



# Cary Woman's Club

Member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs

February 2016

"Serving Our Community • Sharing Our Time and Talents"



## President's Message ~ Lois Nixon



Note the phrase just above in the newsletter heading, "Sharing our time and talents." That's what we do, and we

are really, really good at it!

Found this quote from Denis Waitley (author and career coach), "A smile is the light in your window that tells others that there is a caring, sharing person inside," and it reminded me that we missed the smiling faces of 18 of our members last month, due to illnesses or out of town travelling. We were thinking of you and really hope to see you at our February 11 meeting.

While Mother Nature *shared* a little reminder in January that there really is a winter in NC, I hope you had a chance to stay inside where it was warm, work on your to-do list, and catch your breath after the holidays, because our February calendar is packed with opportunities to "share our time and talents"!

Several members have accepted the invitation of the Woman's Club of Raleigh to attend their luncheon and tea on February 10, to meet the International GFWC President,

**Babs Condon**, and share fellowship and ideas with other clubwomen.

Our first fundraiser of the year will be to eat lunch after our Feb. 11 meeting at *City Barbeque*, where our club will get 25% of the proceeds of the day for those who show our CWC flyer when ordering. It's not often that someone gives you money for eating! This unique opportunity is thanks to **Dorothy Schmelzeis!**

Then we are **sharing** our event-planning talents with treats and dancing at our annual **Valentine Party for Life Experiences** workers with various disabilities at their sheltered workshop.



And on February 16, we will offer arts, inspiration, refreshments and sharing at the Chrysalis Woman's Club meeting at the NC Correctional Institution for Women in Raleigh.

We know that many of you have "hidden" talents, which you did not **share** with us at our January **Club Arts Festival**. Please start planning now to participate in next year's Arts Festival at the January club meeting. I will be taking

entries to the GFWC-NC District 6 Arts Festival on February 13 from our members, **Lillian Smith** (photography) and **Willa Brigham** (quilting)! Winning entries at the District go on to the State Arts Festival at Campbell University on March 5.

Please **SHARE** your nominations for officers and CSP Chairs with the nominating committee (see article in this newsletter). Please share bylaws revisions with **Lois Nixon**, and website revisions with **Susan Abbott**.

~ Lois Nixon, President,

♥ **Happy Valentine's Day!** ♥

*"In the sweetness of friendship, let there be laughter, & sharing of pleasures."*

~ Khalil Gibran ~

## MEETING LOCATION

**Page-Walker Arts & History Center**

119 Ambassador Loop, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Downtown Cary, 27513

**Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

9:30 a.m. (Coffee & Social)

10:00 a.m. (Program & Business Meeting)



## February's Guest Speaker



Give a warm welcome to February's guest speaker, **Peggy Van Scoyoc**, who is going to speak on Cary in its earliest days. She is a fount of knowledge about Cary's history.

I know we will all enjoy what she has to say.

~ **Georganne Kingsley**, Conservation Chair

## February's After-Meeting Lunch & Fundraiser



We have arranged once again with **CARY CITY BARBEQUE** to contribute 25% of sales we bring in on **Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>** (the day of

our meeting). This includes all of us, friends, relatives, coworkers, etc.! Give a copy of this flier to everyone you know, so we can get as much money in as possible from all sources.

**IMPORTANT:** We must have this Woman's Club Flier in hand when we order food. Fliers were distributed at our last meeting, sent out by email, put it on the website, available from **Dorothy Schmelzeis** ... and also attached

again along with this newsletter.

We are asking everyone to give fliers to friends and associates and to encourage them to go for lunch or dinner ~ or takeout ~ on that day.

I distributed them to my bridge club, and we are all going to lunch on that day ... so spread the word. I plan to contact my dentist and other professional people to suggest that they and their staffs participate as well. You may have ideas of whom you could contact. See you at this great fundraiser for our club!

Thank you. ~ **Dorothy Schmelzeis**, *Ways & Means Chair & 3<sup>rd</sup> VP*

## Home Life Valentine's Party



Our annual **Home Life Valentine's Party** will be **Monday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>** from **2-4 p.m.**, at

**Life Experiences, Inc.** ~ located at 260 Towerview Court, Cary ~ right off Cary Parkway at James Jackson Avenue).

If you can help setting up and serving, you can call **Cathy Clark** at or email her.

