



Greensboro Woman's Club, Inc.

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"Gain Knowledge through Reading~
 Share Knowledge through Action"

A word from our President!

By Vanessa Lowder

Happy Fall, finally! We are beginning to see some nice color and the temperatures have fallen into the seasonal range. Half my pansies are in the ground, with the rest not far behind. They are great-looking and thanks to Ways and Means chairman Lorena Hall for her efforts on this inaugural fundraiser. We may have to do this one again! Cookie dough orders were due at the October meeting an Lorena will let us know when they arrive . Thanks also to our treasurer, Valerie Ruickoldt, who has had to do double duty this month with all the money matters. Her club job doesn't end after one project, so let her know you appreciate her hard work!

Our November meeting is fast approaching-- **Wednesday, November 3rd**. We will as always have social time beginning at 6:30 with dinner following at 7. Please send

Joia Diaz your dinner reservation at joiadiaz@gwu.edu. Don't forget to bring **books** for any age child and/or adults. These will be donated to Clara House, a domestic violence shelter. Thanks to Catrina Seagraves for chairing this project. This month club business will be abbreviated to reserve time for our annual White Elephant Sale. Lorena and her committee will be in



charge. Look for details from them on this fun event.

Thanks to everyone who contributed goodies to the "Firefighter's Basket". Nancy McKee and I

delivered the items to Station 4, Battalion 1, on Gorrell Street. We were greeted by a group of new recruits being put through calisthenics when we drove up. They were "ordered" to unload the goods from my car, and did so in a matter of seconds, before returning to their push-ups and jumping jacks! We met the captain and toured the station. We had a very nice visit there and think we might want to do this project again!

I'd like to remind you again to keep track of any **literacy volunteer hours** you did during October and fill out a yellow sheet at the meeting. Again this month the club member with the most hours will receive a little prize. Will it be Joy Ellison for the 3rd month in a row? Stay tuned!

Hope to see you at one of our upcoming projects!

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GFWC-NC News

By Vanessa Lowder

Remember that fund-raising golf tournament in Clayton that got rained out last month? Well, it was held on October 14th and Amy Keeter, Linda Arnaud, Lib Fuller, and Vanessa Lowder traveled there to represent our club. Even though Greensboro experienced a nice day, the rains hit Clayton and our team got pretty drenched. Despite the dampness, we had a great time and were proud to have contributed to the success of the event. The GFWC-NC **Links 4 Literacy** golf tournament raised approximately \$15,000 for scholarships to be presented to rising college juniors who have declared education (K-12) as a major. Another tournament is planned for next year!



GWC Golf Team Members:

*Lib Fuller, Vanessa Lowder,
Linda Arnaud and Amy Keeter before the flood.*



GWC Golf Team Members

Wet, but we found the hole that our club sponsored.

GFWC-NC District 4 News

On October 16th Jennifer Sawyer, Lorena Hall, Nichole Alston, and Vanessa Lowder represented our club at our district's annual fall meeting in Thomasville. Jennifer serves as District 4 First Vice President (membership), Lorena is Parliamentarian, and Nichole serves as the District 4 Sallie Southall Cotten Scholarship Chair. It was a great meeting and we were honored and excited to receive the following awards:

- **First Place District 4 Scrapbook Award**
- **First Place District 4 Website Award**
- **District 4 Immediate Past President's Award—won by Jennifer Sawyer**
- **First club to send in District entries.**



Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings. — William Arthur Ward

Member News

I'm pleased to announce that we have 14 new members in our Provisional class of 2010-2011. As stated in the October meeting, all members and provisionals who pay dues by November 1st will make up our roster for the club year. The next provisional class will begin in the fall of 2011. Our first Orientation Session was held on October 20th at the clubhouse. Our next session is coming up in November. Stay tuned for the date and time. This is the second session in the series. A make-up session will be offered in December for anyone who missed the October or November sessions.

Ways and Means Report

Great job on the pansy sale! The cookie dough will be in the first week of November. When the cookie dough arrives, an email will go out letting members know that they can pick it up.

Just a reminder about our upcoming White Elephant Sale at the next meeting. I will need 30 items for the white elephant sale. If you can bring an item, please send me an email to let me know. All proceeds will go towards our operating budget and specifically to buy new seat cushions for the house.

Thanks,

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December Project

We are once again called on to exhibit our superb gift-wrapping skills at Friendly Shopping Center. As in past years we would like to provide holiday gift-wrapping service in exchange for tips. The tip proceeds will go to **Triad Voices for Inclusion** which is part of the **National Inclusion Project**. The project's mission is: *to bridge the gap that exists between young people with disabilities and the world around them.*

Help with gift-wrapping is needed on Thurs., Dec. 16th and Fri., Dec. 17th, from 12 – 8 pm each day. We would like to gauge the club's interest in this project, so a sign-up sheet will be out at the November meeting. Please remember that this is the only "hands-on" project scheduled for December. Jamie Gullede will be in charge and provide more information at our November meeting.

