

HISTORY OF CARY WOMAN'S CLUB ACTIVITIES
CARY, NORTH CAROLINA
1963 to May 2012

Below is a synopsis of activities, meetings and events for the club from 2012 back through 1963:

2011-2012

The September event that kicked off the year was an entertaining performance presented by a vocalist imitator, Elvis, and his group. He sang and danced his way around our audience of members and over 20 guests. The nostalgic Elvis Pressley songs made each member feel the music!

In October, a student from NC State University, a native of Thailand, presented a dance from her native country and spoke about her country. She was a talented young woman who gave us insight in to the culture of Thailand.

The K-12 Literacy Program of the Wake County School System was explained in great detail by its director. The literacy program includes all kinds of classes and opportunities to help each child to fulfill his/her reading needs. Christmas Carols were sung by the group at this special meeting. A beautiful room at Prestonwood Country Club was the site for this Holiday Luncheon which allowed each member to socialize and to enjoy the friendships enjoyed by members within the club.

The January meeting featured the "Arts in Cary" by having to 2 presenters. The director of Cary Visual Arts explained what her organization did to place art in Cary such as the various sculptures around the town for all to enjoy. The Cultural Arts Manager for the Town of Cary shared the story of the conversion of the old Cary High School into a center for the performing arts. A number of members submitted arts and crafts for the annual Arts Fair.

At the February meeting, the Executive Director of Interact, an organization located in Raleigh which provides services for abused women and their children, told about the various services and alliances the organization provides to serve the abused. The Club had committed the funds raised from the Winter Card Party to Interact. The director also attended the card party to explain the program and to thank the attendees at the card party.

The history and services provided by the Dorcas Shop were shared by the President of the Dorcas Shop Board in March. The Dorcas Shop is supported by the Christian Community in Action of Cary. The shop accepts donations and, in turn, sells the clothing and furniture at very reasonable prices. The Board for the Dorcas Shop has just purchased a shopping center on Old Apex Road and relocated the shop to that location.

Conservation by recycling anything that could become art was the April presentation by the owner/president of Getting Creative with Recyclables. The shop located near downtown Cary accepts any materials or items which could be sold at very inexpensive cost to people looking for art materials. There is a creative room at the store.

The Prestonwood Country Club was the location for the May installation of Officers. The District 6 Director of Juniors did the installation of the new officers and trustees. Again, the members enjoyed a great buffet and the friendship of others in the Cary Woman's Club.

2010-2011

September Meeting was full of music by the Back of the Boat singers, led by former Cary mayor Ernie McAllister. Lunch was served by the Board. The Budget was presented and approved and the fall card party was announced for October 29. The North Carolina Federation of Woman's Club held a statewide golf tournament at the end of September called "Links for Literacy" at

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Riverwood Golf Course in Johnston County to raise funds for an education scholarship to be awarded at the state level. The garden at the CWC property on Walnut Street had been completed during the summer as a Boy Scout/ Eagle Scout project.

The group was introduced to the Japanese formal tea ceremony at the October meeting for International CSP. Various members volunteered to participate in the ceremony. The Education Community Service Group announced the Christmas Tour of Houses as a fund raiser to benefit the club's scholarships to be held the first week-end in December. Pecans were sold to raise funds for the budget of the CWC. A group of members visited the Norman Rockwell Exposition at the North Carolina Arts Museum.

The November meeting featured Dennis McLane, CEO of The Goodwill Foundation of Eastern North Carolina. He shared with the group the services for literacy that Goodwill sponsors in North Carolina and around the world. In honor of Veteran's Day, Major Jackson from the NC Military Guard spoke on her experiences as a woman in the military. The club approved the collection of "Coins for Canines" which would benefit the Search and Rescue program.

The annual Christmas Luncheon was celebrated at Prestonwood Country Club. The fantastic buffet was enjoyed by all. We were entertained by a musical group.

January is "Human Trafficking Month." A letter on the seriousness of this matter from Governor Beverly Perdue was read. Barbara Sawyer added pertinent information on the subject. The program for the day was presented by The North Carolina Theater. Two young students who participate in the shows put on by this group sang various songs for us. The members of the club and the Junior Woman's Club held a craft show. It was announced that The Caring Place would receive the proceeds of the February Card Party.

The Public Affairs Committee arranged a fantastic discussion by representatives of the EMS, the Cary Police Department and the Cary Fire Department for February. These representatives gave valuable tips on what we should know to be safe. It was announced that Cameron Muir of Cary High School was awarded the Sally Southall Cotten Scholarship.

In March, Susan Stanhope spoke on the kind of services that she provides to seniors. Her goal is to make the moves and downsizing by seniors from their homes to senior living as easy as possible. The slate of officers for 2011-2012 was presented. Changes to the Bylaws were presented. A field trip to Raulston Arboretum was announced for April by the Conservation CSP.

The subject of "Land Trusts" was the topic of the April Conservation program. Tom Valone of Outdoor Provisions talked about the donations of valuable tracts of land to the conservancy for preservation. The Town of Cary has paid the CWC \$2,460.00 for the purchase for an easement on the Walnut Street property. The Bylaws changes and the slate for officers were accepted by unanimous vote.

The May Installation luncheon was held at Prestonwood Country club. The installing officer was Katie Hipp Burgwyn, District Junior Membership Director for District 6.

A picnic was held on June 11, 2011 at Patty Gamin's. A good time was had by those who could attend.

2009-2010

August: District VI Summer meeting was held in Cary at The Kirk of Kildaire. The Cary Woman's Club and the Cary Junior Woman's Club hosted the meeting. Twelve of our Club members attended and assisted in setting up the meeting and "dressing" the tables. Gift Baskets were donated by nine clubs within District VI and were auctioned off and brought approximately \$1,100 for Girls On The Run.

September: The first General Meeting of the new club year was hosted by the Executive Committee. The subject "Stop Human Trafficking" was discussed and presented by guest speakers

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Pat Witt and Dr. Ruth Relos of Soroptimist International of Raleigh, along with Rachel Braver, Legal Aid of NC. Pat Witt is the Project Manager for Stop Human Trafficking; and Dr. Relos, along with Barbara Sawyer, are members of the team for Stop Human Trafficking. Stop Human Trafficking Awareness cards were developed and produced with the help of a Community Grant from the Woman's Club of Raleigh and were distributed at the meeting. A luncheon was prepared and served by the Executive Committee.

October: The International Department introduced our speaker, Marina Glover, a long standing member of the Cary Woman's Club, who spoke on "Life in Germany During WWII." We had several visitors for this meeting because of the topic. The Fall Dessert Card Party was hosted once again by the Ways and Means Committee at the Kirk of Kildare. The Pumpkin Patch was a great success as in the past. This event cleared approximately \$1,200. The Fall District VI meeting was held at the First United Methodist Church in Fuquay-Varina, NC on October 15. This was attended by five members from the Cary Woman's Club. One of the fundraisers at this meeting was auctioning of cakes made by nine of the Woman's Clubs within District VI. Lillian Smith made the cake from the Cary Woman's Club and Barbara Sawyer decorated it. The cake was called "Elegance and the Little Devil" and was sold for \$35.

November: The Education Department introduced Carol Wilcox, Library Assistant at Eva Perry Regional Library in Apex, who gave a presentation on the Wake County Public Library System. She spoke about the library facilities and services offered to anyone with a library card and added a bit of history of the libraries in western Wake County.

December: The December meeting was our annual Holiday Luncheon which was held at Prestonwood Country Club. Cathy McClay did an outstanding job planning the holiday luncheon with great entertainment by the Sassy Classics Dancers. The Education Department held the Christmas tour of homes and poinsettia sale. This fundraiser was a great success and the proceeds went to the Scholarship fund.

January: The Arts Department introduced Mr. Perry Hurt, Associate Paintings Conservator for the NC Museum of Art. He told us about some of the history and workings of the museum and about the new buildings under construction at the museum. Oh! The Arts Festival!!! The Cary Junior Woman's Club participated with us for the first time. This made the event even nicer. Again, GREAT entries and GREAT pieces from the Cary Woman's Club and the Cary Junior Woman's Club are going on to the District Arts Festival!

February: The Public Affairs Program was the restoration of the mill at Yates Mill Pond in Raleigh. Our speaker was Dr. John Vandenberg, Professor emeritus at NC State University and President of the Preservation Group for Yates Mill Pond. The Ways and Means Winter Card Party was a HUGE success with attendance at approximately 140 people and raising \$2,000 of which \$500 was sent to Girls On The Run and \$1,500 was sent to Hospice of Wake County. New Member Orientation was held at Glenaire. A Valentine's party was held at Life Experiences where approximately 50 people attended.

March: The Home Life Department introduced Paula Harrington, NC Outreach Services for Oxford House which are self-run, self-supported addiction recovery houses located nationwide. After the presentation, the President introduced a motion to collect items for Oxford House on May 15. This was met with great enthusiasm and agreement. New slate of officers for 2010-2011 was announced to be voted on in April. Bylaw changes/updates were recommended and will be voted on in April. Certificates from the District VI Arts Festival were given out to the winners in various categories. These will be going to the State Arts Festival. Six members attended the Chrysalis Club Project Meeting at the North Carolina Correctional Institution for Women. A luncheon was held by the International Affairs Department to raise money to buy mosquito netting (\$10 each) for prevention of Malaria in African Countries. This raised approximately \$200.

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April: The Conservation Department introduced the speaker Bill Bussey, Vice-President of Triangle Rails to Trails Conservancy who spoke on the American Tobacco Trail. This trail is used for running, hiking, cycling, and horse-back riding. We celebrated Federation Day (April 24) with a wonderful cake. The Conservation Department held a bake sale to raise money for a sign and plantings on the Woman's Club property on Walnut Street. The installation and landscaping will be done as an Eagle Scout project. The Cary Woman's Club members who won ribbons at the State Arts Festival were announced. Also, a Little Red Wagon Arts Department fundraiser sold home-made craft items. They have raised over \$300 during the club year to provide two to three children the opportunity to attend an Arts Summer Camp program in Cary, NC. The 108th GFWC-NC Convention was held 4/22-24/2010 at the Crabtree Marriot in Raleigh, NC. Sharon Greeson from the Woman's Club of Raleigh was installed as the 2010-2012 GFWC-NC President. Her special project for her administration is "Literacy – the Adventure of a Lifetime".

May: Our Installation Luncheon was held at Prestonwood Country Club. Pat Davis, who is currently a member of the GFWC Board of Directors and past State President (2002-2004), conducted the installation ceremony. An update was given by the Club President regarding the 108th GFWC-NC Convention in Raleigh in April. The Cary Woman's Club had another very successful year supporting three scholarships (\$4,000), three Arts scholarships (\$360), Girls On The Run (\$500), Hospice of Wake County (\$1,500), mosquito netting for African Countries (\$200), along with collecting home goods for Oxford House.

2008-2009

August: District VI Summer meeting was held in Durham. Six of our Club members attended. Our Speaker was the founder of Girls On The Run which is a non-profit organization started to help girls between the ages of 8 and 13 with self-esteem issues and concerns. Girls On The Run is the GFWC-NC President's Special Project for 2008-2010.

September: The first General Meeting of the new club year was hosted by the Executive Committee. Mayor Harold Weinbrecht gave a great program and was very approachable. The Mayor spoke on issues related to the growth of Cary and the environment. It was wonderful having his wife, Belinda, there. A luncheon was prepared and served by the Executive Committee.

October: The International Department introduced our speaker, Karma Tashi, Association Cognizance Tibet. This Association was founded with the following mission: "To support the Dalai Lama's middle path approach to Tibet's crisis by carrying out Tibet awareness programs". The Fall Dessert Card Party was hosted once again by the Ways and Means Committee at the Kirk of Kildaire. The Pumpkin Patch was a great success as in the past. This event raised approximately \$1,372.

November: The Education Department introduced Dr. June Atkinson, NC Superintendent of Public Instruction, who spoke regarding the state of education in North Carolina. There were two winners of the 2008 Mature Woman's Scholarship: Sandra Broadwater received \$500 and Kelly DiCaprio received \$1,000. The Cary Woman's Club Merit Scholarship winner was Marissa Sofia Gonzalez who received \$1,500.

December: The December meeting was our annual Holiday Luncheon which was held at Prestonwood Country Club. Centerpieces were made for each table by the Arts Department and sold during the luncheon. The proceeds went to the Arts Department Scholarship for the end of the year. We had great entertainment provided by a trio from the Raleigh Flute Choir. The music was beautiful and they included the ladies in songs of the season. A collection was taken to be presented to the USO. A decorated container was passed and garnered almost \$200. Each member received favors from the Arts Department.

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January: The Arts Department introduced J. C. Knowles, Antique Road Show, who was our speaker. Several members brought in various antique items for Mr. Knowles to look at and evaluate. This was extremely popular and Mr. Knowles was very entertaining. ...and how about that Arts Festival? GREAT entries and GREAT pieces from the Cary Woman's Club are going on to the District Arts Festival! The Cary News was there to do an article on the Arts Festival. The article that was written was fantastic with great pictures. Everyone was very proud of their club.

February: Mary Ann Wilcox, the Interim Administrator of WakeMed Cary Hospital spoke about the services of the facility and how it has grown in support of the Cary area. The Public Affairs Department introduced Ms. Wilcox. The Ways and Means Winter Card Party was a HUGE success with attendance at 187 people and raising \$2,645.31. The pecan sale yielded approximately \$1,335. The International Department hosted a Japanese cooking demonstration and luncheon where they raised \$65. New Member Orientation was held at Glenaire. A Valentines party was held at Life Experiences where approximately 50 people attended.

March: The Home Life Department introduced Lynn Templeton, Director of the Center for Volunteer Caregiving, and Amanda Burns, Program Director, who spoke about the assistance given by their organization to older adults and adults with disabilities who live in their own homes. New slate of officers for 2009-2010 was announced. Certificates were given out to the winners in various categories at the District Arts festival. These will be going to the State Arts Festival. Six members attended the Chrysalis Club Project Meeting at the North Carolina Correctional Institution for Women. It was announced that Julie Ross was the Cary Woman's Club's Sallie Southall Cotten Scholarship winner at the District level and would be going to the state competition.

April: Advanced Park Ranger Bob Davies from Umstead State Park was our speaker from the Conservation Department. He spoke about the facilities at the camp including camps and trails, the wildlife living there, and brought "stuffed" animals for an outstanding exhibit. We celebrated Federation Day (April 24) with a wonderful cake. The Executive Committee recommended that The Cary Woman's Club dues be raised from \$50 to \$60 for the new club year and the membership passed this recommendation. The Cary Woman's Club members who won ribbons at the State Arts Festival were announced.

