

ISSUE TWO
October 2020



Ossoli Circle
Knoxville, Tennessee



"The oldest Federated Women's Club in the South"
Founded November 20, 1885
Chartered April 11, 1932

Greetings from Your President



*Happy Fall You 'All,
Dear Ossoli Circle Sisters,*

Even though we had to cancel the I Love Ossoli Tea this year in August, our members generously donated \$4,738.50. Ladies, thank you for caring about our Circle and our Clubhouse. This will help to offset the two fund raisers that were canceled in the Spring. You continue to make me feel proud to be a member of GFWC.

I am still amazed at our wonderful program presented at the Opening Membership Coffee on September 14th. First, we were treated to our own Robin Goddard and her impersonation of our founder Lizzie Crozier French. We are so fortunate to have Robin in our midst. Next, Co-chairs Linda Williams and Jo Webb obtained 2 fabulous musicians who rocked the house. I still get chill bumps when I think of Linda and Beverly Kerr's duet of "Sisters". Our pianists Stephanie Wayland and Sarah Holloway were outstanding. Our lunch prepared by Jo Kelly and her committee was delightful and the flower arrangements by Rebecca Shular were exceptional. Everyone had a wonderful time in a safe, socially distanced atmosphere.

I am so excited to tell you that at the September 21st meeting, my president's project Smoky Mountain Service Dogs, had a special guest. Hooligan and his handler Lauri

Birt visited and shared the mission of SMSD. My goal is to raise enough money to buy a puppy which includes purchasing, vet bills, food and toys, and training of approximately \$4000.00. Ladies, after this program, we are over halfway there. Thank you so much for supporting this project!!

So much has happened since July. A trip to Wartburg for scholarship presentations, A suffragist wreath laying at Lizzie's grave in Old Gray Cemetery, A Suffragist Parade, working in Adelia's shade garden at Westwood and planting Yellow roses at Ossoli. The GFWC Smoky Mountain District meeting for September 26 has been canceled but has been rescheduled for March 20, 2021. The reception for Mary Ruden's bronze bust of Lizzie has been rescheduled for the spring, the date to be announced later. Also, the HonorAir all female flight will be in the Spring on April 7th. The Suffragist Coalition events will continue through 2021. Ossoli has a long history of being associated with the movement and we will continue to support their endeavors. The interpretative plaque that will be placed at Lizzie's grave has been ordered from the foundry and a ceremony to dedicate that will be at a later date.

Plans are in the works for the Replacement Bridge Benefit Card Party October 26. This event will be limited to 50 people, so please buy your tickets ASAP. More to come on that soon. It will soon be time to bring your Appalachian Assistance Shoe boxes. So, be looking for items now that you can place in your shoeboxes. Nancy Christmas is the chair for this project.

We are proud to announce four new members and one reinstated – Joleen Martin, Susan French, Susan Beaman, Debbie Milligan and Elaine Mueller. If you haven't paid your dues yet, remember that after October 26 these will be delinquent. Please contact Rebecca Shular to pay these now.

I look forward to the year ahead. We are using every precaution for your safety. Please do not come if you feel sick. Temperatures are being taken at the door.

And remember to RSVP to Kim Overman for lunch via phone, text, email or on our Website.

*In Federation Love,
Wanda*

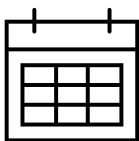


From our District Director Janet Harpe:

It's with disappointment and sadness that I've decided to cancel our **Fall meeting**. This decision has not been made hastily. I just don't feel that it's safe to plan a large meeting of over 50 clubwomen at this time of Covid-19. There are still too many unknowns about this terrible disease, and I can't, in good conscience, risk putting members' health in jeopardy. Thank you to those that shared their thoughts and feedback about this with me. I have been in touch with leadership at both Ossoli Circle and Chilhowee Club regarding this cancellation. Our Spring District Meeting will be held March 27, 2021 at Ossoli Circle. I will work with the leadership of Chilhowee Club to come up with our Fall, 2021 date soon. As soon as that date is set, I will send out an addendum to our hostess schedule for our district manual.

Ladies, I am sorry we have had to cancel another meeting, but I believe it is in the best interest of our health and safety.

*In Federation, Love and Safety of all,
Janet*



Smoky Mountains Spring District Meeting
Our Spring District Meeting is planning to be held **March 27, 2021 at Ossoli Circle.**



GFWC Awards

At the GFWC InterNational Convention:
In category 3 GFWC OF TN won:

- The Conservation Award for Soles for Souls
- The Home Life Award
- The Heifer Hope Award Project from Heifer International because GFWC of TN collected \$5,000 to buy an ARK.

