



Ossoli Circle Newsletter



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

Ossoli activities have been plentiful during this beautiful (albeit early) spring. Our fundraisers have been successful; our programs have been interesting, and our lunches have been exceptional. At the Smoky Mountain District meeting, Ossoli Circle received first- place certificates in all eleven categories for which awards were given (Arts, Conservation, Education, Home Life, International Outreach, Mountain Division, Fundraising, Women's History & Resource Center, Leadership, Membership, and Domestic Violence Awareness). In addition, our student poets received seven awards. We can certainly be justifiably proud of Ossoli's accomplishments. We are also proud of Jo Webb as she ends her two year term as District President and Tona Turpin, who was installed as District President for the next two years.

We have only a few weeks left for this year as we are quickly coming to the conclusion of the 127th year of Ossoli Circle. This will probably be my last opportunity to thank you in writing for your friendship and support during the past months. My year has been gratifying and blessed by association with all of you.

Fondly,
Faye Julian

OSSOLI CIRCLE WEB SITE

Ossoli Circle is one of six GFWC clubs in Tennessee that has their very own website. If you haven't visited it yet, please give it a try. If you have misplaced your yearbook, you can find the information on the website that the yearbook contains: club calendar, member's contact information, committee membership, and so much more.

We have had over 1400 visits to the "public" side of our website. But only Ossoli members can access the information in the secure member's area. Contact me if you need the password. Please let me know if you have suggestions for website content or are interesting in working on our website.

HINT OF THE DAY: To make it easy to access the Ossoli Circle website, you need to create a shortcut using the "Favorites" drop down list.

1. First, open the Ossoli Circle website. You can type in our club name in the search engine like Google and several choices will appear. Click on the one that reads "GFWC Ossoli Circle,

oldest Federated Woman's Club in the South". Or you can type in the web address: www.discoveret.org/gfwc-ossoli.

2. When you are on the Ossoli Circle home page, you will find the words "File, Edit, View, Favorites, Tools, Help" across the top of the screen. Click on Favorites, and a list of choices will drop down. Click Add to Favorites; then click Add. That's all you do.

3. Next time you want to visit the Ossoli Circle website, open your Internet browser, click on Favorites, and click on "GFWC Ossoli Circle, oldest Federated Woman's Club in the South" entry, and this will take you directly to our website. Easy as 1, 2, 3.

Roberta Pedigo
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OSSOLI SPRING TRIP



What a fun and educational trip we had. Thirty-three travelers went to The Little White House, Antiquity Center in LaGrange and to Callaway Gardens. Since I am writing this article my favorites were the Butterfly House, the beautiful stained glass windows in the chapel at Callaway Gardens as well as the visit to the Antiquity Center for a step back in Biblical time. Dr. Fleming was our host at the 15 course dinner that evening and the information he shared as it might have been in the time of Jesus was amazing. To top off our trip we ate lunch at The Whistling

Pig in Pine Mountain, Georgia on the way back to Knoxville. It was great barbeque and slaw. The Whistling Pigs t-shirt state: "LOVE, PEACE and BARBQUE." Need I say more?

For those that were not able to go- you missed a good time!
Thank you, **Marion Bloomer**, for a well planned trip.

Sharon White

DUES NOTICE

We are beginning to collect dues. The 2012-2013 yearbooks will be ready for you to pick up at Installation Day on May 14. The new inserts will be there for you to get after the Installation Ceremony. Every member needs her new book to have the Club Calendar which starts during the summer. If you cannot be at a regular Monday meeting before this date, please mail dues to the Ossoli mailing address: Ossoli Circle, PO Box 10892, Knoxville, TN 37939-0892. Make your check to GFWC Ossoli Circle

Dues are \$125. If you want your yearbook mailed to you, add \$2.00 for postage. Otherwise, you can pick it up at the clubhouse after the Installation Ceremony or ask someone else to bring it to you.

If you have any questions call Peggy Shipe, Assistant Treasurer, at 828-4129, or Bobbie Dearden, the new Treasurer, who will be installed on May 14, at 693-4937.

Thank you very much!

