



# GFWC

## Ossoli Circle Newsletter

### July 2022



#### THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**Nancy Dickson Christmas**  
**President 2022-2023**

Hello, Ossoli Sisters!

The hot and humid days are here in east Tennessee. I want to extend my very best to each of you for a fun-filled summer taking in the warm sunshine and enjoying yourself at home with family and friends, being at the beach, camping in the mountains, or just relaxing and sipping on iced tea. I look forward to returning to Ossoli refreshed and ready for a full year of leading, learning, laughing, and being together once again. As your new President of Ossoli Circle for the 2022-2023 year, I believe you will be in for some special events and programs that will allow us to grow, share and serve to make Ossoli Circle "better and brighter."

Our summer member get together will be "I Love Ossoli Tea" at the GFWC (General Federation of Women's Clubs) Ossoli Circle Clubhouse on Monday, August 8 from 1-3pm. Invitations have already been printed and will be mailed to our members later this month. Sherry Hillis, Chair of this special event, has already been planning and working with her committee members to come up with tasty treats and special activities for our program. This event also allows us the opportunity to dress up, if you wish, and wear fancy party hats. For our newer members, this special occasion is a tradition going back many years and is also called our "greens" tea so remember to bring your check or cash to make a donation to support Ossoli.

To officially kick off our new year in September, we have a very special event, Opening and Membership Coffee, taking place at the Clubhouse from 11am-2pm on September 12. Jan Coley is this year's event chair who has a novel and fun idea for setting up our coffee for members and guests. She will also be working closely with our Membership Chair, Janice Hixson, who will be sending out invitations to prospective members. For her to complete this timely, she will need you to send her your contact information, which includes names, home addresses, and phone numbers as soon as possible. Be sure you have already spoken with your guests you wish to invite prior to their receiving their personal invitation from Ossoli Circle in the mail. Additionally, Kim Overman has taken on the new role of Chair, Fete Day refreshments. This is the first Fete Day event of three during the year that she will be hard at work planning our party refreshments. We look forward to tasting Kim's baked goods and other items - they will be scrumptious! And, lastly, making and placing her creative touches to beautiful flower arrangements in the entry way and auditorium will be new member Margi Milburn, chair of Decorations. What amazing talent and expertise we have in these four women. You will see firsthand when you come on the 12th to check out our classy and fun Opening Coffee and recruitment of new members.

For this year's President's project, I have chosen Alzheimer's Association, Tennessee Chapter. We have all been touched and affected by a family member or close friend who has been afflicted with this horrible disease. Alzheimer's Association focuses on ongoing research. One of their fundraisers to promote awareness is participating in their annual October Walk to End Alzheimer's. You will find out more details about this at our first regular meeting coming up later in September.

This will be an exciting year for Ossoli Circle. I appreciate your faithful and continued support of our club and loyal commitment to serve our community while keeping the GFWC values and goals of our federation strong!

*Nancy*



Please be sure to join us for the I Love Ossoli Tea! Invitations to follow in July.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE OSSOLI CIRCLE OPENING/ MEMBERSHIP COFFEE. ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2022, OSSOLI CIRCLE WILL BE TRANSFORMED INTO A COFFEE BAR WITH

DRINK STATIONS TO EXPLORE DIFFERENT COFFEE DRINKS. THERE WILL BE A FABULOUS SAMPLING OF "COFFEE HOUSE" FOODS TO GO WITH TO GO WITH THE COFFEE. MOST IMPORTANTLY, PLEASE SEND NAMES, ADDRESSES, EMAIL, AND PHONE NUMBERS TO JANICE HIXSON FOR THE GUEST YOU WOULD LIKE TO INVITE! CANNOT WAIT TO SEE YOU ON SEPTEMBER 12 AT 11:00 A.M.!



## Unicorn Fund Scholarship Update

**American Legion Post 149** in Wartburg, Tennessee was the location again for the Unicorn Fund Annual Scholarship luncheon. Our President, Nancy Christmas, and Appalachian Assistance Chair, Renee Hamilton, both attended. It is always a great time to get to meet recipients of the scholarships and catch up with past recipients.





# Suffrage Coalition

This event was held May 24, 2022 at Lakeshore Park from 5:30-9:30pm. Janie Bitner and Wanda Taylor, represented GFWC Ossoli Circle.



## GARAGE SALE

Jerilynn Price, Chair of Ways and Means organized this three-day event which took place at the home of Janice Hixson. Two garages were filled with everything you can image. There was good traffic despite the heat wave. This was the hottest week of the summer so far. Many members priced items and even more brought items from their homes. The sale brought in \$1850.00! Great job and many thanks to all who worked, donated items and purchased items for the sale.