GFWC of TN was a Gold Winner for its Operation Smile Project.

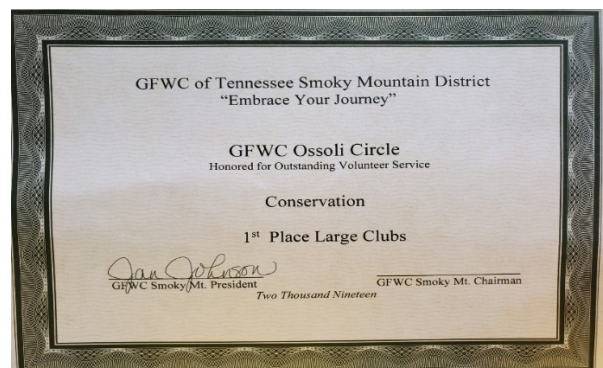
GFWC International Outreach Awards, Ossoli Circle won for Shot @ Life.

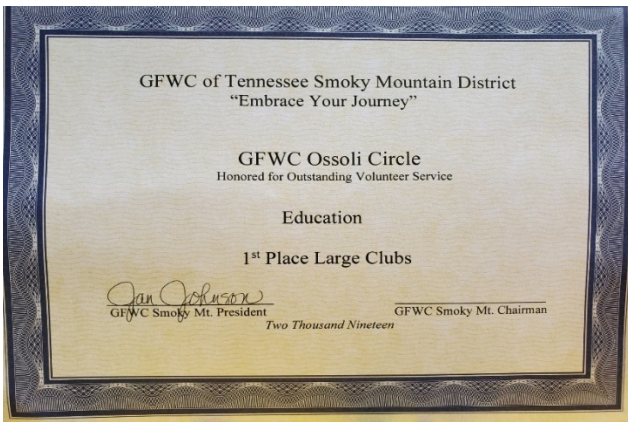
At the Smoky Mountain District Community Service Programs and Awards

Ossoli Circle won the following:

- Education -Large Club 1st
- International Outreach- Large Club 2nd
- Fundraising Large Club -1st
- Leadership -Large Club 1st
- Conservation -Large Club -1st

See photos below & on next page:





**A PROCLAMATION
On Behalf of the People Of The
Knox County
By His Honor The Mayor
Glen Jacobs
To Publicly Recognize
GFWC of TN Ossoli Circle**

Whereas: The General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) of Tennessee Ossoli Circle is celebrating 135 years of existence, perseverance, and Unity in Diversity; and

Whereas: GFWC of TN Ossoli Circle is comprised of women from all walks of life who share the goal of making the world a better place by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service; and

Whereas: GFWC of TN Ossoli Circle has worked with member organizations to accomplish many goals including powerful advocacy for child-labor laws, promotion of nationwide outreach that led to the passage of the Pure Food and Drug Act, nation's public libraries; and

Whereas: Ossoli Circle – organized November 20, 1885, as the first women's club in Knoxville and in the state of Tennessee – was the first club in the South to join the Federation of Women's Clubs; and

Whereas: The occasion of GFWC of TN Ossoli Circle's Founders Day on November 20, 2020 is the ideal opportunity to celebrate the achievement of women who are "Living the Volunteer Spirit".

NOW, THEREFORE, I Glen Jacobs, Mayor of Knox County, do here proclaim November 20, 2020, to be:

