

## CLUB NEWS



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Eleanor Scharf has been a member of the Kings Mountain Woman's Club for 52 years.

# Scharf recognized for 52 years service to club

Twenty-nine members of the Kings Mountain Woman's Club and four guests met Monday, March 22 for their monthly meeting.

Billed as Eleanor Scharf Night, the club paid tribute to Ms. Scharf, who has been an active member for 52 years. She was presented a bouquet of red roses and a gold key to the clubhouse.

During the meeting, Anne Gamble read a remembrance of Lib Mayes, who died on February 29.

Betty Cash was presented the "Busy Bee" award for the month for the most volunteer hours contributed.

Betty Gamble was recognized as Volunteer of the Year. She volunteered a total of 575 hours in 2003. The total number of hours contributed in 2003 to volunteer service from club members was 2,259, and it was felt that many more hours were not recorded.

Sonya Fleming of the Cleveland County Abuse Prevention Council presented the program. She used lots of statistics such as saying every 15 seconds in the U.S., 100 women are beaten or killed. Not all victims are women. North Carolina had 70 domestic homicides during 2003.

A shelter named "The Lighthouse" is used by abused women and a men's shelter (only used at night)

is called The Lighthouse. Funds for sustaining the shelters are provided by United Way, grants, churches and other organizations. No money is budgeted for food or supplies, but various groups provide necessities. Club women had brought paper goods and breakfast food for the shelters and at the April meeting all departments will make a concerted effort to collect needed supplies.

The Abuse Council also provides a Crisis Line, counseling, a children's program, and court advocacy. She appealed for volunteer help and stated many ways people could help. Over 400 victims in Cleveland County were assisted in 2003.

Six members had attended the State Arts Festival in Winston-Salem March 20. Jo Ross and Peggy Baird were winners in the sewing and quilting division and Lois Blanton in photography.

Several members will walk for Relay for Life on April 30. Easter baskets have been made by the six departments and are placed in businesses with the money going to "Operation Smile." Drawing for basket winners will be held on April 9.

A yard sale will be held Saturday, April 30 from 8 a.m.-12 noon with proceeds going to the scholarship fund. Anyone with items to

donate should take them to the clubhouse on Friday evening.

Sam Lockridge will speak on recycling at the April 26 meeting. The Conservation Department will serve as hostess. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the KM Historical Museum with the museum director speaking on clothing worn in the early 1900s. Woman's Clubs are preparing for the 100 year celebration in 2005.

The State Convention of Woman's Clubs will be held at the Renaissance Hotel in Charlotte April. 22-24. Persons desiring to attend should call Karen Bunch, president.

Members of the Home Life Department served as hostess for the evening.

# Magnolia Garden Club hears Arbor Day program

The Magnolia Garden Club met at the home of Susan Kiser on Phifer Road on March 23. Twelve members and one visitor were present.

Refreshments were served by the hostess. The meeting was called to order by president Glenda Colburn.

Under old business, Sue Drye gave a report on the flower garden at the corner of Gold Street and Battleground Avenue, which is the project of the garden club.

A program was presented by Margie Bridges on Arbor Day. The very first Arbor Day took place on April 10, 1872 in Nebraska. Julius Sterling Morton, a journalist and politician originally from Michigan, planned Arbor Day, which is a special day that has been set aside for planting and caring for trees.

Each state has its own month set aside for Arbor Day. North Carolina celebrates on the first Friday following March 15. The pine is the state tree of North Carolina.

Most states celebrate in March and April. Hawaii celebrates in November and Alaska

celebrates in May.

Mrs. Bridges ended the program by reading the poem "Trees," written by Joyce Kilmer. In the mountains of Graham County, a 3800 acre tract of land of the most beautiful forest in America has been dedicated to Kilmer as a living memorial. The natural forest was dedicated on the 18th anniversary of Kilmer's death in France during World War I. A bronze plaque has been placed on a granite boulder, which states:

"Joyce Kilmer, 165th Infantry, Rainbow Division, Soldier and Poet, Author of Trees, Born in New Brunswick, NJ, Dec. 6, 1886, Killed in action in France July 30, 1918."

A visit to Stowe Botanical Gardens in Belmont has been planned for the April meeting.

Two beautiful arrangements, "Signs of Spring," arranged in pitchers, were arranged by Glenda Colburn and Esther Muench.

The meeting closed with the reading of the collect by all members.

# Activities set at senior center

The following activities are scheduled at the H. Lawrence Patrick Senior Life and Conference Center. All senior citizens ages 60 and above living in the Kings Mountain school district are encouraged to participate. For more information call the senior center at 734-0447.

■ Senior Tar Heel cards are free to seniors ages 60 and older. They entitle the owner to discounts at various places in North Carolina. To obtain a card call the Center and make an appointment with any staff member.

■ The annual Cleveland County Senior Games will be held in April. Information and registration packets are available at the Patrick Center or by calling Carolyn

Bell at 734-0447 at the Patrick Center or Shirley Bridges at 482-3488 at the Council on Aging.

■ Registration for the next Creative Reading and Writing class will be April 5-8 in the Patrick Center lobby. The class will begin

the week of April 19.

■ Registration for the spring Computers for Seniors class will be April 5-8 in the Patrick Center lobby. Persons should register as soon as possible because the class fills up quickly. The class will begin the week of April 19.

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