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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 2021 is Here!



### **Happy New Year 2021!**

Dear Ossoli Circle Sisters,  
My term is half-way through, and it has been a most unusual time. We have managed to continue meeting with all safeguards in place and many members have been attending our meetings. However, we miss everyone who has been unable to come and we understand your concerns. After researching the possibility of acquiring internet in the building for virtual meeting capability, we discovered that the cost would be over \$1400.00 a year for just our Monday meetings. We regret that we could not make that happen. As with most 501C3's, we find that making ends meet is becoming increasingly more difficult. We will need to be very frugal with our spending in the months ahead. Last Spring, we missed one fundraiser and our annual garage sale. So, we plan to go forward this Spring with our Ossoli In Action Party (for our community project funding) and our White Linen Luncheon (for our clubhouse expenses). If you are unable to come, we would appreciate your donations, and these will be used wisely.

The first two meetings were canceled in January as a precaution from the holidays and gatherings. We will start again on January 18<sup>th</sup>. The new schedule is as follows:

- \*January 25: 10:30 -April McCroskey - An interview with a Veteran of the Viet Nam War (Her father)  
11:30 - International Outreach -Operation Smile, Nancy Carmon  
Lunch - Newsletter, Contact and Legislation and Resolutions
- \*February 1: 10:30 - Dr. Evan Butcher – "Vitality"  
11:30 - Business Meeting - Nomination of Officers  
Lunch - House, Properties and Home Life
- \*February 8: 10:30 -Book Study -Sharon White, "A Women Named Defiance:  
Selected Works by Mary Faith Floyd." narrated by Douglas McDaniel  
11:30 - OIA preview, Nancy Carmon  
Lunch - International Outreach
- \*February 15: 10:30 - Business Meeting - Election of Officers  
11:30 - Tuesday Morning Music Club  
Lunch -Book Study
- \*February 22: 10:30 - Domestic Violence, Nancy Carmon  
11:30 - History - Joan Helton, "Quilts, Yesterday and Today"  
Lunch - Education
- \*March 1: 10:30 - Home Life, TBA  
11:30 - Business Meeting  
Lunch -Appalachian Assistance
- \*March 8 Ossoli in Action - Mystery and Madness Party

I am looking forward to the months ahead and hope that with the new Covid 19 vaccine that our "normal" times will soon return.

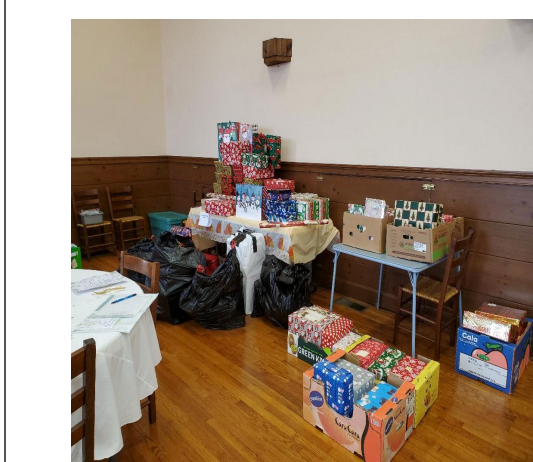
***In Federation Love,  
Wanda***

# ***PRESIDENTS' DAY 2020***

The 135th President's Day was celebrated on December 14, 2020. Co Chairs Nancy Carmon and Patricia Harris planned an elegant event. Members of Ossoli Circle honored Dexter "Marty" Jordan with contributions for a Christmas bonus. Guests Lauri Birt and Mike Kitchens attended with Hooligan for Smoky Mountain Service Dogs. They were presented with a check for \$5,460 to use toward purchasing a new puppy. First Vice President/President Elect Kim Overman represented members by presenting President Wanda Taylor with a wooden plaque and gavel for her service as the 2020-2021 President. A delightful music program entertained guests with a selection of the president's favorites. Fete Day Refreshment Chair Joy Kelly prepared a delightful assortment of delicacies. It was a great day and a fun way to end 2020.