Hold on – plans are being made for a fall garage sale at Janice Hixson's house again. Keep going through those closets, basements, and attics for the next treasures. Fall sale will include winter clothes, jeans, and holiday decorations to mention a few.







## INSTALLATION DAY



## OUR NEW OFFICERS & CHAIRS FOR 2022-2023:

Executive Board	
President	Nancy Christmas
President-Elect	Melanie Goldstine
First Vice President	
2nd Vice President	Linda Williams
Recording Secretary	Elaine Ralston
Corresponding Secretary	Patricia Harris
Treasurer	Joy Kelly
Assistant Treasurer	Susie Kelley
Parliamentarian	Charlotte Miller
Trustee Chair	Roberta Pedigo
Trustee	Nancy Carmon
Trustee	Judy Penry
Board Committee Chairs	
Bylaws & Revisions	Joyce Condry
Finance	Renee Hamilton

House	Susan Calabrese
Membership	Janice Hixson
Ossoli In Action	Nancy Carmon
Properties	Kim Overman
Ways and Means	Jerilynn Price

<b>Program Chairs</b>	
Art	Nancy Carmon
Music	Linda Williams
International Outreach	Carol Lovingood-Hiers
Public Issues	Linda Oliver
Book Study	Sharon White
Education	Rebecca Shular
History	Cathy Briscoe
Conservation	Cheri VanBynen
Home Life	Susan Fowlkes



**GFWC International Update**

**TWO OF OUR MEMBERS, KIM OVERMAN, PRESIDENT 2021-2022 AND SUSAN FRENCH, AS WELL AS JANET AMBURN-HARPE, TREASURER OF GFWC OF TN SMOKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT, WENT TOGETHER THIS YEAR TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FROM JUNE 25TH THROUGH THE 28TH IN NEW ORLEANS. THEY ARE LEARNING A LOT AND TAKING IN THE SIGHTS AND ENJOYING THE WONDERFUL FOOD THEY ARE HAVING THERE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO THEM SHARING THEIR EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES AND FUN TIMES THEY HAD WHILE IN NEW ORLEANS.**

# LOVING MEMORIES



Four Ossoli Sisters who have passed in May - June 2022:

- **Shirley Rouse**, age 81, died on May 21, 2022. She was on our permanent roll for over 20 years. A Celebration of Life service was held on May 25.

- **Mary Lou Reynolds**, age 92, died on May 24, 2022. Was on our permanent roll for over 20 years. Her daughter-in-law, Dee Anne Reynolds, is an active member of Ossoli Circle who joined in the fall of 2021.

- **Linda Biggers**, active member who joined in 2015 died on June 10, 2022. Memorial service will be on July 8 with receiving of friends beginning at 10:30am and service at 12:00pm at Church Street United Methodist Church.

- **Jean Fraim**: 97 years old who died on June 18, 2022. A funeral mass was held in Farragut on June 27.



**INVENTORY DAY**

Inventory Day was held on June 13 with many Ossoli members helping to make this a tremendous success. Tables, chairs,

spoons and forks, linens, silver, and books to name a few were counted and recounted. We had 25 members who helped and put in a total of 71.5 hours. Some members worked on their inventory areas the week before and a few put in more time the week after. Thank you to everyone who helped with inventory. You made a tedious job fun while getting to know members better!

## Important Reminders:

**Reminder that if members have any personal information that has changed or needs to be corrected, please email Susie Kelley, Email Chair.**

**Remember that it is now time to pay your Ossoli dues for 2022-2023. If you haven't already paid them, be sure and mail your check to Joy Kelly, Ossoli Circle, P. O. 10892, Knoxville 37939. If you need to have the yearbook mailed to you, please include an additional \$5.00.**



## Dates to Remember

July 4th - Time to Celebrate with Family and Friends and remember the historical significance of what took place in our country in 1776.

July 27: Summer Board Meeting

August 8: I Love Ossoli Tea

September 12:  
Opening/Membership Coffee

September 19: First Regular Meeting to kick off President's Project, Alzheimer's Tennessee Chapter



### Impact Of Alzheimer's

Alzheimer's disease has an impact on just about everyone.

More than...

120,000 Tennesseans

5.4 Million Americans

43 Million people in the world have Alzheimer's. Alzheimer's disease is the 6th leading cause of death in the United States.

The country experienced a dramatic 54.5% increase in deaths attributed to Alzheimer's disease between 1999 and 2014. Over the same time period, Alzheimer's deaths more than doubled in Tennessee.

*Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*

