



Greensboro Woman's Club, Inc.

Newsletter

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"Gain Knowledge through Reading~
 Share Knowledge through Action"

A word from our President!

By Vanessa Lowder

Once again, I'm sitting in air-conditioning writing for a fall newsletter while the outside temperature nears 90. Hopefully, by October 6th, this heat will have broken and we can enjoy our meeting with a nice fall breeze blowing through the open door of the Weir-Jordan House. So, plan to be there: **Wednesday, Oct. 6th, 6:30 membership social (BYOB), 7:00 dinner and business meeting.** You can send Joia Diaz your dinner reservation at joiadiaz@gwu.edu or call her at 202-306-6566. I hope we are able to have as many people as we did for our September meeting. It was great fun filling up that room!!!

We are well on our way to a great year. As mentioned at the September meeting, we have already accomplished two projects---both under the "literacy" category. Our August 31st assistance to the Reading Connections' awards dinner resulted in 15

club members contributing 40 hours. At the meeting we collected school supplies which were delivered to the Guilford County Schools' Teachers Warehouse for use by needy students. Thirty-two members spent 49.75 hours shopping for these supplies worth \$799. These totals have been reported to NCFWC-NC. Remember that your literacy work in the



community and schools can also be counted. Don't forget to keep track and fill out a yellow literacy sheet at the October meeting. The club member with the most literacy hours will once again receive a small gift. The September winner was **Joy Ellison** who logged 21 1/2 hours during the summer. Will she win again? Stay tuned!

We continue our club year with some October projects: Hope to see you at the Women's Only Walk Run Project

on October 2nd....thanks to **Amy Moore** and **Joy Ellison** for chairing this event. Also, if you signed up to bring fireman goodies to the October meeting, don't forget and thanks to **Tam Bagwell** for collecting and distributing these items. Also, keep in mind that we will be helping the Natural Science Center with Zoo Boo Bash on October 28th. Amy Keeter will get us organized for this effort which is always a lot of fun.

Our club yearbook is nearing completion and should be distributed at the October meeting. **Tam Bagwell** has done a superb job compiling all the information about our club, members, projects, as well as state and district information. This will be an invaluable tool, so I hope everyone will take a few minutes and read it from start to end. This yearbook, copies of our 2010 newsletters, the scrapbook chronicling the last club year, and information about our website have been sent to the District 4 Awards Chairman for judging. We will find out at the District Fall meeting how we did.

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GFWC-NC News

By Vanessa Lowder

The September 30th **Links 4 Literacy** Golf tournament is quickly approaching. This is the first state-wide effort to earn funds for the GFWC-NC Teaching Scholarship which will be presented to a rising NC college junior who has declared education (K-12) as a major. Our club has donated cookies from Carolina Cookie Co. to go into a District 4 goody basket to be auctioned. We will also sponsor one of the tournament holes with a contribution of \$200 and our own GWC golf team will seek to make the club proud. Team members are **Amy Keeter, Jamie Gulledege, Lib Fuller, and Vanessa Lowder**. Amy Keeter has worked very hard seeking funding for our efforts from within and outside the club. Thanks, Amy! Hopefully, we will know how much the tournament raised by our October meeting.

District Four Fall Meeting will be held **Saturday, October 16th** in Thomasville. Fall meeting is a fun gathering of clubs in our district. We will learn more about the GFWC-NC President's Special Project "Literacy, the Adventure of a Lifetime" as well as what other clubs are doing. In addition, all the district newsletter, yearbook, and scrapbook entries will be on display. Winning awards will be presented and I know we will bring home some as we usually do. I encourage you to consider attending as we always have a good time. We will of course carpool and sit together, so even if you are new to our club you should feel comfortable attending this meeting. Our club will pay the \$10 registration fee for any club member wishing to attend and members will only be responsible for paying \$15 for lunch. **We will need to know by the October meeting if you plan to attend.** Look for a sign-up sheet as you pay for your dinner on Oct. 6th.

GFWC Updates

The General Federation of Women's Clubs (our mother organization) last week teamed up with AAA, *Seventeen Magazine* and the Department of Transportation to publicize the **National Two Second Turn-Off Day** on September 17th. Members of area clubs attended a rally in Washington, DC. In New York club members appeared on the Early Show and the Today Show during the week leading up to the rally. They wore hot-pink tee shirts and held signs promoting safe driving. The purpose was to get people to pledge to turn off their phones before driving "**—it only takes... two seconds. Taking your eyes off the road for two seconds doubles your chances of getting into a crash. Instead, use two seconds to turn off your phone before you hit the road—you could possibly save your life or the lives of others.**"



GFWC ladies outside one of the morning shows.

*The more you read, the more things you will know.
The more that you learn, the more places you'll go. ~ Dr. Seuss*

Member News

Fall is finally here and what a great turnout we had for our first club meeting of the year! Seventeen guests were in attendance and I hope that you had a chance to meet them. I would also like to welcome eight new Provisional members to our club who joined at the September meeting. They are:

Donna Nigro
Linda Mitchell
Deane Mendon
Maggie Gillis
Maxi Walker
Frances Whitman
Jill Atwell
Charmaine Mathis (former returning member)

Please take an opportunity to get to know this wonderful group of women as we go about our club work this year.

