



Ossoli Circle Newsletter



August 2012

Post Office Box 10892, Knoxville, TN 37939-089

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Ossoli Friends,

I hope each of you is experiencing a healthy, happy summer with family and friends!

Although our club is officially on break, much work continues in preparation for the coming year.

- Special thanks to Faye Julian for a wonderful year in spite of club house repairs and other obstacles.
- In June, Janice Sauter directed another successful Inventory Day! Her hard work and organizational skills are greatly appreciated.
- Janice Hixson completed her largest Ossoli garage sale ever—during Knoxville's record breaking heat wave! We are grateful for the untold number of hours Janice donated to the success of the sale that benefits Ossoli Circle. We are also grateful to her husband Hugh whose patience and assistance throughout the process were amazing.
- As a residual benefit of the sale, much clothing, accessories, household items that were not sold will go to the residents of The Next Door, which is the President's project for the year.
- Connie Graham, House Chair, has shown real direction to her new role. She is now obtaining bids for Phase Three of storm damage work which will include the ceiling of both the dining rooms.
- Susie Kelley has been very busy coordinating the details of the "I Love Ossoli Tea" taking place Monday, August 6. I hope everyone will make an effort to attend this special event.
- Arleen Malcolm has also been busy with plans for the Opening Day/Membership Coffee, September 10. Sharon White, Membership Chair, is ready to prepare invitations for prospective members.

May Ossoli Circle experience continued success during the 2012-2013 year! I look forward to working with each of you!

Lexa Hooten

DUES NOTICE

If you would like your yearbook mailed to you, send \$125.00 (add \$2.00 for postage) to Ossoli Circle, PO Box 10892, Knoxville, TN 37939-0892. Otherwise, you can pick it up at the clubhouse after the Opening Coffee, September 10. If you have any questions call Peggy Shipe, Assistant Treasurer, at 828-4129, or Bobbie Dearden, Treasurer, at 693-4937.
Thank you very much!

ALERT!!! Our first meeting is the Second Monday in **September**--NOT in October.

GARAGE SALE NETS \$4,982.00!!!!

THANK YOU JANICE HIXSON!! THANKS ALSO TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED ITEMS AND TO ALL HELPED WITH THE SALE. Janice would like to do it again next year so start collecting your items for a fall sale.

BIG "THANK YOU"

I have so very much for which to be grateful. Being selected for the great honor of having the current Yearbook dedicated to me was one of the most overwhelming things that has ever happened to me. I cannot tell you how appreciative I am. Thank you, with lots of love to Madame President Lexa. Thank you to those of the Advisory Committee who approved her nomination.

I also want to express my appreciation to all those who worked so diligently to make our fundraising efforts a success last year. The members of the Ways and Means Committee went extra MILES, and there were several others who stepped up to help in our efforts. I cannot thank you enough.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Jo Webb

OSSOLI WEBSITE UPDATE FOR 2012-2013

The Ossoli website (www.discoveret.org/ossoli or www.discoveret.org/GFWC/Ossoli) has been updated with our 2012-2013 information.

In order to conform with GFWC website requirements, our web address now includes "GFWC" with our club name. The official website is now www.discoveret.org/GFWC/Ossoli.

Questions? Contact Roberta Pedigo, 577-4106 or email to rbpedigo@comcast.net.

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERSHIP

Sharon White is the new Membership Chair. Please send her the names and addresses of the Prospective members you would like to invite to the Opening Coffee, September 10. Inviting your friends to come to Ossoli is the best gift you could give them. Where else can you get wonderful programs every week, enjoy a good lunch for \$5.00 and make wonderful friends? Our membership to Ossoli Circle is the best bargain around.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

August 6- I Love Ossoli Tea, 1:00 pm

September 10- Opening Coffee, 10:00

UNICORN SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

The Appalachian Assistance Committee of GFWC Ossoli Circle provides funds annually for scholarships in Morgan and Scott counties of Tennessee. Guidance counselors and school staff work with a committee from the Unicorn Fund Association in choosing two students from each of the two high schools in those counties to receive scholarships. The selections are made on the basis of scholastic achievement, family income and desire of student to achieve.

Additionally, the Unicorn Fund assists other needy students with tuition, books, fees, etc., in order to help them remain in school. Throughout the year, Ossoli Circle supports the resale shop, called Unicorn, located in Wartburg, with donations of clothing, household goods, appliances and other items. At Christmas members of Ossoli Circle fill and donate about 150 shoeboxes for distribution to the children in the area.

At the GFWC Ossoli Circle meeting on May 7, 2012, the Appalachian Assistance Committee presented the Unicorn fund Association checks for four scholarship awards for the coming academic year.

Six Ossoli members attended the Unicorn Celebration at Wartburg early in June.



Shown in the photo are three of the scholarship recipients: (L-R) Kristen Kennedy, Gabriel Chastain and Micah Hughett

IN MEMORIAM

Barbara McCain's husband, Jim, will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia, with full military honors, Wednesday, October 10, 9:00 am. Anyone who can attend is invited.

I LOVE OSSOLI TEA

The I Love Ossoli Tea will be held August 6 at 1:00 p.m. The purpose of this event is to come together for fun, to see each other again after months away, to enjoy a great program and to make a monetary gift of love to Ossoli Circle. Our program will be Sarah Holloway and Beverly Kerr. We have heard them before and welcome them back to Ossoli. We urge everyone to attend this special event and get our coming year off to a good start. The Board of Directors is providing refreshments for the tea.

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

Jenny White, Susie Kelley, Dee Lines, June Young

The next newsletter will be sent by email only to Ossoli Circle members who have email addresses. This will save postage, paper, ink and time. Printed copies will be available at the clubhouse for those who do not have email and copies will be mailed to members who live out of town or are not able to attend the meetings. Color photos will be included in the email newsletter since there is no cost for the ink.

OSSOLI CIRCLE ART AND CRAFT DEPARTMENT

If you would be interested in belonging to a craft group at Ossoli Circle please email Susie Kelley and let her know. This would include painting, knitting, sewing, jewelry making, quilting or anything else that the group would like to participate in. It is an opportunity to get to know members better and have fun learning something new.