



Greensboro Woman's Club, Inc.

Summer 2011 Newsletter

Volume 7, Issue 10



"Gain Knowledge through Reading~  
 Share Knowledge through Action"

# A word from our President!

By Vanessa Lowder

Hi Ladies, I hope everyone is enjoying the summer. However, before you know it we'll be back in the swing of club work. I thought I would send out a summer issue of our newsletter to make sure you don't forget the fun and satisfaction we receive from the Greensboro Woman's Club. If you missed the May meeting, we had a great time and were pleased to present the Project Service Award to **Joy Ellison**, recognizing her as the member who

worked the most recorded hours on club projects. **Lorena Hall** received the New Member Award, as the most outstanding member inducted in the previous fiscal year, as voted on by the

board. I have to say that I am already missing Stacy's cooking and look forward to getting back to the Weir-Jordan House in September.

## Projects Report

We ended the year with three projects in May/June.

First was our work day at **Cove Creek Gardens**. It was a beautiful day, however a little on

stand (but didn't witness) Donna moving a whole lot of rocks. We ended the work day with lunch from Jason's Deli which was enjoyed in the beautiful surroundings.

**Kristi Lindow and Donna Howard** assembled our **Women Veterans Baskets** in early June and they later delivered them to the VA hospital in Salisbury. Thanks

to everyone who contributed to this project.

Lastly, **Joia Diaz, Catrina Seagraves, and Vanessa Lowder** participated in the **Walk to End Alz-**

**heimer's** on June 10<sup>th</sup>. The club donated \$90 and another \$75 was donated from individuals bringing our club's contribution toward the eradication of Alzheimer's to \$165.

Our Club Projects Chairman, **Sherrill Willis**, will soon be designing a project survey and evaluation form which she will e-mail to all members.



the warm side. **Donna Howard, Maxi Walker, Jan Collins, Lisa Zimmerschied, and Vanessa Lowder** experienced a great morning learning about this unique garden and how it

benefits the community and town.

We then worked at pruning, weeding, and we under-

### Inside this issue:

Presidents Article	1
Ways and Means	2
GFWC-NC & District	3
ESO	4
2011-12 Committees	5
Calendar of Events	6

# Presidents Notes continued By Vanessa Lowder

Please take time to give her your opinion on the projects we completed last year and suggest any possible projects that you would like our club to undertake this year. Also, please indicate if you would be interested in helping to chair a project. (We do not ask anyone to do this alone and you will receive lots of support). After Sherrill has compiled the surveys, her committee will meet to make selections, name chairmen, and schedule projects.

## Ways and Means Report

Ways & Means Chairman, **Lorena Hall**, will also be sending out an e-mail survey regarding last year's fundraising efforts. Please give her your feedback about last year's projects and if you have any ideas about possible new projects, she and her committee would love to hear them!

At the end of our club year there were funds available to make some final donations:

1. There was an article in the newspaper about **The Blessed Table**, a non-profit food bank run by eight churches which was running out of money. Our club was able to donate \$100 to it.
2. The coins collected in our monthly "Pig" for **Heifer International** were counted and amounted to \$70. The club added \$50 more making us able to purchase a goat for a needy family somewhere in the world. For more information about Heifer International, go to <http://www.heifer.org>.
3. We were able to pay for one cleft lip surgery for a child in an underdeveloped country through a donation of \$240 to **Operation Smile**. To learn more go to: <http://support.operationsmile.org>.

For your information, here is the total list of where money we raised last club year went:

Guilford County Animal Shelter	\$ 50
Family Services of Greensboro (Clara House)	\$100
Greensboro Urban Ministries	\$100
Out of the Garden (back pack food project)	\$100
Sweet Cheeks Diaper project	\$200
Cove Creek Gardens	\$100
GFWC-Outreach for Japan Earthquake Relief	\$100
Sallie Southall Cotten Scholarship	\$400
Teaching Scholarship	\$400
GFWC-NC Links 4 Literacy Scholarship	\$200
Heifer Project (change from "Pig" plus donation)	\$120
Operation Smile	\$240
The Blessed Table Food Pantry	\$100
Alzheimer's Association	\$ 90





# GFWC-NC News

By Vanessa Lowder

I hope everyone received the great news from state convention. Just in case you didn't, here's a recap: **Amy Keeter, Jennifer Sawyer, Nichole Alston and Vanessa Lowder** went to the convention held at Atlantic Beach. We had a lovely time at the home of Amy, along with Julie Lafever, President of the Greensboro Juniors, and Allison Yezek of the Charlotte Juniors. On Thursday night, Amy was presented with the **Honorary Life Membership**, which you all knew about. She was totally stunned, especially when her husband, Tom, walked out during the presentation with an armful of flowers. We were so excited later in the program to have our own Amy Keeter also named **Outstanding Clubwoman of the Year**. We were also thrilled to have our own Nichole Alston (who has dual membership in our club and the Greensboro Juniors) win the title of **Outstanding Junior Clubwoman of the Year**. This made for a very fun time.



We are pleased to announce that the Greensboro Woman's Club won the following state awards at Convention: **1st Place Club Yearbook; 2nd Place Public Issues Community Service Program Award; and 1st Place Conservation Community Service Program Award** for clubs of our size. We competed in the "middle size clubs category" against 32 other clubs. We left Convention talking about how we can make our club greater and how we can better serve our community.

Next year the state convention will be held here in Greensboro, so we are looking forward to that....and, believe it or not, the **2012 GFWC International Convention** will be held in Charlotte next summer. You will hear lots about this as the club year gets underway. I will tell you that our district has been asked to donate **800 emery boards and 800 sticky note pads for that event!** If you have a source for these items, please let Vanessa Lowder know.

