



# *Cary Woman's Club*

*Member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs*

January 2018

*"Serving Our Community ♦ Sharing Our Time and Talents"*



## President's Message ♦ Mary Derrick



Happy New Year

I can't believe that we're already into 2018. And, no, I haven't put up all of the Christmas decorations just yet (it's much easier putting them out than packing them up, isn't it?). I hope everyone had a wonderful 2017, and I am looking forward to more wonderful 2018!

At our meeting on **January 11**, I'm hoping that our members will be bringing in lots of creative works of art. I'd love to see some of our talented members walk away as winners at our District Arts Festival and who knows, maybe even our State Arts Festival in March. Wouldn't that be exciting! **Be certain to come to the January 11 meeting!**

Also, at our January 11 meeting, **Willa Brigham**, our Arts Community Service Program Chair, will be hosting the program, and she has asked **artist Edward Baxter** to be with us as well, and he will be bringing examples of his oil paintings. Willa has also planned for us to do a quick art project. That's a lot going on for one meeting!

And, lastly, this is the month where we really begin the reporting process in earnest. We're now collecting data for our **annual reports to GFWC-NC**. It's our time to shine! CWC does so many great things in the community, and so many organizations appreciate the time, talent, and treasure that our members contribute.

So, if you are contacted about a project or event you worked on, please be certain to get back in touch so that we can collect all of the data. What you do is so important in the life of a club!

Have you made a resolution for the New Year? Think about all of the organizations we helped in 2017, and all of those, past and yet-to-be, that we can help and support in 2018!



### MEETING LOCATION

**Page-Walker Arts & History Center**

119 Ambassador Loop, 1st Floor

Downtown Cary, 27513

**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month**

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

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

## After-Meeting Luncheon

The January after-meeting luncheon will be at the **Istanbul Restaurant**, 914 Kildaire Farm Road, Cary. Our reservation is tentatively set for 12:15 p.m. For a look at the menu, please visit its website, [www.istanbulrestaurantcary.com](http://www.istanbulrestaurantcary.com).

~ *Silvia Barba*

## Program for January 11 Meeting - Arts CSP

We are excited to have **artist, Edward L. Baxter**, as our **speaker for our January 11 meeting**. A Raleigh native, Mr. Baxter, has produced oil paintings covering a wide array of subject matter such as landscapes, still life, portraits, jazz themes, abstract, religious and African works.

*My canvases are drenched with color . . . everywhere I look it is there; in nature, our homes, in our clothes, in everything. This passion for color is what brings life to my art.*

~ Edward L. Baxter



In his early development, Ed was inspired by Romare Bearden, Jacob Lawrence, John Bigger, and Picasso. These days artist such as Thornton Dial, Purvis Young and Kehinde Wiley continue to provide a spirit-of-creation that has enabled Ed to produce paintings for well over 50 years.

Ed's art has been exhibited at numerous venues in Raleigh, including the North Carolina Museum of History, Shaw University, St. Augustine College, Glance Art Gallery, Visual Art Exchange, Local Color Gallery, Triangle African American Artists Association, and The United Arts Council of Raleigh Wake County. In Cary, his works have been on display at the Page-Walker Art & History Center, 2013 & 2014 FALC Members Show, and the Cary Ballet Conservatory.



His work has been in other NC locations: Cameron Art Museum, Wilmington; Hayti Heritage, Durham; Campbell House Galleries, Southern Pines; Charlotte Hawkins Brown Museum at Historic Palmer Memorial Institute, Sedalia; The Garner Performing Art Center, Garner; Harvey Gantt Center, Charlotte; and the Womble Carlyle Gallery, Winston-Salem.

In addition his work, along with 64 more artists, was juried in the 2011 North Carolina Artist Exhibition at the Progress Energy Center for the Performing Arts-Betty Ray McCain Gallery in Raleigh. Ed's art can be seen in International Contemporary Artists Vol. XI Book.

For more information, please visit his website at [www.edbaxterartgallery.com](http://www.edbaxterartgallery.com).

## Vice President for Programs – Bring reporting forms to January meeting

Brrrrr, it's cold outside. North Carolina's winters can be surprising. I tend to want to stay inside by the fire but I know it's time to get back to work.

First, let's keep getting our data of volunteer service for the 2017 year reports collected and turned in to the CSP chairs or other officers. Our **January meeting is the drop dead date** to get information in. Please do your very best so we won't have to contact you.

Second, other projects are ongoing so stay with the plans for the 2018 year. If you aren't sure how to be involved, contact Willa for Arts, Lois for Conservation, MaryMel for Education, Cathy and Nancy for Home Life, Shirley for International Outreach, and Karen for Public Issues. Let's keep good going! Keep focusing on how we make a difference in people's lives.

Finally, our GFWC calendar for special dates in January is shown on page 8 of the newsletter. Happy New Year!

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

## Ways & Means – Fashion Show Meeting on January 8!



The Ways & Means Committee will be holding a meeting at **1:00 p.m.** on **Monday, January 8**, at the home of Pat Sweeney. The main focus of the meeting will be planning the details of our Spring Fundraiser, the **CWC Fashion Show & Luncheon** set for Saturday, April 21, at the MacGregor Downs Country Club.

