



# Ossoli Circle Newsletter



December, 2011

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

Time has flown since Ossoli Circle began the year. In August, we were treated to a beautiful "I Love Ossoli Tea," and we officially opened our year with the Membership Coffee in October. We have had excellent programs, good attendance, a profitable Replacement Benefit Bridge, recognition of our founders, and we ended with a special tribute to Ossoli Presidents. 2011 was a very good year for Ossoli Circle!

As we enter 2012, we have even more exciting events and programs before us, and I want to draw attention to two special fundraisers. This year's President's Project is Child Help, an agency whose mission is helping abused children. On February 10, Ossoli in Action will have its Card Party and Luncheon, and the proceeds will be donated to Child Help. The White Linen Fundraiser is scheduled for March 26.

My thanks to all of you for your dedicated work and your loyalty to Ossoli Circle. Please continue to support special projects, to attend our Monday programs, and to seek ways to foster Ossoli's contributions to the community and to GFWC at all levels.

Happy New Year!!

Faye D. Julian

## OSSOLLI CIRCLE WEB SITE

There is a new area on the Ossoli Circle web site. Check out the Past Presidents found under the History section. Individual pictures of past presidents have been added, thanks to the efforts of Susie Kelley. There are still a couple of recent presidents that don't have a picture on the web site, but hopefully, this will be fixed soon.

The counter on the Ossoli Circle home page shows over 800 hits. Many people are checking out Ossoli Circle on the Internet. Even the Library of Congress requested information about Mrs. George W. Denney who was the president of the Ossoli Circle. Visit our web site at [www.discoveret.org/ossoli](http://www.discoveret.org/ossoli). If you have questions, please contact Roberta Pedigo, [rbpedigo@comcast.net](mailto:rbpedigo@comcast.net)

Roberta Pedigo

## OSSOLI IN ACTION BENEFIT BRIDGE PARTY

### VALENTINE PARTY TO BENEFIT CHILD HELP

The Ossoli In Action Committee is hosting their annual Card Party and Luncheon on February 10, 2012 at Ossoli Circle Clubhouse.

From 10:00 am-2:00 pm with lunch at noon.

Judy Gardner will present a Fashion Show.

Door prizes will be given

Please plan to come. Plan a table for bridge or other games.

If you prefer, just come to socialize and enjoy a wonderful luncheon.

Guests are welcome.

Tickets are \$20. For reservation mail your Check to Janice Hixson

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

**January 4, 10 a.m.** Craft Dept. Meeting

**January 30, 10:30 a.m.** Leadership Day

**January 25, 10a.m.** Board of Directors Meeting

**February 10, 10 a.m.-2p.m.** Ossoli in Action Card Party

**February 22, 10 a.m.** Board of Directors Meeting

**March 26, 10a.m.-2p.m.** White Linen Luncheon

**March 28, 10 a.m.** Board of Directors

**April 20-22** State GFWC TN. Convention – Murfreesboro, TN

## REPLACEMENT BRIDGE BENEFIT



Pictured at the piano: Stephanie Wayland, Lillian Jones, Patti Brabham, Susan Slate, Joyce Davis, Sharon White, Tona Turpin, Debbie Simmons, Peggy Sood

## SUCCESSFUL AND FUN DAY

The replacement bridge benefit netted \$ 2,679.97 from the ticket and bake sale. The silent auction made \$1,342. My thanks again to Peggy Sood, luncheon chair; Tona Turpin, silent auction chair; Bett Greene, beverage chair; Lillian Jones, flower arrangements; Stephanie Wayland, piano music, Loretta Dees, mailing & folder of the invitations, and the host of other fine ladies that helped set-up and clean-up. Could not have done it without you!!

Sharon White

## DISTRICT MEETING

The Smoky Mountain District meeting was held at Gettysvue Country on October 22, 2011 The Program was given by Martha Armstrong.. She works at the Young-Williams Animal Shelter.



Bett Greene takes a lesson from Stephanie Wayland



Models: Lila Cate, Linda Oliver, Sue Arnhart, Tootie McCook, Barbara Horton, Julia Black, Janice Sauter, Susie Brown, Susan Steele, Arlene Malcolm and Cherie Kimmons from Chico's

Dog food was given as our gift from the district. GFWC Ossoli Circle was well represented with 8 members attending. Our District President is Jo Webb



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### IN MEMORIAM

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Joyce Burchett, member

Betty Conley's Husband, Bill

Cleva Marrow's Husband, George

## BITS AND PIECES, GOOD NEWS AND THANK YOU!

\*\* Thank you to all who participated in the Auction. We greatly appreciate your work and the auction items given to Ossoli Circle for the Replacement Benefit.

Tona Turpin

\*\* Janice Hixson reported that so far the garage sale has brought in \$2,266. She appreciates all the support with donated sale items. Janice continues to take items for the next sale.

\*\* There will be an organizational meeting January 4, 2012 at 10:00 for starting the Craft Department back up. Please bring a sack lunch and ideas for 2012 projects.

Susie Kelley

\*\* Thank you Ossoli ladies for making the shoe boxes for the Unicorn Fund. The people from Unicorn came on December 5th to pick up the shoe boxes and other items donated for the resale shop. We had 164 shoe boxes this year! Many thanks to two energetic ladies for making so many boxes. Jenny White prepared 72 shoe boxes!!!! Lou McNutt and her grandchildren put together 28 boxes. The Unicorn van would not hold all the items donated to the resale shop and had to come back to pick up the remainder. Thank you for being so generous.

Five members of the Appalachian Assistance Committee went to Huntsville for the annual Unicorn brunch on Sunday Dec. 4th. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful brunch. Janice Hixson, Lexa Hooten, Glenda Jessee, Carol Proaps and Madeline Bilbrey attended. This function is open to all members of Ossoli Circle and it would be great if more people attended.

Madeline Bilbrey

\*\* Nancy Haun's husband, Gray, won the James A. Graham NASDA award. Nancy and Gray flew to Salt Lake City on October 16, 2011 to accept his award. NASDA stands for National Association of State Departments of Agriculture.

\*\* An **HONORARIUM** gift to Child Help has been given by Janice Hixson in honor of Faye Julian.

\*\* During the months of January and February, the Literacy Committee will be collecting used books for the Friends of the Library sale. We will also collect money in February for backpacks for Mission of Hope. Ten dollars will buy a new backpack and school supplies for a needy student.

Nancy Carmon, Chair of Literacy

### NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

**Sharon White, Faye Julian & Loretta Dees**

**THOUGHT FOR THE NEW YEAR:** This new year is a clean slate- Do or say something nice to someone every day, count your blessings, and SMILE! God Bless each of you.

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