May: Our Installation Luncheon was held at Prestonwood Country Club. Pat Davis, who is currently a member of the GFWC Board of Directors and past State President (2002-2004), conducted the installation ceremony. An update was given by the Club President regarding the 107th GFWC-NC Convention in Wrightsville Beach in April. Patti Gamin, Membership Chair, received the Star Pin for bringing in seven new members. Jean Sessler, Ways and Means Co-Chairman, presented a check in the amount of \$2,450 to Linda Lobo from Meals on Wheels. The Cary Woman's Club had another very successful year.

2007-2008

August: District VI Summer Meeting was held at Edenton Street Methodist Church in Raleigh with 7 CWC members attending. The speaker was David Crabtree from WRAL News. Cary Woman's Club co-hosted the meeting and provided beautiful flower arrangements for each table, favors, and refreshments. A sound system was purchased for our club through the generosity of Philomina Vaidya and her husband.

September: The first general meeting opened with 55 members on the roster. Retired NC Supreme Court Judge Robert Orr was the guest speaker. A luncheon was prepared and served by the Executive Committee for all the members and guests attending the meeting. A profitable Chrysanthemum Sale was held outside Greenwood Forest Baptist Church on Kildaire Farms Road.

October: The International Affairs guest speaker was Alli Diatta who helped us understand more about Islam and Islamic Culture. Our Fall Dessert Card Party was hosted by Ways and Means

with another wonderful Art Department Pumpkin Patch. This event at Kirk of Kildaire was enjoyable and was a great success, raising nearly 1200 dollars.

October 27th was "Make a Difference Day" for Domestic Violence Awareness. Our members wore purple ribbons at the October General Meeting and supported the Million Voices against Domestic Violence in America Program.

Seven of our members toured the Little Herb House garden and prepared herb dish gardens to bring home.

November: The Education Departments guest speaker was North Carolina author Kevin Duffus, who gave an interesting and informative account of activities along the North Carolina coast during World War II.

The Home Life Department collected non-perishable food items and cash which were donated to the Food Bank of Eastern and Central North Carolina.

The winner of the 2007 Mature Woman's Scholarship was Carol Ann Flickinger and the winner of the Schmelzeis Scholarship was Tyler Bello.

December: Our annual Christmas Luncheon was held at Prestonwood Country Club. Willa Brigham, one of our members, entertained us with a wonderful program titled "The Twelve Days of Christmas" (Feed a Family). Beautifully decorated handmade candy box favors were provided by the Social Committee for each member and guest. Attractive Christmas Glass Bricks, made by the Art Department, were offered for sale.

The Education Department held a pleasurable and successful House Tour, raising about \$780.

Christmas cards were collected for the Parkway Retirement Home and donations were collected for the USO at RDU Airport.

January: Many of our talented members participated in our Art Festival. Sue Washburn from The Flower Shuttle demonstrated the art of flower arranging, preparing several beautiful arrangements.

Three new members joined CWC this month.

Our January Card Party, hosted by Ways and Means at the Kirk of Kildaire, was enjoyable and successful, raising almost \$2000.

The Reporting Committee compiled data and submitted Annual Reports to GFWC.

February: The Public Affairs Department guest speaker was Lola Lawson, Assistant Director of the USO-NC, who spoke about the needs of our service men and women passing through RDU Airport.

Home Life Department held a Valentine's Day Party for Life Experience clients and continued their greatly appreciated monthly visits to Total Life Centers.

March: The Home Life Department invited Howard Manning, Director of Christian Community in Action, to speak to us about the activities of their organization and the Dorcas Thrift Shop in Cary.

The International Affairs Department held a wonderful International Spring Tea for international students and staff from NC State and continues to hold a monthly raffle for KIVA.

A New Member Orientation Tea was held by the Membership Committee with everyone having a pleasant afternoon.

April: Mike Maze, WRAL Meteorologist was the Conservation Departments guest speaker and he entertained and educated us with observations about our local climate.

Federation Day was celebrated at the General Meeting with a delicious cake.

May: Our Installation Luncheon was held at Prestonwood Country Club. Sharon Greeson, GFWC-NC President-elect, and honored guest, was the installation officer. Three members attended the 106th GFWC-NC Convention in Charlotte.

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Our club had another very successful year of fund raising to support the following organizations: Blue Ridge Parkway “Parks as a Classroom” program, Food Bank of Eastern and Central North Carolina, KIVA, USO-NC at RDU Airport, and Alliance Medical Ministry.

2006 - 2007

August: District VI Summer Workshops were held at Campbell University with 8 members of CWC attending.

September: The first general meeting opened with 71 members on the roster. Sandy McMillan, from the Canine Companions for Independence, was the guest speaker. The charity identified for this year is “The Healing Place”.

October: The International Department guest speakers were Tim Mannix and Mary Kamm from Rotary International “Million Meals for Children” – International Stop Hunger Program. Thirteen members attended the District VI Fall Meeting at Meredith College. Lillian Smith donated a beautiful basket which was raffled at the meeting. Ways and Means hosted a Fall Card Party fundraiser that featured a fantastic “Pumpkin Patch” created by the Arts Department. The Club voted to support the Junior’s Special Project related to the purchase of 3 EMS color-coded bags. In recognition of “World Hunger Day” canned goods were donated to Durham Rescue Mission Food Bank. Pinwheels for Peace were created and displayed on U.N. Day at Life Experiences Center in Cary. Several members participated in the Recycle Sale at Hemlock Bluffs. Eight members were “Virtual Walkers” in the Lupus walk. Monthly Bingo parties were scheduled to be held at the Total Life Center in Cary.

November: Helen Papagiorgio was invited by the Education Department to speak about literacy issues in Zimbabwe. Two beautiful ornaments were made by the Art Department and displayed on the Town of Cary’s Holiday Tree. The International Affairs Department adopted an Ethiopian family for the year. A back yard garden of flowers, bushes, and trees was planted at the Life Experiences Center by the Conservation Department.

December A Holiday Luncheon was held at Prestonwood Country Club with apple butter, placemats, and little angels for each attendee provided by the social committee. International Affairs provided the adopted Ethiopian family with presents, a tree, lights, and ornaments. “Home Life donated 13 baby blankets/afghans to the “Newborns in Need Program.” A total of 13 new members were accepted into the club this year which is a 20% increase in membership.

January: Our club Art Festival was held with many wonderful and talented entries. Kaley Lunsford, a freshman at Meredith College, shared what it has meant to her to be one of the recipients of last year’s Art Department Scholarship. Another new member joined this month bringing the total new members this year to 14. A Winter Wonderland Card/Game Party was held at the Kirk of Kildaire on January 31. Our club successfully raised over \$1280 for The Healing Place Woman’s Program. The Reporting Committee worked to submit reports to GFWC.

February: Anne Harvey, the Warden for the Woman’s Prison in Raleigh, spoke on the trends in the prison. This interesting program was sponsored by the Public Affairs Department. The Home Life Department held a successful Valentine’s Day Party on February 10th for the clients at Life Experiences. On February 13th a wonderful “Reading Around The World Program” was held at West Regional Library and included painting of nested dolls. A new member orientation was held on February 15th with 18 members attending. Twelve CWC members attended the very successful District Art Festival. A new Nominating Committee was formed.

March: The Home Life Department invited Caroline Farmer, Special Counsel for Attorney General Roy Cooper, who gave a very informative presentation on Identity Theft and Exploitation of Older Adults. Five club members won first place awards at the District VI Arts Festival. Members of the Public Affairs Department held a wonderful party for the Chrysalis Club. The Art

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Department is working on an exciting “Seat of Knowledge” chair. A fabulous International Tea was held by the International Affairs Department. Funds were donated to the USO at the RDU airport.

April: The Conservation Department invited Lisa Richardson from Hemlock Bluffs to speak about the Nature Preserve Programs and the exciting flora and fauna that can be discovered there. Arbor Day and Earth Day were celebrated by planting flowers, trees and replacing standard light bulbs with compact fluorescent light bulbs. The Art Department unveiled their fabulous “Seat of Knowledge Chair. Some members helped with the “Dr. Seuss’s Birthday Party “and the “Mother Daughter Tea” held at West Regional Library. More funds were collected and donated to the USO. The 105th GFWC-NC Convention was attended by four CWC members and the Conservation Beautification Award was awarded to the CWC Conservation Department for their creation of the beautiful gardens at Life Experiences. Another successful International Tea was held and enjoyed by all attending.

May: New officers were installed at a luncheon held at Prestonwood Country Club. The ceremony was conducted by Julene McPhaul, President of the Raleigh Woman’s Club. The club had a very successful year raising funds and goods to support the following organizations: The Healing Place – Woman’s Program, Interact, Canine Companions for Independence, USO at RDU Airport, Raleigh Little Theater Summer Scholarship, Triangle Aphasia, Prison Match, West Regional Library Summer Program, Occonechee Council Eagle Scout Project, Whole Planet Family Foundation, Newborns in Need Program, and Durham Rescue Mission Food Bank.

2005 - 2006

June: A pleasant evening was passed at the annual potluck picnic at Gail Grant’s lovely home and garden.

July: Summer workshops were held in Goldsboro.

September: The new club opened with 61 members on the roster. Interim Police Chief Major Pat Bazemore was the guest speaker. Major Bazemore had recently been recognized as one of six outstanding woman leaders in Wake County for her exceptional leadership skills and competency. She described the challenges facing women in a predominately male profession. The Board prepared and invited members for lunch.

October: The international Departments guest speaker was a Retired Peace Corps volunteer Emily Cobie. She gave members an intimate view of life in Sierre Leone using slides and stories of her time spent there. In recognition of World Food Day, members brought canned food items and donated them to the Dorcas Shop.

Conservation members helped at the recycling sale for Hemlock Bluffs.

District VI Autumn meeting was held at Meredith College with member Sue Scott elected as the new District President.

A Halloween Card Party was hosted to raise funds. With lots of fun and good food as well as a raffle and items to buy from the Pumpkin Patch, members and guests had a lovely afternoon.

November: The young author Leah Stewart was the Educations Department’s guest at the general meeting. Her recently published book, “The Myth of You and Me” discussed women’s friendships.

The Arts Department’s Kreative Klatch was unveiled to raise funds for Arts scholarship by making and selling handmade items.

December: The Christmas luncheon was celebrated at the historic Matthews House in downtown Cary. A Choir of young vocalists from Cary Academy entertained members with seasonal music. Members donated their loose change to buy phone cards for US Armed Forces personnel transiting the USO facility at the RDU airport.

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January: The club's annual Arts Festival was arranged by the Art's Department and the General meeting enjoyed makeup technique and an aria from mezzo soprano opera singer Jennifer Seiger of Raleigh's Capital Opera Company. Ms. Seiger talked about the company's opera work in schools while transforming the grand-daughter of member Margaret Williams with stage makeup. An all day card party was held at the Kirk of Kildaire to raise funds for the club's CPI project of "Mergency magnets for senior in Cary. A very successful event netted \$2000.00. The Reporting Committee worked to submit reports to GFWC.

February: Due to a large rental increase, the club changed its meeting venue to the Kildaire Farm's Racquet and Swim Club.

The Home Life department held its annual Valentine's Day party for the clients at Life Experience while continuing their other monthly parties at Bond Park Senior Center and Total Life Center. Ted Varden, Reader's advocate for the News and Observer, was the guest speaker for the monthly meeting. Members enjoyed his informational talk about the newspaper, its history circulation and constant adaptation requirements to stay relevant and competitive.

Members attended the District VI Arts Festival in Raleigh with winning entries for needlework, photography and painting. The club's Sallie Southall Cotten Scholarship candidate, Rajev Patel, won the District award.

March: The Home Life Department invited Laura English Spellman, founding member of the Triangle Aphasia Society. She gave an imaginative presentation using members to act out situations that Aphasia patients face in their everyday lives.

The State Arts festival was held at Winston Salem. Two CWC entries were place winners and CWC scholarship student was runner up for the Sallie Southall Cotten Scholarship.

Members of the Public Affairs Department visited the Chrysalis Club.

April: The Conservation Department's guest speaker was wildlife biologist and Director of Teach Education at the Natural Science Museum, Mike Dunn. His interesting talk on humming birds and monarch butterflies gave members a wealth of information.

CPI project started delivery of Mergency Magnets to community organizations.

The Public Affairs Department toured WRAL television network studio.

May: North Carolina State Convention was attended by seven members in Winston Salem. New officers were installed at a luncheon at Prestonwood Country Club with Margot Murphy as installation officer.

The Education Department's Silver Scholarship tea was successfully held as the last fund raiser for the year.

The club ended another successful fund raising year with contributions to the Heifer Project (\$158), Community Improvement Fund (\$1700), Scholarships from the Kreative Klatch (\$350), Raleigh Little Theatre and Meredith College (\$250), Phone Cards for the Armed Forces (\$218), ABRO (\$350), Literacy Council of Wake County (\$350), Blue Ridge Parkway Education Fund (\$350), Interact (\$350), and Scholarship Tea (\$745).

2004 - 2005

June: The annual club picnic was held at the home of Gail Grant. After a wet and dreary day about 40 members and their spouses again enjoyed the pot luck dinner and the lovely home and garden at Gail's as the weather brightened and turned into a pleasant summer evening

July: Five club members attended the summer workshop in Goldsboro.

September: The first general meeting of the 2004/2005 club year opened with 71 members on the rooster. The Mayor of Cary, The Honorable Ernie McAllister was the invited speaker at the meeting and talked about his vision for keeping the community of Cary as one of the most "desirable places" to live in the United States. Afterwards, the members of the board provided

lunch. An afternoon card party fundraiser was held with each department providing a themed basket for a silent auction and the club raised \$1361.

October: The International department arranged a program by the ScanDancers, a local Scandinavian dance group, who delighted the members with their colorful costumes and lively dancing. Members assisted the sponsorship by the International department of a collection of food items for World Food Day and donations were given to the Dorcas Shop. The Art Department arranged a tour of the Matisse/ Picasso exhibition at the NC Museum of Art . The Conservation department supported the Hemlock Bluffs yard sale with volunteers and donations of items for sale. Several members attended the fall District VI meeting at Meredith College. The Education department concluded their raffle of a picture and other items to benefit the scholarship fund by \$300. The President represented Cary Woman's Club at the centennial celebration for Raleigh Woman's Club.

November: The Education Department invited Bruce Howell a former president of Wake Community College to discuss the importance of the role Community Colleges play in retraining the work force for today's employment opportunities. A group enjoyed a trip to Seagrove to visit the pottery exhibits.

December: A Christmas luncheon was held at Prestonwood Country Club. Entertainment of Christmas music was provided by young soprano Amy Athavole and accompanist Jennifer Alkove at the piano and members enjoyed Christmas favors made by the social committee. Members collected loose change to buy phone cards for military personnel transiting the USO club in Raleigh and those deployed to Iraq.

