

Woman's Civic Club Celebrates 46th Anniversary



SANDY JAHN, GFWC-NC PRESIDENT, at left was a special guest and speaker at the April meeting of the Statesville Woman's Club. Shown with her from left are: Louise Taylor, Woman's Civic Club president; Doris Tomlin, District II president of GFWC-NC; and Linda Lavinder, president of Statesville Woman's club and secretary of GFWC-NC.

Jahn updated the club on several state level activities and projects, most especially the Blue Ridge Parkway project to the build a learning pavilion for school children. She encouraged club members to buy Blue Ridge Parkway license tags, which provide money for the nature learning lab project year after year.

Jahn also urged clubwomen to attend the state convention in Raleigh April 26 - 28.

Other special guests for the evening were Doris Tomlin, District II president of GFWC-NC; and Linda Lavinder, president of Statesville Woman's club and secretary of GFWC-NC. Mrs. Tomlin announced the sale of note cards by the district.

The next meeting will be May 15 with Lou Strickland. Hostesses for this meeting were Gladys Davidson and Martha Rives.

The Woman's Civic Club of Statesville celebrated its 46th anniversary with a dinner at Maple House Restaurant on April 17. The club was federated in 1961. After Martha Rives' devotional, A Recipe for Happiness, Lou Strickland introduced the speaker, Sandy Jahn, president of the General Federation of Women's Club- NC (GFWC-

NC). A summa cum laude graduate of Lenior-Rhyne College, Jahn is director of Christian education at First United Methodist Church, Hickory. She has held many local, district and state offices with GFWC-NC. After her introduction, clubwomen stood in recognition of her position as state president.

May is Strawberry Month

May is Strawberry Month in North Carolina, and the crop looks excellent, say officials of the North Carolina Strawberry Association. Despite concerns over the great "Easter Freeze," strawberry growers successfully protected crops with only minor losses. Many growers are commenting that it looks like one of the best crops they have had. And the recent weather with warm, sunny days and clear, cool nights has been just perfect for sweet, flavorful berries. Many farms opened a little earlier than

usual this year.

Most growers sell pick-your-own or ready-picked berries at the farm. Farmers also offer berries at roadside stands and local farmers' markets. Some grocery stores also stock North Carolina berries in season- but read the labels to make sure. To find a farm near you check with extension agents, watch for farmers' ads and signs, or visit www.ncstrawberry.com, which has a list of strawberry farms searchable by NC county.

Parks Installed as Board Chair

The Balloon Federation of America announces the election of Sam Parks of Statesville as chairman of the board of directors of the association's Hot Air Competition Division. Parks, a balloonist since 1989, was elected during a meeting at its national headquarters in Indianola, Iowa April 14 - 15.

that represents all hot air and gas balloon pilots in the United States. As chairman Parks will oversee the establishment revision and enforcement of national competition rules and the sanctioning of competitive events ranging from local weekend balloon festivals to state and regional championships. Parks is owner- president of Parks Quality Air and Parks Balloon Aviation in Statesville.

The Balloon Federation of America is the national aero club

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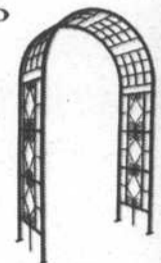
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