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"Gain Knowledge through Reading~
Share Knowledge through Action"

A word from our President!

By Vanessa Lowder

Wow! Can you believe summer is virtually gone? Even so, the same may not be said of this year's heat. In any event, it is time for the first meeting of the Greensboro Woman's Club 2010-2011 club year. Wednesday, September 1st is the date, and yes, that does seem early. But look at it as the calendar giving us a few extra days to do good in our community.

This year's Dinner Chairman is Joia Diaz. You can send her your dinner reservation at joiadiaz@gwu.edu or call her at 202-306-6566. Our membership social (BYOB) begins at 6:30; dinner and the meeting follow at 7 pm. Let's "pack the clubhouse" and start off the year

with a bang!

Much planning has already gone into this club year. I would like to thank the committee chairs and their committee members who were able to meet this summer and make plans for a super year. Karen Fox



and the Trustees met and have begun plans for the next stage of Weir-Jordan House renovations; Jennifer Sawyer met with her Membership Committee and has a great new member social planned for August 23rd; Val Ruickoldt took over the Treasurer's reins and held a

finance committee meeting to set a budget; Sherrill Willis sent out a projects survey, tabulated it and met with her committee to come up with a list of worthy community projects for the year; Lorena Hall and her committee had a great meeting deciding on fundraising activities. In addition, Nancy McKee and her Social Committee have been discussing ways to make our year fun, and Tam Bagwell has begun work on our annual Yearbook. And let's not forget Amy Moore who has designed this great newsletter!

Thanks to everyone who has contributed thus far! I have no doubt that this will be a great year!

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KEEP US POSTED!

If you have moved, changed phone #'s or have a new email, please let us know! We want to stay in touch!



GFWC-NC News

By Vanessa Lowder

This is the beginning of a new state administration and Amy Keeter, Tam Bagwell, Jennifer Sawyer, Nichole Alston, and I attended the state regional meeting in Advance where we learned about new projects and a few changes. Foremost, the 2010-2012 **GFWC-NC President's/ Junior Director's Special Project is "Literacy, The Adventure of a Lifetime"**. In the past these special projects required us to raise and donate money which was used toward those efforts. This one is a little different in that our state clubs are asked to pledge a total of **75,000 volunteer hours toward literacy**. This amounts to an average of 16 hours per member (or 8 hours per year since the project covers two club years). I think our club will be able to greatly surpass that average and our Club Projects Committee will be of assistance by planning literacy projects.

As part of this important effort, the Greensboro Woman's Club endorses school volunteerism as one of our club projects and encourages all members to get involved in our local schools. If you have school-age children (or grandchildren) and you already volunteer in their schools in the area of literacy, you will now be able to count those hours. However, in order to keep track, we will have a form that you may pick up at the meeting and fill out. I would like to collect this form monthly and the member with the most literacy hours for the month will receive a little prize. Please think back to June 1st and record any time you have spent on literacy up to Sept. 1. When you get to the meeting, fill out the summer sheet and drop it in the box. Then pick up a sheet for September to take home.

A second part of the Literacy Project is the institution of a **GFWC-NC Teaching Scholarship**. Our state organization will award a \$2500 scholarship to a rising college junior who has declared education as his or her major – teaching K-12. This scholarship will be run like the current state scholarship where clubs will submit candidates at the district level and the winner there will compete at the state level. Our club has committed to having a candidate and will award a scholarship to a local college student who will go on to compete at the district.

In order to fund this new state scholarship, an exciting state fundraiser has been planned. It is a golf tournament called "**Links 4 Literacy**" and will be held on Thursday, Sept. 30th in Clayton, NC. GFWC-NC is looking for volunteers, sponsors (\$\$) and golfers. Since some of our members do play golf, we are trying to put together at least one four-some. The cost is \$250 per team and we are looking for ways to defray that cost. Please let me know if you would like to either play or volunteer. We would also love to find some companies or individuals who would like to be sponsors. The levels are from \$100 -- \$3,000. Contact me if you have questions or potential sponsors.



Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counselors, and the most patient of teachers. ~Charles W. Eliot

Literally Speaking...

By Vanessa Lowder



The Greensboro Woman's Club
Is hosting a

PROSPECTIVE MEMBER WINE & CHEESE RECEPTION

Monday, August 23, 2010 from 5:30—7:00 p.m.

Weir-Jordan House located at

223 North Edgeworth St., Greensboro, NC

Please invite guests to come and learn about membership in the Greensboro Woman's Club, a volunteer service organization, affiliated with the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Please RSVP to Pamela Grimm at greggrimm1@bellsouth.net or call her at 336-288-2143. Include your guests mailing address to receive additional information.

www.greensborowomansclub.com

Thank you for inviting your friends
and we look forward to seeing you!