January: The Arts department arranged the club Art's festival with many beautiful entries of photography and different needlework crafts. The club's own Barbara Sawyer presented a fun demonstration and hands on program of the art of Stamping. The Ways and Means committee hosted the all-day January Card party which was a huge success and raised funds for the Boys and Girls Homes and the Victory Junction Gang Camp. The Reporting committee spent many hours collating reports to send to GFWC. The club started using e-mail to send the Newsletter.

February 2005: The Membership Committee held an orientation meeting for new members. The club changed its website name to www.carywomansclub.org. Tom Campbell host of the television current affairs program North Carolina Spin was the invited speaker by the Public Affairs Department. He engaged the membership in his belief that the media should do better informing the public of important public issues. Several members attended the District VI Arts Festival held in Raleigh. The Home Life Department gave a Valentine's Day Party for the members at Life Experiences and continued their monthly parties at the two Total Life Centers as well as the bingo parties at the Parkway Retirement Center.

March: The Home Life Department invited Amy Wood, the marketing manager for Our State Magazine to present the program. She explored some of the history of North Carolina through articles written in the magazine and amused us with stories and songs. The Public Affairs Department arranged a visit with 13 members and guest motivational speaker Janet Bauer to the Chrysalis Club at the Correctional Institute for Women in Raleigh.

April: The Conservation Department hosted an interesting program on the new Art Park at the North Carolina Museum of Art and the opening of the Greenway linking Meredith College and the Art Museum.. Several members attended the State Convention in Raleigh and the club provided volunteers to man the Registration and Information desks on the opening day. The club also collected items for the table decorations at one of the dinners. The Silver Scholarship Tea was arranged by the Education Department and held at the beautiful home of our member Philomina Vaidya in Cary. A pleasant afternoon was supported by many members and friends to raise funds for the Scholarship Fund.

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May: New officers were installed at a luncheon at Prestonwood Country Club. The ceremony was presided over by Betty Tolbert of District VI.

The club had a very successful year of fund raising and supported The Heiffer International Project (\$249), the Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina (\$1250), The Victory Junction Gang Camp (\$1250), the Raleigh USO Club (phone cards \$310), The Cary Woman's Club Scholarship Fund (\$1575) National Organization for Women's Assistance (\$400), medical records training for an immigrant woman (\$400), Triangle Aphasia Project (\$400), Raleigh Children's Orchestra (\$400), Prairie Ridge Ecostation Amphitheater at the North Carolina Museum of Natural Science (\$400), and the KOALA program (\$400).

2003 – 2004

With the addition of 18 new members during this period of time due to the planning of the Membership Committee, the energy and enthusiasm was enhanced tremendously. New ideas and new leadership melded with the established programs and seasoned leadership to give reality to a successful year in programming and service with the promise of more of the same in the future.

The fund raising activities for the year organized by the Ways and Means Committee were successful in raising money for the club's budget and for the granting of proceeds to charities, which the Cary Woman's Club selects. The events were a Fall Card Party held at the Senior Center, the sale of pecans before Christmas, a Christmas House Tour, and the Winter Card Party held at the Kirk of Kildaire Fellowship Hall. Beneficiaries of these events were the Alliance Medical Mission, FIGS (Fill in the Gaps), the Healing Place (earmarked for women's project), and summer camp scholarships for two children. The club supported the GFWC benevolences.

The Social Committee planned 2 eloquent events: the Christmas Luncheon and the Installation Luncheon in May. Both were held at the Prestonwood Country Club. A men's Barbershop Quartette entertained at the Christmas Luncheon with a variety of Christmas and novel songs. Margot Moore, District 6 President, was our featured guest for the Installation Luncheon. Members provided delightful refreshments at the other meetings throughout the year.

The Departments and the Executive Board planned excellent programs and activities for the monthly meetings.

September. The Executive Board invited two members of the Cary Town Council to speak about "issues facing Cary." Jennifer Robinson and Julie Robison were the Councilwomen. A picnic style luncheon served by the Executive Board followed.

International Department. The October meeting was presented by the director of "Ten Thousand Villages", an international organization that buys and sells the work of artisans throughout the world. There is a store in Cameron Village. The international Department sponsored the monthly raffle for "Operation Smile", contributing the proceeds of \$235 to the international project to correct cleft palate for children throughout the world. The department collected food for World Food Day.

Educational Department. In November, Willa Brigham, a Cary Woman's Club member, entertained the club with her singing and presentations of ideas that she conveys to the young children who participate in and watch her Saturday morning TV show. She sold CDs of her songs. The Education Department awarded numerous scholarships throughout the year utilizing the interest generated from the scholarship endowment funds. The Scholarship Tea was held in April at the home of Mike and Kim Riley. Proceeds were contributed to the scholarship fund.

Arts Department. January, as always, was the time for participation in our very own Arts Festival. Arts, crafts, photography and literature were featured. Joel Adams, organizer of the Capitol Opera, shared the happenings and needs for opera in the Greater Raleigh Area. The Capitol Opera has several presentations each year at Jones Auditorium at Meredith College.

Public Affairs. A Cary policeman told us about how to ensure our safety in Cary as the speaker at the February meeting. He discussed the kinds of crime found in Cary. The Public Affairs Committee sponsored a meeting of the Chrysalis Woman's Club at the Women's Correctional Institution in February. Willa Brigham entertained at the meeting.

Home Life. During the March meeting Allen Reep, director of the Healing Place in Raleigh, told about the work of the organization in providing opportunities for recovering drug addicts and alcoholics. The group collects clothes and furniture and has a program to assist those in need. The members of the club contributed Christmas ornaments to be taken to the Salvation Army for families that had had fires. Members of the committee entertained and helped at the Parkway Retirement Home and the Adult Day Care at Kirk of Kildaire church,

Conservation. April. The Cary Woman's Club had a fantastic opportunity and beautiful weather when the Club scheduled its meeting at Hemlock Bluffs Nature Preserve. A guided tour by one of the naturalists of the nature trail and a walk-around tour of the facility was a pleasure to all. A picnic lunch followed.

2002 – 2003

The Club programs throughout this year were both entertaining and informative. The September kick-off found the executive board members presenting a "Through the Years" fashion show which was quite a "hoot" as members dressed up in the "Nines," "The Bag Dress" and more. A picnic style lunch was served.

International Affairs program featured two of our member's husbands, Bill Lefes and Dennis Barrett, who shared their experiences and observations during foreign service for the Federal Government in various parts of the world.

The Education Department featured a local author. Carolyn Booth, dressed in period attire and shared a reading from her book, BETWEEN TWO RIVERS.

The Arts Program presentation was on the art of flower arranging given by one of the floral artists at the A.C. Moore Store in Cary. The colorful yellow and white arrangement was donated to the Ways and Means Committee for the January Card Party. The Arts and Crafts Fair was held at the same time.

The Guardian ad Litem Program, an advocacy program for children caught up in the court system, was featured by the Public Affairs Department. Club members were told about the serious need for children's advocates.

Home Life brought to the group a presentation by a radiologist who gave a slide show and talk about the imaging process for defining the health of the heart and the arterial system. This is a new technique for assessing the health of the heart so that heart attacks and blockages can be treated early. Preservation of the water resources of our region was the topic of the Conservation Department's program.

Ways and Means had two card parties and sold pecans for generating money for the Club's benevolences and service projects.

A group of members visited the newly organized Chrysalis Woman's Club at the Women's Prison in Raleigh, and the Education Department held the Spring Scholarship Tea for the benefit of the scholarship programs. Many scholarships were awarded during the year. Operation Smile was supported by a monthly ticket sale for a drawing for a prize. The "good works" of the Departments and committees are too numerous to list.

In April, our 40th anniversary was celebrated with a special cake and other refreshments. The Christmas and the May Installation Luncheons were held at the Prestonwood Country Club. Pam Worth, District 6 President, was the guest speaker at the May Luncheon. She also installed the officers for the coming year.

2001 – 2002

July: Five members attended the summer 2000 + 1 Workshop in Burlington. As usual, it was packed with new information for the coming year. We are gearing up for the Centennial GFWC-NC year.

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August: An Executive Board meeting was held at President, Betty Rupp's house. Made plans for the September meeting. Also, Ways and Means had their meeting to finish planning for the Dessert/Card Party and Fashion Show which will be in September. This will take the place of participation in Lazy Daze.

September: This was the Executive Board's meeting. We had a "peppy" speaker who gave a presentation on "Does Your Wardrobe Fit Your Personality". Betty Rupp President awarded ribbons to those members who were having Milestone Membership Birthdays. The Board served a light luncheon to the members. Mary Bullard received a bouquet of flowers, as she has been a member of the GFWC for the longest number of years. We also voted and approved the Pecan Sales, Operation Smile Raffle, and a Fall Fling Card Party & Fashion as our fundraisers for this year.

October: The International Department had a wonderful speaker, Dr. Janice Bardsley, from UNC's Japanese History Department. The Topic of the presentation was "The Japanese Woman Today", mostly concerning the newest Japanese Princess. Our September Card Party was a huge success, netting approximately \$1200 and it will probably be repeated next year. Five members attended the District VI Fall Workshop at Meredith College.

November: The Education Department presented Mr. Walter Sherlin, Assoc. Superintendent for Operational Services for the Wake County School System, as our speaker for this month. Mr. Sherlin spoke on the benefits and disadvantages of the system. Laura Jones' granddaughter spoke to us about the Heifer Project.

December: We had our annual Christmas Luncheon at the Prestonwood Country Club. Mary Lib Trent, our Social Chairman, and her committee provided wonderful favors and entertainment. The Methodaires from the First United Methodist Church in downtown Cary performed. As usual, we rang the bell in front of K-Mart for the Salvation Army, raising over \$200 in the Red Kettle.

January: This month we had our Arts and Crafts Festival plus a delightful flute program by the Raleigh Flute Choir. The flute choir was composed of three women and one man. Very relaxing music while judging of the craft items took place in the back of the room. For the first time we had a story writing competition which Nell Meece entered and won. Her piece went on to win at the State level. Congratulations Nell! Our Annual Card Party was a financial success. A tasty luncheon was served and many door prizes were given away.

February: This month our club entered the 21st Century by going online with our own Web Page. We were very fortunate to welcome six new members at our Membership Tea. We increased our membership by 10% making us eligible to become a Centennial Club. The District VI Arts and Crafts Festival was held at Peace College. The Public Affairs Department presented a speaker whose topic was the Changing Demographics of Cary.

March: Five of our club members attended the Chrysalis Club at the Women's Prison in Raleigh. Our speaker, Sharon Greeson, discussed Stress Management for the Home Life Department. Jack Stone, founder of the Alliance Medical Ministry in Raleigh, gave a short talk on his ministry, which became one of our benevolences this year.

April: The GFWC-NC celebrated their One Hundred-Year Anniversary (1902-2002) this

month. We, too, celebrated by having a birthday party at our meeting with a large birthday cake and balloons. The Conservation Department presented our speaker, Jack Daumer from Wild Birds Unlimited. He discussed the Timid Bluebird, which we all enjoyed. Our Silver Scholarship Tea took place at the home of Daphne Ashworth and raised over \$1300 for scholarships.

May: Our annual Installation Luncheon was held at Prestonwood Country Club. Pat Davis, the newly installed State President conducted the installation of officers. This month we donated \$1700 to four charities. The Alliance Medical Ministry, Operation Smile, The Heifer Project, and the Salvation Army.

2000 - 2001

July: Five members attended the newly formed District VI Information 2000 workshop, which was held on July 15th at the Woman's Club of Raleigh. We are no longer District VIII. We had a wonderful luncheon, met many new people and attended four different workshops.

August: Our annual Lazy Daze fundraiser normally held in August had to be cancelled this year as our location was changed. We would have been out of the mainstream of traffic and in a very hot venue. The membership was happy with the Executive Board's decision.

September: Cleo Perry was our guest speaker for the meeting. Her topic was "Why Be a Club Woman?". Cleo is the GFWC-NC's Chaplain this year. Her speech was informative. After Cleo spoke the Executive Board provided a luncheon for the membership. We also voted to have a "silent auction" at Page-Walker as a fundraiser to replace Lazy Daze.

October: Sue Lefes, Chairman of the International Dept., introduced Ellen Baker, a professional educator/trainer, in cross-cultural affairs. Ms. Baker presented a program on "Cultural Differences and Similarities". Her topic was both interesting and informative. The hostesses for this meeting were the members of the International Dept. They provided foods from many different countries. The Lunch Bunch continued the international theme and ate at a Greek restaurant. Due to a lack of enthusiasm it was decided to cancel the silent auction.

November: We had a very distinguished speaker this month. Maryetta Jones, Chairman of the Education Dept. presented Dr. Maureen Hartford, newly installed President of Meredith College. Her topic was "Women in Careers". Meredith is now the largest woman's college in the southeast and it continues to grow. We also welcomed a new member, Harriet Griffen. Two policies were voted on and added to our Chapter's Bylaws under Policies and Procedures (#8 and #9).

December: Our Christmas luncheon was held at Prestonwood Country Club, it was a great success as we had sixty people in attendance. The luncheon buffet had numerous selections, and as usual, the dessert table was a hit with pecan pie and bread pudding. The dining room was beautifully decorated for the holiday and our members complemented the decor with their Christmas attire. The social committee provided gold-glitter decorated sand dollar Christmas ornaments as favors. The entertainment was a wonderful Christmas musical program.

January: Lillian Smith, Chairman of the Arts Dept., introduced Donna Hall from the Cary Visual Arts Organization as this month's speaker. Donna presented a slide show depicting the numerous pieces of artwork which have been added to the Cary landscape. Most of the art is sculptures; however, a few pictures have been painted by Olivia Scott on outside walls of several buildings in downtown Cary. Simultaneously our Arts and Crafts festival was being judged. The artwork consisted of entries from our club members, including photography, paintings, literature and other handcrafts. The blue ribbon winners from today's contest will go on to the district competition on February 17th at Peace College.

Our members are also busy preparing for our winter fundraiser, the annual card party to be held at the Kirk of Kildaire Church on February 1st.

February: This was a busy month. It started out with our annual card party, we were lucky this year as we had wonderful weather. The fundraiser was a great success. Almost 200 people attended and we made approximately \$2,500.00, which we donated to The Caring Place of Cary. Our speaker this month was Glen Lang, Mayor of Cary. He is a dynamic speaker and he informed us of the changes that his administration is making in our town. We all enjoyed listening to him. This month the District Arts Festival took place at Peace College in Raleigh. Several of our members won blue ribbons and their entries will go on to the State Arts Festival on March 17th in Winston-Salem at Salem College.

March: Our meeting took place at Sieman's. The Home Life Dept. presented the program. Sieman's is a European company, which develops medical equipment for hospitals all over the world. They produce mostly x-ray equipment which includes mammography machines, MRI machines, CAT scan equipment, etc. We were given a tour of their facility. It was an educational experience.

