



# GFWC Ossoli Circle Newsletter July 2013



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Ossoli Friends,

On behalf of Ossoli Circle, I want to thank Lexa Hooten for leading us through a great 2012-2013 year with so many accomplishments and achievements.

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer with warm weather, family gatherings, and more free time to relax. But as the summer passes, consider Ossoli Circle again. It will soon be time to see all your Ossoli friends again, work together on community service projects, and enjoy the many wonderful programs and special events planned for the next club year.

As you know, Ossoli doesn't completely close down over the summer. Several things have been taking place.

- Ten Ossoli Circle members attended the brunch at Wartburg in honor of the Unicorn scholarship students. There was also a stop at the resale shop afterward.
- Penny Keim chaired the inventory of the clubhouse in June.
- Chair Sara Searle is leading the preparations for the I Love Ossoli Tea on August 5<sup>th</sup>. You don't want to miss this.
- Terry Finnerty is chair for the Opening Day/Membership Coffee on September 9<sup>th</sup>.

And this only brings us up to the beginning of September. So much will be happening at Ossoli Circle, you don't want to miss a single thing. My personal philosophy is "you only get out of something in proportion to what you put into it". Be active in Ossoli Circle; you won't regret it. And let's have another outstanding year!

Roberta Pedigo

## NOTE – IMPORTANT DATE CHANGES

<b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>Nov 20</b>
<b>THANKSGIVING</b>	<b>Nov 28</b>
<b>NO MEETING-Thanksgiving Holiday-</b>	<b>Dec 2</b>
<b>Dec 2 Programs now on</b>	<b>Dec 9</b>
<b>PRESIDENT'S DAY - 1 pm</b>	<b>Dec 16</b>

## IMPORTANT OSSOLI REMINDERS

<b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>July 24</b>
<b>I LOVE OSSOLI TEA - 1 pm</b>	<b>Aug. 5</b>
<b>Exec Board Meeting</b>	<b>Aug 13</b>
<b>OPENING/MEMBERSHIP - 11 am</b>	<b>Sept 9</b>
<b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>Sept 25</b>
<b>District Meeting</b>	<b>Oct 12</b>
<b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>Oct 23</b>
<b>BENEFIT BRIDGE - 10am</b>	<b>Oct 28</b>
<b>SER Meeting</b>	<b>Nov 1-2</b>

## I LOVE OSSOLI TEA

The I Love Ossoli Tea committee is hard at work planning the August 5<sup>th</sup> tea. It will start at 1 p.m.

We are working on an elegant Downton Abbey theme for this day. We are planning a sit down tea. **Please make a reservation** by responding to [ssearle@utk.edu](mailto:ssearle@utk.edu) or at 524-3819 by July 29<sup>th</sup>. There is no charge for the tea, of course, but it is a "greens" tea to benefit Ossoli.

Wear your best "bib and tucker", and a hat if you wish - even vintage attire, if you care to. We want this to be a very special day as our gift to the ladies of Ossoli.

Sarah Searle, Chair

## OPENING DAY/MEMBERSHIP COFFEE

On Monday, September 9, 2013, 11 am to 2 pm, we will once again begin our GFWC Ossoli Circle year! And once again, members have the opportunity to invite family, friends, and neighbors to visit Ossoli Circle, as potential members.

Membership Chair, Debra Wilson requests that you telephone (865-856-9300), e-mail ([jw4194718@aol.com](mailto:jw4194718@aol.com)), or snail-mail (5117 Morganton Road, Greenback, TN 37742), names and address of individuals you would like to receive invitations to the event by July 26.

Willene Chalmers, Refreshments Chair, and her committee will be in charge of refreshments.

Plans are underway to provide an interesting and humorous program to entertain and inform our members and guests. Please put the date/time on your calendar and make plans to attend. We always have a great time getting back together after the long summer break.