Jennifer Sawyer, *Membership Chair*
and Vanessa Lowder, *President*

Again, keeping with our state literacy emphasis and following the Greensboro Woman's Club theme of "**Gain Knowledge through Reading – Share Knowledge through Action,**" I would like to institute a monthly column where members share a brief review of a book they have recently read. You don't have to be an English major to do this. Just tell us a bit about the book and why you would recommend it. Please contact Amy Moore, newsletter editor, if you have a future review.



Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Strout

This book won the Pulitzer Prize in 2009. It is comprised of 13 stories set in coastal Maine with an interweaving character named Olive Kitteridge who is a retired small town teacher. Through the ordinary lives of the book's characters the author deals with our connectedness and life's journeys. Although some people may not like a few of the themes presented such as suicide, depression, loneliness, and aging, they are a part of life. I enjoyed the humor and getting to know this quirky, judgmental force of a woman named Olive. I recommend the book to anyone tired of our breezy summer reads who would like to gain insight into the human condition.

Reading Connections Project—August 31

With "literacy" as a projects push, we recently contacted **Reading Connections** here in Greensboro to find out any needs that they have which our club might help meet. Low and behold, they have an event coming up which could use our help. Reading Connections is an adult literacy organization. (<http://www.readingconnections.org/program-overview.asp>). **On August 31st** at West Market St. United Methodist Church they will hold a 20th anniversary celebration where their students and tutors of the year will be recognized. We can help with set-up, serving, and clean-up. An e-mail was previously sent for volunteers. If you missed it, please contact Vanessa Lowder at vanlowd53@aol.com if you can help anytime that afternoon or evening.

Money, money,
money,
money...money!

Club dues are payable at the September meeting. Dues this year are \$55. Please make checks payable to Greensboro Woman's Club. If you are not able to attend the meeting, you may mail your dues to: Valerie Ruickholdt, Treasurer, 2719 Cardinal Downs Dr., Greensboro, NC 27410. In addition, the 2010-11 budget will be presented for approval at the September general meeting.



Wear it with pride...
T's for sale!

By Vickie Marcone

I will be taking orders at the September meeting for anyone interested in a Greensboro Women's Club t-shirt. A few years ago, Tam Bagwell created a logo that we had embroidered on t-shirts to wear when we were working our projects. In an attempt at the time to be economical, I chose a shirt that some of you may have experienced some shrinkage with. :(In the meantime, our membership has grown and we have a need to order more shirts. This time I have chosen a better quality shirt and will have samples at the meeting for sizing purposes. We have an option of short sleeves, 3/4 sleeves or long sleeves. Pricing will be as follows which includes tax:

Short Sleeves
S-XL \$22.50
2XL 24.50
Plus 1X 26.50
Plus 2X 28.50

3/4 and Long Sleeves
S-XL \$24.75
2XL 26.75
Plus 1X 28.75
Plus 2X 30.75

Please see me at the meeting or e-mail me vic1@triad.rr.com to place your order.

Back to School Collection!

Tam Bagwell will be chairing the first of many projects we will run this year, that are at home/collection projects.

Please bring school supplies to our meeting on September 1 and Tam will deliver these items. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you can get in touch with Tam via email at tamarab@winandassociates.com or at 337-3812.

Suggested items are pencils, composition books, glue sticks, fiskar blunt scissors, notebook paper, wipes, hand sanitizer, folders, etc.



August
23rd — Jan Collins
31st—Kelly McClure

September
6th - Sherrill Willis
11th—Jody Majors

Club wide Projects Report

August 31 - Reading Connections 20th Anniv. Celebration, chaired by Vanessa Lowder

Reading Connections mission is to provide & advocate for free, individualized adult literacy services to promote life changes for Guilford County residents and the surrounding area. We will assist with their anniversary celebration.

October 2 - Women's Only Walk Run, chaired by Joy Ellison/Amy Moore

The Women's Only Walk Run is an event sponsored by the Women's Hospital of Greensboro. Women of all ages may walk or run the 3.1-mile certified course. Walkers must register individually. Proceeds from the Women's Only 5K Walk & Run fund the Mammography Scholarship Fund at The Women's Hospital, which provides screening mammograms for women who are unable to afford them. In the past 17 years, the Women's Only has raised more than \$350,000. See the signup sheet at the meeting to either walk, volunteer or sponsor a walker.

October 28 – Zoo Boo Bash, (Chairmen needed)

The Zoo Boo Bash is an annual Halloween party held at the Natural Science Center of Greensboro. Woman's club members participate by providing manpower for the event.

