



Cary Woman's Club

Member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs

May 2015

"Serving Our Community • Sharing Our Time and Talents"



President's Message



Happy Mother's Day!

I've been thinking about mothers a lot lately. Although my mother died in 2000, I often find myself saying or doing things just like she did, and it makes me smile! I think that being a mother is the most important job in the world. How else would we pass on our culture, our family traditions, and our family values? Many women I know who do not have children often "adopt" other children to mentor in this way. Women seem to be born with the instincts to nurture and train little ones. Some of us are better than others at this, but we all strive to be our best.

I recently saw the 2004 movie at The Cary Theater, "Iron Jawed Angels," about the women's suffrage movement in 1917-1919. National Woman's Party members were the first to ever picket the White House, but the party leaders protected and prohibited mothers to be on the picket line for fear they would be arrested and put in jail or in mental hospitals with the other picketers for blocking the sidewalk!

Nearly 100 years later, our Cary Woman's Club has been supportive and protective of mothers in our community in our donations to InterAct and their focus on women (mothers) who experience violence in their lives. We have supported fundraisers for our Mature Women Scholarships, for those who are often single mothers going back to college to improve life for their family. And we recently donated funds to Prison

MATCH (Mothers and Their Children) to provide opportunities for mothers in prison to have positive interactions and build memories with their children.

The Director of the Prison MATCH program will be a guest at our May 14 luncheon.

In her book, *History of the Woman's Club Movement in America*, written in 1898, shortly before her death in 1901, Jane Cunningham Croly, founder of Sorosis, which became the General Federation of Women's Clubs, wrote: "The sense of duty is always strong in the woman. Her convictions of duty have made her the most willing and joyful of martyrs, the most faithful and believing of friends, and the only type out of which Nature could form the Mother."

<http://www.womenhistoryblog.com/2014/05/jane-cunningham-croly.html>

On this Mother's Day, please remember our recently deceased Club Recording Secretary and a mother, **Jeannette Martin**, with a virtual hug. Jeannette read the minutes at our last meeting and enthusiastically promoted education projects, served as a Guardian Ad Litem volunteer, supported the NC Symphony, and in the last days of her life was an excited traveler to Costa Rica with the NCSU OLLI group. She exhibited that strong, determined sense of duty to the end. We love you, Jeannette.

~ Lois Nixon, President



May 14th Luncheon at Prestonwood Country Club



Cary Woman's Club will have its Thursday, May 14th luncheon meeting at Prestonwood Country Club, 300 Prestonwood Parkway, Cary 27513.

Members will meet at 11:00 a.m., and the buffet line will begin promptly at 11:30 a.m. The Director of the Prison MATCH program will be a guest at our luncheon

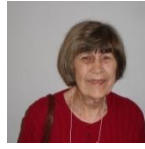
The cost is \$25.00. Your check can be mailed to the Treasurer. Or, please call right away to make your reservation for this important meeting.

Remember ~ members are welcome to *bring guests*, just in case any new members aren't aware of it. Thanks, and we hope all of our members will be able to attend the luncheon. ~ Treasurer

*"Try not to become a woman of success
but rather try to become a woman of value." ~ Albert Einstein*

“Clubwoman with Heart” Award to Ellie O’Connell

Congratulations to **Ellie O’Connell** for being awarded the “Clubwoman with Heart” award for the year. Ellie has been a longtime member of the Club, primarily serving as CSP chair for Home Life as well as serving on numerous other committees and volunteer



programs. Her dedication to the Club and its many volunteer and service opportunities is greatly appreciated. Thank you, Ellie, for your many years of devoted service and dedication to all we do as a Club. You are an inspiration to us all.

“Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does.” ~ William James

Vicki Jeter & the Club Won “District 6 Newsletters” Award



Good news ... Earlier this year the Club and **Vicki Jeter**, Newsletter Editor, were notified that the monthly Club newsletters won First Place in the District 6 Newsletter Award Competition for newsletters produced during 2014. Our District 6 is quite large and includes Wake County and Raleigh, among many other areas, so this win is especially prestigious for us. Thanks to all of you who have continually provided me with quality information for all the newsletters I have done through the years I have been proud to be a Club member. ~ **Vicki Jeter**, Newsletter Editor & PR Chair

Willa Brigham Wins Another Award

Once again, congratulations to longtime Club member **Willa Brigham** for her first place win in the “Sound of the Mountains StorySLAM” located in Camp Bethel, Virginia. ~ **Willa Brigham**,

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www.cdbaby.com/willabrigham,
Twitter: willastory- *Nothing succeeds like success!*
“hello honey, I am free!”

April’s Speakers

Photo: (l. to r.) Speakers and members from the April 2015 meeting: **Lois Nixon** (CWC President), **Barbara Shephard**, President of Sister Cities of Cary, **Mary DePuy** (International Chair), and special speaker Saskia Leary, who spoke about her involvement with the USO (United Service Organizations) and being born in The Netherlands in war-torn 1945.



