



GFWC Ossoli Circle Newsletter December 2017



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Sue Whittle

Winter has arrived... and our GFWC Ossoli Circle members are diligently performing miracles. Our programs in October have been outstanding. Mary Beth Meadows introduced us to "The Restoration House" and their achievements. Holly Warlick, head coach of the Lady Vols, inspired our members with an outlook for this coming season. It is always a pleasure to learn a history lesson from Wayne Cutler. His presentation of "Why the Second Amendment" answered many questions. We were all pleased to

be presented to a Smoky Mountain service dog and have Mike Kitchens explain how they are trained. Dr. Richard Strange's program, "Cougars of Los Angeles" was interesting, to say the least. Thank you, our dear member, Lou McNutt, for your informative program concerning The Reformation. We are especially proud to welcome The Tuesday Morning Music Club as they present their programs.

Not to "toot our horn", but there is no doubt that the Replacement Bridge/Game Day was superb. I would like to give my heartfelt thanks to each Ossoli member, whether you purchased a ticket or participated. It is necessary that the following members be recognized:

Event Chairs – Wanda Taylor and Kathy Butcher; Lunch – Susan Calabrese; Silent Auction – Kim Overman; Bake Sale – Nancy Staub; Special Beverages – Linda Oliver; Fashion Show – Janie Bitner and Lorna Matheny.

Does it look like we are working hard, but having fun? Well we are. Join us!

Merry Christmas and God Bless,

Sue Whittle

President 2017-2018

SEE YOU IN FLORIDA PARTY

On August 6, at 2 p.m., the GFWC Ossoli Circle auditorium was decorated brightly colored table clothes and napkins, balloons, bright pink flamingoes, beach chairs and lovely flowers! Large colorful flip-flops flew over a table filled with the most amazing finger foods!

Approximately 60 friends were awaiting the arrival of the Guest of Honor! Our dear friend, Ann Durall, accompanied by daughter Hope, walked in and the PARTY began. Ann and husband Jim are off on a new adventure to Jupiter, Florida.

Sarah Searle and Linda Williams added to the cheerful mood with a musical program of classical music.

Donations for the "Florida Survival Bag" and party expenses were received from many of Ann's caring friends. The Survival tote was donated by Linda Hershey and embroidered by her daughter, Darby Standifer. Linda is near completion of a special Memory Book for Ann.

The party was an awesome success. SEE YOU IN FLORIDA, OUR DEAR ANN!!



Pam Riley and Ann Durall

I LOVE OSSOLI TEA

Peggy Sood graciously hosted the Ossoli membership at her lovely home in Knoxville on August 14.

Tona Turpin, the event chair, planned an afternoon full of delicious food and delightful musical entertainment. Janie Bitner, Leta Cutler, Robin Goddard, Lorna Matheny, Nancy Staub, Susan Steele, Debbie Simmons and Sharon White all came together to prepare for the festive occasion.

Ossoli members raised over \$2000 in contributions for our club on this festive day!



I LOVE OSSOLI TEA CHAIR TONA TURPIN AND PAST PRESIDENT SARAH SEARLE

GFWC FALL CONFERENCE

Nine Ossoli members attended the Fall Conference in Cool Springs, Franklin, TN. They were moved by the performers from Operation Song, a non-profit that matches song writers with veterans who have stories to tell, inspired by the stories of Heather Lynn Wagner, the first

woman to serve at The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Tears were brought to everyone's eyes by the personal life of Yvonne Grady, a victim of child abuse, whose ultimate message was "I am more!" GFWC of TN raised over \$10,000 through auctions and gifts to support Operation Song. Members were brought up to date on the many projects—First Lady Dolls, Butterfly Gardens, two new clubs, and the Crisis response by GFWC of TN to our regional and national disasters. The work of the USO in Tennessee was highlighted and lots more. What a great event!

OSSOLI MEMBERS ATTENDING THE FALL CONFERENCE



L-R: Terry Finnerty, Janie Bitner, Janice Hixson, Sue Whittle, Kim Overman, Nancy Christmas, Nancy Carmon, Tona Turpin.

GOLDEN GALA CARD REPLACEMENT PARTY

Ossoli members gathered on October for a morning of games and festivities, including a bake sale and silent auction. After a fabulous fashion show by Chico's, a delicious lunch was served. The cocktails and sangria were also big hits. The hardworking volunteers that put the event together raised a total of \$2,740.34 for the Replacement Fund.

Also, the Ways and Means Committee raised \$4,539.39 this year with a Holiday Bazaar at The Gala, featuring baskets wreaths and decorations. Thanks to the leadership of Kim Overman, Carol Lovingood-Heirs and Leta Cutler, the event was a sell-out.

OPENING DAY

Opening Day was held on September 11, at the Ossoli Clubhouse. Sarah Searle, chair of the event gave an elegant presentation. Janice Hixson greeted members and perspective members. Janice strongly encouraged Ossolites to bring prospective members, as they are the lifeblood of our organization.

Lou McNutt gave the invocation. Peggy Sood, accompanied by Sarah Searle sang "Bless This House". Linda Williams and Rick Syndey presented a lovely performance of "Love Songs".

Janie Bitner and Lorna Matheny planned a delicious lunch, and Kim Overman prepared a beautiful floral arrangement.

OUR NEW MEMBERS



Priscilla Kirby

Priscilla is a Knoxville Native. She received a B.S. in Education from The University of Tennessee and a Masters in Administration/Supervision from LMU. She taught for three years in a private pre-school/kindergarten in New York City, and then moved back to Knoxville. She taught in Knox County for 39 ½ years and retired in May 2014.

Priscilla is involved in her church and is an avid horse lover/rider.



Jan Coley

Jan was born and raised in Birmingham, Alabama where she graduated from Auburn University with B.S. and M.S. degrees. Jan met Bob Coley during his senior year at Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine. Bob and Jan were married June 23, 1979 and moved to New Market, TN. After moving to Tennessee, Jan worked for Knox County Schools from 1980-84 and Jefferson County Schools for 32 years, retiring in June of 2017. She currently is an adjunct for Carson-Newman University teaching science methods to pre-service teachers.

Bob and Jan live on a small farm in New Market and raise registered Hereford cattle. Jan also assists Bob in his

veterinary practice, Coley Veterinary Services. They have two adult children, Kimberly and Chad plus a new daughter-in-law, Dianna.



Pat Hunter

Pat was born in Freedom, Pennsylvania when railroads were in their heyday. Her family moved to Kentucky when she was four years old during the Great Depression. Pat grew up on a farm with her siblings until 1942. She began Berea College one month after Pearl Harbor was attacked. There, she completed her high school, due to the scarcity of high schools in rural Kentucky. She also attended two years of college at Berea.

Pat married her high school sweetheart, Reuben A. Hunter and settled in Knoxville. She finished her college education at the University of Tennessee and Jan launched a career as a librarian in Knoxville schools. Two daughters were born, Donna and Andrea. The Hunters traveled in all fifty states, camping as a family. Although Pat had many hobbies, the church and love of God mean the most to her.

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF OSSOLI
MEMBERS**



Julia Black
September 18, 2017
Joined 2010



Dr. Mary Jane Griffin
June 18, 2017
Joined 1954



Myra Brooks Turner
October 7, 2017
Joined 1999

OSSOLI MEMORIAL FUND

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Dr. Mary Jane Griffin	Ossoli Circle
Julia Black	Ossoli Circle
Myra Brooks Turner	Ossoli Circle
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Betty McWhirter
July 29, 2017
Joined 1963