



Member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs

June 2023



"Serving Our Community ♦ Sharing Our Time and Talents"

President's Message ♦ Mary Grayson Hart



It's hard to believe that an entire year has passed! When I look back and see all of the wonderful things that have been accomplished, it's easy to see where the time has gone. All of the many members who volunteered, the time they spent, dollars donated, and in-kind donations—it's all there!

I'm glad that so many of our members were able to attend our end-of-club-year meeting and luncheon at Prestonwood Country Club. It was just perfect!

Members were able to meet our high school scholarship winners, Jabreel Itayem and Alex Lugones, and their mothers. We also held the induction of new members joining from 2022-2023. New members who could not attend will be recognized at the September meeting. We were so fortunate to have Misty Deyo, GFWC-NC 2nd Vice President, graciously induct our new members and then also install our new club officers and trustees. Thank you, Misty! Willa Brigham closed out the meeting with some wonderful a cappella singing!

At Convention, our club was recognized as being in the Top Ten List in several categories for a number of projects our club completed. Several members were recognized by GFWC-NC for their many years of service. At the GFWC-NC Convention, Dorothy Schmelzeis was also recognized for her 50 years of service to the Federation.

Some of our officers and trustees completed their terms—Brenda St. Laurent, Lisa Butcher, Maryanne Olsen, Nell Meece--my thanks to all of you! We are grateful to them for all of their help and continued interest in the club.

We had a great year, and I'm looking forward to our next meeting in September. And, as always, if you have any comments, suggestions, or thoughts, please let me know. Your input is important. And, if you have any comments or suggestions for programs/events regarding our community service programs, please contact any of the CSP chairs with your ideas. All of the chairs will be busy over the summer making plans for the upcoming club year, and I know that they will be glad to hear from you, especially if you have a new idea for a program. Have a safe and happy summer!





Summer Birthdays

June 3	Maryanne Olsen	August 8	Elaine James
June 6	Diane Andersen	August 13	Lois Nixon
June 24	Mary-Mel Kroeger	August 24	Judy McDonal
July 2	Susan Abbott	August 28	Brenda St. Laurent
July 2	Mary Grayson Hart		
July 11	Mercedes Auger		
July 30	Carol French		

Important Dates & Reminders

June 9	9-11:30 AM	Bow making at Glenaire
June 15		Board Meeting
July 10.	9-11:30 AM	Ornament making
Sept. 14	11:00	General Meeting at Page Walker



Message from Lois Nixon, 1st Vice President



The weather is turning better each day – grab your hiking boots, your running or walking shoes, your canoe or kayak, and hit the trail! Reach out to your neighboring clubs and arrange a picnic lunch and then take a digestive walk or hike! Grab your club members and trash bags and pick up litter along a trail or greenway. Don't forget to bring your camera or use your cell phone to capture photos and be ready to submit for the next MST challenge! Submit photos to Jennifer Brighton, j3nn3rb@gmail.com. Stay tuned for more information.....Whatever you do – enjoy it because 2023 is the ...Year of the Trail!

Lois Nixon, 1st Vice-President, Program



Remembering Barb Sawyer - Clubwoman with Heart

Barb Sawyer passed away on March 31, 2023, after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. She wasn't one to complain and she fought the disease until the very end.

Barb was a dual member of The Woman's Club of Raleigh and the Cary Woman's Club. She had joined the WCR in 1988 and had held many positions there like leading Great Decisions lecture series. She had been involved in numerous CSP projects and fundraising. Several years ago when the WCR needed a treasurer, Barb stepped in as acting treasurer (no small task) until the position was filled, and she had been recently been serving as Trustee. She had

helped to create a Juniorette Club and was also involved in the Young Women of Achievement in our high schools. She had been nominated by the WCR and she received the Clubwoman with Heart Award at a past GFWC-NC convention.

Barb had also been a past president of the Cary Woman's Club, having joined the Cary Woman's Club in 2005. Recently she served as co-chair of the Arts & Culture CSP. She loved leading rock painting workshops that went on display at the Page-Walker garden. Even though she was not feeling well, she still took the time to create favors for the Christmas luncheon.

One of her favorite programs in District 6 was the Chrysalis Club, and she had been the chairman of that program for a number of years. She thoroughly enjoyed being with the women from the NC Correctional Institution for Women and organizing visits for all of the clubs in our district.



She also loved her involvement in the Triangle Purple Heart and the Gold Star Family organizations and was responsible for helping to plan and coordinate the large dinners supporting our veterans and their families.

Barb so loved the arts and was incredibly creative, and she even had a special crafts room in her home. She kept up with many in the arts community, and you were very fortunate if you ever received one of her beautiful hand-made cards. She was also an avid bridge player and a member of several bridge groups.

