



# GFWC Ossoli Circle Newsletter April 2017



## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**Sarah Searle**

HELLO AND GOOD BYE!!!

As my term comes to a close I want to tell you what a privilege it has been for me to be your president for 2016-2017! I am looking forward to having Sue Whittle take over the reins.

We have partied and worked hard this year with many special events. Since the last newsletter there has been the Ossoli in Action benefit, the White Linen Luncheon and President's Day as well as many wonderful educational programs. I can't

thank all of you enough who have put in many hours to make all of these events such a success. Please know from the bottom of my heart I realize all of the wonderful ladies of Ossoli are the ones who made everything so elegant, so much fun and so successful!

Finally I want to thank everyone who made my project a success. Free Medical Clinic of America is an organization I greatly admire and it was my privilege to choose this as my project. The work was concluded on May 24 with the presentation of the cookbook. Because of our donations the costs of the cookbook were covered and this means the proceeds from the sales are a total donation to the clinic. Thanks to Dr. Kim for his contribution at several of our meetings. Finally, a big thank you to Penny Keim and all the others who assisted. The cookbook project would not be the success it is without the many hours they contributed. I really appreciated this more than I can express!

Finally, I'm looking forward to next year and all of the challenges! Have a good summer!

In Ossoli love,  
Sarah Searle  
President 2016-2017

## SMOKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT MEETING

The meeting was held at the Tellico Yacht Club on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Ossoli Circle won first place for large clubs in the following areas:

Public Issues  
 Fundraising  
 International Outreach  
 Conservation  
 Education  
 GFWC Special Projects 2016  
 Home Life  
 Membership  
 Leadership

And also the district selected Ossoli as the Outstanding Large Club and our own Nancy Carmon as the 2016 District GFWC Clubwoman of the Year and Kim Overman as 2016 Rookie of the Year.



Attending were Terry Finnerty, Kim Overman, Linda Williams, Janie Bitner, Elaine Ralston, Robin Goddard, Kathy Butcher, Sarah Searle, Janice Hixson, Sue Whittle, Wanda Taylor, Lorna Matheny, Elizabeth Koester, Jo Webb, Paulette Corcoran, and Nancy Carmon.

### WHITE LINEN LUNCHEON

The annual White Linen Luncheon was a huge success where a delicious lunch was served to 92 attendees. A special guest, GFWC-TN President Linda Hershey was present. Ossoli's resident models had a grand time showing off fashions from The Lily Pad in Sweetwater, and the signature silent auction and pass-a-long sale was well received. When all the dust settled, over \$4500 was collected for the Ways and Means coffers. A great time was had by all, and we are so appreciative of

everyone who helped or who attended this event. See you next year!



**L to R: President-Elect Sue Whittle, President Sarah Searle, and GFWC-TN President Linda Hershey**



**Luncheon Fashion Show Models (L-R): 1<sup>st</sup> row - Janie Bitner, Charlotte Miller, Tona Turpin, Linda Oliver, Linda Williams. 2<sup>nd</sup> row - Sharon Cottrell, Robin Goddard, and Brenda Bryan from the Lily Pad**

### PRESIDENTS' DAY

Presidents' Day was held April 10 this year, in the hope of circumventing bad weather in December when this event is

typically held. Rev Pat Clendenen gave the invocation followed by a solo, "O Lord Most Holy" sung by Peggy Sood. Friends of President Searle presented a fabulous musical program with Rachelle Hawkey as soprano and Danny Brian on Piano. Wonderful refreshments were served by Fete Day Chairman Mrs. Paul Turpin and her Committee.



**Past Presidents Attending L-R: 1<sup>st</sup> row: Marion Bloomer, Janet Oakes, Ann Durall, Sarah Searle, Lee Patton, Susie Kelley. 2<sup>nd</sup> row: Mary Carmichael, Nancy Carmon, Jo Webb, Charlotte Miller. Back row: Janice Hixson, Lexa Hooten, Peggy Sood, Roberta Pedigo, Barbara Horton.**

### **GFWC-TN MEETING**

GFWC of Tennessee met in Murfreesboro on April 23 for the 121<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention. Linda Hershey, GFWC-TN President, presided. The theme was "When women support other women, incredible things happen." GFWC Ossoli Circle was represented by GFWC-TN First Vice-President Janice Hixson, GFWC-TN Conservation Chair Terry Finnerty, GFWC-TN England Society President Tona Turpin, and Ossoli Circle President-Elect Sue Whittle. Besides Nancy Carmon winning the GFWC-TN Club Woman of the Year,

