



GFWC- South Brunswick Islands, Inc.
Club History: January- December 2015

Executive Board:

President, Cindy Hewett; President elect, Melon Corsini;
Vice President, Tammy Kesky; Recording Secretary, Polly Russ;
Corresponding Secretary, Ann Pike; Treasurer, Maria Knapik;
Co-Treasurer, Barb Stephens; Parliamentarian, Chris Angotti;
Historian, Marie Marshburn; Immediate Past President, Peggy Truesdale

2015 proved to be another milestone year for GFWC-SBI. Our club members experienced triumph, pain, sadness, joy and probably every other emotion in the spectrum. Some lost loved ones who were very dear, others experienced elation at the birth of a new grandchild. Some have struggled with sickness and caring for aging parents. While others have celebrated weddings, graduations, and new jobs just to mention a few. But no matter what the experience, we have cried, laughed, hugged, prayed for and counted on each other to see us through these life changing experiences! And ladies, as always, it's great to know – We can always count on each other!

As for our club year, our experiences may have been somewhat similar- but in the end- together we triumphed!

In January we found ourselves at the Golden Corral with GFWC-NC 1st Vice President Ann Landis serving as our Installing Officer for our new officers and inducting new members. One of our Shallotte Juniors Stacey McCumbee (also daughter to our very own, Debbie Lemon) joined us for Awards presentations where the following club women were recognized: Polly Greenwood Russ Clubwoman of the Year: Tammy Kesky; Kay Batten Congeniality Award: Marie Marshburn; Melon Corsini Clubwoman with Heart Award: Eileen Brown; Brenda Register President's Award: Eileen Brown; and the Judy Holden Citizenship Award: Peggy Truesdale. Donna Trest was recognized as our Clubwoman of the Month. The SOUPer Bowl Event was one of our main topics of conversation. Our 6th Annual Event was held on Jan 31st at Shallotte Presbyterian Church with over \$5,800 raised to help feed the hungry in our local community.

Inclement weather delayed our February meeting until March 2nd. We began our meeting by honoring 4 of our "Youth" Volunteers: Megan Kesky, Brooke Kesky, Salem Jones, and foreign exchange student Lina Asperl, as we thanked them for their service particularly with our SOUPer Bowl event. We also celebrated Women's History as we learned a bit more about GFWC and the incredible history and impact our organization has made for the past 125 years. A few of our members participated in the District Arts Festival and yes we had some blue ribbon winners.

Our "real" March meeting held on the 23rd was all about Membership Madness. We had our Member Vendors (Tammy Kesky, Kimmie Durham, Tori Humphrey, and Barb Stephens) on-site showcasing their wares in the area of cleaning, beauty, food, and jewelry. Membership pins were presented for years of service ranging from 5 years up to 25 years. And we recapped our events from 2014 as we reflected on all of the fantastic happenings from that year! Three of us (Marie Marshburn, Melon Corsini, and yours truly) traveled to Buies Creek for the State Arts Festival and enjoyed the beautiful arts and crafts and fellowship with fellow clubwomen from across the State. Our Melon won a blue ribbon for her beautiful handmade basket.

April was a truly unique meeting for us as we celebrated our Inaugural "Night of Benevolence: Caring for our Community" Event on the 27th where we gave out over \$12,000 to 28 various charitable organizations in our local community and surrounding area. What a powerful impression this gathering made as we learned more about the organizations we support and in turn they learned more about us! I traveled to the State Convention held in Winston Salem and was very proud to bring home multiple pieces of silver and certificates honoring the fabulous contributions our club made in the areas of Home Life, Education, Fundraising, International Outreach and Public Issues. It is wonderful to know that our efforts do not go unnoticed- but even more importantly that the work we do truly does make a positive impact and a lasting impression!

May 2nd found us at 101 Stone Chimney raising funds "Derby Style". With our Jazzy Juleps, spectacular food, silent auction, photo booth, win/place/show, our grand sashet on the "HatWalk" and of course, the viewing of the Kentucky Derby, we reaped the rewards of all that hard work raising just over \$8,000 to fund multiple causes throughout our community. Just in time to do it all again for our upcoming May 7th event.

