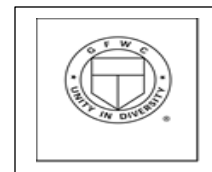


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Ossoli Circle
Knoxville, Tennessee



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

Greetings from Your President



Hello Ossoli Sisters,

Spring has sprung and God's glorious creation is shining all around us – full of beauty and promise. I hope everyone had an opportunity to be with family and friends this year for Easter. With most of us being vaccinated, hopefully more occasions to come together will arise. I am so looking forward to being "normal" again.

We have had some wonderful programs over the last three months. This newsletter will feature many of those programs and events. We still have much to do before our year ends. In just a couple of weeks, we will have the annual White Linen Luncheon. The Ways and Means committee have planned a fun event including lunch, a fashion show by the Lily Pad, a silent auction, bake sale and specialty drinks. We can safely seat 50 people, so get your ticket today – only \$25.00. If you can't attend, consider sending a donation. This committee raises money to keep our clubhouse running.

And, speaking of keeping our clubhouse running, WE NEED YOUR HELP. We have a special campaign that will be introduced by the Lizzy's Legacy Committee very soon. This committee is looking at the long-term welfare of the Ossoli Circle Clubhouse. Stay tuned – more information soon. Soon you will be receiving a letter from the Lizzie's Legacy Committee asking for your renewed partnership in protecting our Ossoli Circle Clubhouse. COVID has affected everyone in many ways, and our dear Clubhouse is not immune. When your pledge cards arrive, please be generous. We can do this!

Officers and committee chairs have been confirmed through election and will be taking office on May 10. If asked, please be on their committee. Information is being collected now for next year's yearbook and it will be published soon. Send all corrections/additions to Yearbook Chair Roberta Pedigo. Treasurer Rebecca Shular will begin taking the 2021-2022 dues in May. Your yearbook will be available once dues are paid. Looking forward to sunny days ahead. As the saying goes.... April Showers bring May Flowers. I just love the Spring. Stay well and see you soon.

In Federation Love,
Wanda



On January 25th we were given a special opportunity to hear Captain April McCroskey interview her father - in -law about his Viet Nam experience. Thank you to both for their service!



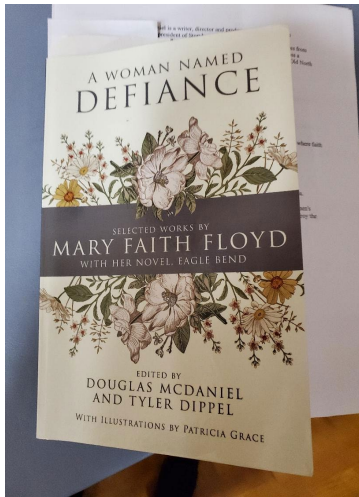
International Outreach - Nancy Carmon and hands on project for Operation Smile



This was such a fun experience!

Thank you to Elaine Ralston who gave the devotion for the February 1st meeting





Sharon White and the Book Study Committee presented a video by Author Douglas McDaniel on his book "A Woman Named Defiance: Selected Works of Mary Faith Floyd".

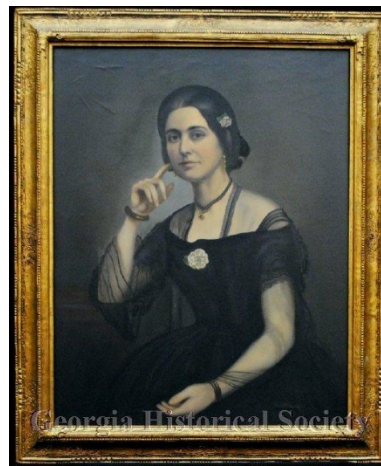


HER NAME WAS MARY MELINDA DEFIANCE FLOYD- DO YOU KNOW WHERE THE FAITH (MARY FAITH) CAME FROM?

<https://www.storyhausmedia.com/about>

I am currently in Dubai on 10 days vacation.
I will be back in Saudi Arabia on Feb 9.
Warmest regards, and I hope you and your family are well. Please give my best to Ossoli Circle. Attached is a photo of a portrait of her from the Georgia Historical Society.

All the best, Doug



Dr. Evan Butcher, Chiropractor talked about Vitality and his experience working as the Ice Bears Chiropractor

During our second program Nancy Carmon gave a sneak peek of the OIA project and entertained us with Ossoli Bingo.