April: The Conservation Dept. provided our program. Ann Coughlin, Chairman of Hemlock Bluffs Preservation Society spoke on North Carolina trails. We learned that besides walking trails, there are rafting trails, bicycle trails, etc. We are very fortunate to have these trails and should take advantage of the many opportunities they afford. The second speaker, Marie Del Forge, Cary Water Conservation Dept. spoke about water conservation and she included several demonstrations.

May: Our annual May luncheon was held at Prestonwood Country Club and included Installation of Club Officers. Margot Murphy, State Chairman of Public Affairs, officiated at the installation. The new Executive Board consists of Betty Rupp, President; Laura Jones, Treasurer; Eleanor Hennis, 1st Vice President; Marg Hood, 2nd Vice President; Lou Laird, 3rd Vice President; Joan Becker, Corresponding Secretary; Nell Meece, Recording Secretary; and Linda Setliff, Parliamentarian.

June: Joe and Dorothy Schmelzeis planned to host our annual picnic at their home. Due to "Allison", a tropical storm, which started in the Gulf of Mexico and then came up the East Coast to North Carolina the picnic was cancelled. It was a disappointment.

1999 - 2000

July: Several members attended the Summer Institute at Meredith College and heard a very inspirational speech by NC Secretary of State Elaine Marshall.

August: We again manned a booth at Lazy Days, selling coffee and sweet rolls in the morning and cold bottled water, lemonade, cookies and pickles in the afternoon. This year we asked those who did not wish to make cookies to donate money for the ice instead. This proved to be a good idea. We cleared just under \$1000.

September: Just for a change of pace the Executive Board decided to have a fun get together with musical charades and an auction for our first meeting of the year. The Board also served a light lunch afterwards. This seemed to be enjoyed by everyone there. We welcomed three new members to the club.

October: John Sylvester, Jr., former East Asian Specialist with the Foreign Service, spoke to our club on the current problems and progress of countries in that part of the world. Day Trippers enjoyed lunch and a tour of Chapel Hill. We welcomed two more new members.

November: Our general meeting speaker was President Laura Carpenter Bingham of Peace College. She shared with us her vision of fulfilling the promise of this vibrant woman's educational institution. Salvation Army Christmas Stockings were distributed at this meeting. Our annual pecan sale was again a success. Books and donations were collected for "Libraries 2000" and for distribution by the Salvation Army.

December: We filled stockings, collected children's books and rang the bell as part of the Salvation Army Christmas program. Books and donations were also collected for the "Libraries 2000" GFWC project. Our Christmas luncheon was moved from the Prestonwood Country Club to St. Michael's Church, where we all enjoyed a great meal and the music of the Cary High School choral group. Three new members were welcomed.

January: The Arts Festival was filled with many wonderful projects done by our club members. As our program for the month the Vazques African-Caribbean Dance Company performed several spirited dances, introducing us to authentic music and dance of European and Afro-Caribbean origin.

The room for the card party was set up and almost 200 tickets had been sold when along came the snow of the century. We canceled the event and had to wait a week to completely take down all of the preparations. But, because many ticket buyers donated their money and many merchants allowed us to auction off their gifts we were still able to make considerable contributions to the selected charities.

February: Dr. Arthur Chrestakos, a retired OB-GYN doctor gave a most startling presentation concerning the explosion of the world population, including demographics and contributing factors. He is a member of the International Fellowship on Population and Development and travels throughout the world on their behalf.

The Home Life Department gave a Valentine party for the clients of Life Experiences, a fete which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who participated.

March: Our program was a narration and slide show on the Woman's Health Initiative presented by Carol Murphy of the UNC School of Medicine and Public Health. Several members visited the Parkway Retirement Home, playing bingo and serving refreshments. This is an ongoing project by the club, enjoyed by the residents and our members alike.

April: Tom Helms, Environmental Engineer with the EPA's Office of Air Quality and Standards at RTP, spoke about the changing air pollution of our surroundings and the effect on our health and quality of life. He mentioned simple things each of us could do to help maintain good quality air. We welcomed our 12 new members of the year.

May: Our installation of officers for the year 2000-2001 was held at Prestonwood Country Club. Cindy Godwin, Co-President of District VI served as installer. Each new officer was given a rose and an inspirational message.

June: Gail and Dave Grant hosted the June picnic at their new home. Members and their husbands and guests enjoyed good food and fellowship.

1999

January: The Arts Festival was held as a part of the January meeting. Visiting judges were present to decide the winning entries in the categories of needlework, crafts, visual arts and photography. To complete this arts program, NC artist Judy Crane shared slides of some of her work, and a spokesperson from the NC Ballet Company told us of this new cultural asset in our community.

The Card party was a great success. This year we used new facilities in the Kirk of Kildaire Presbyterian Church. The kitchen was wonderful, and the dining hall provided much needed room and better acoustics. We received many compliments on the food and the ambiance.

February: At this meeting we gave \$1,200 each to INTERACT and our Continuing Educator Scholarship from the profits of the card party. Alan Gyllenhaal, Associate Editor of *The News and*

Observer, spoke about the current news media in general and specifically newspaper reporting and editing.

March: In March the Home Life Department invited representatives from the Division of Services to the Blind to share information about classes offered to visually impaired individuals in our community. Also proposed revisions to our constitution and bylaws were distributed to members. Plans for the Scholarship Tea were announced. Several members of our club visited the Chrysalis Club at the N.C. Correctional Center for Women.

April: Kate Dixon of the Triangle Land Conservancy spoke on the mission of this organization and thanked our club for its past financial support. Officers for the 1999-2000 year were elected. Recommendations for revisions to the constitution were voted on and accepted. On April 22 the Third Annual Scholarship Tea was held at the home of Tom and Mary Kaye Wilson with our scholarship winners Julia Williams and Adam Belanger attending.

May: Officers for 1999-2000 were installed by Margot Murphy at our May luncheon meeting held at Prestonwood Country Club. It was announced that over \$1,000 had been added to our scholarship fund following the Tea. Benevolences were distributed to the following organizations - Hospice, Meals on Wheels, and the Dorcas Shop.

June: The June picnic was held at the home of Dave and Gail Grant. This was a delightful evening, enjoyed by members and their husbands.

1998

January: Happy Birthday to us! We are 35 years old this month. The hostesses for the month provided a cake and decoration. Cary's Cultural Arts Supervisor, Sara Sheffield, spoke to us and then Pete Turner, a nationally known artist and illustrator, gave a presentation of his work. In addition to all this, we had our annual Arts Festival with a lot of wonderful displays of talent. Later in the month the Card Party was a financial success, as usual. Over \$2,000 was raised, and everyone had a lot of fun.

February: This was a most interesting program presented by the Public Affairs Department. Dr. Fred DeJarnette, Head of the Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Department and founding Director of the Mars Mission Resource Center, presented *Exploring the Next 500 Years*.

March: Elizabeth McPhaul-Moore was the guest speaker for the Home Life Department. Her topic *Stress Management through Humor* was a lot of fun and very relaxing! Lee Thorp, as chairman of the Membership Committee, hosted an orientation session at her home. At least seven new members were present as were Department Chairmen and Officers. The new members received a strong grounding in past history, present goals and an awareness of our Club's aims and goals.

April: Election of officers was held after an overview of the Neuse River Basin presented by Mr. Mitch Woodward, Program Coordinator at the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service. He also discussed a new lawn conservation program. Benevolences totaling over \$1500 was voted for three charities C Prison Match, Triangle Land Conservancy and the Helping Hand Mission. The Second Annual Silver Scholarship Tea by the Education Department was held at the home of Daphne Ashworth on April 23. Over \$1400 was raised for the Scholarship program.

May: The annual Spring luncheon and installation of new officers was held at the Prestonwood Country Club after a delicious buffet. The Social Committee has done its job well.

June: The annual picnic was hosted by Joan Becker at her home. Husbands are invited to this, and everyone brings a dish to share. What a wonderful way to end the Club year!

July: Eight members attended the Summer Institute at Meredith College.

August: Our booth at the Cary Lazy Daze Festival was a popular gathering place, serving rolls and coffee in the morning, and lemonade, cold bottled water, and homemade cookies the rest of the

day. Again we were able to make around \$2,000 profit. Thanks to Linda Fowlston a new Cary Woman's Club banner was on display at the booth.

September: Karen Metzguer, volunteer speaker for the Special Olympics 1999, spoke on the significance of the Special Olympics and the need for volunteers before and during the games. The new yearbooks in the 8 1/2" by 11" size were distributed and met with approval especially since the newsletters may also be kept in the same notebook. The Education Department announced that it has awarded two \$500 continuing education scholarships.

October: The speaker for the October meeting was Rod Brooks who told us about EXPLORIS, the new global learning center in downtown Raleigh which is due to open in 1999. The club members continue to deliver Meals on Wheels, visit the rest home, provide birthday parties for the Total Life Center, and sell pecans as part of our fund raising activities. A new *fun* group has been started -Day Trippers.

November: The Education Department brought us Betsy Thigpen, Gov. Hunt's Director of Smart Start, who enlightened us about this program and its impact on our state. Salvation Army Christmas stockings were distributed, and members signed up for bell ringing.

December: The Christmas luncheon was held at the Prestonwood Country Club. We were entertained by the Cary High School Choral group. Tickets for the Annual Card Party were enclosed with the newsletter and sign-up sheets were passed around to complete the plans for this event.

1997

January: The meeting was canceled due to bad weather. The annual card party was held on schedule with over 50 club members taking an active part in accomplishing the work. The profit was approximately \$2,000.

February: The Public Affairs Department yielded to the Arts Department in order for Dr. C.G. Zig of UNC to speak on the history of folk pottery in NC. This was the program canceled in January. Instead of the usual Arts program, members were asked to bring special art objects to share.

March: Another fund raiser was held at this meeting. A *not so* silent auction was a lot of fun. Dr. Frank Wilson of UNC spoke on the relationship between medicine and the liberal arts as a part of the Home Life Department's presentation. This is a busy group. They hold bingo games and birthday parties for the elderly several times during the year. The annual meeting of the Chrysalis Club of the NC Correctional Facility for Women was held. Refreshments were served and a craft project was completed. An orientation program in the middle of the month was attended by new members.

April: The Conservation Department presented Dr. Linda Little speaking about the North Carolina Museum of Natural Science exhibit *Nocturnal Life Research Station*. Representatives from the Food Bank of North Carolina and Warmth for Wake were each given a \$1000 check from proceeds of our January Card Party. A Scholarship Endowment Fund Tea was held during the month to benefit the Education Department's scholarships.

May: The annual installation Luncheon buffet was held at Prestonwood Country Club. Sharon Greeson, president of District VIII, conducted the installation of officers. Our membership drive was extremely successful. Twenty-one new members joined from June to April - an increase of 30 percent.

June: Members and their spouses and guests gathered at the home of Gail Grant for a wonderful picnic. This activity is a success every year.

August: Our Lazy Daze booth was very successful again this year in spite of a location change. The worry had been that no one would find us since we were not on the street as in years past. But

we were right by the children's entertainment stage and the people flocked right by us and bought lots of our products.

September: The Public Affairs Department (postponed from February) presented Scott Ramage, of the Cary Planning and Zoning Department with an informative discussion for us. Mrs. Julene McPhaul, Immediate Past President of the NCFWC, conducted a leadership workshop. The Scholarship Endowment Fund continues to grow with donations coming in.

October: Our Club continues to be very active and involved. The Home Life Department visits the Parkway Retirement Center several times a year for Bingo games. They also celebrate birthdays several times a year at the Total Life Center Day Care. Meals on Wheels volunteers deliver lunch once a month to home-bound people. Christmas stockings are filled; kettle bells are rung, and children's books are delivered to the Salvation Army for the Holidays. The Book Club meets once a month. Pecans are again being sold for the holidays. This is a successful fund-raiser for us. The International Department asked Betty Mangum, a Lumbee Indian and one of our members, to be our guest speaker on North Carolina Native American Culture. She was very knowledgeable about her subject and quite interesting.

November: This is Education Month. Melinda Bisset, Director of Admissions at the new Cary Academy, told us all about the new facility. Sign-up sheets for baking and working were passed around for the January Card Party fund-raiser.

December: Prestonwood Country Club was the site for our Christmas meeting and luncheon. The Social Committee does a splendid job of setting this up. The stockings for the Salvation Army were collected for delivery.

1996

January: Our annual bridge party was held to benefit the Scholarship Fund, the Hemlock bluffs Preservation Society, and the Cary Woman's Club General Fund B we netted \$2000. The general meeting was canceled due to bad weather.

February: The Arts and Crafts festival produced 15 Blue Ribbon winners. Cary Woman's Club Scholarship winners were Brad Tally B \$1700, and Christopher Neal B \$1000.

March: Public Affairs arranged for Carla Suitt from SHIP to speak on seniors' health insurance information.

April: Home Life presented Ann Mullin who spoke on Life Empowerment, Tutoring and Training, a reading tutorial program for women incarcerated in N. C. Correctional Institution for Women. Also, Dione Cheery spoke about the regulatory activities of the N.C. Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources. Members of the club attended the NCFWC convention.

May: Our installation luncheon was held at Prestonwood Country Club with entertainment provided by the Harmonettes. Julene McPhail installed the new officers. Members attended the annual convention in Winston-Salem.

June: Our June picnic with invited guests was held at the home of Dick and Irene Robinson.

August: The Lazy Daze Festival was a dazzling success this year. Over \$2,000 was made for the day. New additions this year were dill pickles, popcorn, and bottled water along with the traditional cookies, tea, and lemonade.

September: A membership drive was announced by the Executive Board. Jane Farmer Paige, editor of The Cary News was the guest speaker. The members shared stories of Hurricane Fran B good and bad. A game was played using colored beads to discern the personalities of members.

October: The International Department presented Braima Moiwai with stories of the role of women in his homeland, Sierra Leone, West Africa. New crop pecans were on sale for the Holidays. This is a good fund raiser for the club.

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November: Tom Moore, Director of the Wake County Library Association, gave a funny and informative talk courtesy of the Education Department. A book tree was established to allow members to recommend good reading. Books will be collected for the Salvation Army Christmas program. The Education Department inaugurated the Cary Woman's Club Scholarship Endowment Fund to expand the Club's present scholarship program. Special guest Daphne Ashworth kicked off the Fund with a special contribution.

December: The Christmas meeting was held at the NCSU Faculty Club. The Farmington Woods Elementary Bell Choir provided entertainment. Christmas stockings were filled with goodies and collected for the Salvation Army.

1995

January: We raised \$2100 from our card party benefit for Habitat for Humanity. The Arts Department presented a program on flower arranging.

February: Home Life department provided a birthday party for seniors at Kirk of Kildaire and a Valentine dance for Life Experiences. Jane Feathers from the Consumer Protection Division of the Attorney General's office gave an informative program. Members won eight 1st place ribbons at the District Craft show. Education Department announced the scholarship winners \$1,500 for Fan Smith and \$700 for Natalie Card; Merit of \$500 to Elizabeth Laing; HOBY of \$165 to Kristen Winters.

