



Member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs

April 2023



"Serving Our Community ♦ Sharing Our Time and Talents"

President's Message ♦ Mary Grayson Hart



Spring is in the air! And, Easter is around the corner, and I'm already thinking about pastel colors and packing up my winter clothes. The earth is in renewal, and flowers of all kinds are popping up all over, yes, sometimes in places they shouldn't. But who doesn't love seeing the first days of spring, and daffodils dancing in the breeze.

Seasons change whether we're ready or not. It's probably time to start clearing out our closets and do that spring cleaning that we all hear about. Just as the earth is going through a lot of changes, we are having life changes, as well. I've been meaning to clear out my clothes and donate them so that someone else can enjoy a "new" spring look. That outfit that I've grown tired of wearing might just be that perfect outfit for someone else. My "renewal" can spill over to someone else.

Please don't forget about our upcoming **GFWC-NC Convention on April 21-22 at the Embassy Suites/Ayrsley in Charlotte**. Charlotte isn't too far--no one has to drive any great distance! We'd love for our members to join in, participate, and meet clubwomen from across the state. The **deadline to register is April 4**.

Also coming up this month is an important date for GFWC – **April 24, Federation Day**. GFWC clubs celebrate the day in 1890 that 63 clubs gathered in New York City and officially formed GFWC. This day happened 22 years after Jane Cunningham Croly was denied entrance to a lecture featuring Charles Dickens. Federation Day offers a wonderful opportunity to talk about some of the advantages of being connected to over 80,000 women across the country in sisterhood and service.





April Birthdays

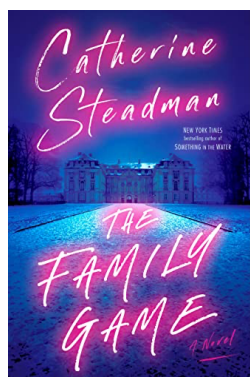
April 14 Priscilla Keating

April 17 Lillian Smith



Education & Libraries CSP

The April Book Club will be reviewing *The Family Game* by Catherine Steadman on Thursday, April 27th. We will be meeting at the home of Linda D'Alto, 117 Eastwind Lane, Cary. The meeting starts at 1pm and we end at 2:30pm. We hope you can make it.



***The Family Game* by Catherine Steadman**

Goodreads Choice Award

Nominee for Best Mystery & Thriller (2022)

A rich, eccentric family. A time-honored tradition. Or a lethal game of survival? One woman finds out what it really takes to join the 1% in this riveting psychological thriller from the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Something in the Water*, *Mr. Nobody*, and *The Disappearing Act*.

This is the last book club meeting for the 22-23 club year. We start meeting again in September 2023 with the book *The Escape Artist: The Man Who Broke Out of Auschwitz to Warn the World* by Jonathan Freedland.

For questions contact Maryanne Olsen mgocary@yahoo.com (919) 740-4272

Maryanne Olsen

Important Dates & Reminders

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| April 6. | Clean up day at Page Walker Pollinator Garden |
| April 13 | General Meeting - Checks for May Luncheon due.

Bring cleaning supplies, sheets, towels and blankets for Oxford House |
| April 18 | Firefighters recognition |
| April 20 | Board Meeting |
| April 27 | Book Club Meeting at Linda's house. |
| April 21-23 | GFWC-NC Convention in Charlotte |
| April 29. | Spring Daze art festival at Bond Park |



Health and Wellness

Reminder to bring cleaning supplies and linens or blankets to the April meeting for contributions to Oxford House. *Jane Suppa*



Environment CSP

Did you know?

Paper Shredding in Cary: The Town of Cary has installed shredding consoles at six Town facilities, for the collection of old papers, bills, account statements and other sensitive documents. Cary residents can bring up to one banker's box to any one of these facilities during its normal operating hours. Please don't bring magazines, books, or electronics.

- Bond Park Community Center
- Herb Young Community Center
- Middle Creek Community Center
- The Cary Senior Center
- The Hive
- Garmon Operations Center

Thursday, April 6. Clean up day at Page Walker Pollinator Garden. We will start around 8:30 and work for an hour or two.

Saturday, April 29. Spring Daze art festival at Bond Park. Stop by Earth Day Lane, and check out Cary's environmental booths, eco-friendly giveaways, a compost bin and rain barrel raffle, and more. *Brenda St. Laurent*



Civic Engagement and Outreach/ Domestic Violence Prevention CSP

Thank you for all the beautifully made fleece blankets for Myra's Angels. We have 21 blankets to donate.
The firefighters at Cary station #1 will be recognized on April 18 with an assortment of snacks.

Elzbieta Hibbs & Priscilla Keating



Arts & Culture CSP

GFWC-NC– State Art Festival

District VI took three entries from the Cary Woman's Club to the State Art Festival in Mebane on March 11, 2023. One of the three won a ribbon. Susan Abbott's watercolor of the woman and girl at the lake took second place.

Congratulations to Susan for her winning Watercolor! And thanks to all who participated.

Susan Abbott for Barb S

Member Spotlight – Priscilla Keating

I have been a member of the Cary Woman's Club since 2014. I was introduced to the club by my friend and neighbor, Karen Fiumara, after I retired from my last nursing job.

I am originally from Rochester, NY, but have moved around quite a bit as an adult due to my husband's job at IBM.

I have three children and six grandchildren ages 5 months to 11 years old, who are thankfully, all local. I spend quite a bit of my time babysitting grandchildren which I enjoy tremendously. Some of my favorite activities include spending time with family, reading, playing the piano, cooking and traveling.

During my time with the CWC I have met many really kind and interesting women who truly want to help their community. I have been a chair and co-chair of the Civic Engagement and Outreach committee and Vice President of Membership. Because of my participation in this club, I have learned a great deal about our community and the supportive nonprofit organizations in our area.

It has truly been a blessing to be a part of such a fun and impactful group of women!



Hospitality

This month, we will be having lunch after our meeting at
Paolo's
Highway 54.
101 Keybridge Dr. Morrisville.

Great Italian food! Nice lunch menu! Less than 5 miles from Page Walker. Judy will be asking for a show of hands at the meeting so she can give the restaurant a final count for our reservation. To see menu, visit website: paoloson54.com

Thank you to Lois Nixon and Joan Hall for providing refreshments in March and all the St. Patrick themed treats and plants.

Carol French and Elzbieta Hibbs have volunteered to provide refreshments at our April meeting. Thank you!

Over the years, we have accumulated many odds and ends of paper products left over from our meetings. We are planning to put them out on a table at our April meeting so you can take them and use them at home. This will give us more storage space and hopefully be useful to you when you need a paper product.

Our May- End of the Year meeting will be held at Prestonwood Country Club. The cost of the luncheon is \$35 per person. If you would like to attend, **please bring your checks or cash to our April meeting** so we can get a count of how many will be attending. Guests are welcome, but they will need to pay for their lunch. This might be a good way to introduce a potential new member to our club. Merc will be collecting the money. You can also send the check to her at 104 Old Bellows Ct. Raleigh NC 27607.



End of Year - May Luncheon Meeting

DATE: Thursday, May 11, 2023

LOCATION: Prestonwood Country Club,
Salon E

TIME: 11:00

We are hoping to have our scholarship winner(s) attend.

The deadline to turn in your payment for the luncheon is Thursday, April 13, 2023

Mercedes Cooley, Judy McDonal & Jane Sowards

MEETING LOCATION

Page-Walker Arts & History Center
119 Ambassador Loop, 1st Floor,
Downtown Cary, 27513
Thursday, January 12, 2023
10:00 AM

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