Our Feb 15th meeting included a program by the Tuesday morning music performance and election of officers.



Check out News and Notes!! Thank you Nancy! Domestic Violence project - Hugs for hope made the GFWC News and Notes. Volunteers in Action:

This week's GFWC Blog features GFWC North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club (South Carolina), GFWC du Midi Woman's Club (Alabama), GFWC Ossoli Circle (Tennessee), and GFWC Woman's Club of Winter Haven (Florida). Over the past few weeks, these clubs have supported and stocked local Little Free Libraries, turned hundreds of plastic bags that would've gone into landfills into sleeping mats for people without homes, donated items for survivors of domestic violence, created gifts for GFWC Affiliate Organization Operation Smile, and made Valentine's Day cards for Meals on Wheels recipients.

March is National Reading Month. If you have a success story to tell about how your club is working to promote libraries, literacy, and the love of a good book, email PR@GFWC.org to be considered for GFWC's Blog.

GFWC Ossoli Circle (Tennessee)

Clubwomen with GFWC Ossoli Circle (Tennessee) have been busy with two projects to help people in need. For the first project, "Hugs for Hope," club members filled donated handbags with toiletries, makeup, scarves, and jewelry, which will go to the women at the McNabb Domestic Violence Shelter. Members paid \$10 each to fill the handbags and wrote a note of support and encouragement for the women who will receive the handbags as survivors of domestic violence. Club members said the project was fun and successful, and appreciated by the representatives from the shelter.

The second project clubwomen worked on was collecting items for GFWC Affiliate Organization Operation Smile "smile bags." All of the items for the bags were purchased by a member and the bags were sewn shut. Operation Smile is an international children's medical charity focused on restoring children's smiles through performing surgery on facial deformities such as cleft lip and cleft palate.

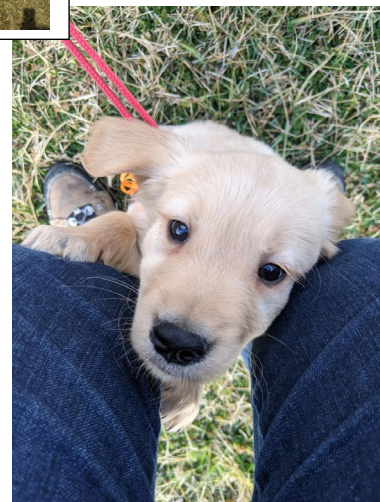
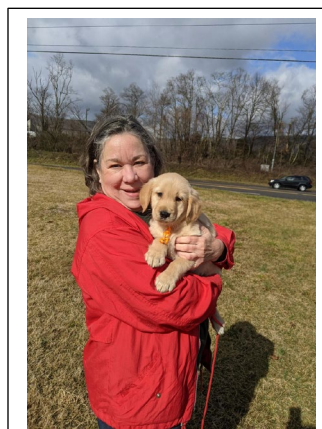


FEB 22nd: Joan Helton's program, "Quilts Yesterday and Today"