**OSSOLI CIRCLE FOUNDER'S DAY
In Knoxville and urge all citizens to join us in this observance**



Remembering



Jacqueline Tipton Newman

Jacqueline Tipton Newman passed away on Thursday, September 3, 2020. Preceded in death by husband, James A. Newman, former Superintendent of Knoxville City Schools, parents, Nelle and Paul R. Tipton, brother, Rex Reed Tipton, sister, Joan Tipton Hess. Survivors, daughter, Teressia Newman Blair, of Knoxville, Tennessee, son, Harry J. Newman, of Maryville, Tennessee, grandchildren, James Adam Blair of Dalton, Georgia, Christopher James and wife, Kristin Helm Newman of Scottsdale, Arizona, Stephanie and husband, Craig Williams, great-grandson, Walter Williams, great-granddaughter, Stella Williams of Flora, Mississippi. Jacqueline was a member of Church Street Methodist Church and Murphy Builders/Pathfinders Sunday School Class. She attended the University of Tennessee and throughout her life devoted countless volunteer hours to local civic and social organizations. She was a past President of Knoxville Symphony League and Honorary Director. Jacqueline was a member of First Families of Tennessee, Tipton-Haynes State Historical Association, Daughters of Founders and Patriots, Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughters of American Colonists, Daughters of 1812, Daughters of the 17th Century, First Families of Franklin, Norris Women's Club, The Knoxville Museum of Art Guild, Board Member of Ramsey House, Ossoli Club, Nonpareils Red Hat Society, Dixie Garden Club, & Novel Lovers Book Club. Jacqueline began her career modeling and coordinating fashion shows. Selected as one of Knoxville's Ten Best Dressed Women, she was placed in the Hall of Fame for three consecutive years. Jacqueline owned and operated "Miss Jackie's Pre-School". Later in life, she retired from the Knox County School System, remaining active in her beloved community organizations. An Entombment Service will be held at Berry Highland Memorial Cemetery Mausoleum, Whispering Waters, 5315 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, Tennessee, 37919, Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 3:00pm with Rev. Jan Wade officiating. In lieu of Flowers a Memorial may be sent to: Church Street Methodist, PO Box 1303, Knoxville, Tennessee, 37901-1303, Knoxville Symphony League Endowment Fund, 1831 Pine Ridge Rd., Seymour, TN, 37865. Friends may leave their thoughts and memories at www.berryhighlandmemorial.com



Anne Stack Acker

Knoxville - Anne Stack Acker, was born May 31, 1932 and died August 7, 2020. Anne was the daughter of Dr. William E. Stack and Shelley Hahn-Smith Stack. She was raised in Chattanooga TN. by her great-grandparent Clyde Bellah Hahn, grandmother Regina Hahn-Smith and mother Shelley Stack. Anne graduated from Norte Dame High School in 1950 and the Baroness Erlanger School of Nursing in 1953. After receiving an RN degree, Anne first worked as a nurse at the Dupont Nylon Company plant In Chattanooga where she met her future husband, Alvin L "Al" Acker, Jr. Anne and Al subsequently relocated to various DuPont Nylon plants in South Carolina, Virginia and finally in Wilmington, Delaware before retiring in 1980. Anne and Al then returned to Knoxville and moved into Al's old home place, 203 Chilhowee Drive, which became the starting point for Knoxville's annual Dogwood Trail. Anne and Al took great pride in their property which Al kept immaculately groomed at all times especially for the Dogwood Trail period.

Anne was an avid golfer and member of Holstein Hills Golf Club. She was a serious antique collector and an active member of the Dogwood Garden Club, various patriotic societies i.e.; National Society Magna Charta Dames, Daughters of Colonial Dames, Colonial Wars and Knoxville Chapter of the DAR. Anne leaves a son, Alvin Leslie Acker, III, daughter, Christine Acker Star (deceased) and granddaughters Melissa Utterback (John), Vanessa Star of Newark, Delaware and Olivia Acker of Jefferson City, TN. She also leaves two great-grandchildren, Savanna and Kody as well as brother-in-law Dr. James J. Acker (Carolyn S. Acker) and brother William E. "Buddy" Stack (Margo Stack).

Anne was predeceased by the death of her husband Al Acker for only one day. Anne and Al weremarried sixty-three years on May 15 this year. The family wishes to express their appreciation to the entire senior living Staff at The Pointe at Lifespring, Knoxville TN and to St John's Cathedral in Knoxville, TN. A private memorial grave side service will be held in the near future. In lieu of flowers, please reach out to any that are down in heart with an act of kindness in loving memory of Anne and Al. Click Funeral Home & Cremations - Tellico Village Chapel is serving the family of Anne S. Acker. www.clickfuneralhome.com

SMOKY MOUNTAIN SERVICE DOGS WERE IN THE HOUSE!



*Facilitating a Better Life Through
Canine Companionship and Service*



Hooligan was amazing!



Each Smoky Mountain Service Dog puppy is hand selected by their trainers and the majority will come from reputable breeders. Appropriate shelter/rescue dogs may also be considered.



There's a new way to support Smoky Mountain Service Dogs and let fellow motorists know you're doing so!