The food and decorations are taken care of. *We will meet there at 1:15 p.m.*

Life Experiences is a nonprofit organization that offers a choice of satisfying work experiences for adults with varying disabilities, and at the same time allows those adults the self-esteem of earning a wage for their work. The state-of-the-art facility is one of the best in the Triangle.

Life Experiences operates five small businesses, which offer

employment to adults with developmental disabilities, while at the same time, providing valuable services and products to the community ([www.lifeexperiences.org](http://www.lifeexperiences.org)).



Any questions, please call or email me. ~ Thanks! **Cathy Clark**, *Home Life Chair*

## Let's Double Our Membership!

I just wanted to refer everyone to our *September 2014 Newsletter* on the CWC website, that states our goal is to **Double Our Membership**, <http://carywomansclub.com/newsletters/2014-newsletters>. To accomplish that, every single member would need to invite one guest (potential member) during the year. Have you done your part yet? We'll have a special Valentine's treat for anyone who brings a guest to the February 11 meeting ... and a treat for the guest, too! ~ **Lois Nixon**, *President*; and **Jane Suppa**, *1<sup>st</sup> VP Membership*

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## WomenNC Local to Global Forum: February 25<sup>th</sup>



WomenNC has invited our club members to attend their annual Local to Global Forum, featuring presentations by five WNC Fellows (university students), who will be going to the United Nations' Commission on the Status of Women Conference in March to report on their research on women's issues in North Carolina.

Through its Fellowship program and leadership training, WomenNC works to address the lack of

awareness among young adults about injustices against women and girls in NC and around the world. The keynote speaker will be Wake County Commissioner **Caroline Sullivan**.

Plan to attend this international dinner on **Thursday, February 25, 5:30-8:30 p.m.** ... at Temple Beth Or, 5315 Creedmoor Rd., Raleigh. More detailed information fliers will be available at our February meeting. Tickets may be purchased from the WomenNC website. [www.womennc.org](http://www.womennc.org). ~ **Lois Nixon**, *President*



"February days are a marketing gimmick; love happens every day."  
~ **Randee Hooda**, *writer/actor/director* ~



## Nominations for New Leadership Positions

Ladies, I mentioned in my article that we are really good at **sharing our time and talents** with the community. But in order to do that, we have to have club leaders to help with organizing how we share.

Four of our current officers: President, **Lois Nixon**; Vice-President for Membership, **Jane Suppa**; Vice-President for Programs, **Karen Fiumara**; and Vice-President for Ways and Means, **Dorothy Schmelzeis** have all served their maximum time of four (4) consecutive years on the Board, and cannot continue, until they take a one-year break!



Nominees for those positions must have been a club member for at least one year.

Please consider volunteering yourself, or nominating a friend (with permission, of course) for one of those crucial positions! Serving on the Board does require a few hours a week, but those are very rewarding hours, because all of you members are fantastic supporters. However, supporters need leaders and organizers! Please be one!

There will also be opportunities to serve as CSP (Community Service Program) Chairs, as perhaps some of the current Chairs will move into Board positions. Hint, hint! The CSPs are: **Arts, Conservation, Education, Home Life, International Outreach, and Public Issues.**

Our Recording and Corresponding Secretaries and the Treasurer can each serve one more year in their current positions, unless they choose to move to the President or Vice-President positions. There is no time requirement of membership for the two Secretary positions.

To volunteer or nominate someone ... please contact members of the Nominating Committee below – one of the most thankless jobs in our club! The best way to thank them is to say “YES” when they call you, or better yet, call or email them to volunteer for that job you think would be great fun!

### Nominations Committee

**Mercedes Auger**, Chair  
**Cathy McClay**  
**Jane Suppa**  
**Willa Brigham**

If you have questions, all of this is detailed in our Bylaws, on the Cary Woman's Club website: [www.carywomansclub.com](http://www.carywomansclub.com).

