



GFWC

Ossoli Circle Newsletter

July 2016



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Sarah Searle

Greetings to everyone.

I hope you are enjoying a wonderful, restful summer. The fall season is just around the corner and there are many enjoyable activities planned.

The first festive occasion coming up is the I Love Ossoli Tea on August 8, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Robin Goddard and her committee members are working hard to make this an elegant, fun event. Everyone is so excited

to have the tea at the lovely home of Peggy Sood. Invitations and directions to her home will be mailed later in the summer. There will be ample parking, and someone to assist you. Please remember this is a "greens" tea so be as generous as you can.

The next occasion is the Opening Coffee September 12 at 10:30 a.m. This is always an enjoyable time when we greet our friends after a summer break and welcome prospective members. If you know someone who is interested in becoming a member or someone you think would be a good fit, please contact Membership Chair Phyllis Eldridge- so she can send an invitation. Peggy Sood is in charge of the day and Tona Turpin will be planning the food. Thanks to these ladies for taking this assignment. They always do a wonderful job.

Much of the early part of the summer was spent taking care of our plumbing situation. Thanks to our House Chair Susie Kelley (and several others) for overseeing this to a successful resolution.

I am looking forward to the challenges of the upcoming year and the fun we will have. We are always concerned about membership and making sure everyone is involved in our important activities and projects.

My project for the year is the Free Medical Clinic of America. I think this is a valuable

service for the people of Knoxville, and we will have Dr. Kim, the director, as a speaker in the fall. Penny Keim is our connection with the clinic and will have some suggestions about how we all can help. My theme for the year is FRIENDSHIP... EDUCATION....SERVICE...Honoring our cherished traditions. I hope this will be the experience for all of us.

With warmest regards,
Sarah Searle
GFWC Ossoli Circle President
2016-2017

HONORING A 50 YEAR OSSOLI MEMBER



President Carmon and Nancy Hansard

Mrs. Robert L Hansard (Nancy) joined Ossoli Circle in 1966 and she has remained an active member for 50 years. At the business meeting in May, Nancy was recognized by President Nancy Carmon with a 50 year pin and a certificate from GFWC in recognition for her service.

Over the years Nancy served as several Program Chairs and as the Recording Secretary. She joined as a Junior Ossoli member and recalls that they met in the

homes of junior members. Nancy said what impresses her most about our organization is that "Ossoli has so many outstanding and talented members; artist, authors, and professional women. Ossoli Circle members can just do anything.

Nancy is home recuperating from a fall and looks forward to being back at Ossoli this fall as a member of the Art Program Committee.

I LOVE OSSOLI TEA

The beautiful home of Peggy Sood is the location for the I Love Ossoli Tea on Monday, August 8, 2016. Please come to enjoy the afternoon with music and fellowship. There will be delicious homemade delicacies from the kitchens of our own Ossoli ladies in addition to Tea, punch and champagne.

This is a "Greens Tea". Please plan to donate generously. If you are unable to attend, please send your donation to Treasurer Jo Webb. Invitations will be mailed. There is handicapped access and plenty of parking. Directions to Peggy's house will be included in your invitation. The Chair of the Day is Robin Goddard.

OPENING DAY AND MEMBERSHIP COFFEE

We are looking forward to our Ossoli Membership Coffee on September 12. As you know, new members are the lifeblood of Ossoli. So, please, think of some ladies that would consider joining our wonderful group. Send their names and addresses to Membership Chair Phyllis Eldridge by August 29, in order that Phyllis can mail the invitations in a timely fashion. Let's have a great Opening Day!

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GFWC of TN CONVENTION
APRIL 8-10, 2016

Ossoli Circle received numerous awards at the recent state convention for Division IV clubs (with 51 or more members).

Ossoli was named the
OUTSTANDING CLUB OF THE YEAR.



Ann Durall was recognized and celebrated as the JENNIE nominee for Ossoli Circle, for GFWC of TN, and for the Southeastern Region. Susie Kelley was awarded the GFWC of TN Tribute of Honor.