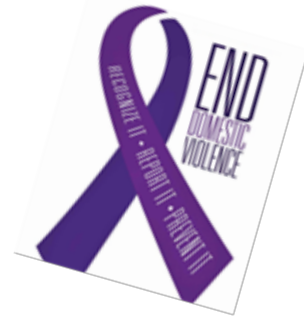
Smoky Mountain Service Dogs is pre-selling custom license plates to Tennessee residents with registered vehicles. The plate costs \$35.00 but \$15.37 of the cost benefits the organization directly.

The state requires a minimum of 1,000 pre-orders to start production of the new plate. After all orders are received, it will take four to six months for plates to arrive at local county clerk offices. SMSD has been awarded Accreditation by Assistance Dogs International. This validates that the facilities and operation of the SMSD program meets or exceeds ADI standards.





October 12th we met at the Clubhouse and wore purple to remember Domestic Violence Month. The Family Crisis Center, a division of the Helen McNabb Center, presented to us on the current updates regarding Domestic Violence and Tennessee statistics. Tennessee has moved from 5th in the nation to 9th and continues to work to no longer be in the top 10 states with the highest DV rates. It is so important that we recognize the signs and educate one another on the pitfalls of DV. Together, we can break this cycle of violence and teach survivors there can be a better life ahead.



Welcome to our NEW MEMBERS:



Debbie Milligan



Susan French



Jolene Martin



International Outreach guest speaker, Betty Asha, presented on her story, “Courage and Commitment” at our October 5th meeting. What an inspiring woman!



Susan Baeman

Remembering



Mary Alice Currey Carmichael

Knoxville - Mary Alice (M.A.) Currey Carmichael - age 82, of Knoxville, passed away peacefully April 3, 2020 after a two-month illness. She was born in Chattanooga, graduating from Girls Preparatory School prior to attending the University of Tennessee. She later received a B. S. degree in Business Administration from Tusculum University. Mary, along with her husband Bob, was a vital member of Church Street United Methodist Church, where she served in many capacities. She was a key member of the Pathfinders Sunday School Class, and was its president for two years. Her interest in mission and outreach undergirded her valuable participation in United Methodist Women

endeavors and in faithful membership of Circle 7, which she chaired for several terms. She spent much time volunteering in the church library; and in her role as Sunday morning greeter, her smiling face lifted the spirits of all worshipers passing through her door.

Mary enjoyed her grandchildren immensely, and invested her energy in lineage groups, bridge groups, and garden club. Also a longtime member of Ossoli Circle, she served as that organization's 2007-2008 president. Additionally, Mary was a member of the Andrew Bogle chapter of the National Society of the DAR and the General Henry Knox Chapter of the Tennessee Society Daughters of 1812.

Prior to her move to Knoxville, M.A. resided in Newport for some years, where she taught at West End Elementary School, was active in church and civic groups. While in Newport, she was a devoted member of First United Methodist Church. Ever the civic minded individual, she was a charter member of William Cocke Chapter of the DAR, the Clifton Club, Beta Sigma Phi sorority, as well as Smoky Mountain Country Club.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, Doyle E. Currey and Bitsy Rosser Currey. She is survived by her cherished husband, Robert R. Carmichael; children Bobby Householder and Anne Swartz; step-children Lori Meighan and Carol Goin; sister Nancy Wood; brother Doyle E. Currey, Jr.; and special cousin, Betty R. Wills. She also leaves her beloved grandchildren: Megan Renaud; Matthew and Spencer Householder; Garrett, Zachary and Hancen Sale; Joey Meighan; Blake Goin; Tara and Grant Swartz. Great grandchildren are: Jadon Hannah; Braylee and Colton Renaud; Hickory and Annabell Householder; and Hank and Sawyer Sale. Additionally, she leaves behind her treasured granddog, Jasmine.

No formal service will be held due to the current restrictions on gatherings. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be directed to Church Street United Methodist Women, c/o Church Street UMC, P. O. Box 1303, Knoxville, TN 37901. Family and friends may sign the guest register online at www.rosemortuary.com.

OPENING MEMBERSHIP COFFEE

Forty five members including seven guests attended the annual Opening Membership Coffee. Stephanie Waylon entertained guests as they arrived with her beautiful piano music. Robin Goddard preformed her "Lizzie's Vision" dressed in period clothing of the 1920's. Co-chairs Linda Williams and Jo Webb provided a wonderful musical program with favorite songs of President Wanda Taylor including "Sisters" sung by Linda Williams and Beverly Kerr and accompanied by Sarah Holloway on the piano. Fete Day Refreshment Chair Joy Kelley and her crew created a devine luncheon and Decorations Chair Rebecca Shular's designs were a welcome sight to everyone returning to the Clubhouse.



