

Cary Woman's Club

Member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs

June 2017

"Serving Our Community ♦ Sharing Our Time and Talents"



President's Message ~ Mary Derrick



I can't believe that an entire year has passed! Where has the time gone? 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 The Mayton Inn. It was just lovely! Members were able to meet our high school scholarship winners, Kurtis Nguyen and Alexis Kester, and their parents. And, Howard Manning and Rev. Dr. Rose Cornelious attended and accepted our check from the proceeds from the Fashion Show. The certificates that our club received at Convention were presented—and the silver award that Conservation CSP won for the partnership award. In addition, three of our members received Silver Recognitions, certificates that GFWC-NC gives to members who have been in clubwork for 25 or more years. Whew! That's a lot!

Some of our officers completed their terms—Mercedes Auger, Silvia Barba, Deborah Lynch, Mary-Mel Kroeger, our trustees, Lillian Smith and Cathy McClay—my thanks to all of you! We are grateful to them for all of their help and continued interest in the club. And, at the May meeting, we also held the induction of new members, Diane Andersen, Arlene Gleason, Karen Russell, and Betty Kluttz (and those new members who could not attend will be recognized at the September meeting). We were so fortunate to have Kim Fulcher, GFWC-NC District 6 President, graciously induct our new members and then also install our new club officers. Thank you, Kim!

We had such a wonderful 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!



SEPTEMBER MEETING LOCATION

Page-Walker Arts & History Center

119 Ambassador Loop, 1st Floor

Downtown Cary, 27513

Thursday, September 14, 2017

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

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

www.carywomansclub.com

Membership Dues for 2017-2018

At our meeting on May 11, the general membership voted to increase the annual dues to \$90. This is a \$20 increase over our previous dues of \$70.00. The increase was necessary since the state GFWC increased their dues by \$20. We will be paying state and district dues of \$54 next year (State \$50 & District \$4). Of the \$90 that Cary members will be paying for 2017-2018, we will retain only \$36 for use by our club.

The state GFWC has made drastic cuts in their budget over the past year but in order for the state to have a balanced budget and cover their costs, a \$20 increase in dues was necessary.

Both the Executive Board and the general membership present at the May meeting discussed other ways to cover the additional cost. It was decided that the cost would have to be passed on to membership.

Please send your 2017-2018 dues, in the amount of **\$90**, payable to Cary Woman's Club, to Maryanne Olsen at 309 Briardale Avenue, Cary, NC 27519. ~ Thank you.

~ *Maryanne Olsen, Treasurer,*



Membership Matters

My thanks to everyone for all the guests that were brought to the meetings this year. I hope you will all think of some friends and acquaintances that you might want to invite to our September meeting. It would also be nice to invite anyone new to the area as well. We do have one new member this month - welcome

Carla Clark Liberatore! Please add her contact information to your member list.

- Address: _____
- Cell: _____
- E-mail: _____

I hope everyone has a fun and relaxing summer!

~ *Priscilla Keating, 2nd Vice President, Membership,*

New Officers for 2017-2018 Club Year

New officers were installed at the May meeting. Please let these women know how much their service to the club is appreciated.

The new 2017-2018 officers are:

- 3rd Vice President ~ Ways & Means: **Pat Sweeney** (2-year term)
- Treasurer: **Maryanne Olsen** (1 year remaining)
- Correspondence Secretary and Yearbook: **Judy Booger** (2-year term)
- Recording Secretary: **Diane Andersen** (2-year term)
- Education CSP Chair: **Mary-Mel Kroeger** (1-year term)

CSP Chairs for Club Year 2017-2018

- Arts..... Willa Brigham
- ConservationLois Nixon
- Education..... Mary-Mel Kroeger
- Home Life.....Cathy Clark & Nancy Skelding
- International Outreach.....Linda Turovlin
- Public Issues/Domestic Violence.....Karen Fiumara

GFWC-NC Silver Recognitions



On Monday, May 22, 2017, I had the pleasure of visiting with **Mrs. Hattie Beck**, former CWC President and recently a Trustee for the club. Mrs. Beck is a resident of Searstone, a retirement community of Cary.

