



GFWC

Ossoli Circle Newsletter

August 2014



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The *I Love Ossoli Tea* was a wonderful start of the 2014-2015 Ossoli Circle Club year. Tona Turpin and her outstanding committee did a great job planning this event that benefits Ossoli. Please mark your calendars for the Opening Day Membership Coffee on September 8 at 10:30 a.m. Send Membership Chair Linda Oliver names of prospective members so that an invitation can be extended to them to attend. This is a great opportunity to introduce ladies to Ossoli Circle. Lorna Matheny is chair of this event and has planned wonderful entertainment. Willene Chalmers and her Fete Day committee are planning delicious refreshments for this special meeting.

The theme for this year is *Build for the Future with the Traditions of the Past*. A special part of this theme is *Remember, Ossoli is You!* The greatest thing about Ossoli is the members. Each of you brings a special talent to our Circle. The President's Project is to support the Food for Kids project of the Second Harvest Food Bank of East Tennessee. Food for Kids is a collaborative effort between Second Harvest and an ever-increasing number of public schools within the food bank's 18-county service area. The program is designed to provide healthy, easily-prepared food to some of the most vulnerable children in our community—children who may be missing meals on a regular basis. Knoxville area schools will be designated for the Ossoli donations. Teachers at each school compile a list of kids in their classroom who they feel are at risk of hunger. These children are discreetly given a backpack full of food for themselves (and any siblings they may have at home) every Friday throughout the school year. Reports of improved self-esteem, behavior and concentration among Food for Kids participants are common.

If you have internet access, please regularly check the Ossoli Circle website. The web address and members' only section code is located on Page 10 of the 2014-2015 Yearbook. The newsletter is posted as well as links to GFWC. Webmaster Roberta Pedigo updates the site regularly. Publicity Chair Madge Day is extending the coverage of Ossoli publicity to increase the awareness of Ossoli. If you see a notice or article about Ossoli in one of the smaller local papers, please save this for her records!

I hope to see each of you at the Opening Coffee or a meeting soon!

Charlotte Miller

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Opening/Membership coffee	Sept 8
GFWC Fall Conference	Sept 12-14
Board Meeting	Sept 24
Board Meeting	Oct 22
Replacement Benefit Bridge	Oct 27
SER Meeting	Nov 7-9
Founders' Day	Nov 17
Board Meeting	Nov 19
Presidents' Day	Dec 15



L-R: Linda Oliver, Nancy Carmon, Madeline Bilbrey, Marion Bloomer and Charlotte Miller

UNICORN SCHOLARSHIP BRUNCH

On June 7th the Ossoli Appalachian Assistance Committee members pictured above went to Wartburg for the annual Unicorn brunch and the presentation of scholarships.

Ossoli Circle and the Angie Warren Trust gave four scholarships to deserving students. They are:

Daniel Mayse – Scott High School
Preston Bee – Scott High School
Summer Walters – Scott High School
Kimberly Boyd – Sunbright High School

Everyone enjoyed a delicious brunch and lots of good fellowship.

The December Unicorn Appreciation Brunch will be held on December 7th at Huntsville Presbyterian Church in Huntsville, TN. This is always a special trip because the church is decorated for Christmas and the delicious home cooked meal is yummy.

These two trips are open to the entire membership of Ossoli Circle. If you are interested in going, please see Madeline Bilbrey.

Madeline Bilbrey

DID YOU KNOW...?

What is ESO?

ESO stands for Epsilon Sigma Omicron and is an honorary educational society open to all GFWC members. It was organized by GFWC more than 60 years ago. All you have to do is READ. There are over 20 categories with hundreds of books listed. To find out how to participate contact our ESO Chair, Valerie Bieberdorf, at 865-577-4534 or valbeeb@gmail.com.

Can I report my community volunteer service?

GFWC Ossoli Circle's Community Service Projects are listed on page 6 of our Yearbook. Volunteer hours that you serve any of these organizations in the name of Ossoli Circle can be counted. Turn them in to the Reporting Chair, Elaine Mueller, at 865-481-3060 or eprmueller@bellsouth.net.

What is the Club Collect?

The Club Collect was written by Mary B. Stewart in 1904 and is used by all GFWC clubs—not just Ossoli Circle.

Remember to collect books for the Friends of the Library Used Book Sale. You may take them to your local library branch anytime, but be sure to let the Literacy Chair, Susan Steele, know how many you have donated. Contact Susan at 865-766-0914 or ssteele534@aol.com.

Nancy Carmon

INSTALLATION DAY

May 12 was the final meeting for Ossoli's 2013-2014 year. Event Chair Faye Julian planned this special day very expertly. On this day Charlotte Miller was installed as President of Ossoli for the year 2014-2015, and Nancy Carmon became President-Elect. Willene Chalmers and her Fete Day Committee provided excellent refreshments and Lillian Jones performed her usual magic with floral arrangements.

INSTALLATION DAY



On Installation Day Ossoli members and guests stand for the opening ceremonies.



Fete Day Refreshments Committee: L-R: Bonnie Ozdil, Sue Whittle, Chairman Willene Chalmers, Rose Moseley.



L-R: Outgoing President Roberta Pedigo, Janet Oakes, dedicatee of 2014-2015 Yearbook; Incoming President Charlotte Miller



Reciting the Club Collect. L-R: Lexa Hooten, Charlotte Miller, Roberta Pedigo, Leta Cutler, Linda Scothorn, Bobbie Dearden



Summer Board meeting, July 23 at Peggy Sood's home. Front row seated L-R: Joyce Condry, Nancy Carmon, Roberta Pedigo, Minga Barnes, Lorna Matheny. Back row L-R: Susie Kelley, Janie Bitner, Charlotte Miller, Peggy Sood,, Shirley Hall, Bonnie Sheeley.