



# GFWC

## Ossoli Circle Newsletter

### December 2015



**Nancy Carmon**

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear GFWC Ossoli Circle Members,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! It is going to be a great 2016 at Ossoli!

We have many exciting and informative programs and events ahead for this New Year. Leadership Day and "The Temple-Pittman House: History Reborn" in January, the GFWC Ossoli History Challenge in April, and many other amazing programs have been planned by our program committees. Come and be informed and entertained each Monday!

We have many challenges ahead in 2016 as well—recruiting new members, raising money for the Family Crisis Center, repairing our historic club house, and electing a slate of officers and chairs for 2016-2017.

But what a fall to celebrate—a gracious "I Love Ossoli Tea" in August to honor all the "Fair Ladies" of Ossoli Circle, especially Lizzie Crozier French, our founder; an Opening Day/Membership Coffee with a visit from "The Wizard of Os"; a Replacement Bridge Benefit that was a delightful shopping and fashion event for everyone attending; and a memorable Founders' Day with a play by our fabulous playwright, Faye Julian. On Presidents' Day we will honor our Past Presidents, enjoy a formal tea by our Fete Day committee ably led by Peggy Sood, and celebrate Christmas together.

2015 at GFWC Ossoli Circle didn't go out with a whimper. We have been busy! The Ossoli in Action committee placed over 200 Pinwheels for Prevention on our lawn in support of Child Abuse Prevention month. The craft room has once again been the site of busy ladies working and laughing together. Shoeboxes for support of the Unicorn Fund were filled with "goodies" for the children of Scott and Morgan counties. Money was collected for the "Paper to Pixels" campaign at the Knoxville News Sentinel and for UNICEF.

During 2015 we have been informed, entertained, fed and excited by all the activities at GFWC Ossoli Circle. I know that

2016 will be a remarkable one for all of us at 2511 Kingston Pike. We are challenged to...  
"Continue the Legacy...Be A Lizzie

Yours in Ossoli love,

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***I LOVE OSSOLI TEA***

The *I Love Ossoli Tea* was held on August 3, 2015. The theme was "My Fair Lady" to honor our Founder, Lizzie Crozier French. Members were asked to wear hats reminiscent of the period, and they responded with enthusiasm.

**PHOTOS FROM THE *I LOVE OSSOLI TEA***



Front row: Ann Durall. Back row L-R:  
Chair of the Day Elizabeth Koester,  
President Nancy Carmon, Willene Chalmers



L-R: Rose Moseley, Linda Oliver, Eleanor  
Nichols



L-R: Linda Oliver, Nancy Carmon,  
Elizabeth Koester and the hat display



Sarah Wimberley



Robin Goddard



Peggy Sood



Pam Riley and Mary Carmichael

## OPENING DAY/MEMBERSHIP COFFEE “Wizard of Os”



L-R: Sarah Searle, Nancy Carmon, Judy Penry, Robin Goddard, Stephanie Wayland

## OSSOLI TRAVELERS

On September 29, 2015, the Ossoli Travelers had an exciting trip to the Jonesboro, TN Storytelling Center to hear world renowned Donald Davis.

Now we are ready for our next excursion—a trip to the Barter Theater in Abingdon, VA.



“Sister Act” in Front of the Jonesboro Court House

L-R: Wanda Taylor, Janie Bitner, Lorna Matheny, Kathy Butcher

## OUR NEW MEMBERS



**Jeanette Farmer**

Jeanette was born in Luverne, Alabama, but spent most of her life in Valley, Alabama. She received an Associate of Science degree from Southern Union Junior College. As a homemaker and mother, Jeanette served as a Girl Scout leader, teachers assistant, and as a volunteer for the food closet for the First United Methodist Church in Lanette, AL. She and her husband moved to Knoxville in 2004.

Jeanette and her husband have two children and three grandchildren. Their son is Vice President of Krato Defence Solutions in Huntsville, AL. Their daughter is a senior lecturer and advisor for Old Dominion College in Norfolk, VA, and their oldest grandson works at Radiance Technologies as an electrical engineer.

Jeanette's hobbies are boating, traveling and reading.

Jeanette is President of NavCal Marine Services, LLC. She works with this on a daily basis as the first mate aboard the vessel TRACE 1.



**Linda Biggers**

After several moves, Linda's family settled in Louisville, KY where she spent her high school years. She received an undergraduate degree from Furman University where she majored in German. She spent her sophomore year in Mainz, Germany, as an exchange student. She taught in Louisville for several years before pursuing a Master of Arts degree in German at the University of Georgia. After completing that degree Linda moved to Atlanta where she taught for several years, met her husband and eventually quit teaching and became a realtor. She enjoyed various aspects of real

estate: the business end, the people part, and buying her own investment properties.

After retirement Linda and her husband were drawn to Knoxville because their daughter lives here; when the grandchildren came, they took the plunge and moved here four years ago.

"I first learned about Ossoli through playing bridge with some Ossoli members. I had been a member of a women's club called the FAN club (Friends and Neighbors) in Atlanta. In Ossoli, I am seeking that feeling of belonging I had and, of course, as a newcomer, it takes a while to feel at home in a new place. Thank you for being so welcoming!"

#### **TRIBUTE TO ANN DURALL**

The Jennie Award honors one clubwoman from each GFWC Region for outstanding commitment to club, community and family.

The Jennie Award is named for GFWC's founder, Jane Cunningham Croly, who wrote for national newspapers under the pseudonym "Jennie June." The award is an occasion to highlight extraordinary clubwomen who epitomize her spirit of independence, courage, and persistence in purpose through their roles as volunteers within their clubs, elsewhere in the community, and as members of a family or extended family. The Jennie Award is the only national honor that recognizes individual members for personal excellence.

On Monday, November 23, GFWC State President Pat Williams attended Ossoli Circle for the purpose of presenting Ann Durall with a certificate and a bouquet of roses in recognition of her being the State of Tennessee Jennie nominee to the Southeastern Region.



GFWC State President Pat Williams reads to Ann Durall the certificate indicating her nomination at State of Tennessee Jennie nominee to SER

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Presidents' Day	December 14
Leadership Day	January 18
Board Meeting	January 27
Ossoli in Action Benefit	February 8
Board Meeting	February 24
White Linen Luncheon	March 21
NO MEETING	March 28
Board Meeting	March 30
Smoky Mt. District Meeting	April 2016
GFWC-TN Convention	April 8-10
Memorian Service	April 25
Joint Board Meeting	April 27
Installation Day	May 9

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