



# Cary Woman's Club

Member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs

May 2016

"Serving Our Community • Sharing Our Time and Talents"



## President's Message ~ Lois Nixon



*This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could*

*have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.*

I love this story, because it reminds me of the members of our Cary Woman's Club. We've had a very productive year, because of your volunteer efforts, and because you chose to be "Anybody" and volunteer to get the job done. THANK YOU!

Most recently we had a fantastic and "fundtastic" *Fashion Show* that received many, many compliments on the quality of the flattering fashions, the tasty food, the peacock decor, the gorgeous raffle baskets, the talented musicians, and the perfect location — all thanks to our many volunteers who worked to make it successful! THANK YOU!

And more volunteers are now working to make the "*History of Tea*" on **Thursday, May 12**, starting at **10 a.m.**, a can't-miss event. Please make an effort to attend this final event of the year, as we honor our past-Presidents and emeritus members, who have been community volunteers through GFWC for a long time — I think 56 years is the record!

I'm looking forward to hearing some of their stories about their favorite memories of this and other Woman's Clubs. We will also install our new officers,

and give them our support and best wishes as they provide leadership for next year and beyond. Catering will be by Life Experiences, another way to support a caring nonprofit in our community.

THANK YOU volunteers. You remind me of these favorite quotes!

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart." ~ *Elizabeth Andrew*

"The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention." ~ *Oscar Wilde*

"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not." ~ *Dr. Seuss*

"I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back." ~ *Maya Angelou*

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." ~ *Winston Churchill*

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." ~ *Anne Frank*

*Exciting News!* Our club won two First Place Silver Awards at the recent NC Convention.

Come to the meeting to find out what they are! Many thanks.

~ *Lois Nixon* and *Mary Derrick*.

~ *Lois Nixon, President*



## Sign Up Today for Our Tea/Refreshments Party

On Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, the Cary Woman's Club will be having a Tea at the Page-Walker Arts & History Center, first floor. At the Tea, we will honor our Past Members/Presidents and hold our Installation of the 2016-2018 Officers. Cost for CWC members is \$15. Note: Start time is 10 a.m.

Please confirm your reservation for the Tea by sending your check to **Maryanne Olsen**, Treasurer, Cary, NC... or call Maryanne as soon as possible. ~ *Thank you! Maryanne Olsen, Treasurer*

**See accompanying Spring Fling Photos & Article  
for a report on our fantastic fundraising event!**

## See You at Our Special May 12<sup>th</sup> Tea Party



Many thanks to our hard-working "Tea Committee" that has been working so hard most of this year to get out "Save the Date" notices and decorative Invitations to past officers and emeritus members. We wanted to make sure we were able to contact as many women as possible to attend this special event ... and it is a success. Join us to experience this lovely and special meeting and party.



Co-chairs **Philomina Vaidya** and **Nell Meese** worked with their dedicated committee members, including: **Mercedes Auger, Mary Derrick, Silvia Barba, Judith Booger, Willa Brigham, Karen Fiumara, Vicki Jeter, Priscilla Keating, Mary-Mel Kroeger, Nancy Martin, Ellie O'Connell, Maryanne Olsen, Dorothy Schmelzeis, and Lois Nixon.**

Cost for CWC members is **\$15**, which will help cover our expenses for this unique event.

Thank you and hope to see all of you there at 10 a.m.! ~ Co-chairs: **Philomina Vaidya and Nell Meese**

## New Officers for 2016-2017 Club Year

President.....	Mary Derrick.....	2-year term
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President~Programs/Reports.....	Gerry Ritter.....	2-year term
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President~Membership .....	Priscilla Keating .....	2-year term
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President~Ways and Means .....	Mercedes Auger.....	1-year term
Treasurer .....	Maryanne Olsen.....	1 year remaining
Correspondence Secretary .....	Mary-Mel Kroeger .....	1 year remaining
Recording Secretary .....	Silvia Barba.....	1 year remaining

## New CSP Chairs for Club Year 2016-2017

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



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

## A New Year Starts

The Cary Woman's Club begins a new year starting 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 Cary, NC. ~ Thank you! **Maryanne Olsen**, Treasurer

## Education CSP

Thank you again to **Deborah Lynch** for organizing another "Note in the Pocket" fundraiser at Ruckus4 Restaurant in Cary on May 2. Ten percent of each check was donated to Note in the Pocket.

