



GFWC

Ossoli Circle Newsletter

January 2015



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope that each of you had a joyous holiday season. As Ossoli begins a new year, it is wonderful to remember all of the successful projects and events from 2014. Beginning with the *I Love Ossoli Tea* in August, followed by the *Opening Membership Coffee* in September and the *Replacement Benefit Bridge Luncheon* in October, many Ossoli members worked hard to make these events a great success and enjoyment for all.

A special new project in October included the partnership with our neighbor, Childhelp Children's Center of East Tennessee, to plant over 500 pinwheels as part of the Pinwheels for

Prevention project to increase awareness of the need to eradicate child abuse in our community.

Our Founder, Lizzie Crozier French, was remembered with an exceptional program written by Faye Julian and featuring several talented Ossoli thespians, including Robin Goddard as Lizzie. This event was followed by the placement of flowers on her grave at Old Gray Cemetery.

The Ossoli tradition of supporting the Unicorn Fund resulted in over 125 shoe boxes filled with Christmas gifts for the children of Scott and Morgan counties as well as a truck load of clothes and other household items donated for the Resale Shop.

The first half of the year featured many outstanding programs with many more planned for 2015. Financial support for the Second Harvest Backpack Program has been outstanding.

Presidents' Day in December was a beautiful occasion, with 13 of the 25 past living Presidents in attendance as well as the Tennessee State GFWC President, Patricia Williams. All enjoyed the beautiful musical program planned by Sarah Searle and Peggy Sood and the refreshments coordinated by Willene Chalmers and her committee.

Make sure that you plan to attend the *Ossoli in Action Card Party and Luncheon* on February 9th. And bring a guest. This event, being held on a Monday this year to avoid the conflicts that have occurred in the past, benefits the Second Harvest Backpack Program and the community projects including the Beardsley Community Farm. As we Build for the Future with the Traditions of the Past, remember, Ossoli is You!

Charlotte Miller

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Ossoli in Action Fundraiser	Feb 9
Board Meeting	Feb 25
Poetry Contest	March 2
Board Meeting	March 25
White Linen Luncheon	March 30
NO MEETING	April 6
Smoky Mt. Dist. Spring Meeting	
GFWC of TN Convention	April 10-12
Joint Board Meeting	April 22
Memorial Service	April 27
Installation Day	May 11
GFWC International Convention	June 13-17

Ossoli Presidents and Guest



L-R: Front row: Jo Webb, Ann Durall, Charlotte Miller, GFWC of TN State President Patricia Williams, Bett Greene. Second row: Mary Carmichael, Janet Oakes, Barbara Horton. Third row: Faye Julian, Georgia Seagren, Susie Kelley, Marion Bloomer. Back row: Janice Hixson, Roberta Pedigo, Lexa Hooten

Presidents' Day

On December 15, 2014, Ossoli Circle celebrated Presidents' Day, an occasion to honor Ossoli's Presidents and especially our current President, Charlotte Miller. Peggy Sood, Chair of the Day, organized a beautiful event. The program, a Presidents' Day Musicale, was provided by Anne Jackson, harpist; Danny Brian, pianist; Sarah Searle, soprano; and Jim Watkins, tenor. Fourteen Ossoli Presidents were honored at the event, and are shown in the photo above, along with Patricia Williams, GFWC State President.



L-R: Front row: Robin Goddard, Cathy Phillips. Second row: Linda Scothorn, Layla Mishu, Third row: Lexa Hooten, Lynn Barnes. Fourth row: Terry Finnerty, Sarah Searle, Janie Bitner, Rebecca Scarlett.

Replacement Benefit Bridge

On October 27, 2014, Ossoli Circle held its annual Replacement Benefit Bridge party and luncheon. Janet Oakes and her excellent committee provided a delicious lunch and Linda Oliver worked with Paris Apartment and owner Debbie Oden to provide an entertaining fashion show. The Ossoli models are shown in the photo above. The Replacement Fund earned \$1,635, including \$202 proceeds from the bake sale. Ways and Means received \$550 from the silent auction and "pass it along" sale.



Lexa Hooten and Connie Graham are pictured in front of the Focal Scene at the Fantasy of Trees. Lexa and her husband Ron assisted Connie, who contributed more than seventy hours as a volunteer for this project, one of many supported by Ossoli.



Five Ossoli members attended the annual fundraiser for The Next Door, an organization supported by Ossoli. L-R: Ann Durall, Layla Mishu, Lexa Hooten, Arleen Malcolm, Glenna Atchley and Mike Buckley, Associate Minister of Laurel Church of Christ.

OUR NEW MEMBERS



Nancy Staub

Nancy is the only child of two longtime educators and the second of three generations of UT graduates, receiving BS and MS degrees.