On April 21, 2017, at the GFWC-NC 115th Annual Convention, the GFWC-NC presented a certificate of recognition for Mrs. Beck to President Mary Derrick. GFWC-NC recognizes and honors those clubwomen who have given 25 or more years of service to their clubs. The certificate reads as follows: *GFWC of North Carolina Silver Recognition - Hattie Beck of Cary Woman's Club is commended for dedicating 42 years of service to her club and community.*

I was very pleased to present Mrs. Hattie Beck with the framed award of recognition of her service on behalf of the Cary Woman's Club. By prior arrangement with her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Susan Beck, eleven family members were present to celebrate the occasion with her. She was genuinely pleased and appreciative of the award. Her family was happy to be present with her.

And, the Cary Woman's Club also received Silver Recognitions from GFWC-NC for past CWC President, **Lillian Smith** (37 years in clubwork) and for past CWC President **Dorothy Schelmezeis** (44 years in clubwork). Both of these women received their certificates on May 11 at the luncheon at The Mayton Inn. We are so pleased to have such dedicated, caring women serving the Cary Woman's Club!

~ *Gerry Ritter, 1st Vice President, Programs & Reports,*



Conservation CSP – Pollinator Garden

Even though members won't be going to the Page-Walker for club meetings during the summer, I hope everyone will stop by to enjoy the **Pollinator Garden**. It is now an award winning garden (!), and should be especially pretty this summer as it is now fully planted and ready for company!

As everyone knows, our club has a partnership for the garden with the Cary Garden Club and the Friends of the Page-Walker. The Cary Garden Club submitted their gardening work to their state and southeastern states regional levels of Garden Clubs, and won first place at both levels! Congratulations to our partners!

There were at least two artists at HerbFest sketching and painting in the garden. Those art works will be available at a Senior Center Art Auction later in the summer, and I will let everyone know of that event via email.



It was especially exciting during HerbFest that an artist sketching the Gaillardias noticed a half-inch long Monarch caterpillar munching on a leaf of the nearby orange Butterfly Weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*). She sketched the baby into her drawing, and I photographed it. However, as nature does its thing, the baby caterpillar had disappeared a couple of days later, and the baby robin being fed by its mother in the trees

over our garden seemed especially happy, so I fear that our first caterpillar of the season became bird food! There will be more caterpillars, so look for them on any of the milkweed plants. Or note if you see leaves stripped to the stem, where caterpillars have eaten them.



The mother robin seems to love her Pollinator Garden home—see her flapping her wings for a bath in the leaf water bowl, oblivious to Emma and me adding labels to the garden plants.

I'm also including a couple of especially nice photos of our garden, taken by the garden designer, Uli Gratzl, when she was at the garden in mid-May updating our planting plan, and planting a couple of plants shared from her garden.



Note the full pollen sac on the bumblebee's hind leg, and enjoy Uli's artistic view of "Looking down to see the sky." ENJOY!!



Did you know that there are over 4,000 species of native bees in America, but honeybees are not one of them? Honeybees were brought here in hives by settlers from Europe. However... the Honeybee, (*Apis mellifera*) is the official State Insect of North Carolina.

~ Lois Nixon, Conservation CSP Chair,



Education CSP

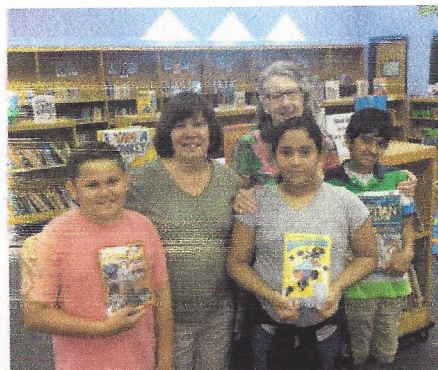
Education CSP is pleased to let everyone know that the club received the following e-mail on May 20 from Elise Thrash, the Library Media Coordinator at Kingswood:

"Thank you again, so very much! All the books have been checked out, as the students were excited to see them on the shelves that very afternoon for class!"

We tweeted it too... <https://twitter.com/Kingswoodbuzz>

*Have a terrific summer, and give the club our **thanks!**"*

Kingswood @Kingswoodbuzz May 17
Thanks to our community partners at Cary Woman's Club for their book donation!



