

# Kirby Club takes trip down memory lane

JACKSON - The Kirby Music and Literary Club met on Saturday, January 13 in the beautiful new Fellowship Hall of Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church near Jackson. Hostess Sarah Timberlake welcomed everyone as they arrived and offered appetizers and Cranberry-apple juice. Appetizers were an assortment of cheeses and crackers. We enjoyed sampling Gouda, Goat Cheese with Red Wine, Brie and cream cheese with pepper jelly.

Round tables were set with white tablecloths and soft burlap overlays. Silverware was wrapped in earth-tone linen napkins. Centerpieces were colorful silk flowers in vases. A swath of burlap ribbon in the vases added an interesting element. Favors were chocolate candy bars.

When everyone was seated, Sarah Timberlake gave an official welcome and introduced her special guests: Ashley Phillips, Sarah Phillips, Beth Phillips, Judy Farrow and Dorice Bryant. The hostess recognized Mary Anne Crawley who said the blessing. Mary Anne reminded us of Jesus feeding the 5,000. The little boy shared his lunch of two fishes and five loaves. We should share our blessings with others.

We were served a delicious lunch plate of Chicken Cordon Bleu with Parmesan Dijon sauce, Broccoli with a light olive oil, butter, garlic and lemon sauce, Rice pilaf and Yeast Rolls. Dessert was Lemon Chess Pie. Beverages were water and tea. Coffee was served with dessert.

Sarah introduced Ash-

ley Phillips, daughter of Beth Phillips and the late Laverne Phillips. Ashley is from Woodland and a graduate of Northeast Academy. She earned an English major from Meredith in 2012. While at Meredith she studied abroad in Ghana, Africa. She earned her Masters in Fine Arts at UNCW. Ashley's literary works have appeared on National Public Radio and literary magazines. An article written by Ashley about the oldest oyster roast in the state will appear in the November issue of "Our State" Magazine.

Ashley's literary journey began when she received a diary as a young girl. She kept the diary and later began writing short stories. She told us that the best fiction pulls from the writer's own experience.

Ashley began the program by reading "Shania" from her collection of short stories. The story reads as if a young girl is telling her thoughts. "Shania" is the first story in the collection and the character "Shania" shows up many times in Ashley's writings. One might recognize Woodland's "J.J.'s Grocery Store" and "The Duck Through" in her stories. A Kirby member complimented Ashley, "Your writings paint a beautiful picture with words."

Ashley invited us to participate in a writing exercise. We were given two blank pieces of paper and a pen. We were instructed to draw a simple picture of our homes or neighborhood as we remembered it when we were seven years old. We marked an "X" on the place where we had a

special memory. Ashley gave us a little time to enter into that memory and to write about it. She then asked for volunteers to read aloud what they wrote. Two Kirby members shared the following memories.

I remember that first day at Miss Lillian's really big round dining room table. Oh, I remember thinking, "Look at all that food and look at the large floral scene on the dinner plate!" They were beautiful and there was more food than I had ever seen. My mother was a really good cook but she only had one meat and two vegetables, tea and sometimes we even had a dessert. But Miss Lillian's table was full with fried chicken, sliced ham and a large bowl of her delicious chicken pastry. Oh, I can smell that fried chicken right now. And then she would put ice in beautiful glasses and I remember saying, "When I got big I am going to have pretty things." Memories by Mary Anne Crawley

I remember the creaking of the axles in the 1958 red 'Davis & Company' pick-up truck as I sat beside Daddy, bouncing along Highway 35, past the two-story white clapboard house where he grew up, on the way to Doolittle Pond. The windows were rolled down and the sweet honeysuckle growing by the ditch mingled with Daddy's 'Sir Walter Raleigh' tobacco as Daddy puffed away on his pipe. The stem of that pipe was almost chewed through, since Daddy almost always had it in his mouth.

In the back of the pick-up two long bamboo fishing poles told anyone who cared where we were

going. An old tin can beside the poles teamed with long blood red wriggly earthworms I had dug that morning from under the pine straw by the boxwood in front of our house. Memories by Francine Martin

Ashley ended her program by saying, "I really enjoyed this afternoon. Thank you for doing the exercise." As for Kirby members, we enjoyed taking a trip down memory lane and then writing about the memories.

Sarah Timberlake thanked Ashley Phillips for the program. She thanked her daughter Myrtle Turner Earley for catering the luncheon. Myrtle was assisted in meal preparation and serving by Dawn Newkirk, Parker Brown and a friend.

President Wanda Martin thanked Sarah for hosting and she thanked Ashley for the program. Paula Barrett will host the Kirby Club in February in the Fellowship Hall of Conway Baptist Church.

Anne White gave a treasurer's report. A memorial donation was made in memory of Eloise Ward, long-time Kirby member and president of the club.

Wanda read letters of resignation from Denise Helms and Lynn Edwards.

Those attending the luncheon were Mary Anne Crawley, Anne White, Suzi Brown, Sandra Woodard, Wanda Martin, Becky Flynn, Cheryl Martin, Francine Martin, Helen Bridgers, Paula Barrett, Wanda Guest, Dorice Bryant, Judy Farrow, Ashley Phillips, Sarah Phillips and Beth Phillips.

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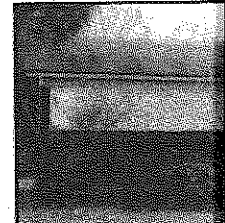
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