Other awards include:
2nd place in Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention
1st Place in Advocates for Children
1st Place in Arts Program
2nd Place in Conservation
1st Place in Education
1st Place in Home Life
1st Place in International Outreach
2nd Place in Public Issues
1st Place in Communications and Public Relations
1st Place in Legislation and Public Policy
1st Place in Women's History and Resource Center

A big thank you to Ruth Heizer and Elaine Mueller for the hard work of compiling the report. And another thank you to all the

effort by Ossoli members to make our club the best in the state two years in a row!

CLUBHOUSE UPDATE

House Chair Susie Kelley reports a lot of activity since the major plumbing problem repair. A vapor barrier was placed underneath the large bathroom and the temporary door installed to access the plumbing under the clubhouse has been replaced with a handsome steel door painted to match the brick, making it almost invisible. Thanks to Hugh Hixson for taking care of this project.

The broken slate and crumbling cement on the front porch near the steps has been removed and a tinted concrete used to fill in that area (see photo). Hopefully this will prevent anyone slipping or tripping on an uneven area.



The parking lot will be repaired in July. Bevco Paving will remove a couple of inches of gravel and fill with an asphalt patch along with patching another, older hole in the driveway. Marty will repaint the parking stripes to freshen up our lot.

The fire extinguishers will be serviced this summer and the range hood will be refurbished with fresh fire retardant. And finally, the clubhouse will be cleaned and ready for opening coffee.

OSSOLI BOOSTERS

Ossoli Circle Board wished to recognize non-member individuals who made significant contributions to our club. Carole Whited nominated the Dr. Sue Hamilton, the first person to be acknowledged with the Ossoli Booster certificate by writing:

Dr. Sue Hamilton is on staff at the University of Tennessee, Department of Plant Sciences, College of Agriculture, and is Director of the UT Gardens.

Over the years, she has shown great interest in Ossoli Circle giving a variety of programs, advising us in the continuing development of the grounds at the clubhouse, and advised us to eliminate the overgrown cypress, arranged to cut them down and removed them, and did so at no charge.

Thank you Dr. Hamilton for your service to Ossoli Circle.

Newly installed President Searle with one of the many beautiful floral displays by Decorations Chair Kim Overman.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OSSOLI MEMBERS

This past year we have lost several wonderful friends and fellow club members.



Elizabeth Shirley
May 27, 2015
Joined 1994



Doris Smith
June 17, 2015
Joined 1970

INSTALLATION DAY



Janette Bingham
Oct 27, 2015
Joined 1947



Sue Taylor
June 9, 2015
Joined 2006



Alice Conlin
Dec 26, 2015
Joined 1991



Jo Monroe
Feb 22, 2016
Joined 1997



Liz Cook
May 12, 2016
Joined 1975

CENTENNIAL AMBASSADORS



Ossoli members Robin Goddard and Janie Bitner are working a booth at the Wilderness Wildlife Week as Centennial Ambassadors to promote and celebrate the 100th anniversary of our National Parks.

WHITE LINEN LUNCHEON

On March 21, 2016, the "Power of the Purse" themed White Linen Luncheon at Ossoli Circle Clubhouse lived up to the fact that women like to open those purses and spend money. One-hundred and twenty tickets at \$20 each were sold. Penny Keim served over one-hundred lunches at the event. She was heard to say she had never cooked for and fed that many people before,

and that she was going to put poison in Ways and Means Chairman Janie Bitner's coffee. The Silent Auction was quite successful with Kim Overman, Carol Livingood-Hiers and Lorna Matheny arranging the purses, scarves and jewelry in beautiful vignettes. This event put the Ways and Means Committee \$1900 over the goal for the year.



Minga Barnes and her guests, Sandra Palmer, Charlotte Tilson, and Olivia Minter, are ready to enjoy the White Linen Luncheon.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Still need to pay your Ossoli dues for 2016-2017? Mail your check made out to Ossoli Circle for \$135.00 to Treasurer Jo Webb at 327 Ross Springs Dr., Maryville, TN 37803. If you want your new yearbook mailed directly to you, include an additional \$3.50 to cover the postage.

If any of your personal information in the new yearbook has changed or needs to be corrected, please contact Printing Chair Sharon White. 691-2413 or scootertsmom1@att.net.

If you have email and are not receiving club news, please send an email to jsgkelley@comcast.com with your address.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Summer Board Meeting	July 27
I Love Ossoli Tea	August 8
Opening/Membership Coffee	September 12
First Regular Meeting	September 19