



# Cary Woman's Club

Member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs

June 2015

"Serving Our Community • Sharing Our Time and Talents"



## President's Message ~ Lois Nixon



For those who missed our May luncheon and installation (see photo) at Prestonwood, you missed a great day and delicious buffet and dessert!

**Pat Davis**, past President of GFWC-NC (pink top, far left in group photo), was our installing officer and used inspiration from her grandson to develop a rainbow theme for the installation.

Speaking of rainbows, I recently was reading about our NC poet and writer and woman extraordinaire, Maya Angelou, and liked this advice from her: "Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud."

Also at the May luncheon, there was special recognition for **Ellie O'Connell** (photo, far right), our Clubwoman with Heart, who embodies the Woman's Club Collect, and another Angelou quote: "Nothing will work unless you do." Thank you to Ellie for her many years of *working* for the Cary community, as part of the Cary Woman's Club (long-time Home Life CSP Chair) and in many other ways.

Other state awards that our club received at the GFWC-NC Convention were also highlighted during the program. These included an award for "Increase Club Membership more than 10%/**Jane Suppa**." Also, "Newsletter-Honorable Mention/**Vicki Jeter**."

Other special guests and speakers included

**Stephanie Wallace**, GFWC-NC District 6 President (photo, top left with Lois), as well as **Diane Barber-Whitaker** (photo, bottom left) from NC Prison MATCH, who thanked the club for our Prison MATCH gift.



our club. Please return the survey quickly by email, or you can mail it to our P.O. Box if you want to be anonymous. We want to plan the next year's meetings and programs so that they suit YOU, our members.

Members of the Cary Woman's Club will be working through the summer, as the Finance Committee will be meeting to develop the annual budget, and the new Grants Committee will be meeting to develop policies for our proposed new Grants program.

And, of course, the CSP Chairs will meet to start planning programs: some ideas that I've heard include learning about bees as pollinators and an interesting bee project, called a History of Tea Parties, and perhaps meeting some military wives. Please share your ideas, too.

We are really close to our new website "going live." Watch for an email with the link to the site sometime later this summer.

Finally, we need to say a big THANK YOU to some hard working members who are "retiring" from their leadership jobs this year, but who we will still appreciate as members: **Sue Scott** as Treasurer, **Mary DePuy** as International Outreach CSP Chair, and **Mary Ellen Heller** as Education CSP Chair. And an extra special virtual hug and warm thoughts for our Recording Secretary, **Jeannette Martin**, who died unexpectedly in April. We will miss her.

And the last word is a reminder: the Executive

Committee met recently and brainstormed a list of potential new members. We'll be working on that over the summer. We hope you have a list, too. Please bring a prospective member

to our September 10, 2015 meeting at the Page-Walker.

Have a wonderful summer. ~ **Lois Nixon**, President

We have noted the drop in attendance at the two annual events at Prestonwood, the December and May meetings of the club. There is a *survey* ~ attached with this newsletter ~ to get your opinion on the tradition of those lunch meetings at Prestonwood, and other ideas you have for

## Annual Dues



*We Are Starting a New Club Year.* Our club starts a new year on June 1<sup>st</sup> and annual dues are now due. Please send in your 2015-2016 dues, in the amount of \$70, payable to the Cary Woman's Club, to the club treasurer, Maryanne.

## Oxford House Household Goods Collection ~ Cathy Clark's Home, June 6

Oxford House household goods and cleaning supplies collection is now scheduled for Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, from 10 to 2, at the home of: **Cathy Clark**.

**JoAnn Minor** and **Nancy Skelding** will be helping. Also,

**Jeannette's** daughters said they have household items to donate, so that is wonderful of them. Also, please have an idea of the value of your used objects, which we will total and include in our committee report. If that day and time are

inconvenient for anyone, please call me to discuss another time for you. *Thank you! ~ Cathy Clark, Home Life Char*

## Membership

Welcome summer ... and we would like to welcome new members during this time. This summer, we hope you will meet and *invite people to attend* a meeting and peak their interest.

There is a **notification** information form you can have on hand and pass out (2 per page).

On another note, if you have not signed the Photography Release: please sign it and return it with your dues. This is for permission to use your photo in our newsletters, publications, etc., and on our website when that becomes "live" later this summer. ~ *Jane Suppa, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Membership*

## Memorials

Donations in memory of **Jeannette Martin** and **Nancy Martin's husband** may be sent to: Club Treasurer. All donations are for scholarships.

## Will you wear orange on June 2?

This is related to both **Home Life** and **Public Issues**: On June 2, 2015, I'm going to honor National Gun Violence Awareness Day by wearing orange. Orange is a color that symbolizes the value of human life. Hunters wear orange to alert

other hunters that they're there. It is a way to take care of their own life and the lives of others.