Provisional Member Training Session

Attention all Provisional Members. Mark your calendars for an upcoming training session to be held at the Woman's Club on Wednesday, October 20th at 6:30pm.

This meeting will last about an hour and is designed to give you an overview of how our club operates as part of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and also will cover the nuts and bolts of how we accomplish our service mission here in our local community. This workshop is open to all provisional members who have paid their club dues and wish to become a permanent part of the Greensboro Woman's Club. We have some exciting activities planned for this provisional class, and look forward to sharing them with you in October!

Board of Trustees Report

By Karen Fox

The Board of Trustees is happy to report that the Clubhouse kitchen had a facelift last week. While the public is generally discouraged from being in the kitchen during events due to health code restrictions, we invite you to stop by at the conclusion of our October meeting to see the new paint and flooring.

Ways and Means Report

I hope you all are having great success selling the Cookie Dough and Pan-sies. All orders and money are due to me at our October meeting. If you have any questions please feel free to call or email me.

Thanks,

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Remember to check on your fellow club women. There are several families going through rough times right now with illnesses in their immediate families! Remember to let Joy Ellison know of any needs that you may have.



October Birthdays

10/2—Pam Grimm
10/19—Emma Ruth Barnes
10/22—Joan Riddle

Club Project News



Calling All Beautiful Fairies
and Princesses!

Greensboro Woman's Club Oct. Project
2010 Zoo Boo Bash

at the Natural Science Center

Thursday, October 28th

from 4:30-7:30pm

By Amy Keeter



There will be a sign up sheet at the next meeting for Zoo Boo Bash. I will need game attendants, refreshment servers, craft helpers, etc. I will make assignments of all volunteers on October 21st. Volunteers will need to arrive by

3:45pm. There is just too

much confusion, and too many little ghosts and goblins running around, for me to do shifts and place and orient volunteers all evening. I am sorry for that but I just have to work "smarter, not harder"! The children always enjoy it if the adults dress up, too! If you would like to email me, to sign up, instead of looking for the sheet at the meeting please feel free! And, in advance, THANK YOU for your support of this project!

Fireman's Basket

October's Project is creating a Basket of Items for the Fire Department that would respond to a call at our Club House.

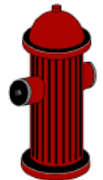


Let's fill this Basket with
HOME BAKED GOODIES

This would be a great way to give our appreciation for all that our Firefighter's do for our community.

I will be collecting items at our October 6th meeting to be delivered to the Fire Department.

Tamara Bagwell - Project Chair
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WOMEN'S ONLY 5K WALK & RUN



More than a dozen club women will either volunteer or participate in the Women's Only 5k Walk & Run to be held on Fri., Oct. 1 and Sat., Oct. 2. This annual event raises money for the Mammography Scholarship Foundation at the Women's Hospital of Greensboro. This fund provides resources for women who do not have the means to get a mammogram. Thank you for your support of this wonderful event!



Club Project News

Feast of Caring

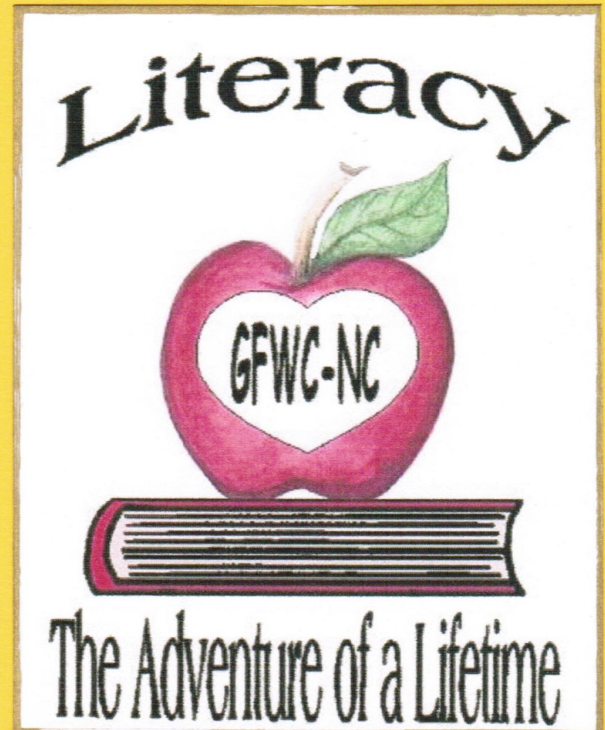
By Jennifer Sawyer

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 **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.

Thanks,
Catrina Seagraves



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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 2	Women's Only 5K Walk & Run (Women's Hospital of Greensboro)
October 6	Club Meeting—6:30 pm (social); 7 pm (dinner and meeting) Cookie Dough and Pansy Sale order forms due!! Fireman's Basket Donations Due!
October 16	GFWC-NC District Fall Meeting—Thomasville, NC
October 17 – 23	Teen Read Week
October 20	Provisional Member Training—6:30 pm
October 28	Boo Bash - Natural Science Center: 4:30 pm until 7:30 pm
October	National Book Month and Breast Cancer Awareness Month
October 31	<i>Happy Halloween!</i>
November 3	Club Meeting—6:30 pm (social); 7 pm (dinner and meeting) Books for Book Collection due!
November 18	Feast of Caring (First Baptist Church)
November 25	<i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i>

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