



Cary Woman's Club

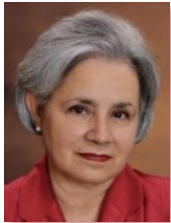
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"Serving Our Community • Sharing Our Time and Talents"



Incoming President's Message ~ Mary Derrick



Hello everyone! Thinking about following **Lois Nixon** has been eye-opening! There's so much to learn, and Lois has been a

wonderful president. Being the new president of the Cary Woman's Club has given me so much to think about – so much to learn. And, I know that together we can accomplish so much.

I thought our recent tea at the Page-Walker on May 12 was absolutely wonderful. The tables were all decked out with treats to eat on beautiful dishes. Truly fantastic to see all of the different tea pots and cups – I heard such positive comments. The co-chairs, **Philomina Vaidya** and **Nell Meese**, and the tea committee did a beautiful job!

We were joined by **Julene McPhaul**, who was the installing officer, for the installation ceremony. Julene's accomplishments, over 40 years as a clubwomen, are too numerous to mention, and we are incredibly pleased that she could be with us.

Also attending was **Kim Fulcher**, the new District 6 President, who spoke about upcoming events in our district, and **Michelle Chiramonte**, District 6 First Vice President.

I really enjoyed hearing about all of the past achievements from some former presidents who were

in attendance. We were all glad that many of them got to sit down with **Peggy Van Scoyoc**, incoming president of the Friends of the Page-Walker Hotel, to talk about their years as clubwomen, so we can document the history of CWC. I'm glad that a number of our past presidents and emeritus members attended.

We recently had a joint Board meeting to help with the transition to the new Board. Members may see some change – all for the best – in certain programs. The new Board will begin working this summer on projects/events for the fall. Stay tuned!

And, I have to say congratulations to all of the members who made this year such a success. Cary Woman's Club received *two awards* at the GFWC-NC Convention.

Our **Education CSP** received a first place award in the Medium Club category, and we also received a first place award for **Home Life Partnership** in the Medium Club category! What can I say? You're the best!

Understanding how GFWC works is important since our club follows GFWC guidelines. Attending District and State meetings helps clubs feel connected and know that we are part of a very strong organization.

Please think about attending the upcoming workshops this summer – they provide lot of information and can be fun! Details about the

workshops are included in this newsletter.

More information will be coming out about a possible visit to the Chrysalis Club this summer (July 19 or August 16), as well as a work date in July for the Pollinator Garden at the Page-Walker.

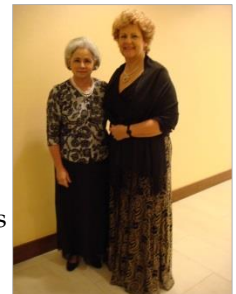
Please let me know if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. I'll be happy to discuss any matter with you as it relates to CWC and helping our club grow stronger!

I look forward to working with all of you during the coming year. Have a wonderful summer!

Pictured:

Mary Derrick with **Babs Condon**, current GFWC International President. Babs was at the April Convention, and she will be stepping down in June.

~ *Mary Derrick, President*



SEPTEMBER MEETING

LOCATION



Page-Walker Arts & History Center
119 Ambassador Loop, 3rd Floor,

Downtown Cary, 27513

Thursday, September 8th, 2016

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

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

Please Save the Dates! District and State Workshops This Summer

- ♦ **GFWC-NC Workshop on Saturday, July 16, in Burlington.** Members are encouraged to attend, and carpooling can be arranged if enough members want to go. It's great to meet clubwomen from across the state, and you'll get to meet **Dottie Jennings**, our new GFWC-NC President! Information about CSPs will be available at this workshop from each of the State CSP chairs – new information on CSP programs for the 2016-2018 Administration, as well as any changes/deletions regarding GFWC partners.
- ♦ **District 6 Workshop on Saturday, August 13, in Garner.** Carpooling can be arranged, if members want to attend. CSP chairs, committee chairs, and clubwomen are greatly encouraged to attend this meeting. The District CSP chairs will be holding meetings for each of the CSPs, and you will receive information that will help you start off the new club year.
- ♦ More information about the workshops will be sent out to members when it becomes available this summer.
~ *Mary Derrick, President*

Outgoing President's Message: Lois Nixon

Dear CWC members ... Since you did not get to see what was in the gift bag that **Dorothy Schmelzeis** presented to me following the Installation Ceremony at our May meeting, I wanted to thank Dorothy and "all of us" (as she signed the card) for the special Past-



President's pin that I will wear with relief and pride!