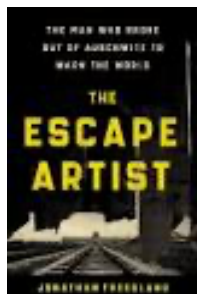
At the recent GFWC-NC Convention in April, Barb was recognized for her 35 years of service to the Federation. She always gave generously with her time and talents – and her heart. She will be missed.



Education & Libraries CSP

CWC Book Club

Our book club will 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.



Goodreads Choice Award

Nominee for Best History & Biography (2022)

In a book that is part thrilling adventure, part exploration of some of the darkest secrets of the Holocaust, award-winning journalist and best-selling novelist Jonathan Freedland uncovers the extraordinary story of the first Jew to break out of Auschwitz, a man who was determined to warn the world – and pass on a truth too few were willing to hear.

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

Maryanne Olsen



Civic Engagement and Outreach/ Domestic Violence Prevention CSP

Wishing everyone a fun and safe summer!

Elzbieta Hibbs & Priscilla Keating



Arts & Culture CSP

The Arts and Culture CSP is **looking for a co-chair** for the upcoming club year. If you are interested, please let Susan Abbott know. The projects include the Town of Cary Gifting Tree project and the Art Festivals.

Susan Abbott



Environment CSP

Heritage Daffodil Rescue Project

As you have heard, the Cary Woman's Club has been given permission to rescue 800 or more Heritage Daffodils on an old homestead due to the construction of the 540 Bypass at the intersection of Kildaire Farm Rd. and Holly Springs Rd.



The daffodils are now ready to be dug, cleaned and packaged for fall planting over the next month. We plan to plant some in public gardens in Cary and sell some of the bulbs at the Glenaire Craft Fair on Nov. 18, 2023.

Most of our work must be done on Sundays due to active construction nearby. We have engaged local high school boys to do the actual digging but will need lots of Woman's Club members to help with the cleaning, sorting, packaging, and labeling with planting directions over several days. Some of these jobs are sit-down jobs. None of our jobs require excess strength or special knowledge or talent!

Please send **text or email to Lois Nixon, doukab11@gmail.com or 919-744-0117** if you **are willing to help**, depending on the scheduling. Helpers will get a few of these special heritage bulbs to plant in their own gardens.

Lois Nixon

"Grandmother To Be" Needs Volunteer

Happy news! Arlene Gleason, our Recording Secretary is going to be a grandmother!! She may not be able to take notes for all the meetings next year and is looking for some volunteers to cover for her. Are you willing to help out? Please let her know that you are available as needed. She will certainly give you guidance as to what to do.

Fund Raiser News

We will be having two fund raisers this Fall! We will have our annual Pecan sale (Sept- Oct) and the Holiday Crafts Fair at Glenaire on Nov. 19, 2023. Exciting to try new ways to raise funds to help others.

GFWC of North Carolina Recognitions



Those who have been members for 15 and 25 years – and then every five years after that – receive a special certificate from GFWC-NC to recognize their service in clubwork. We are so pleased that a number of our members have achieved 15 years of service – and more! Below are those who received certificates from GFWC-NC:

Joan Hall – 15 years
Lois Nixon – 15 years
Susan Smith – 15 years
Jane Suppa – 15 years
Nell Meece – 25 years
Willa Brigham – 25 years
Lillian Smith – 45 years
Dorothy Schmelzeis – 50 years

Members were presented with a certificate at the May luncheon, and those not present will receive their certificates at a later date. The Cary Woman's Club thanks all of these members for their time and talents over the many years, for everything they do for our community.

Hospitality

Thanks to all of our members and their guests who attended our meeting/luncheon at Prestonwood.



We were so happy that our two scholarship winners, Jabreel Itayem and Alex Lugones, could attend our May luncheon, along with their mothers. Each student was presented with a certificate commemorating their award.

Jabreel, a graduate of Holly Springs High School, received a \$2,500 scholarship to pursue his studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Alex, a graduate of Apex Friendship High School, received a \$1,000 scholarship to pursue his studies at the University of North at Chapel Hill. The Cary Woman's Club wishes these students every success in their educational goals.

Thanks to all of you who sent photos (see below.) Special thanks to Willa for her inspirational singing! We hope that you all had a good time.

We will be sending out a Sign UP Genius to schedule volunteer hostesses for next club year. We appreciate all of you who volunteered last year!

Mercedes Cooley, Judy McDonal & Jane Sowards



MEETING LOCATION

Page-Walker Arts & History Center
119 Ambassador Loop, 1st Floor,
Downtown Cary, 27513

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