

## CLUBS

# Sutherland Club Woman With Heart

Thirty members of the Woman's Club met Monday, February 25, for the monthly meeting with President Karen Bunch presiding.

Linda Dixon led the pledge to the flags and gave a devotional. The minutes and financial reports were distributed.

Lois Blanton introduced Julie Pearson who spoke about Relay for Life. The women will sponsor a team and were all encouraged to contact their friends and contribute to this worthy cause.

Betty Benton gave some facts about taking care of our hearts and everyone had been encouraged to wear "red."

Helen Ayscue presented a gift to Lori Sutherland who had been selected to receive the "Club Woman with a Heart" award. Sutherland chaired the Fall Festival held February 23. It was suggested that the club make a special donation to its custodian for his work in cleaning the clubhouse and this was approved.

Betty Gamble gave an overview of some statistics for the club for 2007. Twenty-four projects had been completed, with 41 members participating. Hours volunteered was 6,486 and funds generated were \$12,490. This is just what was reported and she felt that if

every woman had reported, it would be many more.

The six departments, which include Conservation, Education, Home Life, International Affairs, Public Affairs and the Arts then broke into groups and did some planning for the remainder of the year.

The Home Life Department will have charge of the program and refreshments for the March 24th meeting. The speaker will be from the Kings Mountain Police Department speaking on "Identity Theft." The public is invited to attend the 7 p.m. meeting at the clubhouse.



PHOTO LOIS BLANTON  
Helen Ayscue, left, presents Lori Sutherland a gift for "Club woman with a Heart" recognition at the Kings Mountain Woman's Clubhouse at their last meeting.

# Magnolia Garden Club meets with Geneva Caveny

On Tuesday morning, February 26, 2008, members of the Magnolia Garden Club were greeted with a delicious breakfast buffet at the home of Geneva Caveny.

Pat Schronce introduced Alisa Eaker, landscape designer, from Eaker's Nursery and Tree Farm in Cherryville. She presented a very informative program about Topiaries.

Alisa stated that the earliest reference to topiaries dated back to 23-79 AD. Most of these topiaries were made from the Cyprus tree. The Romans were among the first to coin this garden art. Topiaries were used to save space and for medicinal purposes; an example is the Knot Garden.

Topiaries arrived in the United States in 1690, in Williamsburg, VA. Alisa demonstrated how to form a spiral or corkscrew topiary. She named many trees and shrubs that are perfect for topiaries. Container gardens have become very popular in this area because of mild winters. Topiaries fit perfectly in to this way to garden.

Each member was given a folder that included information about topiaries and a glossary of terms.

The meeting was called to order by President Molly Savage. The club's collect was read in unison by the members. Molly welcomed the members and thanked Geneva for hosting the club. She also commented that all members, except one, were present.

The minutes were approved after two corrections and team points were collected (Team 1--19 and Team II--24). The treasurer reported a balance of \$172.10.

Old business consisted of the club's birthday party for the residents of the Life Enrichment Center on March 10 at 3 p.m.

Updating and adding to the list of Past Presidents in the club handbook was the only new business discussed.

The floral arrangements "Valentine Spring" by Mabel McGill and Molly Savage were critiqued by Molly and Maxine Bennett.

Camellias, Lenten Rose, Jonquils, Paper Whites, Crocus, Pansies, and Shamrocks were among the specimens the members brought to share with the club.

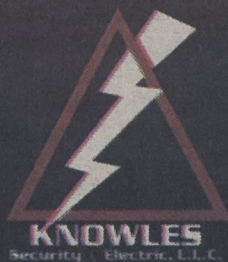
The March meeting will be at the home of Maxine Bennett.

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