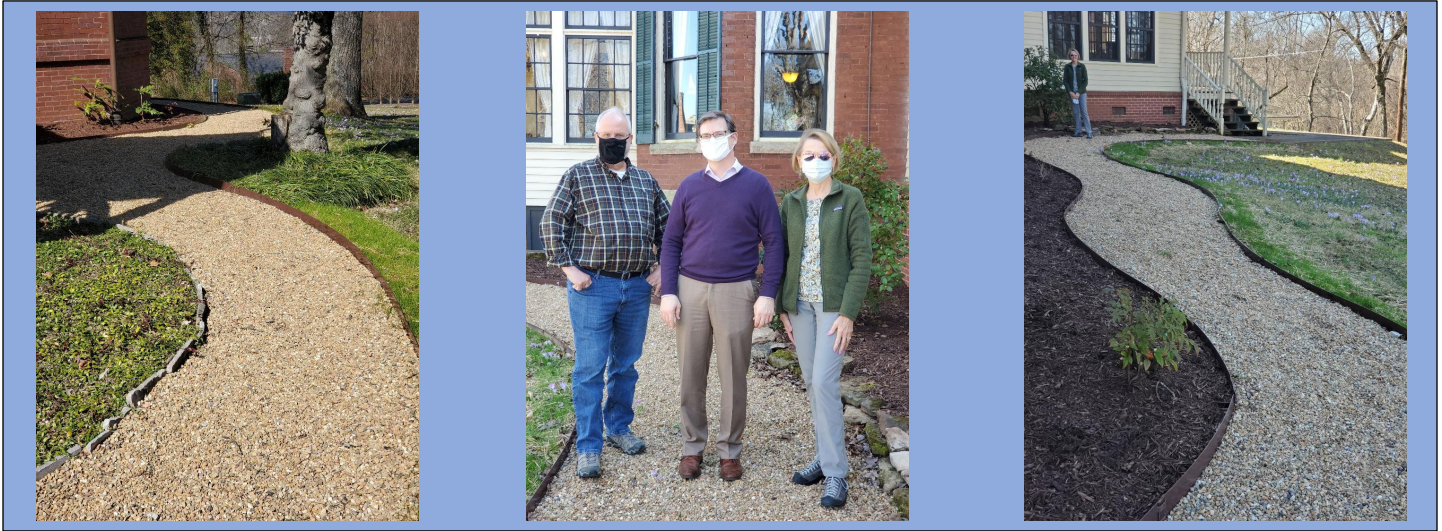
As promised, puppy Henley has arrived! I picked him up this morning and he is such a cutie. There will be a Facebook post to formally introduce him, but I thought I'd give you a sneak peak. Once again, please send our thanks and gratitude for all the women of Ossoli Circle for their generosity.

Laurie Birt, Community Events Coordinator
Smoky Mountain Service Dogs





The 2019-2020 OIA project to create ADA accessible sidewalks on the east side of Historic Westwood. Final inspection before grant work was completed.



Our March 1st meeting brought member Sharon Cottrell showed us photos of one of her trips "The American West"



Paul James came to the "shaking Shamrock" OIA party and talked about the art wraps around Knoxville. This is the 2020-2021 OIA project. The art wrap will feature the East Tennessee Female Institute which stood where the present Church Street United Methodist Church stands.



On March 15th we were given a treat--David Shultz, UT student and second Presbyterian organist and pianist presented to our members, followed second by the Tuesday Morning musical club.



Great job to our Conservation Committee...

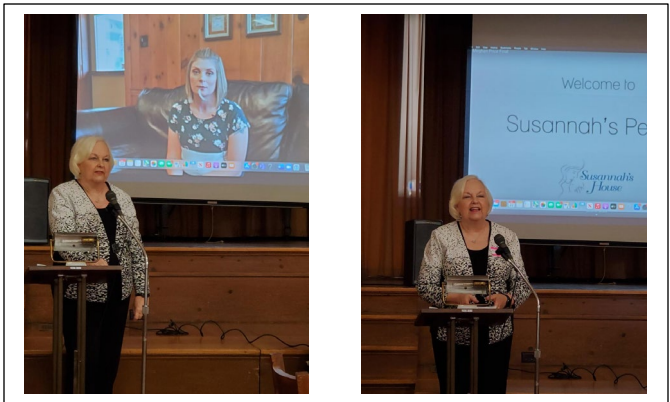
Lisa New, President and CEO Zoo Knoxville, "Zoo Knoxville and Endangered Species"



...and our Education Committee!

Rev. Rebekah Fetzer, Director, Susannah's House, Mothers and Infants in Recovery from Opioid Abuse"

Susannah's House is a faith-based, not-for-profit, outpatient facility with programs to provide ongoing treatment and support to pregnant and post-partem moms in recovery and care for their children - at NO COST TO THEM, PERIOD!



In Memory



Edythe Nelle Milligan McNabb

Edythe Nelle Milligan McNabb, 92, peacefully departed this life Thursday January 28, 2021. She was born in New Market, Tennessee, the daughter of Henderson and Susan Milligan. Edythe obtained a master's degree in Spanish at the age of 20 with an eye toward translating for the United Nations. WWII changed those plans, and she began a 42-year career in education as both administrator and teacher. In retirement, she never missed an opportunity to participate in non-profit organizations, sometimes 10 at once.

Edythe was preceded in death by her husband Kenneth, and is survived by their son Kenney, his wife Heather, and grandsons William (Ben) and Squirrel (Aiden) McNabb.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Smoky Mountain Antique Engine and Tractor Association and their efforts to continue the legacy of a time and people so important to Edythe and Kenneth. Contact Kathy Day at 865-377-3456 to make donations.

