

CWJC Update



May 2023

Graduation wraps up Spring Session

The Spring class of 2023 graduation ceremony was held on April 27, 2023, at Triumphal Christian Fellowship Church. This year's class graduated five women and celebrated three. The event was opened in prayer by Fall 2022 graduate Linda Roberson. During the affair, the graduates presented a slide deck presentation and spoke with the topic "What CWJC means to me." Site Coordinator Paula Marney and Executive Director Lauri Henderson presented certificates to the women. Bible study teacher Julie Burns gave the women a life challenge message. The event was closed in prayer by advisory council member Carol Lambert. A reception followed in the foyer.



L-R Julie Drerup, Christi Nizoil, Alexis Gonzales, Lori Penny, Rose Cantu, Rosa Solis, and Sarah Lowe. (Not pictured Linda Blakeley)

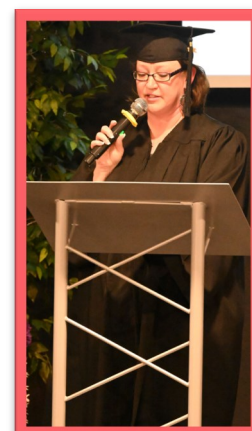
Night Class 2023



Julie Burns gives graduates a challenge for the future.



Day Class 2023



Sarah Lowe

5th Annual Rose Award Luncheon

The Fifth Annual Rose Award Luncheon and Fundraiser was held May 4, 2023, at Firefly Gardens Wedding Venue. Laura Hobbs was emcee for this year's event, with Devin Bruton providing entertainment, and Chris Rowley, CWJC/CMJC state consultant, was the keynote speaker. The ROSE (Recognition of Service Excellence) award is given by CWJC to exemplary Ellis County female role models in business and ministry who have given back to the community and represent service excellence. This year's Rose Award winners are Janki Patel and Faye Hill for business, Sharon Verigan and LaDonna Hagler for ministry, and Alexis McClendon, pastor's wife. Also recognized at the event were CWJC's Volunteer of the Year, Rebecca Royse; Alumni of the Year, Linda Roberson; and Partner of the Year, The Downtown Men's Bible Study Class.



Summer classes scheduled

Summer classes have begun. CWJC began its summer schedule with three evenings of QuickBooks online training. Judy Bates from JSB Business Services facilitated the course. On the agenda for June is an advanced Excel class focused on formulas and tables. Also planned for June is a Google Workspace class. Both classes will be taught by Kathy Grambusch.



CWJC Partners With Waxahachie Care Services To Provide Budgeting Training

CWJC has partnered with Waxahachie Care Services, the local food pantry, to provide budgeting training for their clients. Scott Royse, a Ramsey preferred coach, will be facilitating the training on how budgeting is absolutely the most important skill in money management. Kim Holman, Executive Director of Waxahachie Care, stated, “WCS wants to offer education classes to help our neighbors who want to enrich their lives (or gain knowledge) to improve their work skills for better employment and everyday living.” “WCS is partnering with CWJC to utilize what is already being done in our nonprofit community and not try to reinvent the wheel.” CWJC will be working on other educational topics for Waxahachie Care: boundaries, soft skills, clerical skills, and customer service.



CWJC's Advisory Council has an upcoming opening. If you are interested in being a part of a growing organization whose mission is equipping and empowering women of the community professionally, emotionally, and spiritually through enhanced job skills, renewed confidence, and a relationship with Jesus Christ, contact Lauri at 972-937-6620 or lauri@elliscwjc.life.



MEET ELIZABETH GREEN



- CERTIFIED TEXAS TEACHER AND PRINCIPAL
- BS ED, ABILENE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
- MS EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION, TEXAS A&M COMMERCE
- 37 YEAR EDUCATOR, 21 YEARS IN THE CLASSROOM AND 16 AS AN ELEMENTARY ADMINISTRATOR
- MARRIED FOR 38 YEARS TO CURTIS GREEN
- MOTHER OF TWO GROWN SONS
- **CWJC ADVISORY COUNCIL, MENTOR COORDINATOR, AND ROSE AWARD COMMITTEE**

When I decided it was time to retire, I mentioned to Lauri Henderson, Ellis CWJC director, that I would like to become involved with CWCJ. I didn't know much about the program, and I envisioned teaching classes. Instead, Lauri asked if I'd serve as a mentor. Well, that was a simple, "YES". I had no idea participants were assigned mentors, but it was right up my alley. Relationship building, encouraging, goal setting, finding resources - all aspects of a mentoring relationship is just who I was created to be. The fact that mentoring through CWJC is all openly through a Christian worldview was the icing on the cake. Walking alongside a woman who is looking towards a new or re-envisioned future and helping them to see themselves as Christ sees them is one of the most rewarding experiences I've ever had.

Why did I want to be a mentor? Growing God's children has been my life's work. Whether that "child" is a PK student, a young parent, a new educator, an experienced educator - all are children of God. Seeing the potential of people and helping people reach that potential was the aspect I enjoyed the most during my years as a public and private school teacher/administrator.

Now, serving as the mentor coordinator, I've been privileged to have the opportunity to grow new mentors and to be able to impact even more women as they come through Ellis CWJC. What an honor! God has great plans for Ellis CWJC and as we grow, I'd love to see our mentor base continue to grow.



Alumni Update

We are excited to announce that Amy Clasemann, a graduate of fall 2022, is now employed! Amy will be a billing liaison at Therapeutic Partners of Texas. The therapy office is connected to Mainstreet Gym in Midlothian. Amy is excited to go to work and for the extra benefit of a free gym membership.

The next Alumni event is at the site June 24, 2023, from 11-1 (100 Chambers Circle, Waxahachie). It will have a patriotic theme with a potluck meal and fun—fun —fun activities.