OSSOLI WHITE LINEN LUNCHEON

Ossoli Circle welcomed Spring on Monday March 26, with its annual **White Linen Luncheon**. The club chairwoman of the day, **Jo Webb**, provided an outstanding morning for everyone.

Upon arrival members and guests were encouraged to examine the many items available in the silent auction, organized by Tona Turpin and her committee. Winners of the silent auction were announced at the end of the day's program.

The program continued when everyone was seated at tables, beautifully decorated with floral arrangements by **Lillian Jones**. Members and guests were welcomed by Ossoli President **Faye Julian**. **Linda Oliver** chaired the fashion show presented by Chico's in West Town Mall. Following the fashion show **Stephanie Wayland** provided a piano interlude while members and guests had one final opportunity to bid on items for auction. Then **Nancy Carmon** gave an invocation and members and guests enjoyed an excellent luncheon provided by **Betty McKeenan** and her committee.

Ossoli members assisting the chairs include the following: Madeline Bilbrey, Mary Carmichael, Carolyn Comer, Nelly Dancer, Bobbie Dearden, Connie Graham, Bett Greene, Janice Hixson, Barbara Horton, Pat Klein, Charlotte Miller, Janet Oakes, Bonnie Ozdil, Roberta Pedigo, Caroline Rowe, and Frances Wooten.

The photo to the right is of Ossoli members who were models in the style show (L-R):

Front row: Susie Brown, Susan Steele, Cathy Phillips, Vicki Rudolph

Second row: Linda Scothorn

Third row: Jeanette Williams, Janette Farmer, Cheri Perry

Fourth row: Janice Sauter, Tootie McCook



POETRY CONTEST WINNERS



First place winner in Category 1 (Grades 1-3) is:
Chloe Johnson, Sequoyah Elementary

First place winner in Category 2 (Grades 4-6) is:
Ruthie Steele, New Hopewell Elementary

First place winner in Category 3 (Grades 7-9) is:
Emma Yambert, Grace Christian Academy

First place winner in Category 4 (Grades 10-12) is:
Aaron Waldrup, Christian Academy of Knoxville
The above picture is missing several winners.

CHILD HELP BENEFIT

Colorful balloons and cuddly stuffed animals decorated Ossoli Circle's auditorium on February 10, 2012. Over 100 people attended Ossoli In Action's Card Party and Luncheon to benefit Child Help. President Faye Julian introduced Directors Hugh Nystrom and Pamela Dickey from Child Help who spoke on behalf of the organization. The need for help and funding is ever present for this important cause. The Ossoli In Action Committee was deeply committed to this project chosen by our president.

A delicious luncheon from Sullivan's Restaurant was served by members. The style show by Judy Gardner was outstanding with the showing of the latest in fashion from the New York market. A small Silent Auction netted approximately \$600 to include in the total amount raised.

The Ossoli In Action Committee wishes to thank all of the members and guests who attended in support of Child Help making it the most successful fundraiser ever held by the committee. President, Faye Julian presented a check for \$2500 and the newly purchased stuffed animals on behalf of Ossoli Circle to Hugh Nystrom of Child Help.

Georgia Seagren,
Ossoli In Action Committee



OSSOLI'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2011-12



IN MEMORIAM

Elaine Evans, Member

Katherine Griffith, Member and Mother of Lee Patton

Susan Slates father, Hugh Coleman

Sarah Searle's husband, Bill

Wilene Chalmer's sister

Norene Bogart, Honorary Associate Member

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 White Linen Luncheon

Tona Turpin, Chairman

** Thank you to all those who did their part so that the yearbook could be the best yet!

~ Minga Barnes

** This will be my last newsletter- I wanted to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" for the kind words many of you have said to me regarding how much you have enjoyed reading this publication. I have enjoyed serving in this position.

Sharon White

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

May 14- Installation Day

June 13-17- GFWC International Conference

August 6- I Love Ossoli Tea, 1pm

September 10- Opening Coffee

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

Sharon White, Faye Julian & Loretta Dees

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: When you go out your door each morning choose "Happiness"

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