



# GFWC

## Ossoli Circle Newsletter

### November 2016



#### THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**Sarah Searle**

Greetings!

We are still in the midst of a very busy fall meeting schedule and special events but the year is quickly winding down. In addition to our weekly schedule of informative and entertaining meetings we have enjoyed some festive occasions.

The first event of our year was the I Love Ossoli Tea, chaired by Robin Goddard. Peggy Sood very generously volunteered to host this occasion which made it very elegant and festive. This was

a "greens tea" and people donated to help support our activities. Thanks to everyone who participated in this special event.

Our next event was the Opening Coffee. Ladies always look forward to this meeting and the chance to see friends and enjoy fellowship after the summer vacation.

Many thanks to Tona Turpin, Fete Day Chair Peggy Sood, chair of the day, Penny Keim who was in charge of refreshments and Kim Overman, Decorations Chair. These ladies worked tirelessly to make this occasion special for everyone. Also thanks to my friends Jim Watkin, tenor and Mark Pace, pianist who so kindly provided the musical program.

I was especially thankful to have Dr. Tom Kim, Director of the Free Medical Clinic of America, to speak at our first regular meeting. His story is so inspiring and his service to the Knoxville community is invaluable. This is my special project for the year and I was thrilled that Ossoli in Action, contributions from the membership that day, a matching donation from a business and an anonymous gift completely provided the funds to produce a cookbook for this organization. This book is a major fund raising project for the clinic this year. Members of Ossoli Circle are also asked to contribute recipes for the cookbook.

Nine of our members attended the GFWC Smoky Mountain District meeting in Loudon, Tennessee. It was a very informative meeting and a chance to interact with area clubs.

Our annual Replacement Benefit Bridge/Game Day party was a huge success. There was a bake sale, silent auction and pass along sale as well as some vendors who participated. Thanks to Brenda Bryan from the Lily Pad Boutique in Sweetwater for the beautiful fashion show. A big shout out to Lorna Matheny and Janie Bitner who co-chaired the party. Many thanks to Carol Lovingood-Hiers chair of Ways and Means and Janice Hixson who helped with the silent auction and pass along sale. Again thanks to Kim Overman, Decoration Chair for her imagination and enthusiastic participation. Betty McKeehan and Peggy Sood were responsible for the delicious lunch. This event was very successful in raising money but we all ENJOYED it as well. GO TEAM OSSOLI!!!!

We are so happy to have several new members. There will be more information about some of the new members in this publication, but I want to give all of them a sincere welcome to Ossoli Circle. I know you will find your experience with Ossoli as special as we all do.

One special event to come is on December 12, our last meeting of the year. There will be a presentation of the shoe boxes members have contributed to the Appalachian Assistance, a special music program and Christmas Party and Lunch.

FRIENDSHIP EDUCATION SERVICE We have been busy this fall fulfilling these ideals. WHEW!!!! A lot of work and much accomplished!

With warmest regards, Sarah

### OPENING DAY AND MEMBERSHIP COFFEE

Thank you for making the Opening Day / Membership Coffee a great success. Your efforts to bring guests really paid off. We gained several new members. Thank you for helping to fulfill the meaning of the day (Membership Coffee). I am grateful to everyone who participated on the program starting with our lovely invocation and a wonderful Musical Program arranged by our President. The Fete Day refreshments were outstanding. Thank you for coming, and thank you for allowing me the honor to be your Chair of the Day. Peggy Sood



**Fete Day Committee: (L-R) Roberta Pedigo, Kim Overman, Chair Tona Turpin, Rebecca Scarlett, Penny Keim, and Carol Lovingood-Hiers.**

### I LOVE OSSOLI TEA



**President Sarah Searle with hostess Peggy Sood and Chair Robin Goddard**

Robin Goddard, Chair of the I Love Ossoli Tea, declared the event a resounding success. The festive summer celebration to welcome members back to the Ossoli was held at the beautiful home of Peggy Sood, decorated with rose-filled arrangements by Fran Hensley, with a table covered from side to side with delicious foods prepared by the committee (Janie Bitner, Kathy Butcher, Susan Calabrese, Leta Cutler, Penny Keim, Lorna Matheny, Clara Meacham, Janet Oakes, Kim Overman, Peggy Sood, Wanda Taylor, and Sarah Searle), and with a musician to fill the home with music. The tea, beautiful to behold, was enjoyed by over 100 guests, and raised more than \$1400 for the club treasury.

## REPLACEMENT BENEFIT BRIDGE AND GAME DAY TAILGATE PARTY



**Co-Chairs (L-R) Janie Bitner and Lorna Matheny**



**Enjoying lunch: (L-R) Linda Scothorn, Terry Finnerty, Faye Julian, and Fran McLean**

On October 24<sup>th</sup>, Co-Chairs Janie Bitner and Lorna Matheny created a tailgate party at the Ossoli Circle Clubhouse that will be remembered for many years. Twenty-two hard working committee members and four kitchen angels (led by Betty McKeehan) made the event hugely successful. Decorations Chair Kim Overman set up the tailgate tent with lights in the auditorium to hold the bake sale items (including Lizzie Crozier Cakes). Linda Oliver, as bartender, served wine, mimosas, and the Autumn Apple Bellini. Over 100 attendees enjoyed bridge or other table games, a delicious lunch, and a Lily Pad Boutique fashion show.

