



GFWC

Ossoli Circle Newsletter

July 2015



Nancy Carmon

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear GFWC Ossoli Circle Members,

I hope you are having a wonderful summer. Ossoli Circle meetings are just around the corner. Your Board has met to plan for an exciting and productive year. Be sure to put the *I Love Ossoli Tea* on your calendar—it is August 3rd at 1 o'clock. Elizabeth Koester and her committee have planned an event to remember. "My Fair Lady" is the theme in honor of our founder Lizzie Crozier French and all of the "fair" ladies of Ossoli Circle. Everyone is invited to wear a period costume

or a garden party hat. Remember those gorgeous hats from the movies—wear one!!

We will be gathering again for the Opening Day Membership Coffee on September 14 from 10:30 until 1:30. Tona Turpin has a real surprise planned, and Peggy Sood, as always, will have scrumptious food. Remember to send the names and contact information for any prospective members to Linda Oliver by phone or email.

Our special project this year is the Family Crisis Center. It is a place of safety and help for women and children that are victims of domestic abuse and violence. Domestic abuse is a difficult topic to talk about and an even harder one to hear about, and yet one in three women in the United States are victims of domestic abuse or violence. We can make a difference for these women and children in our community.

Janet Hixson, Paulette Corcoran and I attended the 125th International GFWC Convention in Memphis in June. We were educated, entertained, challenged, and motivated. We look forward to sharing our excitement with you about the possibilities for learning and service that GFWC provides.

Visit our website gfwcossolicircle.org and our Facebook page. Remember that the password for the membership side has changed. It is on page 12 of your yearbook.

There are lots of challenges ahead for us: acquiring new members, involving everyone in our projects and community service, and

making new friends. We will "Continue the Legacy" that Lizzie and her friends began in 1885, and we will have fun together doing it. This will be a great year for GFWC Ossoli Circle!

Your friend in GFWC,
Nancy

INSTALLATION DAY



Outgoing officers entering the auditorium

2014-15 Recording Secretary Janie Bitner in foreground and 2014-15 Corresponding Secretary Joyce Condry in background.



2014-15 President Charlotte Miller presenting 2015-16 President Nancy Carmon with the keys to the club house.



2015-16 President Nancy Carmon addresses guests and members of Ossoli Circle.



Newly installed President Nancy Carmon presents President-Elect Sarah Searle with the Ossoli history.



L-R: President-Elect Sarah Searle, 2015-16 President Nancy Carmon, 2014-15 President Charlotte Miller, 2012-13 President and Chair-of-the Day Lexa Hooten.

DONATIONS

Since the beginning of 2015 Ossoli has made donations to the Memorial Fund in memory of the following: Iris Housley's husband, Charlotte Walden's husband, David Kent Bilbrey, Jay Julian, Elizabeth Shirley, Sue Taylor and Doris Smith.

Nancy Carmon has made donations to the Memorial Fund in honor of Janice Hixson, Roberta Pedigo and Charlotte Miller for their assistance and suggestions. She has made a donation in honor of Sharon White for her hard work on the yearbook.

Nancy would like to encourage others to make donations to Ossoli not only to memorialize those who are deceased but also to honor current members for special recognition.

DATES TO REMEMBER

I Love Ossoli Tea	August 3
Opening Day Coffee	September 14
Board Meeting	September 30
Replacement Bridge Benefit	October 26
Board Meeting	October 28
Founders' Day	November 16
Board Meeting	November 18
NO MEETING	November 30
Presidents' Day	December 14

OUR NEW MEMBERS



Kathy Butcher

Kathy Butcher was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, but came to East Tennessee as

a teenager. She received her BA and MS degrees in counseling from the University of Tennessee and worked for the State of Tennessee as a rehabilitation counselor dealing with disabled people, helping them with job training and job placement.

She retired in 2002 and started an organic vineyard on her farm in Rockford. She now manages Rocky Top Organic Vineyard and Winery.

Kathy has one son, Evan Butcher, who is the official chiropractor for the Knoxville Ice Bears. Her daughter, Kim Mosby, runs a gourmet restaurant in Indiana. Kathy has three grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Kathy loves travel, people and working in her vineyard. She belongs to several genealogy clubs. She is on the board of the Knoxville Opera Guild, is a member of Smoky Mountains Garden Club, East Tennessee Wine Society and various other groups. She enjoys her three cats and her convertible.



Wanda Taylor

Wanda Taylor was born in Glasgow, Kentucky, but has spent most of her life in the Maryville/Rockford area. She has BA and MS degrees in speech/language pathology from the University of Tennessee. She retired from the Blount County School System after 31 ½ years.

After retirement, Wanda took the Blount County Master Gardener program in 2009 and enjoys volunteering for the Blount County Agricultural Extension Agency. She is a member of the Smoky Mountains Garden Club in Blount County, Racheff Board of Directors and serves on the TFGC Board as a committee chair. Other garden club memberships include the East Tennessee Hosta Society and the East Tennessee Daffodil Society. Wanda also volunteers at the University of Tennessee Gardens.

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Wanda became interested in genealogy and began researching family history. One line goes back to the French Huguenots who came to America in 1700 on the ship Peter and Anthony. This led to her joining several genealogy groups.

Wanda and her husband George reside in Rockford and attend Sevier Heights Baptist Church. They have two children: Katie Scarlett Finney is a Human Resources Director for Ryder in Louisville, KY, and son Jesse works with George at a retail business in Knoxville.

“I am excited about my affiliation with Ossoli. I enjoy meeting new people and look forward to all that I gain to learn through the coming years. I have been asked to be on the Ways and Means Committee.”



Kim Overman

Kim Overman was born in Mountain City, TN, but she and her husband C. L. have spent the last 28 years in the Knoxville area.

Kim has three children: Allison Rogers, Parker Overman and Trevor Overman; and four grandchildren.

Kim is enjoying tending the lush landscaping they inherited when they moved to a house in South Knoxville. In addition to gardening, she especially enjoys reading, cooking, and collecting cookbooks.



Fran McLean

Fran grew up in Nebraska and attended Clarkson College of Nursing. She met her husband, Marty, in San Diego where she was working as a critical care nurse.

Fran and Marty have lived in San Diego, Yokohama, Japan; Nashville, Milwaukee,

Kingsport and Knoxville. They enjoy Knoxville very much.

Fran and Marty have three children: Kristina, Jason and Alexandra plus a dog and cat. All live in Knoxville.

Fran enjoys reading, traveling, gardenig, decorating and current events. Her most recent trips have been to the Czech Republic and Ireland.



Sara Cornwall

Sara is a busy chemical engineer who manages to arrange her work schedule so that she is able to attend many of Ossoli's meetings.

She is an avid gardener and is interesting in assisting with the Grounds Committee.

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