And in the very bottom of the bag was the sweetest little *flower fairy* that I have hung in my kitchen window over the sink

(see photo). She is dancing there happily, and I think fondly of all of you during my frequent visits and work there.



THANK YOU all for two really great, productive and fun years as we shared our time and talents in service to those in need in our Cary and Wake County community.
Fondly, Lois ~ Lois Nixon, Past-President

A New Year Starts

The Cary Woman's Club began a new year on June 1, 2016, and once again we need to ask you to send in your annual dues of \$70.00. Please mail your check to **Maryanne Olsen**, Treasurer. ~ *Thank you! Maryanne Olsen, Treasurer*

A Tea Party Thank You



As a follow-up to the May 12th Tea, I wanted you to know that I had the nicest call from one of our former CWC members, **Marina Glover**, who lives at Glenaire and was unable to attend the tea due to a conflict. After the meeting, **Mary Derrick** dropped off the extra beautiful centerpieces at Glenaire for our former members, and for "those who don't get flowers often."

Marina called me and was so gracious and pleased that she received the flowers. She said they were really

gorgeous and just made her happy. We had a nice visit, and it turns out her son and family used to live across the street from me, but now live in Wilmington.

And she used to live in Lochmere on the same street with **Mary Derrick**. Small world, and she was so complimentary! She said she definitely plans to attend our next tea for emeritus members! I invited her to come to a meeting anytime as a guest! (It feels good to "make someone's day"!) Thank you, Mary! ~ *Lois Nixon, Past-President*

International Outreach



June 29th is **International Mud Day** (dirt and mud activities/sensory science for kids!)

Sponsored by the World Forum Foundation, this celebration began in Nepal where the intention of the

original event was to enrich the lives of 58 orphans by getting them outdoors to enjoy the environment.

After splashing in the mud, it was noted that these children's moods and attitudes were much improved.

So, if you want to celebrate International Mud Day, join your

friends in a mud pit, or make mud pies and/or mud sculptures, or organize a nature hike for children or yourself! (Information is verbatim from <https://www.days-oftheyear.com>). ~ *Linda Turovlin, International Outreach Chair*

“History-of-Tea” Party Honored Emeritus Members & Presidents

On May 12th, we showed our appreciation for our past Cary Woman's Club Presidents and Emeritus Members for tea and refreshments at our special “History-of-Tea” Party as well as having our new officers' installation ceremonies with **Julene McPhaul** presiding.

We also had the opportunity to hear oral histories of woman's club memories.

Co-chairs of the May Tea Committee were long-time members **Philomina Vaidya** and **Nell Meece**.

Many thanks to you and your dedicated committee for a

lovely and excellent meeting and tea!

Everyone had a wonderful time visiting with old and new members we were all so glad to see again.

We hope to have even more of these special events in the future.



New Officers for 2016-2018 Club Year

New officers were also inducted at the May meeting. Please welcome these important women and the wonderful work they all do for our club.

The New 2016-18 Officers are, l-r: Maryanne Olsen, Mary Mel Kroeger, Silvia Baba, Mercedes Auger, Pricilla Keating, Gerry Ritter, and Mary Derrick (New President).

President:

Mary Derrick (2-year term)

1st Vice President ~ Programs/Reports:

Gerry Ritter (2-year term)

2nd Vice President ~ Membership:

Priscilla Keating (2-year term)

3rd Vice President ~ Ways & Means: **Mercedes Auger** (1-year term)

Treasurer: **Maryanne Olsen** (1 year remaining)

Correspondence Secretary: **Mary-Mel Kroeger** (1 year remaining)

Recording Secretary and Yearbook: **Silvia Barba** (1 year remaining)



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Shop Local ~ Cary Downtown Farmers Market



Continue to shop the Cary Downtown Farmer's Market (8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., rain or shine), in front of the Ivy-Ellington house at 132 Chatham St. near

Ashworth Drugs. It runs every Saturday through November 19.

There are new and returning vendors this year selling all kinds of local garden produce, meats, eggs, fresh-cut flowers, fresh

butter, fresh baked goods, locally brewed beer, handmade local crafts, and locally roasted coffee as well as local honey. Buy local – it doesn't get much more local than downtown Cary!