~ *Silvia Barba, Education CSP Co-Chair,*

(Editor's Note: We love the photo of outgoing Education CSP Co-Chairs, Silvia Barba and Deborah Lynch, with the students at Kingswood! They gave so much of themselves to the school this past year.)



Public Issues CSP – National Gun Violence Awareness Day, June 2

Remember to **wear orange** on **June 2** (on the trip to the Chatham Mills Pollinator Garden in Pittsboro). **June 2 is National Gun Violence Awareness Day**, sponsored by Everytown for Gun Safety, with a goal to end gun violence in America! For more information: info@everytown.org



Flag Day is June 14 – Please fly your flag!

- Never let the flag touch the ground.
- Never use the flag as drapery or decoration - that's what bunting is for!
- Wearing the flag for costume is a no-no.
- Raise the flag briskly and lower it slowly.
- Only fly the flag upside down as a sign of distress.
- If displaying the flag at night, illuminate it proudly.
- When the flag is displayed from a staff projecting from a window or building, the union should be at the peak of the staff unless the flag is at half staff.

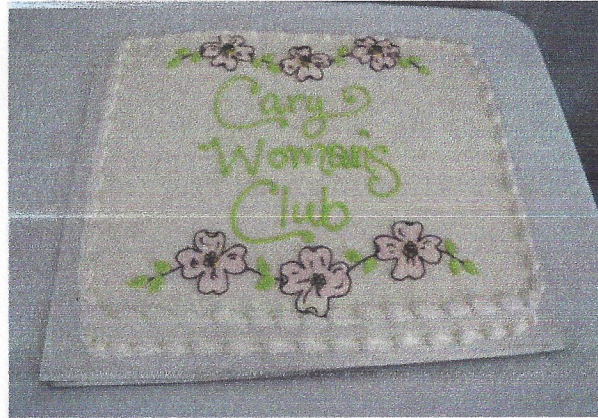
~ *Karen Fiumara, Public Issues CSP Chair,*

End of Club Year Meeting & Luncheon

What a nice ending to our club year! So many members and guests attended the lovely luncheon on May 11 at The Mayton Inn. Below are some photos from the event.



Lois Nixon provided "forget-me-not" seed packets in spring colors to each member



Our club colors, pink and green looked (and tasted) great in icing!



Our high school scholarship winners, Kurtis Nguyen and Alexis Kester



Rev. Dr. Cornelious, Mercedes Auger, and Howard Manning after check presentation to Dorcas Ministries



Induction of New Members



Installation of New Officers

And a few more luncheon photos . . .



Many thanks to Lillian Smith, Priscilla Keating, and Silvia Barba for providing photos of the luncheon!



World Elder Abuse Awareness Day – June 15

The United Nations (UN) has designated June 15 as **World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD)** to focus global attention on the problem of physical, emotional, and financial abuse of elders.

The purpose of the WEAAD is to encourage communities to recognize the problem of elderly abuse, and for countries to create policies that foster respect for elders and provide them the tools to continue to be productive citizens.



Estimates indicate that by 2050, the global population of people above the age of 60 will exceed the number of younger people. These changes have led to a worldwide recognition of the problems and challenges that face the elderly. Research has shown that elderly abuse, neglect, violence, and exploitation is one of the biggest issues facing senior citizens around the world. World Health Organization data suggests that 4 to 6 per cent of elderly suffer from some form of abuse, a large percentage of which goes unreported.

~ *Karen Fiumara, Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention Chair,*

Save Education Coupons



Each **Box Tops for Education** Coupon is worth 10 cents. These coupons provide monetary support to our schools—and do not cost our club anything. 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 place them in the box at the check-in nametag table. These will benefit Kingswood Magnet Elementary School.

June & More 2017 Dates

- Home Safety Month
- National Great Outdoors Month
- June 4 - International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression
- June 5 - World Environment Day
- June 12 - World Day Against Child Labor
- June 14 - Flag Day
- June 15 - World Elder Abuse Awareness Day
- June 18 - Father's Day
- June 20 - World Refugee Day



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