March: Darlene Gardner from Lovely Lady specialty shop spoke on Women and Breast Cancer in the 90s. Throughout the year our women continued to meet in groups, i.e. bridge, book club, gourmet club.

April: A tour of the Cary/Apex water treatment facility was sponsored by the Conservation Department. Members wrote letters on behalf of the Wake County Library to promote and accomplish the donation of an encyclopedia program for the library.

May: Our May meeting was held at Prestonwood Country Club - new officers were installed. The Club donated \$1600 in benevolences as a result of our fund raising, excluding our donation to Habitat for Humanity.

June: A picnic was held at Gail Grant's home for members and guests.

July: District VIII meeting was held at Meredith College, hosted by our club and the Cary Junior Woman's Club.

August: Members staffed our Lazy Daze booth and sold lemonade, tea, cookies, and coffee. Cold weather affected the sales. We raised \$500 after expenses.

September: The Cary Woman's Club CIP Committee was successful in starting the Hemlock Bluffs Preservation Society. Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws were written. Member Willa Brigham presented a program of poetry and performance.

October: Lucia Safren of the Wake County Literacy Council spoke to the membership at the request of the Education Department. We collected children's books for the Salvation Army distribution program. Heather Leonard and Melissa Mitchell won our continuing education awards. The Home Life Department held a bingo party for the Cary Parkway Retirement Center. They also held a birthday party at the Kirk of Kildaire. Members attended the District VIII Annual Meeting at Meredith College.

November: The International Affairs Department invited Jeff Mann from the North Carolina Center for International Understanding and Ken George from Cary Sister Cities to our meeting. A buffet luncheon of international foods was provided by the membership. A total of \$1126.45 was earned from pecan sales.

December: Our luncheon was held at Prestonwood Country Club. Entertainment was provided by the Harmonettes. Members rang the bell and brought filled stockings for the Salvation Army.

1994

January: Year began with the Bridge Benefit for the Scholarship Fund. Arts Department presented Arts Festival program of arts and crafts submitted by members. Dwayne Raver gave a talk on Cary Arts Council. The Judy Smith Dancers presented a very nice exhibition. Home Life Department prepared dinner for the Caring Place.

February: Mr. Milton Douglas of the Caring Place Transitional Housing Program spoke. A new members Orientation was held at Margaret Williams' home. Club participated in District VIII Arts Festival. Blue ribbons were won by Mary Bullard, Marion Daugherty and Willa Brigham. They will compete at the State Level in March.

March: Angela Nunn, Program Director of the North Carolina Correction Center, spoke about volunteer activities at the Center. Sally Southall Cotten scholarships were presented to High School Seniors B \$1500 to Melissa Godwin of Athens Drive High School who also won District VIII competition; \$700 to Dawn Mackey of Apex High School; and \$500 to Jerrilyn Cvetnicanin of St. Mary's.

April: The Conservation Committee took us on a wonderful outing at Hemlock Bluffs with informative tour led by Mark Johns. Bag lunches for the group were provided by the committee. Margaret Williams, Hattie Beck, Dorothy Schmelzeis, Colleen Krogh and Sue Scott attended the NCFWC Convention at the Marriott in Raleigh. Serving as judges for the XYZ Easter Hat contest were Judy Carroll, Nancy Gilbert and Marian Mengel.

May: Cleo Perry, District VIII President, installed the new officers. Those present at the meeting contributed to a salad lunch organized by the Social Committee. Angi Hall presented a program of her writings. The high school scholarship winners attended and were introduced.

June: The annual picnic for members and their spouses was held at Gail Grant's home.

July: Club members attended District VIII Summer Institute.

August: The Ways and Means Committee sold cookies and lemonade at the Lazy Daze Festival.

September: Two members of the Shrine Project presented a program concerning their support of the Children's orthopedic hospitals and burn centers. Rainbow the Clown told about his adventures as a clown for the Raleigh Shriners.

October: The International Department invited Kenneth George of the Cary Sister City Program to speak. Members attended the District VIII meeting on October 21 at Meredith College.

November: The Education Department arranged for Mr. George Wilson to speak about grand parenting in these times. Donations of food were collected for the Dorcas Shop.

December: Our Christmas luncheon was held at the Faculty Club with Buddy West leading us in singing Christmas carols. Members participated in several Christmas projects for the Salvation Army. Members visited the Chrysalis Club at the Woman's Prison.

1993

January: Year began with first meeting at Page Walker Hotel which coincided with Club's 30th birthday. Past Presidents were honored with corsages and birthday cake. Old club scrapbooks were on display. Tim Brown, Cary's greenway planner, gave a slide presentation on the nation's first greenway made from recycled products. A fun auction of Christmas gifts was held also. The card party and luncheon was a huge success and raised \$1900 for the Cary Rescue Squad.

February: The arts festival was held at the general meeting, and seven entries went on to District VIII. All won blue ribbons there. Brenda Bruce, concert pianist, and Jane Smith, author-speaker, presented the program. An orientation for new members was held at Margaret Williams' home with Betty Tobert, executive secretary of NCFWC, invited to share information on NCFWC

procedures, policies and history. Great Decisions discussion groups began. A second club bridge group was started.

March: Citizens Against Crime, the March program, gave information on protecting person and home. Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership scholarship winners announced B Aimee Grzybowski and Stephanie Leigh Cook. Two blue ribbon winners at NCFWC Festival.

April: Home Life Department hosts General Meeting B Elizabeth Friedrich, nutritionist, spoke on sensible diets and answered questions. Four members attended NCFWC Convention in Greensboro. Club awarded overall Education Department Award and was 1st runner-up in the overall and Safety Division in Public Affairs.

May: A pot luck salad luncheon was held at the Page Walker Hotel. The entertainment was provided by the Cary Singers. Special guests included Sarah Daniel, District VIII treasurer, Pat Davis, former District VIII president, and scholarship students. Installation of officers. Sue Scott presented Lynn Williams, formerly of the Cary News, with the NCFWC Award for Outstanding Journalism.

June: Pot luck picnic at Gail Grant's home. Great fun, bad storm, no lights!

July: District VIII Summer Institute held at Meredith College in Raleigh. Nine club officers and department chairmen attended.

August: Participation in Lazy Daze with members selling lemonade, tea and cookies. Club purchased canopy for booth.

September: Mint Julep, a local ladies' upscale retail store, conducted a fashion show. Pecans were ordered for the usual Ways and Means project.

October: The International Affairs Department hosted the general meeting featuring Wa-el and Rifaat Masri speaking on Life in the Historic Fertile Crescent and Peace in the Middle East. The refreshments featured Lebanese foods provided by the guest speakers. Town Councilman Jack Smith spoke on Cary's Sister Cities program. Members also toured Trans World Radio's headquarters in MacGregor Park. Sue Scott, Colleen Krogh, Nancy Gilbert and Muriel Roberts attended the District VIII Fall Meeting in Garner. Home Life Department received The District VIII Award for best programs and projects.

November: Margaret Maron, well-known mystery writer, spoke at the general meeting. Club members brought children's books for distribution to Walnut Terrace residents. Eight members attended an evening meeting of the Chrysalis Club at the Women's Correctional Center providing a Mary Kay demonstration and refreshments. Members filled Christmas stockings for the Salvation Army's toy distribution program. Gail Grant and Sue Scott represented the club in Cary's Band Day Parade.

December: The Christmas meeting was held at the Faculty Club at NC State. Entertainment was provided by the IBM Chorale. Members rang bells for the Salvation Army at Kroger's and assisted with toy distribution at the Salvation Army's community building. The club also collected and distributed toys for Quincy's Wishing Tree project.

1992

January: Guest speaker for the general meeting was Dr. Isabella Canon, former Mayor of Raleigh, who spoke on Raleigh's upcoming Bicentennial Celebration. Monthly birthday party for the Total Life Center was held by Home Life Department. Annual card party and luncheon benefit for the Cary Rescue Squad netted \$2,000 with 173 tickets sold. Thirty-two local businesses donated gifts and food. Gourmet luncheon group started.

February: Valentine's Day dance hosted by Home Life Department for Life Experiences. Two personal shoppers from Hudson-Belk demonstrated clothes and accessories for the General Meeting. Eight weeks of *Great Decisions* group commenced.

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March: Public Affairs Department hosted General Meeting with speaker from INTERACT, an organization helping victims of domestic violence. Linens and supplies collected at meeting for donation for agency's shelter. The recipient of the Hugh O'Brian Leadership Training scholarship spoke on experiences at the seminar. CPR classes conducted for eight members at Jordan hall.

April: Club members attended a luncheon and tour at the NC Museum of Art. Home Life Party at Chatham Rest Home. Convention begins at Holiday Inn at Research Triangle Park. Club members were in charge of the reservations desk for three days. Twenty members attended convention.

May: Luncheon at Jordan Hall. District VIII President conducted installation of officers.

June: Social for members, husbands and guests held at the Page Walker Hotel. Refreshments served on the patio followed by dinner B a lovely evening!

July: Eleven members attended the District VIII Summer Institute in Gulf.

August: Lazy Daze booth sold cookies, lemonade and ice tea. Muriel Roberts made and donated a lovely wreath which was raffled.

September: Julene McPhaul, NCFWC President-elect, spoke at a General Meeting on the importance of membership. Cleo Perry, District VIII Vice-President, talked about two literacy projects of NCFWC and GFWC. A luncheon hosted by the Board followed.

October: The club ordered pecans to sell for ways and means project. John Kirch gave a slide program of hiking the Machu Pichu Trail, an Inca path to the mountain top city. Beth Walker, NCFWC Chairman for International Understanding, spoke about the SERV, a self-help handicrafts program for second and third world countries. Club members supported project by ordering from catalogues.

November: Program by Education Department. Bobby Wagoner, Director of Elderhostel at UNC, showed video program. Anna Keller, former Dean of Admissions at NCSU, spoke on the Encore program for citizens over fifty-five years. Canned goods were collected for the Dorcas Shop. Children's books were collected and donated to Walnut Terrace. Members assisted the Salvation Army by interviewing needy applicants for their Christmas food and toy giveaways.

December: Busy month. Club participated in toy distribution for Salvation Army and Quincy's Restaurant Christmas Wishing Tree project. Presents of toys and clothing were brought to Quincy's by patrons. Club members collected, sorted and delivered the gifts to twelve of the areas' needy families at Christmas time. Club members rang the bell at K-Mart. General Meeting was a luncheon at Prestonwood Country Club. The Farmington Woods Handbell Chorus performed.

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1990

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February: Public Affairs program on the U.S. Constitution. Valentine party by Home Life Department for Life Experiences. Student literature contest held by Art Department.

March: Home Life program on facilities and care available for the aged. Nominations presented for new Board members.

April: International Department held meeting at WRAL B studio and garden tour included. Lunch at Indian Restaurant. Election of new officers. NCFWC Convention in Winston-Salem. Centennial gavel purchased in memory of club member, Marge Oleson. Scholarship Ball held at Marriott Hotel.

May: Installation of officers by District VIII Officer, Betty Tobert, at Prestonwood Country Club. Luncheon and student music program.

June: End of year celebration BBQ supper by O.T.'s with husbands and guests at Montague's Lake B 43 members present.

August: District VIII Summer Institute held at Raleigh Woman's Club. Nine members from our club attended. Participated in Lazy Daze B sold cookies, lemonade and tea and club \$1,337.40.

September: Opening meeting B Susan Hester (Director of Volunteer Services at Wake Medical) was the speaker.

October: Betty Owen (one of our own members) was the speaker on *Emerging Issues*. District VIII meeting at Roxboro B four members attended.

November: District VIII meeting at Rocky Mount B three members attended. Dr. Milner, podiatrist, showed slides and talked on common foot problems associated with walking and exercise. Members selling pecans for operating expenses.

December: Rang bell for Salvation Army at local store (\$500). Christmas Luncheon at MacGregor Downs Country Club. Kathryn Bundy (a Costume and Historic Interpreter) talked about Christmas a century ago.

1989

January: Benefit card/board game and luncheon for Ronald McDonald House earned \$1,200 B chaired by Joan Tolley and Serena Lavin. Back Yard Habitat program by Conservation Department.

February: Valentine party for Life Experiences. Art Festival (Art, Literature, Music) competition. Our literature winner was also selected as State winner.

March: District and State awards were numerous for our club members at the Art Festival, Peace College and Winston-Salem. Education from N. C. State spoke on their unique scholars' program..

April: Orientation for new members at Mary Lou Clark's home B nine people attended. Museum of History tour N.C. First Ladies' gowns and quilt exhibit. Capitol City Club luncheon. Election of officers. Scholarship Ball, Prestonwood Country Club, earned approximately \$9,000. Twenty-five members shared in the planning and work.

May: Club officers installed by Marion Daugherty, Charter Member and Past President. Luncheon at Harbor Island Restaurant. Four scholarship recipients were our guests.

July: District VIII Summer Institute held in Garner. Past president's luncheon to discuss long-range planning and club's direction.

August: Participated in Cary's Lazy Daze. Sold lemonade and homemade cookies as a Ways and Means project.

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September: Opening meeting speaker B Council Woman Melba Sparrow. Yearbooks distributed to members. Budget presented and voted on. Board members and Department Heads introduced, with a brief biography on each to acquaint membership. Voted on our fund raising projects B pecan sale, benefit luncheon and scholarship ball.

October: Speaker from the Laubach Tutoring Method. Tea held for prospective members with their sponsors. Fall District VIII meeting held in Durham. Education Committee selected scholarship recipients.

November: Conservation program on Cary's recycling by Kim Fisher, Director of Public Works. Our members served as hostesses for Interacts' House Tour. Members sold their pre-ordered pecans for operating expenses.

December: Rang Christmas Bell for Salvation Army at local shopping mall (\$530). Christmas luncheon and music program at Jordan Hall. Quincy's Restaurant sponsored a *Wish List* on Christmas tree, names provided by our club for needy children (included Lake Waccamaw Boys' and Girls' Home).

1988

January: Celebrated our 25th anniversary. Mayor Booth read proclamation to honor our club. A *short story* and early history of Cary Woman's Club was presented by Charter member Marion Daugherty. An unusual and unique fashion show was narrated by guest, Dot Secrest, and models (our members who were probably teenagers in the turbulent sixties) were convincing in >60 fashions. We received 25th anniversary certificates from GFWC and NCFWC.

February: Local Arts Festival held at South Hills. District Festival at Peace College: Won ten blue ribbons. New member orientation.

March: State Arts Festival, Winston-Salem: Won four blue ribbons. The Home Life Department gave program at Woman's Prison. Our annual pecan sale profit is \$859.