Social Committee News

Ladies ... At the May meeting, please plan to sign up for your hospitality/foods month next year. Think which month would be best for you to help and bring refreshments. ~ *Social/Hospitality Chair*



Membership Counts!

The greatest source of new members in our Club comes from the women who we already know. The more members we have, the more the Club can achieve.

Take out your homeowner’s association list, church directory, lists of members of other clubs you

are in, and any source you can think about. Write down the name, address and other contact info of a few women whom you would like to see in the CWC.

Bring the information to me at each meeting or email it. I will reach out to each one with

information about the Club and an invitation to visit.

Everyone needs to help grow the membership!

~ 1st VP Membership

Pecan Sales Again This Fall

Remember ~ we will be selling pecans again in the Fall! ~ Thanks! Dorothy Schmelzeis

Fashion Show/Brunch a Huge Success!

More Good News ... The Flamingo Fling Lily Pulitzer Fashion Show & Brunch on April 25th was a rousing success thanks to all of you and your participation! Headed by **Dorothy Schmelzeis** and her **Ways and Means Committee**, the event benefitted our **Mature Woman's Scholarship Fund**.



We had over 61 people in attendance, and after expenses, we should net about **\$1,400**, maybe more.

The Fashion Show/Brunch master of ceremonies was Pete Sanderson, who among other skills, is a member of the Concert Singers of Cary.

Music during the event was provided by two of the very talented members of the Cary School of Music. "Elvis" (also known as Mr. B. Thomas) performed at the end of the show.

Mercedes Auger introduced the models and fashions. Fashions were provided by Ashworth's "Prim & Proper Boutique" compliments of Stephanie Ashworth and Scott Ashworth. A \$20 discount was provided on fashions purchased at the show and at the boutique that weekend.



Food was prepared by members of the Cary Woman's Club and the Ways and Means CSP committee.



Floral decorations were on loan from Campbell's Nursery.

Paper goods were provided by Ralph and Daphne's Hallmark. Flamingo decorations were on loan from Prim & Proper Boutique.

Many thanks to Christ the King Lutheran Church for use of their venue for this profitable and fun event.

All proceeds from the event go toward the Club's scholarship program for Mature Women who need financial help in furthering their education.

We thank all of you for your support. ~ *President, and Ways & Means Chair & 3rd VP*



Dates to Remember

- May 1 May Day
- May 5 Cinco de Mayo
- May 10 Mother's Day
- May 14 Luncheon Meeting at
Prestonwood Country Club
- May 25 Memorial Day

Cary's Farmers' Market



The **Cary Downtown Farmers' Market** opened for the season back on **April 4th**, and will be open every Saturday morning from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The market is

at 135 W. Chatham St. and features fresh local organic produce, meats, crafts, and gifts. Let's take a few minutes every Saturday to support our local growers and crafters in downtown Cary.

For special events notices go to: www.caryfarmersmarket.com/events.

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Federation Hands

This article came from **Linda Lavinder**, GFWC-NC Chaplain. She presented this Friday morning, April 24, Federation Day, at the annual GFWC-NC Convention in Asheville. We thought our members would enjoy reading it and considering the challenge to use our hands for good in our community!

On this Federation Day, I would like for you to consider your hands and the hands of the women from the 63 clubs that met in 1890 in New York to form the General Federation of Women's Clubs. In some ways our hands are different and in some, they are similar. I dare say in 1890, they would not have been wearing acrylic nails and black nail polish. As today, some would have been very smooth reflecting great care and few years - while others would have been rough and wrinkled from many years of hard work.

Like ours, their hands were engaged in reaching out to meet the needs of their world. In their day, they were dealing with the challenges of industrialization,

urbanization, and immigration. Today we must address poverty, discrimination, terrorism, domestic violence, just to name a few. According to Maya Angelou, "...you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw something back." Truly, members of the Federation do just that leaving their fingerprints on the world.

After 125 years Federation hands still belong to the proactive, determined, visionary volunteers with a national voice and a local passion. We must use our hands each day to do at least one thing -whether great or small - that will enhance the life of someone else. Our hands are uniquely ours and only we can control what they will do.

So take a long look at your hands - these hands hold the keys to GFWC's future. ~ Thank you. **Linda Lavinder**, GFWC-NC Chaplain

Continue Saving Education Coupons

Each **Box Tops Education Coupon** is worth 10 cents. This does not cost us anything and is a big help. Coupons can be found on Betty Crocker products, Pillsbury, Land of Lakes, Scott paper products, reams of copy paper and many other products. Look for them on any packaging, cut them off and put them in the box at the check-in nametag table. These will benefit the **Tammy Lynn Center** for autistic and handicapped children.



"It takes courage to grow up and turn out to be who you really are." ~ E.E. Cummings

Mother's Day History

Mother's Day is a day dedicated to honoring and recognizing the sacrifices and accomplishments of mothers. Mothers are recognized by family and friends; regardless of whether they are biological or perceived maternal figures.

It is a day to honor and respect mothers for their many sacrifices; a day to show them how important they are to us.

In 1914, Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation recognizing the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

**Happy
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