Ways and Means Chair Carol Lovingood-Hiers, with the help of Janice Hixson, maned the Silent Auction (with UT themed items including a Pat Summit autographed basketball) and the Pass-A-Long Sale. Vendors were added this year: Rocky Mountain Winery, Lily Pad Boutique, RNT

Jewelry, Sweet Soles, and Jeri Landers Hop-A-Long Greetings. The benefit made over \$3100 for the Replacement Fund and more than \$1000 for Ways and Means. Congratulations to everyone that worked very hard and made it so successful.



**Models for the Lily Pad Boutique fashion show: (front) Linda Oliver; L-R: Sharon Cottrell, Lexa Hooten, Charlotte Miller, Sarah Searle, Joyce Condry, Robin Goddard, and Jennifer McQuilken**

## INTRODUCING OSSOLI'S NEW MEMBERS

Meet a few of the new members that have joined Ossoli Circle this year. Please introduce yourself and make these ladies feel welcome. Watch for more in the next newsletter.



**Mary N. Cole**

Mary Cole has had several careers; she was the Head Start Training Officer for TN, the Director of Christian Education/Lutheran, and the Director of Adult Day Service/ frail

elderly/Alzheimer. Although married for 41 years, she is recently widowed. Mary has 3 children and 5 grandchildren. She enjoys her family, writing, cooking, music, crafts and volunteering at her church. Knoxville is her home town.



**Susan Fowlkes**

Susan Fowlkes worked 41 years with the Knox County Health Department as a registered dietitian and director of various programs. She said that gardening is her passion. Susan has a son and daughter that live in the area. She supports St. Jude Children Hospital and is a co-coordinator of SOS (Seekers of Silence), a contemplative prayer group. She is a member of Church Street UMC.



**Patricia Harris**

Patricia Harris recently retired from teaching French for thirty years with Knox County Schools. She just finished renovating her house in Sequoyah Hills, built in 1939; she loves old houses and antiques. At home, her companion is

a toy poodle, Bijou. She loves to garden, read, and travel, especially to France, and now she is trying to visit francophone countries. She is a docent at Historic Westwood House. She is happy to have been invited to join Ossoli.



**Glenn Rowell**

Glenn Rowell thanks Sarah Searle and Sarah Wimberly, friends for 34 years, for encouraging her to join Ossoli Circle. Glenn was born in Nashville where she met her husband while in college. He was the former Dean of the College of Education at UT. Their son is an attorney in Knoxville. Her great-grandfather, Noah Thomas, survived the destruction of the Sultana when the boilers burst. She believes the reason she enjoys swimming has to do with his ability to stay alive until he was pulled out of the Mississippi River in 1865. Maybe it is in the genes!



**Susan Watson**

Susan Watson grew up in Nashville and graduated as an English major from Vanderbilt.

Her career was in the fields of public relations and grant writing. She was the Community Relations Director at Children's Rehabilitation Center and wrote for the News Sentinel. Susan has a daughter and grandson. Her mother, Frances Cox, encouraged Susan to join Ossoli when she retired. Susan is looking forward to getting involved in Ossoli.

### FREE MEDICAL CLINIC OF AMERICA



**Dr. Kim accepts checks from Penny Keim and Minga Barnes, Ossoli in Action Chair, at a recent Ossoli program.**

President Sarah Searle chose the Free Medical Clinic of America as her project for the year. The clinic, founded in 1993 by Dr. Tom Kim, provides free medical care to those legal Knox County residents, who are employed but uninsured and are in need of basic medical care. Several Ossoli Circle members volunteer at the clinic.

Penny Keim is leading the effort to create a cookbook as a fund raiser for the clinic. The Ossoli in Action Committee, in support of the President's Project, donated \$500 toward the cost of creating the cookbook. Ossoli members donated \$1535 and an anonymous local family foundation donated \$1000, all of which cover the publishing costs, so all proceeds from the cookbook sales will go to the clinic.

### OSSOLI CIRCLE MEMORIAL FUND

The Ossoli Circle Memorial Fund was established in 1979. When an Ossoli member, husband or other family member, or friend of Ossoli dies, family and friends are encouraged to honor this person by donating to the Memorial Fund. Ossoli Circle makes a donation "in memory" of any

current member or current member's immediate family upon their death. The funds are used by the Contact Committee to send get-well wishes to members, greetings to Honorary Associate members, and for other needs as identified by the Board of Directors. The fund is managed by the Trustees of Ossoli Circle.

#### Recent Memorials for:

**Jaunita Chittum**  
**Philip Comer**  
**Liz Cook**  
**Robert Ferguson**  
**Mildred Garner**

**Joe Greene**  
**Laurie Gooch**  
**Hugh Hixson**

**Lillian Jones**

Jo Webb, Carol Proaps, Roberta Pedigo

Leta Cutler, Cherokee Garden Club

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### IN LOVING MEMORY OF OSSOLI MEMBERS

Recently we have lost two wonderful friends and fellow club members.



**Mildred Garner**

October 8, 2016

Joined 1972



**Lillian Jones**

August 16, 2016

Joined 2006

**A special thanks to Susie Kelley and Linda Oliver for many of the photographs used in the newsletter.**