April: New club officers elected. A reception for Scholarship Ball Grand Patrons and Scholarship recipients held at Wimbledon Clubhouse. The Ball made over \$11,000.

May: New club officers installed by District VIII President at luncheon meeting held at Jordan Hall. Luncheon was planned and prepared by Serena Lavin, Joan Tolley and committee. Scholarship winner, Elizabeth Bass, was our guest and club members presented her with *going away to college* gifts.

June: End of year picnic supper at Ann Sussenguth's with husbands and guests.

July: District VIII Summer Institute North Raleigh Woman's Club. Eight of our member attended workshops. Deli luncheon organized by Serena Lavin for outgoing President Jean Summers. Twenty-five attended.

August: Participated in Lazy Daze. Sold lemonade and cookies as Ways and Means project. Betty Strong chaired the event.

September: Opening meeting had motivational speaker, Jack Hester. Fall District Luncheon at Jordan Hall B chaired by Jane Bland with Marion Daugherty, Muriel Roberts, Serena Lavin and Joan Tolley. NCFWC President Kathy Grubbs addressed the meeting.

October: Cary High School teacher, Linda Gunter spoke on the Electoral College. Education Department selected scholarship winners.

November: Sold pecans for our budget expenses. Holiday baskets for needy from Home Life Department.

December: Rang the Christmas bell for Salvation Army at a local mall. Earned \$500. Christmas luncheon at Jordan Hall. Hostesses set tables with varied dinnerware, silver and Christmas cloths each unique. Chaired by Serena Lavin and Joan Tolley. Entertainment by High School Choral

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group, *Kids from Cary*. Lake Waccamaw Boys and Girls Home received a Christmas stocking filled with money from the membership. Presents from Home Life Department taken to nursing home.

1987

January: Celebrated Club 24th Anniversary. Eleven new members installed. Benefit Card Party held at Jordan Hall for Ronald McDonald House in Chapel Hill. Board of Trustees held first meeting and decided terms of office and elected officers.

February: Arts Festival held at Cary Arts Center jointly with Cary Jr. Woman's Club. Home Life held a Valentine's party for Life Experiences. Past International President of Woman's Club, Juanita Bryant, presented program. Mark Allen Gracie selected as Hugh O'Brian scholarship student.

March: Orientation for new members was held at home of Jane Bland. Colleen Krogh installed new officers of XYZ Club and presented birthday plants.

April: Scholarship Ball Reception held at MacGregor Downs Country Club to Honor Grand Patrons and scholarship winners. Home Life gave program for Chrysalis Woman's Club at Women's Prison.

May: Spring luncheon and installation of officers held at Ballentine's Cafeteria. Anniversary Ball held at Raleigh Marriott Hotel for Scholarship Fund. Jean Summers named *Woman of the Year* by club. Three members attended NCFWC State Convention in Greensboro. Home Life took Howard's Rest Home residents to lunch at McDonald's.

June: End of Club Year Picnic Supper at home of Betty Gibson and Edith Perry.

July: Members prepared and served lunch to the Olympic Archery Team at East Cary Junior High School. District VIII Summer Institute at Fuquay-Varina B our club received Honor Roll Certificate.

August: Cary Lazy Daze: Sold lemonade and cookies and chances on beautiful painting donated by member, Margaret Dotson.

September: Adopted Cary Woman's Club seal designed by Marion Daugherty. Our scholarship for a high school student increased to \$1,500.

October: District VIII meeting in Chapel Hill. Received Kay Holoman award for Education Department, first runner-up for Newsletter, first runner-up for President Award, second runner-up for Public Affairs. Co-sponsored *Meet the Candidates Night* at Town Hall. Donated Sallie Southall Cotten book to library.

November: Education Department selected HOBY winner: Jeffrey Mark Nelson, Apex Senior High School.

December: Money and food donated to Dorcas Shop for holiday basket for needy family; manned Salvation Army kettle at local K-Mart; delivered gifts to Howard's Rest Home

1986

January: Celebrated 23rd Anniversary of Cary Woman's Club. Participated in Stork Brigade for Children's Home Society. Presented Hugh O'Brian Leadership Scholarship to Apex High School sophomore, Gay Marie Benevides. Multiple Sclerosis workshop held at Cary Library.

February: Valentine's Party held for Life Experiences. Held Cary Arts Festival with Cary Junior Woman's Club at Cary Library. Junior high and high school students participated in literature and art categories. Amy Mills, a senior at Apex High School, was awarded our college scholarship. Six members attended the District VIII Arts Festival at Peace College. Four blue ribbons were awarded to club members. Orientation for new members was held.

March: Hosted Chrysalis Club at Women's Prison. Participated in Page Walker Hotel Flea Market. Held a reception at MacGregor Downs Country Club for the twelve Grand Patrons of the

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Scholarship Ball and scholarship recipients. President installed new officers for the XYZ Club and plants were presented for their birthday celebration. Three members attended the State Arts Festival, and four members attended the Cary Arbor Day ceremony.

April: Scholarship Ball held at Marriott Hotel making \$11,000 for scholarship fund. Fifteen Howard Rest Home residents were taken to lunch at McDonald's in Cary. Four members attended NCFWC State Convention in High Point.

May: Installation luncheon held at MacGregor Downs Teen Room with District VIII President, June Adams, installing the officers. First Club Woman of the Year was awarded to Dorothy Schmelzeis. Gifts were brought for a shower for college bound scholarship winner.

July: Thirteen members attended District VIII Summer Institute in Wendell.

August: Lazy Daze booth B sold lemonade, cookies and quilt tickets. Visors donated by Serena Lavin and aprons by Colleen Krogh.

September: Marjorie Oleson passed away after falling from her bicycle. Memorials went to the Building Fund. Home Life took Chatham Creek residents to Bond Park for a picnic. Club adopted official seal for note paper designed by Marion Daugherty. Helen Goldstein gave *Kid's Cuisine* to club to sell at meeting. Florence Stikes donated two lace tablecloths to be used at meetings.

October: *The President's Bowl* was presented to the club in memory of Marjorie Oleson by Earleen Vannorsdal. A fund raiser was held at the Charlie Brown Dinner Theatre for the Page Walker Hotel. Quilt tickets were sold at N.C. State Fair. Eight members attended District VIII Fall Meeting. Jennifer True named Mature Woman Scholarship winner. Scholarships increased from \$350 to \$500 for mature woman and \$500 to \$1,000 for student.

November: Pecans sold for General Budget. Margaret Dotson nominated for Wake County Woman of the Year in Arts. Outer Banks Woman's Club presented *A Living History* commemorating North Carolina's 400th Anniversary. Thanksgiving food baskets were delivered to three families by Home Life. New Board of Trustees elected from past presidents.

December: Christmas luncheon at MacGregor Downs Country Club Teen Room. Gifts were exchanged and other gifts taken to Howard's Rest Home. Education Department took cookies to Cary High School for Teacher Appreciation Week. Executive Board held a tea for members and prospective members at home of Colleen Krogh.

1985

January: Cary Woman's Club celebrated 22nd Anniversary. Participated in Stork Brigade for Children's Home Society. International Department co-sponsored a pot luck supper for new international families in Cary with the N.C. State Host Family program at Jordan Hall. First Hugh O'Brian Leadership Scholarship presented.

February: Hosted Cary Arts Festival with Junior Woman's Club at Library. Eight members received blue ribbons to go to District VIII Arts Festival. Valentine Party held for Life Experiences. Orientation held for 15 new members. Ellen Everette awarded scholarship for college.

March: Cary Branch of Meals on Wheels began operation with our club responsible for first Tuesday and fifth Tuesday of each month. District VIII Arts Festival at Peace College presented blue ribbons to five members. Reception held at MacGregor Downs Country Club for Ball sponsors and scholarship winners. Home Life held a party for Chrysalis Woman's Club at Women's Prison. President installed new officers of XYZ Club and presented plant from club.

April: Club attended History Museum to see 400th Anniversary exhibition and held meeting at Capitol City Club with luncheon. Scholarship Ball held at Marriott Hotel with *Roaring Twenties* theme B netted \$8,000 for scholarship fund. Howard's Rest Home residents were taken to McDonald's for lunch. State convention held in Charlotte attended by two members. Received silver bowl award for Newsletter and silver plate award for Educational Enrichment.

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May: Officers installed at luncheon held at N.C. State Faculty Club by District VIII President, Mrs. Warren Wicker. A shower was held for scholarship student. A *Luau* was held at Ann Sussenguth's home for members and husbands. Benevolences totaled \$11,264. Addie Johnstone collected *Trash for Cash* for building fund. Book Club met each month enlarging its membership and knowledge. Bridge Club was formed B meets second and fourth Tuesday afternoons.

July: Twelve members attended District VIII Summer Institute in Roxboro.

August: Participated in Cary Lazy Daze with a booth selling lemonade, homemade cookies and quilt tickets.

September: Awarded Mature Woman Scholarship to Connie VanOosten.

October: Eight members attended District VIII Fall Meeting in Zebulon. Sold quilt tickets at the North Carolina State Fair. Took Chatham Creek Rest Home residents to Fred Bond Park for lunch and games. Toured the Shearon Harris Nuclear Plant. Conservation Department sold bulbs to members.

November: Made center pieces for tables for banquet and breakfast at Southeastern Conference of GFWC held in Raleigh at Marriott Hotel. President attended two sessions of the Southeastern Conference and State Mid-year Board. Pecans were sold for club general expense budget. Provided Thanksgiving baskets for three families with donations of food and money from members and local stores. Workshop held on making Christmas items. Peace Lily plant delivered to Apex High School teacher's lounge.

December: Christmas luncheon held at N.C. State Faculty Club with entertainment by harpist. Homemade gifts were exchanged between members. Gifts were taken to Howard's Rest Home and Chatham Creek Rest Home, along with fruit and candy donated by local grocery stores. The Board hosted a tea for members and prospective members. An annual Club Woman of the Year award was established to be awarded each May.

1984

Two hundred people attended Cary Arts Festival (21 blue ribbon winners in the Creative and Visual Arts Divisions went to District competition) ... Home Life Department sponsored workshop and panel addressing the needs of older parents ... Eugene Maynard was named 1984 scholarship winner ... Gloria Armour ran fashion show benefit for Tammy Lynn Center (profit for Center \$1,266.05) ... Took seven 1st place awards, five 2nd place at District Arts Festival (students took 1st and 3rd) ... Marjorie Oleson and Marion Daugherty won State awards at Arts Festival ... Gave six gardenia plants to XYZ Club for their anniversary ... Ruffled off quilt for profit of \$2,383.99 ... At our request, Mayor Ritter declared April 14 *Cary Anniversary Day* and April 8 - 14 *Cary Anniversary Week* ... Donated \$100 to Tree Fund to commemorate founding of Cary ... Held Cary Anniversary Ball at Marriott Hotel to benefit Scholarship Fund (net profit B \$5,800). Marj Oleson won Grand Prize at Ball ... Entertained residents of Howard's Rest Home at McDonald's ... Held first Croquet Tournament to benefit Fred Bond Park and Woman's Club Building Fund B net profit: \$94.20 ... Held reception in honor of Scholarship recipient at MacGregor Downs, invited past recipients as well ... Shirley Robertson, District VIII Vice President installed new officers at MacGregor Downs luncheon ... Outstanding recruitment efforts by Margaret Williams attracted twenty new members ... Membership Certificates were designed by Marion Daugherty and presented to 63 members ... We donated a total of \$10,266.25 to benevolences ... Participated in Cary Carolina Days having a flea market booth ... Ten members attended District VIII Summer Institute in Durham ... Participated in Cary Lazy Daze with a booth selling lemonade, cookies and quilt tickets ... Mayor's wife proclaimed an honorary member. First scholarship for woman returning to school presented ... Participated in Club-O-Rama held at South Hills Mall ... Workshops held at Chatham Creek Rest Home to help residents make place mats ... Ten members attended the District VIII Fall Meeting at

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Raleigh Woman's Club ... Newsletter received District VIII First Place Award ... Participated in the South Hills Mall Craft Fair selling quilt tickets ... Sold quilt tickets at the State Fair ... Apples presented to teachers at local school ... Reception held at First Methodist Church for visiting opera artist, Robert Galbraith, who was sponsored by the Cary Creative Arts Exchange ... Sold pecans. Christmas luncheon held at N.C. State Faculty Club with David Lee singing Christmas carols. Gifts brought for Howard's Rest Home.

1983

Celebrated 20th anniversary with year of celebration ... Special program in January at library honoring past presidents and charter members ... Artists in residence Ed Paolintino and Raymond Williams, jazz pianist and classical guitarist performed ... Held anniversary party at president's home B guests of honor were Mayor and Mrs. Bond; Mike San Filippo of Golden Corral; Mable Claire Maddrey, GFWC Chaplain; NCFWC President Mrs. K. Holoman and husband ... Held Anniversary Ball at Governor's Inn in April B theme international ... GFWC President Juanita Bryant, Honorary Chairman ... Netted \$3,775.85 for scholarship fund B purchased certificate; decided to start additional scholarship for technical student or woman returning to work ... Series of travelogues presented at library for public ... Sold pecans, made over \$600 ... CWC orientation held on Valentine's Day ... Member Deputy Sheriff Vicki Woodie presented program on crime prevention ... Cary Arts Festival ... District VIII Festival B three first place, four second place awards, five third place ... Hosted Valentine Party at Life Experiences ... Sponsored CPR course for members and public ... Conservation Department invited curator of NC Zoo to speak on Aviary ... State Arts Festival B two first place, two third place awards ... Moved roses from Memorial Garden to Town Hall ... Bird bath to Howard's Rest Home ... Five members attended convention at Raleigh Marriott Hotel ... Embassies loaned and donated flags for International Festival at Cary Village Mall B16 booths, 19 groups participated at International Festival ... International stories by members appeared in Cary News. Elliott Engle of N.C. State University presented a Dickens update ... We donated \$25 to Dickens' Fund ... Donated bird bath to Apex Nursing Home ... Flowers to XYZ Club on their 13th anniversary ... Benevolences: \$300 to town clock fund, \$55 to Federation Benevolences, \$50 memorials, \$60 to Cary International Clubs at Apex High School, \$25 to Apex High School Band for uniforms, \$25 to Apex band, \$500 to scholarship recipient, \$100 to GFWC Women's History and Resource Center, \$20 to Special Olympics, \$10 to N.C. Chapter Cystic Fibrosis, \$25 to Tammy Lynn Center for Retarded, \$50 to Nature Conservancy, \$25 to Friends of Cary Library ... Set aside \$150 for program to teach children the classics ... Donated \$100 to Rescue Squad, \$300 to Life Experiences, \$10 to Women's Center of Raleigh, \$25 to NC Zoo ... NCFWC President installed new officers at luncheon in teen room at MacGregor Downs ... Showered scholarship student, Jay Joyner of Cary High School, with going to college gifts ... CWC donated Audrey Waters Tray for District VIII International Award ... Betsy Yopp did dramatic readings of N.C. women poets ... Year-end party with spouses at Linda Setliff's ... Ended year with 53 members ... Held reception for Fred Bond, retiring mayor, and new mayor, Harold Ritter, and Town Council at Jordan Hall ... Judy Carroll started Woman's Club book club ... Helen Goldstein raised \$150 at Chamber flea market to purchase a globe for Cary Library ... Addie Johnstone headed Building Fund campaign with *Cash for Trash* campaign netting \$82.50 ... Hosted District VIII Summer Institute with Cary Juniors B 21 CWC members attended with 126 guests ... Audrey Waters donated the Silver Tray District VIII International Affairs award ... Held workshop for residents at Glenwood Hills Intermediate Care Home ... Two workshops in Hardanger embroidery were presented by Marion Daugherty ... Ivey's staged a VIP fashion show ... Betty Tobert and Dorothy Schmelzeis presented program on Federation and CWC ... Sandra Melton of Gazebo held hairstyling and makeup workshop ... Five members attended District meeting in Fall B Club

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newsletter won second place and Audrey Waters International Award ... Linda Setliff elected VP, District VIII ... Filled Christmas stockings for Salvation Army ... Sponsored with Wake Technical Institute a free concert of Clifford Tretick, flutist, and classical guitarist, Bill Carter ... Provided Thanksgiving basket for needy family ... Karen Hawksworth presented dramatic readings of Christmas ... Brought gifts to Howard's Rest Home ... International Affairs Department sponsored covered dish dinner for international residents ... Gave apples to teachers at Kingswood School ... Poinsettia plants and pansies sold by Conservation Department.