"Change for Books" ~ Thanks to member generosity, a Grant Award, and the Education budget, we have \$600 to spend on the Wish List for Kingswood Elementary. We could not be more pleased. At the Fashion Show we met a lady who tutors there, and she told us that the book situation in their Media Center is deplorable, and they are thrilled to be receiving these books. As soon as they arrive, we will stamp them "Donated by Cary Woman's Club," and deliver them to the Media Specialist at Kingswood.



**Scholarship Applications** ~ We have received four applications, and the Education Committee is currently reviewing them.

Thank you! *Education Co-chairs: Deborah Lynch & Silvia Barba*



## Willa's Book Signing: Saturday, May 21

Barnes and Nobel in Cary (Cary Commons, 760 SE Maynard, Cary 27511, 919-467-3866) will be hosting a book signing for **Willa Brigham** and her new book ... *The Pizza Tree* ... on Saturday, May 21 at 2 p.m. Please bring your grands/great grands and support her.

Thanks so much and hope to see you there! ~ *Willa Brigham, Arts Chair*

## NCCIFW Volunteer Banquet

**Karen Fiumara** and I attended this lovely thank you from the *North Carolina Correctional Institution for Women*.

The theme was "We are fans of our volunteers." Beautiful handmade fans decorated the gymnasium, and the effort made by these women to thank everyone was incredible. They served wonderful food, entertained

with song and dance, and the speakers heightened the evening with beautiful thoughts. It is too bad that we only get one day in one month to join the women in their club.

If you have never gone, consider it as it is very eye opening and uplifting. ~ *Jane Suppa, 1st VP Membership*

## Name Tags

We would like to consider ordering permanent magnetized name tags for our club. The current ones are cumbersome, and each member would retain her name tag and wear it at the meetings. Many churches do this, and it is a one-time cost. We can decide on this and then look into the cost. ~ *Jane Suppa, 1st VP Membership*



## Conservation: HerbFest and Butterfly Release

I hope you were able to attend HerbFest at the Page-Walker grounds on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. Visitors strolled the grounds and toured the Herb gardens. They visited booths selling herbs, crafts and garden products. Fun for all ages!



Returning this year were the popular butterfly releases. There were volunteers at the Herb garden to answer questions as well as volunteers at our new Pollinator garden to encourage citizens to plant their own Pollinator garden.

We had a brand new Pollinator Garden brochure that debuted at this event, with our Cary Woman's Club credit on the back cover. Some of our CWC members volunteered at the event.

There were also vendors to teach about herbs, and some sold herbs for people to take home and plant in their own yards, as well as a kids craft area to make lavender sachets for Mother's Day gifts. The lavender was collected from the Page-Walker Herb garden. It can also be used for culinary recipes since no pesticides are used in the garden.

Of special interest were two butterfly releases at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. I did the 11:30 release – it was great fun! *Painted Lady Butterflies* (shown here) were released, and visitors watched them take their first flight and search for nectar flowers they will need for energy. ~ *Lois Nixon, President*

## 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.

Mark your calendars, and take a friend. 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! ~ *Lois Nixon*

## 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).

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## May 2016 Dates

- May 1 ~ May Day
- May 2 ~ Note in the Pocket Fundraiser at Ruckus4
- May 5 ~ Cinco de Mayo
- May 7 ~ Conservation: HerbFest & Butterfly Release, at Page-Walker
- May 8 ~ Mother's Day
- May 15 ~ Pentecost
- May 16 ~ Pentecost Monday
- May 21 ~ Armed Forces Day
- May 30 ~ Memorial Day



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