~ *Pat Sweeney, Vice President, Ways & Means*



## Bring your best crafts, visual arts, photography and literature to the meeting on January 11!

Members, please bring your best works of art to our **meeting on January 11!** Last year we had a wonderful showing of entries, and we'd like this year to be even better!

The guidelines for submitting entries were recently e-mailed to all members, and the guidelines are also available on our CWC website, [www.carywomensclub.org](http://www.carywomensclub.org).



If you have questions, please contact Willa Brigham.



December 1, 2017  
Club's entry into the Cary Gifting Tree Project



And, I hope all of you got to see our entry in the Cary Gifting Tree Project, but if you didn't, please check out our photos above!

~ *Willa Brigham, Arts CSP Chair*



## Education CSP - January is National Mentoring Month

**National Mentoring Month** is an annual, high-profile campaign to draw attention to the need for more volunteer mentors to help America's young people achieve their full potential.



### Research Shows:

- Students who meet regularly with their mentors are **52% less likely** than their peers to skip a day of school and 37% less likely to skip a class.
- Youth who meet regularly with their mentors are **46% less likely** than their peers to start using illegal drugs and 27% less likely to start drinking.
- **Seventy-six percent** at-risk young adults who had a mentor aspire to enroll in and graduate from college versus half of at-risk young adults who had no mentor. They are also more likely to be enrolled in college.
- Mentoring reduces "depressive symptoms" and increases "social acceptance, academic attitudes and grades."

Please visit [www.mentoring.org](http://www.mentoring.org) for more information, including resource materials.

~*Mary-Mel Kroeger, Education CSP Chair*



## Home Life CSP - January is National Blood Donor Month

January is the perfect time to honor the people who help others through the simple act of giving blood.

Since 1970, January has been known as **National Blood Donor Month**. It's a time when blood organizations like the American Red Cross pay tribute to the 11+ million people who give blood each year, and encourage others to start the New Year off right by coming to give the gift of life.



"Blood donors bring hope and promise to hospital patients who may need blood for their very life," said Diane E. Ward of the American Red Cross. "Donors are people like you who play a vital role in modern health care by helping ensure hospitals have blood for patients."

In the **60 seconds** it takes the Times Square New Year's Eve Ball to drop, **30 units** of blood and platelets may be transfused to patients.



Give now.  
[redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)



January is a challenging time for blood donation because cold and snowy weather and busy post-holiday schedules can make it difficult for blood donors to keep appointments. Regardless of the time of year, hospital patients nationwide need about 44,000 blood donations daily for cancer care, surgeries, and the treatment of serious diseases and trauma.

Community members can also contribute to the blood supply by organizing or volunteering at a blood drive, or by suggesting blood donation to their family and friends.

Donating blood is a great way to make a lifetime of difference in just a little more than an hour's worth of your time.

~ *Cathy Clark & Nancy Skelding, Home Life CSP Co-Chairs*



## International Outreach CSP - Can We Make a Global Impact?

Half of the world's population, over two billion people, lives on less than \$2.00 a day and 21,000 children die each day due to poverty, hunger, and easily preventable diseases. GFWC encourages our clubs to reach beyond their own communities to the global community to make a lasting difference in the lives of children, their families, and communities.



The **GFWC International Outreach Community Service Program** is designed to enable members to become better world citizens through advocacy, education, and action, which will, in turn, affect change in and for our global friends and their communities.

In most cases, GFWC members cannot be physically present to assist and make changes in countries around the world; however, members can be assured the donations made through our partnership agencies are reaching those in the greatest need.

There are countless ways to support global development and make a lasting difference. Consider raising cultural awareness; celebrating ethnicities; conducting fundraising activities to support healthy child development; advocating for basic human needs such as food, water, clothing, and education; and promoting self-sufficiency.

During this new year 2018, please consider making a donation to one of our **four GFWC partners: Heifer International; Operation Smile; UN Foundation, Shot@Life; and U. S. Fund for UNICEF** (see below)



Thank you!

~ *Shirley Barnes, International Outreach CSP Chair*

“And now we welcome the new  
year, full of things that have never  
been”

Rainer Maria Rilke



## Domestic Violence and Awareness – InterAct Holiday Bazaar GFWC Signature Project

During December we supported the **InterAct Holiday Bazaar** which took place in mid-December. We were excited that we packed 55 baskets (more than last year) for Moms at InterAct!



December 4, 2017  
Karen Fiumara, Chair of GFWC Signature Project, and Karen Andersen delivered 55 baskets to InterAct to help support its Holiday Bazaar. Nine ladies helped to assemble the baskets which made the project go very fast this year. Thanks to all who helped with the project as well as those who contributed items for the baskets.



*~ Karen Fiumara, Chair of GFWC Signature Project*

## 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. For more info, visit [www.bboxtops4education.com](http://www.bboxtops4education.com).

Cut them off and place them in the box at the check-in nametag table. These will benefit **Kingswood Magnet Elementary School**.

## Important Dates for January

- Cervical Cancer Awareness Month (Home Life)
- Lifelong Literacy in America Month (Education)
- National Blood Donor Month (Home Life)
- National Mentoring Month (Education)
- National Personal Self-Defense and Stalking Awareness Month (Domestic Violence)
- National Poverty in America Awareness Month (Home Life and Public Issues)
- National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month (Public Issues)
- Third Monday of Month - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day/Day of Service (Public Issues)

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