Scholarship News By Vanessa Lowder

This club year, the Greensboro Woman's Club plans to award two scholarships. We will select a high school senior to receive a one-time \$400 contribution toward her college educational expenses. This student will go on to the District level where she will be eligible to receive \$1,250. If our candidate wins there, she will go on to compete for the Sallie Southall Cotten Scholarship worth \$22,000. Boys are eligible for the scholarship, but this year we have chosen to recruit our candidate from The Early and Middle College at Bennett, the only all-girl high school in NC.



We also plan to give a scholarship to a college student—a rising Junior who has declared education (teaching K-12) as her major. Again, this will be \$400, and our candidate will proceed to District to compete for \$500, and if successful, go on to the state competition for \$24,000. This year we plan to find our candidate at Bennett College.

So, if you would like to help select our candidates for these two scholarships, please let me know.

Club Project News



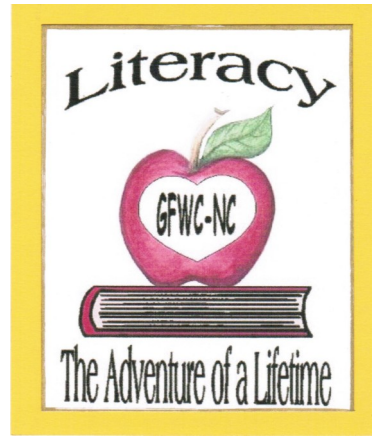
Feast of Caring By Jennifer Sawyer

Our November club project will be to assist with Greensboro Urban Ministry's 19th annual Feast of Caring on Thursday, November 18, 2010. This annual kick-off of their fundraising campaign is held at First Baptist Church, 1000 W. Friendly Avenue. All participants are treated to freshly prepared soup and homemade bread. When guests make a minimum \$20 pledge or donation to Greensboro Urban Ministry, they receive a pottery bowl or four Honor Cards created by local artist William Mangum.

Our role as volunteers at this event will be to staff the donation and pledge tables, to assist in serving the soup and bread, and to staff the 'pottery room'.

Last year, over \$74,000 was raised in donations and pledges with over 2,100 people in attendance! Funds raised from this event are used to serve meals and provide temporary shelter to our homeless men, women and children here in Greensboro.

Our volunteer hours at this event will be from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. Look for a sign-up sheet coming around at the October meeting!



The month of November celebrates National Children's Book Week and Family Literacy Month. We will be collecting "New and Gently Used Books" and asking our club members to bring books for any age child or adult to the

to the **November** meeting.

New books are appreciated, however please think about visiting your local yard sales and/or ask your friends, neighbors and co-workers for any used books they would like to donate. I visited a yard sale in my community and was able to purchase 14 books for \$7.00. Tam hit the jackpot when she was able to purchase 178 books for only \$25.00 at several yard sales.

I will be taking the books collected to the Clara House, a domestic violence shelter for women and children, at our **November** meeting.

Catrina Seagraves



Ladies volunteering at the Women's Only Walk Run!

Show your GFWC-NC spirit during the holidays

Join GFWC-NC District Four in celebrating the holiday season. By purchasing a pewter ornament of the GFWC state seal, you are showing your true Federation colors. Purchase for your tree, for guests visiting your club, or for your Federation friends.

Interested in participating in this fundraiser, but have a full tree? Check out the pendant for your silver chain, or the key ring to help you in finding your keys.



Ornament.....\$8

Pendant.....\$5

Key Ring.....\$5

Set of all three for \$15

Make checks payable to:

GFWC-NC District 4

For Questions, please contact Melanie Carriker,
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History of the Greensboro Woman's Club

In 2009, we celebrated our 100th anniversary as a club. In North Carolina alone, there are 250 woman's clubs that belong to federation with over 8,000 members.

The Greensboro Woman's Club was organized in 1909 with 157 charter members dedicated to promote "community betterment and cultural improvement". By 1921, membership had grown to 358 women and the club was able to purchase the Weir-Jordan House for use as a meeting place.

The Greensboro Woman's Club is a member of a national organization known as the General Federation of Woman's Clubs (GFWC). The federation is one of the oldest non-partisan, non-denominational women's volunteer service organizations in the world. The national federation was founded in 1890, our state federation was founded in 1902.

Calendar of Events



October 31	<i>Happy Halloween!</i>
November 2	Election Day (Make sure you vote!!)
November 3	Club Meeting—6:30 pm—social; 7 pm— dinner and meeting Books for Book Collection due!
November	Veteran's Day
November 18	Feast of Caring (First Baptist Church) - 4 pm—7 pm
November 20—26	National Children's Book Day
November 25	<i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i>
December 3	Club Meeting—6:30 pm social; 7 pm—dinner and ornament exchange
December 16-17	Gift Wrap Project from 12—8 pm

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