**Seated: (L to R) Nancy Carmon (2015-2016),  
Roberta Pedigo (2013-2014),  
Janet Oakes (2005-2005),  
Lee Patton (1996-1997),  
Charlotte Miller (2014-2015),  
Janie Bitner (2019-2020),  
Lexa Hooten (2012-2013)  
Janice Hixson (2010-2011), and  
Standing: President Wanda Taylor (2020-2021)**





***Be sure to read the GFWC of TN December Newsletter.***

***It includes 1) information about the GFWC of TN state handbook and 2) directions for members to sign up and use the GFWC Membersuite on the GFWC website. This is the ONLY way members can access all the outstanding resources compiled by GFWC leaders, chairmen, and staff.***

***For future editions, send a list of email addresses of all members who want to receive this document (every three months) to Michelle Freemark: [azfreearks@yahoo.com](mailto:azfreearks@yahoo.com).***

***The deadline for submissions for future issues is on page 10 of the state handbook. State officers, CSP and other chairmen, and club Presidents are highly encouraged to submit information for publication.***

***Please stay healthy and enjoy the holiday season!***

***In Federation Friendship,***

***Vicki***



## ***WE HAVE RETURNED!***

***After a break for the first two weeks of January, we did return to the Clubhouse on Monday, January 18th. This was Martin Luther King Day. Our own Renee Hamilton presented her program "Into the Light- Alzheimer's Caregivers". The second program at 11:30 was given by the Tuesday Morning Musical Club featuring Erin Johnson, Soprano and Dustin Lin, Piano. Lunch was prepared by the 1st VP and Board Members.***



***Please RSVP to Kim Overman by phone, email or text or through our website for lunch reservations.***

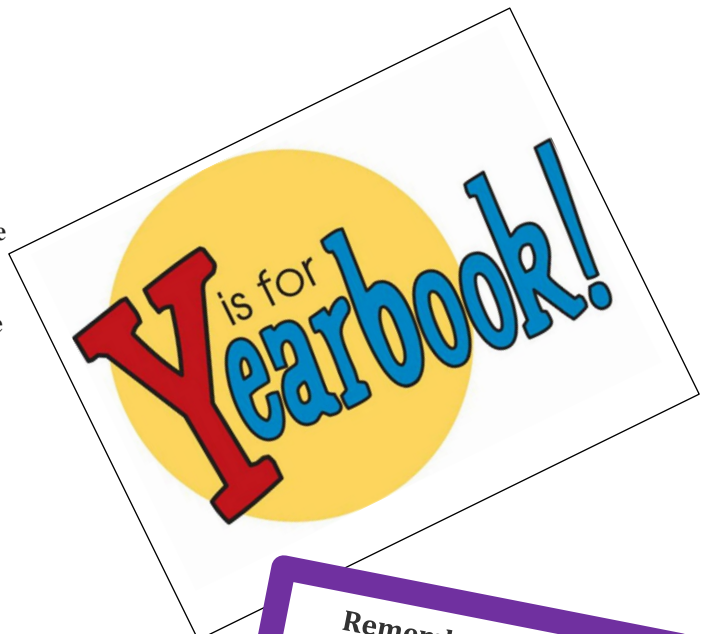
Hello everyone,

The next yearbook will go to print late March or early April - attention now!! As we have discussed in several business meetings, we have the option this year to supplement our yearbook with advertisements from friends, businesses and/or just well wishes to Ossoli Circle members. This will be a way to raise funds from outside agencies and offset the cost of yearbook publishing. There are three options - full page, half page or quarter page. The full page size is 5 X 6.5 inches. All ads will be printed in black and white and will be at the back of our yearbook. The yearbook will only be distributed to Ossoli Circle members and Complementary Members.

This is the price list:

- 1 ad per page (whole page)      \$100.00
- 2 ads per page (half page)      \$50.00 per ad
- 4 ads per page (quarter page)      25.00 per ad (approximately the size of a business card)

Contact Roberta Pedigo or Wanda Taylor if you are interested in additional information. [rbpedigo@comcast.net](mailto:rbpedigo@comcast.net)



## Appalachian Assistance

The final and official count for shoe boxes, oversized toys, gift cards and other miscellaneous items for seniors that members donated last month totaled 223. This number was confirmed to me by our Wartburg contact, VeRhonda Hembree, who oversaw the distribution of these items for the children and families of Scott and Morgan counties. Because of our generous outpouring of gifts, they had a bright and merry Christmas. Thank you, Ossoli members, for your outstanding support and efforts that contributed to a successful Appalachian "Shoe Box" Project for the 2020 holidays.

Nancy Christmas  
Chair, Appalachian Assistance



Ossoli Circle purchases a puppy for Smoky Mountain Service Dogs. A check for \$5400.00 was presented to representatives from the organization at President's Day. Hooligan, a Black Lab Ambassador, was also at the ceremony.

***WE DID IT!!***