Ossoli Circle also won first place in the following:

- Conservation
  - Fund Raising
  - Membership
  - Legislation & Public Policy
  - Women's History & Resource Center
- And Ossoli won second place in:
- Advocates for Children
  - GFWC Domestic Violence Awareness
  - Outstanding Club of 2016



**2016 GFWC-TN Club Woman of the Year Nancy Carmon (center) receives award from Janice Hixson and Sue Whittle**

### **NEW OSSOLI COOKBOOK**



**Kudos to Penny Keim (center), Editor in Chief, for Ossoli's new cookbook for Dr. Kim's Free Medical Clinic**

April 24<sup>th</sup> was a BLUE LETTER DAY for Ossoli Circle and the Free Medical Clinic. Mimicking the look of a wooden farmers' market crate, the bright blue cover reads EAT HALF AND MOVE imposed over a container of fresh fruits and vegetables, an introduction to good food, good advice, good recipes and good news from Dr. Tom Kim's Free Medical Clinic. The 497 recipe 5x9 three-ring binder cookbook is a collaborative effort for the Clinic and Ossoli Circle to increase funding as the clinic provides free medical care to the working poor and uninsured in Knox County. Books are \$20 each (a free eBook is available with each paid hard copy) with \$10 of the cost tax deductible as a donation to the Clinic. To place an order, contact Penny Keim at 865-227-9417 or [65hennypennyk@gmail.com](mailto:65hennypennyk@gmail.com). If you wish to have books shipped, include \$8 each. Checks are payable to the Free Medical Clinic. Ossoli in Action Chair, Minga Barnes, also presented Dr. Kim with a check for \$2,000 in support of the President Project, Dr. Kim's Free Medical Clinic.

### **INTRODUCING OSSOLI'S NEW MEMBERS**

Meet our new members that have joined Ossoli Circle recently. Please introduce yourself and make these ladies feel welcome.

Jeanette Dean graduated from the UT. She is single and has two grown children. She began working at the UT Memorial Hospital's Research Center and then as the supervisor of the Biomedical Computing Lab. She joined the UT Graduate School of Medicine Dean's Office based at the hospital. Jeanette retired in 2005 and enjoys the outdoors, baking, crosswords, traveling

and "grandpets". She is excited and proud to be a member of Ossoli as was her mother, Fern Cauble.



**Jeanette Dean**



**Linda Williams**

Linda recently retired from Covenant Health IT Department. She is a graduate of UT with degree in vocal performance and sings with Knoxville Opera Company and 2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian Church choir. Her hobbies include: bead weaving, jewelry construction, and Pre-1840's re-enactments. Linda is married to Don Townsend (Minister of Music at 2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian and Production Manager for Knoxville Opera Company). She says she is an 'over-the-top' animal lover and can't image life without four-legged companions!

## OSSOLI CIRCLE MEMORIAL FUND

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.

Recent Memorials for:            Donors  
**Polly Goodman Baker**      Ossoli Circle

## IN LOVING MEMORY OF AN OSSOLI MEMBER

Recently we have lost another wonderful friend and fellow club member.



**Polly Baker Goodman**  
February 14, 2017  
Joined 1999

## OSSOLI DUES

It is time to pay your Ossoli Circle dues for 2017-2018. Make your check out to Ossoli Circle for \$150.00 and mail it to:

Ossoli Circle  
PO Box 10892  
Knoxville, TN 37939

If you want your yearbook mailed back to you, include an extra \$3.50.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Installation	May 8
Clubhouse Inventory	June 5
Executive Board Meeting	July 19
Summer Board Meeting	July 26
I Love Ossoli Tea	Aug 14
Opening Membership Coffee	Sep 11
GFWC District Meeting At Ossoli	Sep 16

## MANY THANKS

To the following contributors of this newsletter: Sarah Searle, Janie Bitner, Penny Keim, Susie Kelley, Moe Murphy, Linda Oliver, Kim Overman, Peggy Sood, Sharon White, Sue Whittle, and others I may have forgotten to list. Thank you all.



**Beautiful cakes baked and decorated by  
Ossoli's own Moe Murphy.  
Enjoyed by all.**