1982

January meeting snowed out ... Travelogue on Brazil ... Cary Arts Festival February 10 and 11 ... CWC and CJWC donated trees for library grounds ... Orientation at Gloria Armour's -special guest Kaye Holoman, NCFWC President Elect ... Needlepoint workshop by Lucille Coggin ... CWC building lot *squared off* by land swap with Allen family ... Visit to Chrysalis Woman's Club in March ... District VIII Arts Festival in Cary B four blue, four red ribbons for CWC, plus 1st runner-up for scholarship student Sharon Perkinson ... CWC nominee Helen Haft Goldstein selected N.C. Mother of the year ... Lib Womble and Lucille Jordan honored as outstanding church women ... Terrine Woodlief won first in Cary, and one of five outstanding senior citizens of N.C. ... CWC sponsored *How to Write Short Fiction* and *Graphic Design* through Neighborhood University Seminar Project ... XYZ Club celebrated 12th birthday ... Marj Oleson installed XYZ officers and took 10 plants as door prizes from CWC ... China painting workshop by Margaret Dotson ... State Arts Festival March 20 B one blue, one red, one white ribbon; District VIII entry won NCFWC Scholarship ... Spring luncheon for Howard's Rest Home residents in April at Mary Riddle's ... CWC had four at NCFWC Convention in Winston-Salem; District VIII member, Kaye Holoman installed as NCFWC President ... CWC brought home four awards: 1st for International Department B a silver tray, 1st for Newsletter B a silver bowl, 1st place certificate for CIP in District VIII, CGWC Road sign- a one-time award for membership improvement ... Helen Goldstein had food article published in Family Circle May issue ... International Heritage Celebration at Cary Mall on May 8 ... CWC installation lunch at Ballentine's ... CWC added \$450 to Scholarship Fund; sponsored N.C. Mother of the Year \$450; added \$300 to Building Fund; gave \$44 each to Cary Library, Cary Rescue Squad, and Life Experiences, Inc... Covered dish evening picnic with husbands in June ... Club year ended with 49 members ... Vicki Pediatatakis from National Art Interiors spoke on creating positive atmosphere in the home ... International Department member Ivana Palnar-Zaiko wore native dress and made song and slide presentation on native Czechoslovakia ... Six members attended District VIII meeting B Club won District VIII 2nd place award for Newsletter ... Conservation Department helped out at Nature Conservancy Open House ... Education Department B Apples to Henry Adams School in honor of Education Week ... Apex H.S. Wind Ensemble performed at Christmas party at MacGregor Downs ... Donated gifts to Howard's Rest Home ... Donated Thanksgiving basket to needy ... Club planted pansies throughout Cary ... Women's Center of Raleigh presented program ... Accessories Workshop presented by May-Tay dress shop ... Sold bread at meeting for Life Experiences ... Meet the Candidates forum sponsored with the Chamber of Commerce at Cary Library ... Ruffled off Lone Star Quilt as Ways and Means Project B earned \$1,800 ... Participated in Cary Band Day parade ... Members dressed in Brazilian, Japanese, and Moroccan costumes and rode on back of convertible ... Club became incorporated on December 6, 1982 B deed registered on December 8.

1981

Travelogue January 18 on Europe. Club sponsored movie *Charlotte's Web* on Teachers' Work Day January 26 ... Art Festival (local) and District Art Festival B seven 1st, five 2nd, one 3rd, and two

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members received blue ribbons at State Art Festival ... Travelogue at Cary Library in March on Japan ... Home Life Department trip to Apex to Life Experiences Bakery and the Woodworking operation ... Home Life B Women's Correctional Center with program by Jeanne Simpson giving demonstration on pastels ... XYZ Club celebrated 11th birthday with Marj Oleson installing their officers and presenting 11 plants. Scholarship given to Hope Buffington from Apex High School ... Home Life Department had Easter luncheon for Howard's Rest Home residents at club member's home ... Purse workshop sponsored ... Three members attended NCFWC Convention at Winston-Salem ... Pot luck luncheon held at Linda Setliff's. Year ended with 34 members. Helped Life Experiences, Inc. sell tickets for McDonald's in July ... Six members attended District VIII Summer Institute in Raleigh ... International Heritage Celebration in September at Cary Village Mall B our 4th ... Two members went to District VIII Fall Meeting in October at Fuquay-Varina ... Silk flower workshop by I.B. Hughes ... November travelogue on Central America ... Thanksgiving basket to needy family ... December covered dish meeting at Margaret Williams' ... Selling pecans and chances on quilt ways and means projects for year ... Members saving package labels and boxes which Addie Johnstone turned in for cash for club ... Fruit, candy and gifts to Howard's Rest Home for Christmas ... After suggestion to N.C. Department of Transportation by Cary Woman's Club, two traffic lights were installed on Walnut Street at Sturdivant Drive and Nottingham.

1980

In January, nine Home Life members in charge of refreshments and program for Chrysalis Woman's Club ... Cary Arts Festival February 6 ... Travelogue on Tunisia at Cary Library January 27 B 45 attended ... Seventeen members visited Life Experiences' Bakery February 20 B took refreshments for workers ... At District VIII Arts Festival March 1, we had three student and four club first place winners B one first place at NCFWC Festival ... Marj Oleson installed officers at XYZ birthday meeting and gave ten plants from Cary Woman's Club in honor of ten successful years ... Annual Spring Luncheon on April 1 for Howard's Rest Home residents at club members home B 15 club women helped ... Travelogue on Passion Play April 20 ... Three members attended NCFWC Convention in Asheville ... Won first place for International Policy and runner-up for overall work in Home Life B CIP entry-International Affairs Department, won Honorable Mention ... International Fair at Cary Village Mall May 17 B a great event ... Donated \$100 to Life Experiences and \$100 to Cary Rescue Squad ... Profits from International Fairs 1979 and 1980 of \$300 to Cary High School Foreign Language Department for student foreign travel aid. Five members attended Summer Institute at Goldston July 8 ... District VIII Fall meeting in Wendell October 15 ... Travelogue at Cary Library on Africa ... Bingo and hymn singing at Howard's Rest Home September 30 ... Margie Kelley passed away in September ... An apple for teachers of Cary Elementary sponsored by Education Department. Thanksgiving basket for needy family by Home Life Department ... Workshop for making poinsettia napkin rings. Three new members joined in December. Gifts taken to Howard's Rest Home along with fruit and candy.

1979

Travelogue on Greece presented at Cary Library in January by International Affairs Department ... Party taken to Howard's Rest Home ... Cary Arts Festival co-sponsored with Cary Juniors in February ... Home Life Department held *Family Crisis* two-day workshop with Cary Juniors ... Travelogue on Southwestern U.S. and Grand Canyon at library ... Two attended District VIII Arts Festival in Raleigh, March 3 ... We won 17 blue ribbons at local level and three first place at district level, done by I. B. Hughes. Ten potted plants taken to XYZ Club from us on its 10th birthday... Bridge benefit at Jordan Hall ... One member attended NCFWC Arts Festival ... Home Life provided macramé workshop and refreshments for Chrysalis Woman's Club at Correction Center ...

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Travelogue on Egypt, Jordan and Syria presented in April at Library ... Home Life gave Easter luncheon to 12 residents of Howard's Rest Home at Mary Riddle's home ... Seven attended NCFWC Convention at Royal Villa ... We won three state awards B 1st place Conservation, Energy Division, 1st place International Affairs Overall Department, 1st runner-up Home Life Overall Department ... In May, Mrs. Guy Mendenhall installed officers ... Birthday cards to residents of Howard's Rest Home all through year ... International Fair at Cary Village Mall a great success ... Club gave \$200 to Cary Rescue Squad, \$300 to Deloris Denise, N.C. State, our scholarship contestant ... June pot luck at Liz Wagner's ... Three members attended NCFWC Summer Institute in Greenville ... Eight were present at District VIII Summer Institute in Roxboro B Marj Oleson gave response to welcome ... At NCFWC Conservation Seminar in September, Cary Woman's Club Conservation Department was in charge of table decorations and favors. Nine of our members and guests attended ... Audrey Waters serving on hospitality committee of N.C. Council of Women's Organizations ... Linda Setliff is serving second year as NCFWC Literature Chairman and fourth year as District VIII Literature Chairman and Newsletter Chairman; Marj Oleson is in second year as District VIII Historian ... Three members attended District VIII fall meeting in Zebulon; Linda Setliff gave devotional ... Club *showered* scholarship recipient ... September Bingo Party for Howard's Rest Home with ice cream and cookies ... November workshop on bow making, Christmas arrangements and Santa's boot and also on making butter mints ... Pecan sales our ways and means fall project ... Apples to teachers at Cary High by Education Department ... Thanksgiving basket to elderly couple ... Ten members attended clinic on *Choking* sponsored by Home Life Department at Cary Rescue Squad Building ... Christmas gifts to Howard's Rest Home, and individual bags of fresh fruit ... *Cookie Bake* for 156 first graders at Cary Elementary, December 17 B seven members assisted in giving 10 cookies and candy cane to each child.

1978

Co-hosted annual Cary Arts Festival with Cary Juniors in February ... Our scholarship contestant, Susan Shearer won first place in District VIII competition ... Our club women won 10 first place awards in District Arts Festival ... Sponsored book drive for Cary Library ... Sponsored two travelogues in cooperation with library ... Valentine party for Sudie Jones Center ... Restored Post Office Memorial Rose Garden ... Two Arts Workshops ... Bridge Benefit in March ... Annual Dinner Dance Benefit proceeds into student fund ... Easter luncheon for Howard's Rest Home at Mary Riddle's ... New member orientation at Becki Canterbury's ... Members went on guided tour of Hemlock Bluffs ... Party for Juniper Cottage at O'Berry ... Stanley Party in honor of Juanita Bryant running for First Vice President of GFWC (she won!) ... Three members attended NCFWC Convention in Charlotte ... Held International Fair at South Hills Mall ... Ended 1977-78 club year with 50 members ... Donated \$50 to NC Zoo, \$100 to Cary Rescue Squad, and added \$300 to our Student Aid Fund ... Annual *Picnic & Planning* meeting in June ... One member attended NCFWC Summer Institute in Burlington ... Eight attended District VIII Fall meeting in Durham ... Arts workshop to make pussy willows and wool doll dusters held in October ... Home Life took party to Howard's Rest Home ... Members helped high schools with competency testing in November ... Public Affairs Department co-sponsored with Cary Police Department *Crisis and How to Cope* B a panel discussion at Cary Town Hall ... International Affairs Department sponsored a travelogue on Russia at Cary Library ... Two members attended United Nations Meeting at Meredith College ... Thanksgiving baskets to needy family ... Arts workshop on making bows and using corn husks ... Sold 1,200 pounds pecans ... Christmas gifts and poinsettias to Howard's Rest Home ... Sold CARE Christmas cards to members.

1977

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Home Life Department treated Howard's Rest Home to bingo and prizes in January. . Had Valentine Party for Sudie Jones Center in February ... Sponsored Arts Festival with Cary Juniors ... Brenda Lewis awarded Cary Woman's Club scholarship ... Had two successful bridge benefits ... Three club women attended NCFWC Convention in Winston-Salem ... Sponsored a Charity Ball for Cary Library ... Donated \$140 from club and members to Cary Rescue Squad ... Sent two O'Berry boys to summer camp ... Six attended District VIII Summer Institute in Raleigh... Three club women attended Hands-Up Crime Prevention Seminar at N.C. State University ... Cary Police Officer Jim Carver went as our guest ... Began fall meetings with 40 members ... Orientation held at Gini Ingram's in September ... Ice Cream Party at Joanne O'Rourke's for Howard's Rest Home residents ... Co-hosted District VIII Fall Meeting with Cary Juniors ... Marjorie Oleson and Linda Setliff served on the District level for 1976-78 ... Proceeds from bingo party in September together with those from Charity Ball plus members' donations enables us to match \$1,000 challenge of Terrine Woodlief for grand piano at Cary Library ... Four members were hostesses at the October 23 dedication of new Cary Library ... Sold 1,000 pounds pecans ... Home Life had Halloween Party for Sudie Jones Center ... Thanksgiving basket and clothes taken to needy family ... Two members attended meeting at Women's Correctional Center designed to stimulate interest in the Center and recruit volunteers ... Christmas Party and gifts for Howard's Rest Home residents ... Supported Padre Lumas project in Columbia, S.A... Purchased 12 CARE cards ... Two arts workshops ... *Arts Corner* display at general meetings ... Attended lecture on drugs at EPA.