November 18 – 19th Feast of Caring, chaired by Celeste Chaney-Hill

The Feast of Caring is a community wide even where participants make a minimum \$20 pledge or donation to the Greensboro Urban Ministry and receive a pottery bowl or 4 Honor cards based on original artwork by William Mangum. All participants are treated to freshly prepared soup and homemade bread. The Woman's Club manages the registration tables for this event – collecting pledges and assisting in the pottery room.

December - Christmas Gift project (Specific event and chairmen needed)

January - Bingo night at Friends Home, chaired by Emma Ruth Barnes/Sandie Bateman

February - We will not have a special project in February due to our annual Bunco fundraiser.

March 20 - Education and Sharing project (tbd), chaired by Pam Grimm and Linda Arnaud

April - Clubhouse Beautification, chaired by Nancy Mckee

May - Cove Creek Garden, chaired by Jody Majors/co-chair needed

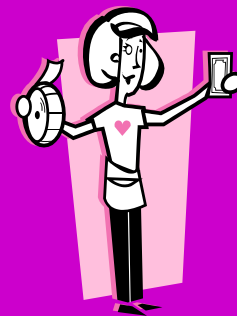
May - a Project to honor women in the military, Chairmen needed

At Home/Collection projects

September meeting	School supplies	Tam Bagwell
October meeting	Fireman's Baskets	Tam Bagwell
November meeting	Books	Coordinator needed
December meeting	Items for a Christmas project tbd	Coordinator needed
January meeting	Pajamas for a woman's shelter	Coordinator needed
February meeting	Canned goods	Coordinator needed
March meeting	Animal shelter supplies	Coordinator needed
April	Collection idea and coordinator open	
May	Collection idea and coordinator open	
June	Collection idea and coordinator open	

Raffle for a Cause!

Will you be the lucky one at the Sept. meeting to walk away with a new fashion accessory item? Chances will be sold at the meeting--\$1/chance or \$5/six chances. Money from this raffle will go toward funding our club golf team at the State Literacy Golf Tournament. So bring a few spare dollars!



Women's Only Walk Run! By Joy Ellison & Amy Moore

The Women's Only Walk Run will be held on Sat., Oct. 2 at the Women's Hospital. Traditionally, the Greensboro Woman's Club has walked in this event, but there are volunteer opportunities as well. Whether you are interested in volunteering for the event or walking in the event, we can share information with you about that. All registrations are individually handled.

If you want to walk, there is a \$30-40 participant fee. You get a race number, timing chip, a race T-shirt, pre- and post-race refreshments, and access to the race day festivities, including the Children's and Family Expo and Women's Expo. Registrations postmarked prior to September 11 will have their packet mailed to them. **After Sept. 11**, individuals registering online or mailing registrations must pick up race packets onsite Oct. 1 or Oct. 2. Online registration closes at 5 p.m., Monday, Sept. 27.

The day of the event, there will be warm-ups with Jazzercise at 830 am and the walk/run begins at 9:30 am with the Awards Ceremony to take place at 10:30 am.

Proceeds from the Women's Only Walk Run benefit the Mammography Scholarship Fund, which provides free mammograms for women in Guilford County who are uninsured and ineligible for Medicare or Medicaid.

Ways and Means Report

By Lorena Hall

Hi ladies. The Ways and Means Committee has met and we have a great year of fundraising planned. To kick things off we will be selling the oh so popular Little Lambs Cookie Dough and Cheesecakes. Order forms will be available at the September meeting. If each member sells or buys just 2 items we will make around \$500 in profit.

We are also trying something new and exciting that will make your yards and neighborhoods beautiful. We are have our very first Pansy Sale!!! We will be getting the flowers from Price Nursery in High Point so we will be helping out a local business as well as raising money for our community. Order forms will be available at the September meeting and I will email a copy to you as well. This way you can send it out electronically to all your friends and neighbors. If you have any questions before our first meeting please feel free to email or call me.

Thanks so much,

Lorena Hall (Lchall1969@aol.com or 854-2605)



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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

August 23	Prospective Member Wine and Cheese Social—5:30—7:30 pm, Weir-Jordan House
August 31	Reading Connections 20th Anniversary Celebration—Set -up 2:30—5:30 pm; Event assistance—5:30—8:30 pm
September 1	<u>Club Meeting</u> : Membership Social -- 6:30 pm; Dinner and General Meeting 7:00 pm (Board meets at 6:00). Bring School Supplies and a Record of Literacy Hours from the Summer
September 5	Labor Day Holiday
September 8	International Literacy Day
September 30	Links 4 Literacy Golf Tournament – Clayton, NC
October 2	Women's Only 5K Walk & Run (Moses Cone)
October 6	Club Meeting
October 17 – 23	Teen Read Week
October 28	Boo Bash - Natural Science Center: 5 pm until 8 pm
October 16	GFWC-NC District Fall Meeting—Thomasville, NC
October	National Book Month and Breast Cancer Awareness Month

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