The Nominating Committee will report its nominations at the March meeting, where there will also be time for nominations from the floor. Elections are held at the April meeting and newly elected officers shall assume their duties immediately following installation at the May meeting. ~ *Lois Nixon, President*

## April's Fashion Show



**Fashion Show & Luncheon** date has been set for **Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, from 10-2**, and will be held once again at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 600 Walnut St., Cary. I have confirmed the date with **StyleFinder Boutique** fashions (*Helping Women 35+ Rediscover Their Style*). Please put this on your calendars. Our menu will be the same as last year,

and we also plan to have music.

*StyleFinder Boutique* in Raleigh is a unique resource for fashion and style designed exclusively for women over 35. Here you'll find everything you need to dress and accessorize fashionably, effortlessly, and affordably.

~ *Dorothy Schmelzeis, Ways & Means Chair & 3<sup>rd</sup> VP*

## More Great Opportunities

- ♦ **Willie Kay Exhibition:** I thought some ladies might be interested in going as a group to see “*Made Especially for You by Willie Kay*” at the NC Museum of History ~ between March 12 and March 17. This is an exhibition of gowns made by the African-American dressmaker for Raleigh brides and debutantes for decades. We can decide a date at the February meeting if there is interest.
- ♦ **“Bee” Project:** Also, for our possible “bee project,” Lois and I went to a lecture about flowers that attract pollinators and what those pollinators are along with the differences in bees. For further information, go to: <http://chatham.ces.ncsu.edu/http://chatham.ces.ncsu.edu/>.  
~ *Dorothy Schmelzeis, Ways & Means Chair*

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### In Memoriam ~ Margaret Hood

**Marg Hood**, a former club member who was very active in the Cary Woman's Club prior to moving to Silver Spring, Maryland, passed away on the morning of Feb. 3, 2016.

There will be a memorial service for her at White Plains United Methodist Church, 313 SE Maynard Road in Cary, on Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Many of her friends may want to attend. Thank you.

~ Jan White

### NC DISTRICT VI ARTS FESTIVAL: Saturday, Feb. 13, 2016 (RSVP due Feb. 5)

District members serving GFWC-NC and all Clubwomen of District VI are called to the Arts Festival Meeting to be held at First Baptist Church, 99 N. Salisbury St., Raleigh 27603, on Saturday, **February 13, 2016**, to be hosted by The Fuquay-Varina Woman's Club and The Fuquay-



Committee Chairs, Club Presidents, Club Officers, Club CSP Chairs, and all District Clubwomen are urged to attend.

Varina Junior Woman's Club. District Officers, District CSP Chairs, District

Contact Lois if you want to attend. Swill submit one Registration form for our club. You will need to pay the \$20 Registration fee, which includes lunch, and let Lois know your lunch choice. ~ Thank you!

~ **Stephanie Wallace**, President, GFWC-NC District VI

▶ *February is the most misspelled of all the months.* ◀

### January's Fun "Artsy" Meeting

We enjoyed hearing from our guest speaker, **Catherine Howard** (white jacket), the new Executive Director of Cary Visual Art ([caryvisualart.org](http://caryvisualart.org)).

And welcome to new member, **Linda Turavlin** (blond, glasses), talking to Catherine and **Gerry Ritter**, Finance Committee Chair.

Also shown are members **Karen Fiumara**, **Lois Nixon**, **Willa Brigham**, **Maryanne Olsen**, and **Dorothy Schmelzeis**.

Many thanks to Willa for arranging such an interesting program and speaker.



### Save Education Coupons



Each **Box Tops Education Coupon** is worth 10 cents for us. This does not cost us anything and is a big help.

Coupons can be found on Betty Crocker, Pillsbury, Land of Lakes, Scott products, reams of copy paper and

many other products we use every day.

Cut them off and put them in the box at the check-in nametag table. These will benefit the **Tammy Lynn Center** for autistic and handicapped children, [www.tammylynncenter.org](http://www.tammylynncenter.org).

**Cary Woman's Club Website: [www.carywomensclub.com](http://www.carywomensclub.com)**

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