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Presentation of Ossoli in Action grsnt to Historic Westwood for \$5000.00 to make ADA compliant Sidewalks on the east side of the house.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER



This is Jayeln Phillip's, scholarship winner,with check and certificate off to Belmont University after labor day.she is online freshman orientation this week.very grateful for scholarship. She want to be president someday.majoring in political science.Thought you would be interested in reading about one of our scholarship winners, Jaylyn Phillips.



Smoky Mountain District officer planning meeting Sharon Sooter, treasurer, Janet Amburn Harpe president, Janie Bitner 2n vp, Linda Karaba, co-recording secretary wanda taylor, 1st vp. Calhoun's Lenior City, TN





As everyone knows, our Appalachian Shoe Box project is gearing up. It is time to begin purchasing items and filling up your box(es). Since there are no available shoe boxes at Ossoli for you to take and in the event you have none at home, I will be bringing approximately 45-50 white boxes (one piece) that are comparable in size to a ladies' shoe box. These will be located at the back of the auditorium for you to pick up beginning Monday, October 12. Remember, too, that there is no dollar amount as to what you should spend. That's entirely up to you. Just make sure your box is filled. Once you have finished with your box, you will then need to wrap it, with no bows attached, and clearly mark directly on the box the age group and gender. The deadline for having your boxes completed, wrapped, marked appropriately and dropped off at the Clubhouse is Monday, December 14.

Let's all contribute to this worthwhile project. These children of Scott and Morgan counties look forward to the boxes we provide each year and will truly make their Christmas a happy and memorable one.

Nancy Christmas
Appalachian Assistance Chair



Don't forget to decorate a mask for the October 26 – Halloween Harvest Replacement Bridge Benefit Party.



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March 27 – Smoky Mtn. District Meeting hosted by Ossoli Circle.

These events have rescheduled for a later date:

- 1. Smoky Mountains District meeting at Ossoli Circle and stuffing HonorAir flight goodiebags – March 20, 2021**
- 2. GFWC Ossoli Circle retreat to Spence Cabin at Historic Elkmont, Great Smoky Mountains National Park -TBA**
- 3. Reception for Mary Ruden, and the bronze bust of Lizzie Crozier French- Spring 2021**
- 4. All women Veteran's HonorAir Flight – April 7, 2021**
- 5. Ossoli Circle's Annual Memorial Service -April 26, 2021**

GFWC Fall Conference – Monteagle will be Virtual

Halloween Harvest Replacement Bridge & Game Day to benefit the maintenance of the historic clubhouse Monday, October 26 10:00 – 2:00 Ossoli Circle Clubhouse 2511 Kingston Pike, Knoxville

**\$25 tickets available now
Contact Susan Calabrese
To reserve table or make a donation
865-591-9204**

WhereToNext63@gmail.com

**Darius Upton, Knox County Office of Diversity,
presented to GFWC Ossoli Circle on Monday,
September 28th.**



Hello everyone,

This fundraiser is to support our State President and State Junior Director at the SER Virtual Convention, If you would like to participate, please send your donation to Rebecca Shular and write Roses in the memo. We will send one Ossoli Check to get credit for our Circle. The race is less than three weeks away, so place your bets soon. Anyone that wishes to donate \$100 or more will be entered into a drawing to win a Zara purse. Just attach the information in the flyer with your check.

Thanks,
Wanda Taylor

This is the virtual fundraiser that the SER (Southeastern Region) is holding to raise money for the GFWC Capital Campaign. Each State President and Junior Director has a "horse". Clubs, Districts, and individuals can send in a "bet" which is a donation to the campaign. All donors of \$100 or more will be entered in a drawing for a Zara purse. Our goal is to make a cumulative \$1500 donation (or more) from GFWC of TN.

Have you registered for the virtual SER conference? Be sure to visit the GFWC Membersuite to register and let everyone know you'll be participating remotely!!

****In addition, be sure to register for our FREE virtual Fall Conference on Sunday, November 8th - send registration forms (from the call emailed on September 25) to Jill Jackson.****

In Federation Friendship,
Vicki Bechet | President, GFWC of TN
General Federation of Women's Clubs

Friday Night
6pm -7:30pm



Our Region will be hosting a Virtual Horse Race on November 6-2020

With proceeds going to the GFWC Capital Campaign
Place your bet for your winning horse!

