

2012 -2013

In **September 2012**, our Club year began with our theme “Celebrating 50 Years of Service”. The Cary Town Council issued a proclamation honoring the efforts of the Cary Woman’s Club in the community. Councilmen Ed Yerha and Don Frantz presented the proclamation at our September meeting. Members of the Concert Singers of Cary performed for the Club. Pat Coats, District VI President, presented a certificate to the Club in honor of our 50 years of service. The International Department arranged for members to lunch after the meeting at the Hibachi China Buffet. Members supported the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society awareness month via Facebook and Twitter. Member Willa Brigham was honored as a 2012 North Carolina Woman of Distinction by the NC Federation of Woman’s Clubs. Members continued to collect Education Coupons to benefit the Tammy Lynn Center for education of autistic and handicapped children.

Beth Dehghan, the founder of Women for North Carolina spoke at our **October 2012** meeting. The Arts Department scheduled a visit to the North Carolina Museum of Art for the “Still Life Masterpieces” exhibit. The Club held its annual fall card party and raised funds for our budget.

In **November 2012**, Toinette Young from Wake Technical Community College spoke to us about “life-long learning” and programs at Wake Tech. We sold pecans to benefit our scholarship fund.

Our **December 2012** luncheon was held at the Prestonwood Country Club. Mitzie Underwood and her husband Frank presented a program in full costume about customs in Victorian times. We collected canned goods for the Caring Place, a transitional housing opportunity for families in need.

The historic Page Walker Hotel was the topic for our **January 2013** meeting. Two speakers, Anne Kratzer and her associate, educated us about our town’s history. The Club held the annual bridge luncheon benefit at the Kirk of Kildaire.

February 2013: Donnie Harrison, Wake County Sheriff, presented a program with one of the department’s dogs to demonstrate how the dogs help in drug searches. Members went to the Wake Tech Culinary Institute “Flavors Restaurant” where students prepare and service gourmet meals. As a follow up to the January presentation members went to tour the Page Walker Hotel. The Public Affairs Department conducted the meeting at the Chrysallis Club at the prison and taught the women line dancing. The Home Life Department sponsored its annual Valentine party and dance for Life Experience, an organization that provides employment for mentally challenged citizens.

In **March 2013**, Terry Conyers was our speaker from “The Healing Place”, an organization that helps people with their addictions to lead more productive lives. Allison Harris was the winner of our \$1,500 scholarship. Nicole Gonzales won our \$1,000 scholarship. A group of our members went to Tazikis restaurant in Waverly Place. The Home Life Department collected items for Oxford House and the Caring Place.

In **April 2013** the Conservation Department had Meg Ketron from Hemlock Bluffs, a Cary Town Nature Center speak to us. There are many educational programs available at the Center as well as volunteer opportunities. The Cary Woman’s Club was instrumental in establishing the Friends of Hemlock Bluffs. Additionally the Conservation Department arranged a tour of Duke Gardens. Members went to Dorry’s Downtown Restaurant. The Home Life Department collected clothing and other items for the Healing Place and Oxford House.

For **May 2013**, the club arranged a trip to the Temple Theatre in Sanford to see “Joseph and His Amazing Technicolor Coat” and lunch at Miss Lacy’s Magnolia House restaurant. Our installation luncheon was held at Prestonwood Country Club. District VI President, Pat Coats installed our officers. Our Scholarship winners, Nicole Gonzalez and Allison Harris were honored. Our Mature Woman Scholarship recipient was Michelle Tadayon.