By wearing orange on June 2, we reaffirm the right of every American to live a life free from gun violence. I wanted to make

sure you knew about this, and hope you'll pledge to wear orange, too. Go to this page to learn more and take the pledge now: <http://every.tw/1KGwfK4>. Thank you. ~ *Lois Nixon, President*,

## International

I was so pleased to learn from **Jane** that contributions at the luncheon rose to a total of \$80 to support the "CHANGE" campaign for the international charities partnered with the General Federation of Women's Clubs. This amount, coupled with a match using the \$50 allocated to International Outreach Committee and \$30 from me, means a contribution of \$160 will be given by CWC to my recommendation, Heifer International. My thanks to all who contributed.

Heifer International (HI), [www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org), is a 70-year-old charity, headquartered in Little Rock, Arkansas, dedicated to eradicating poverty and hunger through the teaching of sustainable agriculture and



community development. Through programs in Central and South America, Africa, Asia, and in the United States (Arkansas and Appalachia), HI gives poor families livestock and intensive agricultural training to enable them to lift themselves out of poverty. HI programs place special emphasis on the importance of women in food production in the developing world.

I have enjoyed serving as the Chair of the International Outreach Committee and leave with the hope that my successor will find projects and activities to continue giving an international dimension to the Club's most worthwhile undertakings. ~ Thank you! *Mary DePuy, International Outreach*

## Cary Woman's Club - 2015-2016 Officers / Board of Trustees

President	Lois Nixon (1 year)
1 <sup>st</sup> VP (membership)	Jane Suppa (1 year)
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP (programs & reports)	Karen Fiumara (1 year)
3 <sup>rd</sup> VP (ways & means)	Dorothy Schmelzeis (1 year)
Recording Secretary	Sylvia Barba (2 years)
Corresponding Secretary	Mary-Mel Kroeger (2 years)
Treasurer	Maryanne Olson (2 years)
Board of Trustees	2014 new Lillian Smith, 2014 new Cathy McClay Jane Smead (3 years), Nell Meece (3 years) (Need one more Trustee to elect in September)



### NOTES:

Need a volunteer for Education CSP Chair.

Need a volunteer for International Outreach CSP Chair.

Maryanne Olsen *cannot* continue helping with the pecan sales. **Need a Pecan Volunteer.**

Shirley Barnes will continue to serve as Social/Hospitality Chair for 2015-16.

Vicki Jeter will continue as Newsletter Editor and PR Chair for 2015-16.

## Ways and Means

Thanks to everyone and, most especially, the Ways and Means Committee members for all the support you provided for our successful Ways and Means projects this year. It was a joy to see our projects come together. We are open to ideas for the upcoming year, so feel free to contact me with your thoughts. I am looking forward to another successful fund- (and "fun") raising year! ~ *Dorothy Schmelzeis, Ways & Means Chair & 3<sup>rd</sup> VP,*

## Guess Who? Get to Know Our Members!

1. Born in Pitt County, NC; 32 years as a clubwoman and volunteers at the hospital.
2. Born in Binghamton, NY; worked as a public health nurse and has 3 grandchildren.
3. Born in Philadelphia, PA; has 4 grandchildren and is involved in tutoring and church activities.

*(Answers at the end of this newsletter.)*

## Willa Brigham: One Woman Show

Are you looking for vibrant, lively and gold-plated enthusiasm? This is the show you do not want to miss. This laugh-out-loud, foot-tapping performance includes stories and monologues with bursts of music, rap and rhyme. Willa combines her spicy insights with a generous helping of her own brand of bold ~ to stitch together a show that is all Willa! Tickets \$15.

### "One Woman Show: Don't Get Me Started"

**2015**

September 19, Saturday - 8 pm

September 20, Sunday - 2 pm

September 25, Friday - 8 pm

September 26, Saturday - 8 pm

North Raleigh Arts and Creative Theatre, 7713 Lead Mine Road, Raleigh, NC, 919-866-0228, [www.nract.org](http://www.nract.org), Tickets \$15.00 ~ *Willa Brigham*, Emmy Award Winner, Storyteller, Inspirational Speaker, Television Host, Performing Artist, NSN - Southeast Regional Director, [www.willabrigham.com](http://www.willabrigham.com), [www.cdbaby.com/willabrigham](http://www.cdbaby.com/willabrigham), Twitter: *willastory*, *Nothing succeeds like success!* "hello honey, I am free!"

## Social Committee

Ladies ... Please sign up for your hospitality/foods month for next year. Think which month would be best for you to help and bring refreshments. Please contact me as soon as you can to sign up if you haven't already. Thanks! ~ *Shirley Barnes, Social/Hospitality Chair*



*"People don't notice whether it's winter or summer when they're happy." ~ Anton Chekhov, author, playwright*