Kentucky (horse)
Teresa Schmidt and Preshus Howard
North Carolina (horse)
Crystal O'Neal and Angela Moss
Maryland (horse)
Karen Wasik and Andrea Lilly
West Virginia (horse)
Helen Moren and Dusty Smith
Virginia (horse)
Dale Fisher and Jenny Hinegardner
District of Columbia
Jessica Rigouard
Tennessee (horse)
Vicki Bechet and Socorro Cooper

The state that raises the most money will be our winner!



Make your luncheon reservations on the GFWC Ossoli Circle webpage. On the right-hand side of the page, just under What's Happening, a link has been added to make your reservations for lunch. This will make it easier for the Luncheon Chair and the committee preparing for lunch. After clicking on the purple words, you will be directed to a form where you can make your reservation for lunch. The dates included are the last Monday in September and all of October. You can sign up week by week or if you know you are planning on being present, you can sign up for all weeks at one time. Plans change!?!? No problem, just go back to the link and enter again and select the correct week and select, "I will not be staying for lunch." Please remember to RSVP by Thursday. You may still contact Kim Overman at 333-5397 or email her at knoverman28@gmail.com. The cost of lunch is \$8.00.



(L to R) Joyce Condry (Cor Sec), Wanda Taylor (President), Renee Hamilton (Rec Sec), Nancy Christmas (2nd Vice Pres), Janet Amburn-Harpe (Smoly Mtn. District President), Rebecca Shular (Treas), Kim Overman (1st Vice/Pres. Elect)

The Knox County Council of Regents (Daughters of the American Revolution - DAR) invited Ossoli Circle's President and Past President to a Wreath Laying Ceremony in honor of the 19th Amendment Centennial on August 22, 2020. The ceremony took place at Lizzie Crozier French's grave site at Old Gray Cemetery in Knoxville. Ruthie Kuhlman, Director of Old Gray welcomed those present. The program honored Mary Boyce Temple, Lizzie Crozier French, and Annie Logan Boyd all buried at Old Gray. Additionally, Lizzie's sisters Lucy Graham Crozier and Mary Hume Crozier as well as Ada Fanz and Lillie King Minor were included in the ceremony. These ladies were all area suffragists. One of the regents could not attend and Wanda Taylor took her part in the program as Chaplin.





GFWC *Clubwoman Magazine* is the premier publication of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, and one of the most useful and beneficial communication tools we have to inform and educate our members. Published quarterly, the magazine is a source for insightful and informative content that keeps subscribers in tune with all things GFWC. In addition, *Clubwoman Magazine* promotes regular features each issue, such as:

President's Letter: Words of wisdom from the GFWC International President

Bits and Bites: All the news that's fit to print – in bite-sized bits!

Call To Convention: Every Spring issue of *Clubwoman Magazine* contains this essential feature, which highlights the most up-to-date info on the upcoming GFWC Annual Convention



Octoberfest luncheon by the Music Committee



President Wanda Taylor and past president Janie Bitner were in the August 22nd, Suffragist Coalition car Parade. The parade began in the Old City. Approximately 30 cars were in the parade along with a vintage model T and a motorcycle. Cars were decorated with flags, banners, streamers, balloons and posters. The parade traveled down Gay Street, turned to go past the Farmer's Market at the Coliseum. Then retraced back to the Old City, Back to Gay Street and on to Cumberland Avenue. Many people cheered us on as we motorcaded down the streets.



August 10th, Janie Bitner, Rebecca Shular, Nancy Christmas and Wanda Taylor drove to Wartburg. The drive was absolutely beautiful. VeRhonda Hembree met us at the thrift store - Unicorn Fund, INC. Finally after three months, Appalachian Assistance Chair Nancy Christmas was able to present one of the scholarship recipients with a check for further education. The Unicorn Fund has created a Marion Bloomer, Ossoli Circle Scholarship and that was presented to Troy Wilson, who will attend the University of Tennessee this Fall. Pictured with Troy is his mother Angie and sister Crystal, who is a past Unicorn Scholarship winner. She attended Tennessee Tech. The Unicorn Fund, Inc. volunteers are pictured left to right: Janet Bunch, Sandy Currier, Barbara Heidel, VeRhonda Hembree, and Barbara Risden. The Ossoli Circle Scholarship Winners were Ms. Riley Tilson from Morgan County and Ms. Jaylyn Phillips from Wartburg. We hope to have their pictures later.