And that wasn't even our May meeting. It was held at Inlet View Restaurant honoring our scholarship recipient Callie Hucks and her mother Ann. We also inducted new members – who had us almost believing that a requirement to be a member was that your first name had to start with the letter D- but Debbie Rupp, Deana Bradsher, Deanna Inions, and Dayna Ramsey-Sanders were also joined by Lynne Carr-Wiggins, so that thought was quickly laid to rest.

We enjoyed our relaxing, restful summer by gearing up for our 6th Annual Quarter Auction held at WBHS on the 14th. It was here that we raised almost \$4,000 for our scholarships and educational projects. Our September meeting was held on the 26th – but that was one I "had" to miss as I was thoroughly enjoying my new title of "Grandmother" and spending time with the newest love of my life little "Brooklynne Belle Hewett". But, no worries, our Vice-President, Tammy Kesky, was prepared to carry on without me!

October found us at Shallotte Presbyterian Church where we learned that we had received the GFWC Creativity Award in the area of Home Life for the positive impact we had on our community through the funds raised from our SOUPer Bowl. Feeding the Hungry- making a difference in someone's life. We also brought awareness to the area of Domestic Violence as we painted our left ring fingernails purple- demonstrating that we wanted to "Put The Nail In It" – and bring an end to Domestic Violence. The message for this meeting was an overview of our State Federation Finances where we decided to "Save The Federation" by donating to the cause!

LOADERS Grill was the venue for our November 23rd meeting and Holiday Baked Goods Auction. Good food and great spirits enhanced our evening of fun. But it was through the efforts of our Auctioneer Polly Russ that led us to raising \$2,500 to support charitable causes within our community. GFWC-NC Fall Conference was held in Lewisville, NC and after I attended the conference this provided me with another opportunity to spend time in neighboring Randleman- the home of Brooklynne Belle!

December 14th was our last gathering for the year at River's Edge Clubhouse coordinated for us by Chris Angotti who also served as our guest speaker sharing information about the American Red Cross.

What an eventful year- and there were other happenings not mentioned above- Kris Crane instilled in us the importance of branding as she led the effort on coordinated shirts and nametags for each of our

members. Several months we focused on a "Cause of the Month" which provided us the opportunity to support things such as the rebuilding of Old Dock School after a terrible fire, supporting a mission trip to Haiti with dental supplies and pillowcase dresses, providing continued support to the Full Belly Project and as previously mentioned Domestic Violence Awareness through the Put the Nail In It campaign. Our Club woman of the month was presented to many deserving members for their contributions and efforts in a multitude of areas: Polly Russ, Sandra Braden, Daphne Yarbrough-Jones, Kris Crane, Susan Gobble, Chris Angotti, Tammy Kesky and the list goes on. Let's not forget our Joy Moments- Ann Pike brought life to that one as she entertained us with her songs about "Joy"- I mean how could you not give her at least a dollar? So as I mentioned earlier, we celebrated together, we supported one another, we positively impacted the lives of many, we had fun, we raised money, we laughed, we cried, we sang, we learned- but above all – we did it together! Thank you, Ladies for another fabulous year with GFWC- South Brunswick Islands! You truly are remarkable women!

Cindy Hewett

GFWC-SBI President 2015

South Brunswick Island Women's Club History

By Beth Michelakis, Historian
January- December 2013



January Our year began on Saturday, January 26th at Shallotte Presbyterian Church for our "Soup-er Bowl". We had so much fun and served so many all in beautiful hand thrown pottery bowls. All the money we raised from donated soup, bowls, and time was donated to feed the hungry in our community. We donated \$702.00 to Brunswick Family Assistance from the pottery raffle and sale. We donated the \$4545.29 we raised equally between the South Brunswick Islands Interchurch Council Food Pantry and Back Pack Buddies. Our January meeting was held 2 days later at the Rourk Woods Clubhouse. Cindy Hewett was our outgoing President for 2012. We thanked the outgoing 2012 Board Members and installed the 2013 Board:

