



Ossoli Circle Newsletter



JULY, 2011

Post Office Box 10892, Knoxville, TN 37939

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

Amid the storms and other inconveniences, I hope you have some time to relax and enjoy the summer season. This letter is intended to give you an update on Ossoli matters.

Thanks to Janice Sauter, we had a productive inventory day during June. Janice Hixson coordinated a very successful garage sale with proceeds going to Ossoli Circle. The Executive Committee meets in early July, and the entire Board of Directors will meet on July 27. Sarah Wimberly and her committee have made exciting plans for the "I Love Ossoli Tea" scheduled for August 1. I hope all of you will plan to attend and enjoy the entertainment, the refreshments, and especially the fellowship.

I will spare you details on some new weather-related problems at Ossoli Clubhouse, but Janice Hixson has been vigilant in finding help when needed, and Linda Oliver, house chair, is also actively involved in the work projects. I am deeply grateful for their dedication to Ossoli and especially for their commitment to maintaining our building.

Obviously the new problems will only add to existing costs of last year's repairs. Our finance committee decided not to raise dues or lunch prices for the coming year. Instead, we encourage members, as able, to make personal contributions. "I Love Ossoli Tea" will be an excellent opportunity for you to show your appreciation of Ossoli and contribute toward clubhouse upkeep.

Fondly,

Faye Julian

I LOVE OSSOLI TEA

This year Ossoli Circle celebrates the 28th "I Love Ossoli Tea." The plans are underway for a fabulous afternoon on August 1, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. Our program features well known Opera Singers Jami and Kevin Anderson who have made their home in Knoxville. The tea will be catered by Rex Bradford Jones.

The event will be one you will not want to miss. The silver punch bowl will be shining and ready for your "green" love donation to our wonderful Ossoli Circle. Our President, Faye Julian, will be honored to greet you. Hope you are having a great summer and we will see you on August 1, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. Thank you

Sarah Wimberly, Chairman

A Look Back in Ossoli's History at The First "I Love Ossoli Tea"

The first "I Love Ossoli Tea" or "Greens Tea" was first held in August, 1984 at the home of Mrs. Russell (Florence) Hillis. Florence gave an elegant tea for Ossoli Circle members, and she hoped that it would motivate everyone to shower the club with donations for the upcoming Centennial Celebration. The first year, the "I Love Ossoli Tea" donations totaled \$800. In addition to donations made at the tea, pocket calendars were sold, and the Craft Department donated a quilt to help fund the big event.

REPLACEMENT BRIDGE BENEFIT

COME ONE!! COME ALL!! PARTY!!

Mark your calendar for a fun day- October 24, 2011, 10am-2pm. There will be music, drinks, fashion, food, cards, prizes and auction items. This is all offered at the price of \$20. Tona Turpin is in charge of the silent auction and needs your items for success; Peggy Sood will have a delicious lunch; Stephanie Wayland will entertain with some music; Bett Greene will "wow" us with the traditional Ossoli Punch; Linda Oliver will once again bring us a great fashion show, and, as for Bridge or whatever games you play- I know you will have a fun day. If you do not want to play cards or games, come anyway and eat, buy and have a good time.

The Replacement fund is a fund used to make repairs on our Ossoli Clubhouse. We have had a lot of expense recently so we need to replace as much as possible in order to keep our house in good repair. This cannot be done without the support of our members. **As an added note, please find an item to donate to the Silent Auction.**

Sharon White

OPENING DAY/ MEMBERSHIP COFFEE

The Opening Coffee/Membership Day is October 3, 2011. Start thinking now of friends that you would like to invite. Please send the names and addresses to Bett Greene who is the Membership Chair. Mark your calendars for a fun event. Bett's address is 4109 Pleasantwood Road, Knoxville, 37921.

Mary Carmichael and Bett Greene

SECOND HARVEST

International Outreach wishes to thank Ossoli women for their support of Second Harvest. It was especially beneficial at this time due to the flooding in East Tennessee. We collected 65 pounds of goods and \$165.00 in checks. Thank you again

Mary Bresenham

OSSOLLI CIRCLE WEB SITE

Coming Soon!

The 2011-2012 Ossoli Circle updates will be coming soon to the Ossoli Circle web site at www.discoveret.org/ossoli.

Over 1000 users have visited our web site since it was created 2 years ago to view the information available to the public on our history, a list of our projects, a message from our president, and photographs of activities. There are also many pages containing information straight from our yearbook (membership directory, officers and board members, calendar, committees), but accessible only to Ossoli members because it requires a password. If you don't have the password, contact Roberta Pedigo (577-4106 or rbpedigo@comcast.net). If you want assistance using the Ossoli web site, let Roberta know.

Tip of the Day: If you need to send an email to another Ossoli member while visiting the Ossoli web site, look up that person in the on-line membership directory, click on their email address and it will automatically open a blank message with the person's email address already in the TO: line. Type in your message and click send.