She did social work for three years and taught for 32 years, with 31 being at the elementary level in Sevier County. She is a member of Church Street United Methodist Church where she sings in the Parish Adult Choir and is a choir librarian. She is in her fourth year as Treasurer of United Methodist Women.

Nancy cherishes the time she spends with her children and grandchildren in Knoxville, Nashville and Charleston, SC.

“My associations in Ossoli are enabling me to help support projects with agencies I consider important. I value the friendships I am making with other members, and the programs are informative and enjoyable. I am a member of the International Outreach Committee and have been asked to serve on the Finance Committee and as Assistant Treasurer in the coming year.”



Debra Faulkner

Debra was born in San Diego, California but reared in Memphis Tennessee. She obtained a BS in Education degree in English and Special Education from Memphis State before coming to Knoxville in June 1974.

She has been a member of Northside Christian Church for the past 40+ years. She did substitute teaching before commencing her 30-year career as a Knox County Special Education teacher. She has been a Girl Scout leader and a volunteer on behalf of her church with Church Women United and Christian Women's Fellowship and a member of Beta Sigma Phi (Xi Beta Gamma chapter).

Debra Faulkner – Continued

Debra has two children: Jennifer Lynn Faulkner Credille is a mechanical engineer who works for the government in Washington, DC, and is the mother of a son, Levi Adam Credille. Debra's son, Brian Lee Faulkner, works for DENSO in Maryville, TN.



Bernadette Redano

Bernadette was born on the tropical island of Trinidad. After graduation from high school she attended a private college in Denver, Colorado, and later received a Master's degree in Education from the University of Colorado. She spent two years teaching in Denver and then moved to Houston where she taught for 30 more years before retiring in 2010.

She met and married her husband in Houston over 21 years ago. They adopted a three-year-old boy from Russia who graduated from Bearden High School in 2013.

Bernadette and her husband have traveled extensively through Canada, Europe, Asia,

Central and South America. They love nature, the outdoors and canoeing.

In her retirement Bernadette enjoys Pilates, her neighborhood book club and her neighborhood Mahjongg group. She belongs to a garden club at All Saints, where they grow a charity garden to help the disadvantaged. She also belongs to a guild at church and a Bible study group on Thursdays.

"I am a new Ossoli member and look forward to helping serve my club and community in any way possible in the future."

"I am so busy in retirement and many a day I feel there is not enough time to get it all done. But I thank God daily for this memorable time in my life when I am able to do what was impossible as a professional. Most of all I thank God for retiring in East Tennessee where everywhere you turn, you see God's beauty and canvas before you. I feel blessed to live here."



Priscilla Kirby

Priscilla Kirby - Continued

Priscilla is a Knoxville native. She received a BS in Education from UT and a Masters in Administration/Supervision from LMU. She taught for three years in a private pre-school/kindergarten in New York City, and then moved back to Knoxville.

She taught in Knox County for 39 ½ years and retired in May 2014. SHE LOVES RETIREMENT!

Last summer Priscilla began teaching moms how to teach their preschoolers and is now working with MOPS groups to do the same.

She is involved in her church and is an avid horse lover/rider. She has a great-niece and soon will have a great-nephew.

Priscilla joined Ossoli in September and is on the Ossoli in Action committee. She hopes also to join the Bible committee next year.

"I really enjoy the Ossoli women, programs and the fact that this is a great service organization!

Pansy Tributes

On Monday, September 29, the Grounds Committee provided lunch for the members and an opportunity to purchase a pansy for the clubhouse for one dollar. Members could honor an Ossoli member with a tribute. Here are the Pansy Tributes:

"I want to memorialize Gertrude Self because she was a wonderful Great-Aunt and a member of Ossoli from 1940 until the 1960s." – Priscilla Kirby

"I want to honor Marion Bloomer because I love her and she loves Ossoli." - Janice Hixson

I want to honor Minga Barnes because of the countless hours she devotes to Ossoli via Ossoli in Action." – Susan Steele

I want to honor Susie Brown because she's my little sister!" – Janice Hixson

I want to honor Bonnie Sheeley because of her encouraging leadership, exquisite capabilities, and loving disposition!" – Debra Faulkner

"I want to honor Gertrude Faulkner Self because she was a very active member of Ossoli Circle in the 1940s and 1950s." – Minga Barnes

I want to honor Lorna Matheny because I love her and she is my sister." – Janie Bitner

I want to honor the memory of Aline Marshall because of the many years of devoted membership to Ossoli Circle." – Marion Bloomer

"I want to honor Janice Hixson because she personifies the best of Ossoli." – Leta Cutler

"I want to honor Terry Finnerty because she brought me to Ossoli and is a dear friend." – Linda Scothorn

"I want to honor Alice Conlin because of her love of flowers and Ossoli." – Charlotte Miller

"I want to honor Linda Scothorn because she is a great treasurer." – Janice Hixson

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