Home Life / Oxford House Collection



The **Oxford House** collection will be on Saturday, June 4th from 9 to 1 at **Cathy Clark's** house. We are

looking for anything to set up housekeeping, such as furniture, cleaning supplies and linens. Donations are tax deductible.

If that time is not convenient, you can call me. I will collect things before or after that date. Hope we do as well as we did last year.

Oxford Houses are a clean and sober housing option for individuals in recovery. The first North Carolina Oxford Houses were established in Durham and Asheville in the spring of 1991.

North Carolina is part of a network of over 1,600 Oxford Houses with more than 13,200 beds. As of last year, there are 185 houses in North Carolina, with locations in 29 cities. With an average of 8 beds per house, there

are more than 1,400 Oxford House beds in the state.

Individuals typically enter an Oxford House after completing a drug and alcohol treatment program.

Individuals living in a house are expected to participate in a recovery program in the community during their residence.

Any questions, call **Cathy Clark**, *Home Life Chair*

Reporting Totals, 2015

Below is a summary chart of the CWC's hours and projects compared to the total state hours and \$\$ donations, etc. You can see how our club compares to the state average in our CSP Projects and hours and donations. Out of 112 General Clubs, we won *two* **FIRST** place awards which is really great and speaks to the quality of our programs.

This is one more *reminder* to turn in a note, or one of the CSP reporting forms, to our new Vice-President for Programs/Reports, **Gerry Ritter**, summarizing your CSP's work. Gerry needs to know the number of volunteer hours you put in for each of the six CSP areas, and any money or in-kind goods you donated.

Cary Woman's Club and GFWC-NC: Reporting Totals: 2015

CSP 2015 Totals	# Cary WC Projects	# GFWC-NC Projects	# Cary WC Hours	# GFWC-NC Hours	\$ Cary WC Donated	\$ GFWC-NC Donated	Cary WC In-Kind Value	GFWC-NC In-Kind Value
Arts	4	448	105	24,763	74	69,182	9	29,793
Conservation	3	324	49	15,917	0	58,487	30	14,999
Education	5	545	682	29,180	10,000	206,064	400	41,325
Home Life	6	734	303	33,539	975	174,877	1,680	79,160
International	6	281	252	9,668	410	62,896	200	23,412
Public Issues	5	2,409	253	21,285	558	79,538	0	174,679
TOTALS	29	4,741	1,644	134,352	\$12,017	\$651,044	\$2,319	\$363,368
153 GFWC Clubs in NC-112 are General Clubs, others are Juniors or Juniores	About 40 each of Small, Medium, Large clubs	Cary is in Medium category: under 50 members	Cary Woman's Club won 1 st place Education CSP Award	Cary Woman's Club won 1 st place Home Life Partnership award	Cary Woman's Club has 4 projects listed in top 10 Projects in various categories			

* **Bold** = Largest numbers at club and state level **Notable Facts from above table:** CWC has balance in number of projects. CWC greatest emphasis seems to be on Education and Home Life CSPs. CWC donated over \$12,000 to projects benefitting the local community. BE PROUD! ~ *Lois Nixon, Past-President*

EDUCATION CSP



The *Scholarship Committee* met with **Hannah Levy**, who is the 2016 Valedictorian for her class at Middle Creek High in Apex, her mother and her sister, and awarded her the \$2,000 Cary Woman's Club Scholarship for her Fall Semester at UNC enrolled as a Math Major. Hannah is a delightful young lady and epitomizes qualities of a very deserving Scholarship candidate.

The "Change for Books" fund was able to purchase 50 books for the Library at Kingswood Elementary in Cary, a Title One School. Pictured here is **Sheila Alston**, the Media Specialist, who was so extremely grateful, and somewhat overwhelmed by the club's generosity.