## GFWC-NC District 4 News

Our District Summer Meeting was held on Saturday, July 16th in Winston-Salem. Amy Keeter, Joia Diaz, Lorena Hall, Nichole Alston, and Vanessa Lowder attended. We were informed about administration updates, raised money for literacy by playing BINGO, learned about attracting and retaining club members, and had a great time. The Fall Meeting for our district will be on October 15th in Reidsville

# Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO)

What are you reading this summer? How would you like to become a member of an international reading group and have a list of books and topics that you can read at your leisure and at your own pace? That is what ESO provides and it would be great to have many of our Greensboro Woman's Club members join.

ESO stands for Epsilon Sigma Omicron and is an honorary educational society that is federation-supported and open to all GFWC club-members. Its purpose is to provide clubwomen with a structured reading program to promote educational pursuits and stimulate a desire for self-improvement. ESO can take the form of a reading group or an individual's personal reading pursuit. The goals of ESO are as follows:

- To encourage clubwomen's pursuit of higher education
- To create an additional means to unite women in volunteerism
- To develop a support network for women returning to school
- To improve current and develop new study skills
- To stimulate systematic home reading and study with minimum supervision
- To encourage the establishment of home libraries and greater use of public libraries
- To encourage the formation of reading/study/discussion groups



To join and receive information about ESO, you can fill out the following form and send it the GFWC-NC Chairman along with \$2. You will then receive a reading list and more information. You can find this information also through the following link: [http://www.gfwcnc.org/CS\\_education.htm](http://www.gfwcnc.org/CS_education.htm). Please let Vanessa Lowder know if you join.

**\*Please copy and send the following application and a one-time enrollment fee of \$2.00 to the State ESO Chairman. Make checks payable to GFWC-NC and designate the funds for ESO in the memo.**

## ESO Pledge Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby agree to pursue the goals of ESO and to participate in ESO Programs.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

This form will be used to track your progress as an ESO member throughout the ESO levels.

### GFWC-NC ESO Chairman

Vicki Currin

5109 Doughtymews Lane,

Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526

919-552-0553 or [victoria.currin@pgnmail.com](mailto:victoria.currin@pgnmail.com)

# Greensboro Woman's Club Committees for 2011-12

## **Club Projects: Sherrill Willis – Chairman**

Joy Ellison  
Linda Mitchell  
Amy Keeter  
Pam Grimm  
Deane Mendon  
Linda Arnaud  
Angela Koop  
Vickie Marcone

## **Ways & Means: Lorena Hall – Chairman**

Karen Fox  
Nichole Alston  
Carrie Nicolson  
Janet Goins  
Maxi Walker  
Terri Cooke  
Joanne Herring  
Lisa Zimmerschied  
Donna Nigro

## **Membership: Jennifer Sawyer – Chairman**

Elizabeth Oates  
Kelly McClure  
Crozier Moore  
Jody Majors  
Molly Bristol

## **Social: Kristi Lindow – Chairman**

Lib Fuller  
Donna Howard  
Marty Haley  
Dot Herron  
Renee Allison

## **Clubwoman's Arts Festival: Nancy McKee - Chairman**

Maggie Gillis  
Catrina Seagraves  
Jeanne Diaz

## **Scholarship**

Amy Moore  
Joia Diaz

## **Scrapbook: Donna Kabadi – Chairman**

Rosemary Post

## **Long Range Planning/Bylaws: Jennifer Sawyer—Chairman**

Karen Fox  
Lorena Hall  
Jan Collins  
Emma Ruth Barnes  
Sandi Bateman  
Carolyn Osborne  
Jean Lippard

## **Finance: Valerie Ruickoldt – Chairman**

Lorena Hall  
Joan Riddle  
Jennifer Sawyer



## *Links for Literacy*



For the second year GFWC-NC will sponsor the Links 4 Literacy Golf Tournament in Clayton. The date is **Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**, and once again it would be great to have a team from our club participate. There will be a raffle at our first meeting to raise money for a team and/or to sponsor a hole. Please let Vanessa Lowder know if you would like to play golf that day. We can only hope that this year will be dryer than last!



Weir-Jordan House  
223 North Edgeworth St.,  
Greensboro, NC 274  
www.greensborowomansclub.com

## 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.

*The Greensboro Woman's Club is hosting a  
**PROSPECTIVE MEMBER WINE & CHEESE RECEPTION***

*Thursday, August 11, 2011 from 5:30—7:00 p.m.*

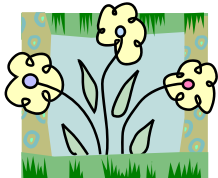
*Weir-Jordan House located at 223 North Edgeworth St., Greensboro, NC*

*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.*

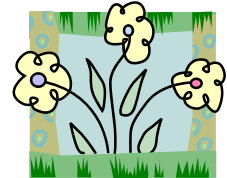
*Please RSVP to Jennifer Sawyer at [j6sawyer@aol.com](mailto:j6sawyer@aol.com). Include your guests mailing address to receive additional information.*

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

## Calendar of Events



*Enjoy the rest of  
your summer!!*



September 7

Club meeting—6:30 pm social; 7 pm—dinner and meeting

September 30

Links for Literacy Golf Tournament

October 5

Club meeting—6:30 pm social; 7 pm—dinner and meeting

President, Vanessa Lowder; 5506 Fleetwood Lane; Greensboro, NC 27407; 336-854-7803  
Newsletter Editor, Amy Moore; 7008 Equestrian Trail; Summerfield, NC 27358; 336-643-0098