President:	Eileen Brown
President-Elect:	Peggy Truesdale
Vice-President:	Tammy Triplett-Kesky
Recording Secretary:	Kimmie Durham
Corresponding Secretary:	Kelly Barefoot
Treasurer:	Chris Angotti
Co-Treasurer:	Marie Marshburn
Parliamentarian:	Polly Russ
Historian/Photographer:	Beth Michelakis
Past President:	Cindy Hewett

We inducted New Members: Barbara Stephens, PeggiPapaj, and Maria Knapik
Our Current Membership was 43

2012 Club awards were awarded to the following:

Rookie of The Year:	Beth Michelakis
Kay G. Batten Congeniality:	Marie Marshburn
Judy Holden Citizenship:	Peggy Truesdale
Brenda Register President:	Eileen Brown
Polly Greenwood Russ Clubwoman of the Year:	Cindy Hewett

Clubwoman for the month: Polly Russ

February On the 25th we met at Shallotte Presbyterian Church. Our guest speaker was Pat Hairston from Canines For Service. Her service dog, Angel, joined her for her presentation and did a demonstration. New member Sandy Herges was inducted. It was announced that some talented ladies in our club had winning entries at the District 7 Arts Festival held in Wilmington on February 9th:

Peggy Truesdale:	3 rd Place for Counted Cross Stitch
Jo Ann Greco:	1 st Place for Small Hand Craft, Quilting
Melon Corsini:	1 st Place for Basket Crafts

1st Place for Macrame and Knitting
1st Place for Fabric Craft
Eileen Brown: 1st Place for Crochet-Large

1st Place winners will represent our club at the State Arts Festival. Our fundraisers were announced for the year and Melon Corsini was named Clubwoman of the month.

March in March we met at Arbor Landing. Guest speakers were Amber Rogers and Krystal Warner from Girls on the Run. The State Arts Festival was held on March 9th. Our ladies won some awards!

Jo Anne Greco: 1st Place in Small Hand Craft, Quilting

Melon Corsini: 1st Place in Macrame and Knitting

1st Place in Fabric Crafts

3rd Place in Basket Crafts

Eileen Brown: 3rd Place in Crochet-Large

Our Clubwoman of the Month was Carol Gentile.

April We met at Shallotte Presbyterian Church for our Annual Club Plant Sale. We raised \$992.00! From the State Convention we received many awards including a Runner Up for Fundraising for our Soup-er Bowl! We received a Silver for Education, a Silver for Arts, and a Runner Up Certificate for the Boys and Girls Club projects. Melon Corsini received a Certificate for Clubwoman with Heart. Our Cindy Hewett was surprised by being presented as our Honorary Life Member. Our Clubwoman of the Month was Lynn Yencik.

May Our May meeting was held at Rourk Woods Clubhouse. Our guests were our Scholarship recipients and their parents. Kathryn Tatum was the recipient of our teaching scholarship and Samantha Smith and Khyne Daniels were the recipients of the LaSallie Scholarship. Our guest speaker was Helen Gambrell from Smart Start discussing the importance of reading to children in the first 2000 days of their life. Daphne Yarbrough-Jones was awarded the President's Award for Service for 10 years of dedicated service. Our Clubwoman of the Month was Peggy Truesdale.

September We held our Quarter Auction on September 14th at West Brunswick High School. We raised \$4155.00 from all our generous donors and volunteers—and it was a lot of fun! Our September meeting was held at Shallotte Presbyterian Church. Donna Phelps from Street Reach was our guest speaker. We have donated \$398.75 to this charity in 2013. Our Clubwoman of the Month was Tammy Kesky

October We held our meeting at Shallotte Presbyterian Church. We made T-shirt Aprons for Shallotte Middle School and decorated Mary Member. It was announced that our Teaching Scholarship would be named the Cindy Hewett Teaching Scholarship. Our Clubwoman of the Month was Chris Angotti.

November We again held our meeting at Rourk Woods Clubhouse. It was our Annual Holiday Auction. We raised \$1409.64! And had a lot of fun doing it! Our Clubwoman of the Month was Ann Pike.

December Our annual Christmas Social was held at the beautiful home of Polly Russ. We all had a lot of fun celebrating the season. Our December Clubwoman of the Month was Peggi Papaj

We raised \$13,970.11 with all of our efforts in 2013 to help our community—nice work ladies!