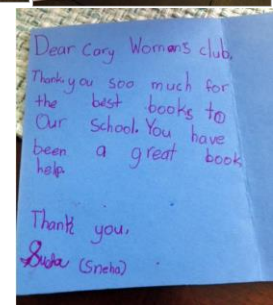
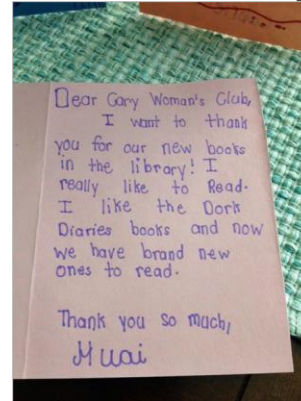
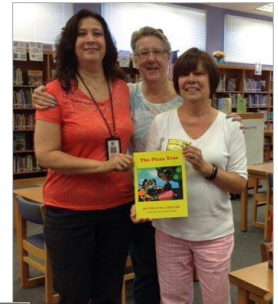
In addition, we presented her with an autographed copy of our very own **Willa Brigham's** recently published book, *The Pizza Tree*. We were equally overwhelmed by the student appreciation. Sheila presented us with an envelope containing two dozen hand drawn and written thank you notes! A few are pictured here, and we will bring them to the September meeting for all of you to read as well.

As Ms. Alston wrote in her note, "Reading is such an important skill, and through your book donation, we can keep reading." She was telling us that most of the books in their library date back to 1999; and we pledged to continue the "change for books" fund during the next club year, and hopefully double the number of books that we are able to purchase.



In addition, we learned of numerous volunteer opportunities at the school that we will be able to participate, in keeping with our "boots on the ground" initiative. Because of the demographic of the school, most of the parents are working and not able to volunteer, and school funding is very limited ~ leaving plenty of available service hours for a philanthropic organization to fill!

~ Thank you! *Deborah Lynch and Silvia Barba*



EDUCATION CSP



We recently made a dozen fleece blankets and a dozen fun pillowcases in conjunction with **Project Linus** to be donated to **Camp Corral**, an organization that sponsors two summer camps for off-spring age 8 to 15 of wounded and deceased warriors, both of which are here in Wake County.

Watch for an email in mid-June regarding a "Cutting, Ironing, Pinning and Cording Party" at **Deborah Lynch's** abode to organize fabric to make durable bags for Teenage Foster Children.

We are also looking for more sewers to simply sew three straight lines that it takes to make a bag. **Mary-Mel Kroeger** is on board, and our goal is to make several dozen bags this summer to be delivered to the head of the Teenagers Division at DHSS. Teens in Foster Care tend to move

the most, and it is the mission of the Guardian Ad Litem of Wake County to provide a suitable carrier - other than black trash bag.

~ Thank you! *Deborah Lynch and Silvia Barba, Education CSP Co-Chairs,*

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.

Continue Supporting The Caring Place

To continue supporting The Caring Place, you can look at Kendra Scott jewelry online and call or email if anything fancies you. Please put this date on your calendar and check out the jewelry. This would be a great way to help homeless, working families with children. As always, thanks. ~ *Mercedes Auger*, 3rd Vice President/Ways & Means



You're invited to a
Kendra Gives Back Party: a fun shopping event with 20% of sales benefiting
The Caring Place

June 29, 2016 ♦ 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

If you are unable to attend in the store, please feel free to participate by calling in your orders to 919-813-2981 during the event or emailing your order to southpoint@kendrascott.com with the memo "Caring Place."

Kendra Scott in Durham ♦ The Streets at Southpoint
8030 Renaissance Parkway ♦ Suite 920 ♦ Durham, NC 27713

You shop, we give ♦ www.kendrascott.com

New CSP Chairs for Club Year 2016-2017

- Arts..... **Willa Brigham**
- Conservation **TBA**
- Education..... **Deborah Lynch & Silvia Barba**
- Home Life..... **Cathy Clark**
- International Outreach **Linda Turovlin**
- Public Issues..... **Karen Fiumara**



June & More 2016 Dates

- June 1 ~ Club Dues Are Due
- June 2 ~ Wear Orange Day against Gun Violence
- June 4 ~ Oxford House Donations at Cathy Clark's, 9-1
- June 14 ~ Flag Day
- June 19 ~ Father's Day
- June 20 ~ First Day of Summer
- June 29 ~ International Mud Day
- June 29 ~ Kendra Gives Back Jewelry Party Benefitting The Caring Place, 6-8 p.m.



- July 4 ~ Fourth of July Independence Day
- July 16 ~ GFWC-NC Workshop, Saturday in Burlington
- August 13 ~ District 6 Workshop, Saturday in Garner
- September 8 ~ Next Club Meeting

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