1976

Members worked at Howard's Rest Home doing sewing, mending, letter writing, singing, playing bingo and providing refreshments. Sponsored a Bicentennial Music Fair at Cary Elementary auditorium for the town. The Cary Band, Cary Sweet Adelines, The Sir Walter Raleigh Barbershop Chorus, the Little German Band and Dancers, The Devine Light Rock and Roll Band, The Baptist Handbell Choir and The Cary Cross Trailers performed. Johnnie Hood of WPTF was emcee. Cary Mayor Fred Bond gave speech; Girl Scout Troop 76 did flag ceremony and made costumes. Proceeds to establish first local scholarship, library fund. Club women in costumes demonstrated colonial customs, songs, etc. at schools and Women's Correctional Center. Held International Dinner for foreign born residents, entertainment provided by the guests B Girl Scouts served. Sponsored Girl Scout Troop 76. Participated in Arts Festival with Junior Woman's Club. Five student entries won first place at District competition. Provided first Cary Woman's Club Scholarship to Page Hardison. Provided refreshments, bicentennial fashion show and made banner with Chrysalis Woman's Club. Six members attended NCFWC Convention in Raleigh. Won two awards: 1 B Overall International Work, 2 B Public Affairs: Crime Prevention and Juvenile Justice. Certificates for work at Women's Correctional Center and participation in Federation Projects. Club members made decorations for awards luncheon ... Sent two camp scholarships to O'Berry Center ... Held Bicycle Rodeo with Cary Recreation Department during World Bicycle Week. Four attended District VIII Fall Meeting in Chapel Hill ... Provided program and refreshments at Correctional Center for Women ... Sponsored International Picnic ... Thanksgiving Party for Sudie Jones Center and Christmas party for Howard's Rest Home ... Sponsored two speakers at Apex High and Cary High School ... Topic: *Power of Positive Thinking*.

1975

Provided program and refreshments for meeting at Correctional Center for Women in Raleigh ... Twenty-four bluebird houses built by Scout Troop 308 were put up at MacGregor Downs (where many blue birds are sighted) by Conservation Department ... Cary Arts Festival with Cary Juniors on February 18 ... Mary Beth Smithwick was club contestant for Sally Southall Cotten Scholarship

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... Lynn Gallup and Connie Hall from Cary High won first place at District Arts Festival for ceramics and sewing respectively, second place ribbons to one student and five club women, and third place ribbons to four students. Student Lynn Gallup won third place in ceramics at State Arts Festival ... Marj Oleson took five begonias to XYZ fifth birthday party and gave as door prizes from Cary Woman's Club. Replaced one rose bush in Memorial Garden at post office ... Workshop on bottle antiquing, Swedish embroidery, cake decorating, burlap bag making ... International Dinner Party at First Baptist Church on March 21 B local foreign born men and women invited and all brought favorite dishes ... recipe booklet to be distributed ... Workshop for favors for Howard's Rest Home ... Easter Party at Howard's Rest Home ... Flea Market held in April, proceeds divided between O'Berry Boys Camp and Girls Haven ... Five attended NCFWC Convention at Pinehurst ... Home Life sent subscription to Needlework and Crafts Magazine to Women's Correctional Center, and club members donated crochet and knitting magazines to Center ... Fifteen dresses made by members for women at Dorothea Dix Hospital ... Margie Kelly sent birthday cards to Howard's Rest Home residents for club.

1974

Sponsored Drucilla Ramey as contestant for Sally Southall Cotten Scholarship Spring 1974 ... Cooperated with Cary Juniors for Cary Arts Festival ... Four winners in District Arts Festival: Mary Hunter, Lucille Coggin, Jo Straiton and Linda Setliff. Jo won second place in sewing at State Festival, and Linda won third for poetry ... Easter Party for Howard's Rest Home ... Eighty-five crape myrtles sold in cooperation with Cary Appearance Commission ... Apex Woman's Club our guests at April meeting to hear Lillian Woo of N.C. Consumers - Council ... Coffee for foreign born friends and neighbors in April ... Marj Oleson and Linda Setliff attended N.C. State Convention at Charlotte ... Home Life Department sponsored a Gourmet Picnic in June with recipe exchange ... Five attended District VIII Summer Institute in Apex ... Eight went to District VIII Fall meeting in Goldston ... Bridge benefit and luncheon held at MacGregor Downs in November B proceeds to Cary Rescue Squad (\$300) ... Distributed *Ten Commandments for Drivers* to Drivers-Ed classes at Cary High ... Christmas gifts delivered to Howard's Rest Home ... Girl Scout Troop 308 will build bluebird houses with materials furnished by Club ... Members contributed time to Dorcas Shop, a continuing project through Home Life Department ... Ended 1974 with 40 members.

1973

Won third place in yearbook competition in District VIII ... Entertained foreign-born women at a coffee ... Later collected and mimeographed copies of recipes they had requested ... Gave sofa, chairs and pictures (as well as clothing) to Juniper Cottage at O'Berry; also, upholstery material to be used when needed, donated at our request by Athol Mfg. Co... . Broyhill Foundation, Inc. gave the boys \$100 through our club to purchase a record player and table tennis equipment ... Four members attended State Convention ... Received second place award for love and work for O'Berry Boys. We remembered them on birthdays and special occasions, and gave parties, hot dog roasts and prepared lunch for them from time to time. Mary Hunter won first place in District VIII Arts Festival for beautiful apricot colored woven afghan ... Had workshops in tin cutting, bread dough, and Christmas and Spring table decorations ... Started a Games Day: a get-together every 30 to 60 days to have fun and get to know each other better ... Visited Howard's Rest Home with a Valentine party, gifts at Christmas, rides and shopping for residents. Netted almost \$200 at our first Spring Flea Market; Fall one brought \$120+ ... Cary Memorial Rose Garden is doing well ... Encouraged town planners to consider providing public swimming pool in one of the recreation areas ...

Fostered landmarks remaining in Cary ... XYZ Club now has 80 members; Marj Oleson as coordinator gave untold hours with all her love to these wonderful senior citizens.

1972

Won Yokley-Porter Trophy for O'Berry work fourth consecutive year ... Sponsored free measles clinic for Cary area ... Over 500 inoculated ... Purchased a mimeograph, partly from donation by Carlotta Jacoby in memory of Alice Maynard ... Entertained foreign-born women at coffee ... Sewed 40 bedspreads for Juniper Cottage from donated material ... Sent a boy from Juniper Cottage to summer camp ... Four members attended State Convention ... Workshops: egg carton flowers, bread dough, dried flowers, Christmas decorations ... Continued visits to Howard's Rest Home, taking egg carton roses in bud vases for Easter and a poinsettia, gifts, holly napkin rings and napkins for Christmas ... Maintained Memorial Rose Garden; Earleen Vannorsdall printed names and Armilda Van Zandt of the XYZ Club painted roses on plaque hung in the post office, listing donors ... Marjorie Oleson continued as coordinator for the XYZ Club, now grown to 66 members who enjoy arts and craft classes and tours in addition to two general meetings each month ... XYZ moved to new quarters in the Cary Recreation Department ... Because projects to send Cary High School Band to Rose Bowl and to finance high school stadium required too much money of Cary residents, the club decided to forego a ways and means project and assessed members \$15 each ... Helen Hathaway won blue ribbon at District VIII Fine Arts Festival for her woven afghan ... A Polaroid camera for club use was donated by Lorraine Pfeuffer ... The club voted to change its calendar year to run from June 1 through May 31.

1971

Sold *Around and About Cary* as club main fund raising effort ... feted XYZ Club at its first birthday party on March 27 ... Marjorie Oleson succeed Maggie Teague as coordinator ... It is now a part of the Cary Recreation Program, and at the years' end members were readying rooms in the Cary Recreation House for their use ... Participated in Cary's Centennial Pageant as Indian squaws, for seven consecutive nights ... manned the Centennial Store each Wednesday for five months ... formed the *Honey-do-Belles* chapter for the Centennial ... Sent three delegates to NCFWC Convention in Wilmington ... Won the Yokley-Porter Trophy for the third consecutive year for the best overall work at O'Berry ... Members used their *Talents for Tammy*, knitting, sewing, cooking and selling their products. They netted \$256 for the Tammy Lynn Home for the severely retarded ... Influenced the town manager to require and get fences for unsightly garbage cans on road into and around Cary cemetery ... Ten foreign-born women were entertained at a Town Hall tour, luncheon and tour of Schiefflin & Co. to celebrate International Day in October ... Pat Wickham received the Bryant Citizenship Award for District VIII at its fall meeting ... Members donated \$71 to the Cary Area Rescue Squad ... Letter to the Highway Department about Walnut Street traffic resulted in the redesigning of the intersection for better and safer traffic flow ... Provided conservation program at Town Hall to which the public was invited ... Gave Valentine party, picnic and Christmas party for boys at Juniper Cottage ... Sent Robert Shaw (Juniper Cottage) to summer camp ... Howard's Rest Home residents were entertained at a Centennial party, and at Christmas time gifts and decorations were taken to them ... Provided the town with a life size nativity scene.

1970

Twenty-four members ... Organized XYZ Club for senior citizens in Cary, with Maggie Teague as coordinator ... Won Yokley-Porter Trophy second time in succession for best overall work at O'Berry ... Linda Metz won first place (\$100) for flute solo at *State Fine Arts Festival*; Pauline Haynes placed second in weaving ... Continued O'Berry Juniper Cottage project (\$768.48 donated

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or spent) ... Madonna planters at Easter and shell pin trays at Christmas to Howard's Rest Home ... Ditty bags for servicemen ... Sponsored Defensive Driving Course ... Third auction held ... Three attended State Convention at Winston-Salem ... Cake decorating, decoupage, puppets and pin tray workshops; cooking school ... Co-hosted District VIII Summer Institute with Cary Juniors ... Manned Centennial Headquarters for one day each week ... Sold *Around and About Cary* books as service and moneymaking project.

1969

The years' highlight was receiving the Yokley-Porter Trophy at NCFWC State Convention in Asheville, awarded for best overall work at O'Berry Center ... Second annual auction held ... Patriotism was promoted by a non-profit flag sale and by Red Cross ditty bags filled by each member ... Club members also each sewed a patch on an apron with a donation under the patch to help swell the state scholarship fund ... An International Open House was held at the new Cary Community Center, Jordan Hall, with over 100 in attendance from 13 countries ... \$250 donated to Jordan hall ... Regular club activities at Howard's Rest Home, Juniper Cottage, and workshops continued ... Our scholarship participant was first runner-up, and several Fine Arts Awards were received with one going on to state competition.

1968

Sponsored monthly craft workshops, making crepe paper flowers, paper mâché jewelry, jute handbags and decorating pine cones. Latter were used to decorate Howard's Rest Home at time of annual Christmas program ... Distributed Voters Handbooks through Welcome Wagon Hostess ... Adopted Juniper Cottage at O'Berry ... Made draperies for the cottage from fabric donated by J.P. Stevens Co... . Each member adopted a boy from this cottage to remember on birthdays, Christmas, etc... . Gave parties for them at Halloween and Christmas ... Sent clothing and rose bushes to start a rose garden for the boys ... Had first annual auction, netting over \$700 ... Sponsored girl for NCFWC Scholarship ... Had entries in District Arts and Crafts Festival and had one blue ribbon winner, Merna Coulter, for weaving... . Conducted Summer Reading Program at Cary Library ... Evening Division continuing strong ... Formulated plans to consider the organization of a Cary Senior Citizens Club ... Won certificate of merit and first runner-up in Gardens and Beautification Division of Home Life Department of NCFWC ... Money continues to come in to fulfill a dream for a clubhouse ... Gave donation to Cary Band Boosters for new uniforms.

1967

Evening Division was started ... President Marion Daugherty moved in September, and Pat Wickham filled the vacancy ... Originated Rose Garden at Cary Post Office ... Helped with open house at Samarcand.

1966

By the end of the year we had 37 paid members and the formation of the new Evening Division was planned ... Sent Marion Daugherty as a delegate to National Convention in Chicago ... Marion and Kathryn Hyatt were sent to State Convention in Pinehurst, and four other members attended one day ... Sold 500 N.C. Note Cards; had two successful *Garage Sales* and two bake sales which netted \$300 ... Cary's first Hobby and Crafts Fair, held May 28-29, attracted over 300 viewers ... Co-sponsor was the Junior Woman's Club ... Library Story Hour with a patriotic theme ... Film strip presented to library ... All six departments made outstanding contributions to either programs or service during the year ... Pam Cockrell was sponsored in District music competition ... One

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hundred forty-seven dollars and thirty cents (\$147.30) was given to Federation projects, plus the note card sales ... Had membership in Cary Civic Council, with our representative serving as secretary-treasurer ... Won attendance prize at Fall District Meeting ... Home Life Department made regular visits to local rest home, providing gifts, refreshments and entertainment. Founded Cary Arts Guild under leadership of Leslie Merrill ... Through club efforts, Cary was declared a *Bird Sanctuary* town, and we have a member on the City Beautification Committee ... Many foreign students were entertained in homes of members, and two small children were given a foster home for the summer by a member ... A gift of \$25 was presented to Cary High School Spanish Class for scholarship fund, which sent Cary students to Mexico for a six-week study tour ... Gave \$10 to sponsor Girl Scout Troop ... Most exciting event of the year was the fabulous gift of land given by club member Alice Maynard on which to build a Cary Woman's Club Clubhouse.

1965

Thirty-four members ... Co-sponsored second annual Cary Art Exhibition ... Sponsored entry in NCFWC Scholarship Contest ... Membership in Friends of the Library ... Conducted Story Hour for two age groups of children ... Sponsored Girl Scout Troop ... Sent two members to State Convention ... Six members attended Summer Institute ... Co-hostess with Junior Woman's Club for Fall District Meeting ... Contributed to 12 organizations listed in Federation Yearbook ... Cooperated with NCFWC in sale of notepaper to send delegate to GFWC ... Christmas Party for elderly patients at Howard's Rest Home ... Co-sponsored with Junior Club a brochure about Woman's Club work in Cary.

1964

The club had 31 members ... Co-sponsored first annual Cary Art Exhibition ... Presented 55 American flags to the three Cary Elementary Schools ... Provided transportation to the polls on Election Day ... Presented 21 books to Cary Library ... Conducted a six-week Summer Story Hour for two age groups of children ... Sponsored entry in NCFWC Scholarship Contest ... Sent commemorative stamps to veterans and took men's magazines to VA Hospital ... Sponsored Girl Scout Troop ... Took Heritage Tour ... Sent two members to State Convention ... Four officers attended District Meeting ... Forty percent of members participated in Savings Bond Campaign ... Adopted a family through *Help-a-Home* project ... Contributed to Cary Safety Patrol Boys ... Cary churches - Fellowship Committee ... Dorothea Dix Hospital, Children's Home and the 12 organizations listed in Federation Yearbook ... Fund raising projects were two rummage sales and sale of cookbook.

1963

Sponsored by Cary Junior Woman's Club ... Chartered January 3, 1963 with 14 members. Yearbook won blue ribbon and prize at District Meeting. Entries in Scholarship and Music Contest. Representatives at State Convention, Fall District Meeting, Council Institute and District Summer Institute ... Participated in Birthday Remembrance and Stamps for Veterans Programs ... Took Heritage Tour ... Sponsored Girl Scout Troop ... Aided several families through *Help-a-Home* project ... Moneymaking projects were Rummage Sale and *Holiday Fare* Cookbook.