social

**Date:** October 30, 2025

**Time:** 6pm-8pm

**Location:** TWCC Clubhouse



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

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



**Costume Contest:** 5 candidates will be selected for best costume and then members in attendance will vote on their favorite. The winner will receive a gift.



*Congratulations to Gracie Chamblee*



Boards & Commissions  
Fellowship 2025



### GRACIE CHAMBLEE

Gracie Chamblee, a lifelong North Carolinian and Johnston County resident of over 35 years, is a retired local government professional with deep experience in youth programming, mentoring, and public service. Known for her commitment to education and community engagement, Gracie brings a strong understanding of government processes, team leadership, and a heart for serving both youth and seniors alike.

**Board Interests:** Board of Trustees Johnston Community College, Social Services Board, and Heritage Commission.

**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

December - Desserts

**Send your favorite recipes to**

jaryan612@gmail.com



## Recipe Corner



### Garlic & Herb Mashed Potatoes

#### INGREDIENTS

4 lbs Yukon Gold potatoes, peeled and cubed  
1 pkg (8oz) cream cheese, cubed and softened  
1/2 cup butter, cubed  
1 cup sour cream  
1/3 cup heavy whipping cream  
3 Tablespoons minced fresh chives  
1 Tablespoon minced fresh parsley  
3 garlic cloves, minced  
1 teaspoon minced fresh thyme  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon pepper



#### DIRECTIONS

Place potatoes in water to cover in a 6 quart stockpot. Bring to boil. Reduce heat and cook uncovered until tender, 10-15 minutes. Drain potatoes and return them to the pot. Mash potatoes, gradually adding cream cheese and butter. Stir in remaining ingredients.

Transfer to a greased 3-4 quart slow cooker. Cook, covered, on low to allow flavors to blend, 2-3 hours.

### Brussel Sprouts with Bacon

#### INGREDIENTS

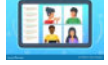
2 pounds Brussel Sprouts, halved  
6 bacon strips, chopped  
2 Tablespoons olive oil  
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt  
1/2 teaspoon pepper  
2 Tablespoons balsamic glaze



#### DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 450. In a large bowl, toss Brussel Sprouts, bacon, oil, salt and pepper. Transfer to a 15x10x1 baking sheet. Roast, stirring halfway through cooking, until sprouts are tender and lightly browned, 20-25 minutes. Drizzle with balsamic glaze. Serve warm.

# November 2025

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