Roberta Pedigo

OSSOLI SUMMER GARAGE SALE REPORT

We made \$1,177.90! which is good news - and bad news.

We made enough to cover the insurance deductible for the [hail damage](#) to the roof and building - that's the good news. But the bad news is that the money has to pay the deductible for the insurance and doesn't get us much ahead with the budget!!

We plan to have another garage sale later in the fall.

We found out that nice clothes do sell, especially larger sizes. Pots and pans of any kind sell, as do books, jewelry and purses. We sold all the furniture, except one antique table (I'll sell it eventually!). We have some other things for sale here which we will sell gradually, I'm sure. Please start saving things for us now and give them to me so we can price and be ready long before the sale.

Thank you Susie Kelley for donations from her mother-in-law's estate. . Also, thank you Bobbie Dearden, Peggy Tillery, and Tootie McCook who endured the 2 days of selling.

We appreciate [everyone](#) who donated items to the sale. If we didn't sell it, it went to Unicorn, and they will be thrilled.

Janice Hixson

NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

Please send your dues (to the PO Box 10892, 37939) if you haven't done so and include \$2 if you want Peggy Shipe, assistant treasurer, to mail you your yearbook, which you need to have for the calendar, if nothing else, this summer.

Thank you Ossolights,
Janice Hixson, Treasurer

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

To prepare for an October 31 Ossoli program, "Haiti Outreach: Heart for Hope" Elizabeth Koester sent information to GFWC Ossoli Circle that members were invited to attend the Haiti Outreach Program that has served Boucan-Carre, Haiti since 1999. This is a short report from several of us that attended the meeting.

This program has been dedicated to the needs in Haiti such as "EDUCATION, MEDICAL AND COMMUNITY."

Over 350 attended this program with Hallerin H. Hill donating his time to interview many about their service to Haiti. Many Knoxville Doctors were interviewed by Hallerin as well as others that give their time and money to help. Each one interviewed, acknowledged that helping others changed their lives.

Attending from Ossoli Circle were, Elizabeth Koester, Terry Finnerty, Diane Richards and Ann Durall. Ossoli Circle was given the opportunity to host a table which gave good reason to meet citizens that have supported this program for many years and are very proud to help. Those at the table wanted to know more about Ossoli and we were glad to give information and invite the ladies at the table to come, visit and join.

It was an exciting evening! Hearing the speakers made tears flow. Meeting our citizens that give so much was humbling. It was an honor to give a check that will go to help Haiti. All money given to this organization goes to Haiti.

We hope that all of you will note that Diane Richards who joined Ossoli Circle in 2010 gave a program about her work in Haiti. Her emphasis to help is - water - and she is very accomplished in this field. We were proud to attend the Haiti Outreach Program with her.

Submitted by Ann Durall

MEMBERS TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

A note, card, phone call, or visit would, no doubt, be welcome to the following:

Llew Ellen Luttrell, Martha Phillips, Myra Brooks-Turner & daughter Stacy, Georgia Seagren, Elizabeth Shirley, Mary Hodge, Lib DeMont, Anne Wilbanks, Norma Kelley, Lou McNutt, Joyce Burchett, Neal & Vaughn Hickman, Betty Lou McSpadden, Kathy Kandilakis, Carolyn Ferguson, Julia Black, Shirley Hall, Sue Whittle, Ann Kemmer, Madeline Bilbrey

IN MEMORIAM

Betty Mirts, Ossoli Member

Walter Barnes, husband of Ossoli member Minga Barnes & brother of Ossoli member Roberta Pedigo.

Elton Bresenham, husband of Ossoli member Mary Bresenham

Mickey Armstrong, brother of Ossoli member Skippy Bishop

Philip Tillery, son of Ossoli member Peggy Tillery

"... Pray one for another ..." James 5:16

THANK YOU OSSOLI MEMBERS

Bonnie Ozdill and I want to thank members of Ossoli Circle for all the items that were donated as well as purchased to the White Linen silent auction on March 28, 2011. You helped make it a Great Success. Thank you!

Tona Turpin and Bonnie Ozdill

APPALACHIAN ASSISTANCE MINI-REPORT

The Ossoli scholarship recipients were James Wilson from Scott County and Kristen Kennedy from Morgan County. The appreciation brunch for all clubs that support the Unicorn Fund was on June 4th in Wartburg. More information to follow in the next newsletter.

Madeline Bilbrey

NOTE OF THANKS

A gift was given in Janice Hixson's honor to the Abused Women Projects by Sarah Wimberly.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

July 27, 10am-Summer Board Meeting

August 1, 1pm-I Love Ossoli Tea

August 19-21, GFWC-TN Fall Conference

Sept. 28, 10am-Board of Directors Meeting, Lunch to follow

October 3, Membership Coffee

October 22-Smoky Mountain District Fall Meeting

October 24, 10am-2pm-Replacement Bridge Benefit

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

Sharon White, Faye Julian & Loretta Dees

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