Terry Finnerty, Event Chair  
Debra Wilson, Membership Chair



Georgia Seagren, the Parks and Recreation Department, 2013 year. With the Parks and Recreation Department. The third bench, placed in Fountain City Park, recognizes GFWC Ossoli Circle. A bench overlooking the Tennessee River from a hill at Lakeshore recognizes the Parks and Recreation Department. The third bench, placed in Fountain City Park, recognizes GFWC Ossoli Circle. Minga Barnes, Chair

**UNICORN FUND**

On June 1st ten Ossoli Ladies traveled to Wartburg for a Brunch hosted by the Unicorn Fund: Linda Oliver, Mary Nell Robinson, Roberta Pedigo, Minga Barnes, Joyce Leo, Janice Hixson, Glenda Jessee, Jo Webb, Mary Lou Ault & Madeline Bilbrey. After the Brunch, the scholarship winners were introduced and we met two of our scholarship recipients. We also were delighted to see Gabriel Chastain who was our scholarship winner last year. If you will remember, Gabe touched all of our hearts with his story. He has completed his first year of college and will be returning in the fall. We then went to the Unicorn resale shop "Second Time Around Boutique" and each lady found something to buy!

Madeline Bilbrey, Appalachian Assistance Chair

**USO Cards Project**

The following thank you is for our collection and sending of holiday cards for use by our troops:

Hi Janice,

Thank you and GFWC Ossoli Circle for your generous donation of holiday cards. On behalf of our troops, we sincerely appreciate all of your efforts. And yes, these blank holiday cards are still needed.

This is a special program for GFWC clubs so it is not posted on our website. We have some service projects specifically for some of our national club partners and not the general public.

But you can always contact me if you have any questions.

Best, Lisa

Lisa Ferrari Carter

Relationship Manager, Clubs & Organizations

USO

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**Email**

If you acquire email or change your provider, please send an email to Susie Kelley ([jsgkelley@comcast.net](mailto:jsgkelley@comcast.net)) to continue receiving Ossoli Circle news in the future.

**Don't do Email?**

If you don't have email or don't like email, contact the Ossoli Telephone Chair Lila Cate (690-3395) to sign up for the telephone notification list.

**Ossoli Emergency Cards**

Please fill out the yellow Emergency Card in the back of your yearbook. This is very important "just in case".

**UPDATE YOUR YEARBOOK**

- Page 9 - Bible Chair is Sarah Wimberly
- Home Life Chair is Caroline Rowe
- Contact Committee Chair is Lou McNutt
- Page 40 – Valerie Biberdorf's email address: [valbeeb@gmail.com](mailto:valbeeb@gmail.com)
- Page 45 - Betsy Gardner is Betsy Gardner
- Page 48 - Clea Marrow's email address: [clevabone@comcast.net](mailto:clevabone@comcast.net)
- Page 53 - Cheryl Smith's email address: [so1cheryl@gmail.com](mailto:so1cheryl@gmail.com) (so1 is the number one)
- Page 58 – Janette Bingham
- PO Box 1393
- Cookeville, TN 38503-1393
- Page 59 – Remove Mildred Smith (deceased)
- Page 59 -Sunny Graves
- 801 Wilson Ave, Apt 502
- Tullahoma, TN 37388

**Unicorn Brunch**



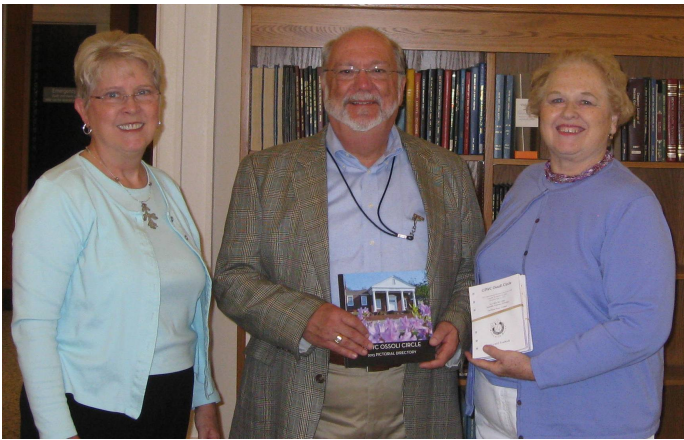
Joyce Leo, Mary Nelle Robbins, Glenda Jessee, and Minga Barnes



Mary Lou Ault and Jo Webb



Linda Oliver and Glenda Jessee



Roberta Pedigo and Minga Barnes, Print Chair, present Steve Cotham of the McClung Historical Collection with the 2013-14 yearbook.



Installation Day



Robin Goddard honored for her outstanding contribution to the Great Smoky Mountain National Park for 43 years of service as Volunteer of the Year.