Family and friends will meet for graveside service Monday 2/1/2021, 1:00p.m. at Union Cemetery, Newport, TN. Arrangements are coordinated by Trinity Memorial, Kingsport, TN.

Marie Joyce Richardson

Marie Joyce Richardson (Age 70) passed away at home with her husband by her side on Saturday, February 20, 2021. She was born on September 29, 1950 in Dayton, Tennessee. She graduated from Meigs County High School in 1968 and earned her undergraduate degree in Education and Masters in English from the University of Tennessee in 1976. She continued with post graduate work just short of earning her PHD in English. Her career spanned over 35 years in the Knox County and Blount County School Systems, receiving recognition and numerous accolades for her dedication to educating the youth. After retirement, she continued teaching at Pellissippi State Community College until 2012. Marie was one of a kind with a unique and spirited personality which her students absolutely loved. Her fun-loving nature captured their hearts and embellished their desire to learn. She was often described as a tremendously passionate teacher who truly cared about every student, taking great pride in seeing each of them reach their highest potential. She was an avid animal lover that also loved to cook and garden in her spare time. She was an active member of the Knoxville Chapter of the GWFC Ossoli Circle and loved her charity work dearly.

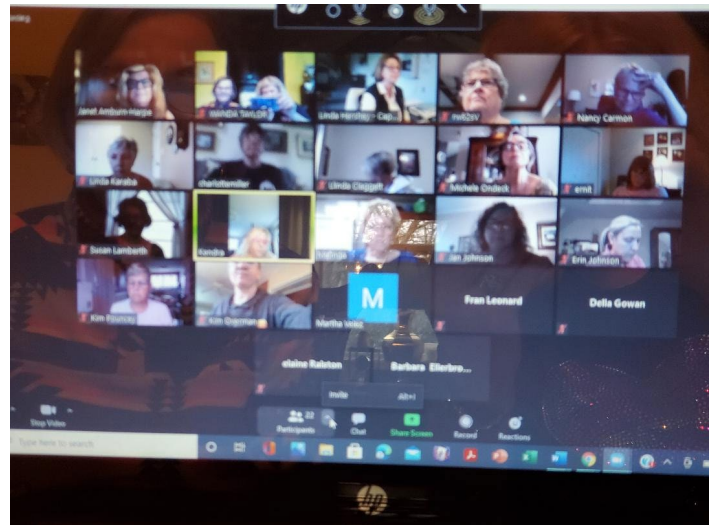
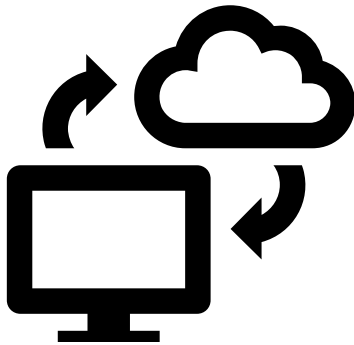
Marie was preceded in death by her parents, Harvey Lester Moon and Margaret Henderson Moon of Decatur, TN, her beloved son, Jason Phillip Lunn of Knoxville, and her stepdaughter, Kimberly Richardson Lunn of Dixon, TN.

She is survived by her husband, J. Ken Richardson, Knoxville, daughter, Denise Lunn Mayberry (Richard Mayberry) of Hoover, Alabama, and her stepson Bryn Richardson (Tara Duncan Richardson) from Knoxville. Marie is also survived by her grandchildren, all of which she absolutely adored: Colton Lunn, Dickson TN; Richard Mayberry III and Jackson Mayberry of Hoover, Alabama; Beau Richardson and Hailey Richardson of Knoxville; her sister Betty Hickman of Decatur, TN., and her beloved pets, Tiger, Double Stuff, Cougar Kitties and Bogey Doggie.

A private ceremony was held at Click Funeral Home, Farragut, TN on February 22, 2021. Memorial gifts in honor of Marie may be made to Young Williams Animal Shelter, c/o 3201 Division Street, Knoxville, TN 37919.



GFWC Smoky Mountain District Zoom meeting March 27.
Seven Ossoli members attended.



The Lizzy Crozier French plaque has been installed. A ceremony will be later this year.



The Lizzie Legacy Club is coming soon! Please be generous.