



Cary Woman's Club

Member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs

March 2018

"Serving Our Community ♦ Sharing Our Time and Talents"



President's Message ♦ Mary Derrick



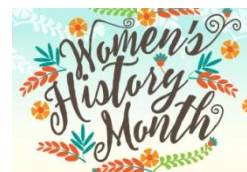
In addition to the "wearing of the green" and arrival of St. Patrick's Day, March is also **Women's History Month**, which has a very special meaning for all GFWC members. Did you know that the General Federation of Women's Clubs has a Women's History and Resource Center located in Washington, D.C.? It is solely dedicated to honoring and preserving women's history. The WHRC houses archives dating from the 1800's and chronicles the history of women's clubs, along with a library devoted to women's history with an emphasis on women in volunteerism. Women—and men—from all over regularly use its resources. Isn't that amazing?! March is a time to celebrate the many talented, intelligent women who have made such great strides in so many areas, not just in this country, but across the continents.

March is also **Read Across America Month**, and I think of all of our support for **Kingswood Elementary** and the time and talent—and books—that we have donated to the children in our Cary community. Reading is fundamental, and I'm so very glad to see the difference that it is making in the lives of children. Don't forget **Dr. Seuss**! His birthday is on March 2—and his day is celebrated as Read Across America Day.

At our next meeting on **March 8**, we are very honored to have **Chief Justice Mark Martin** take time out of his busy schedule to be with us. Please be sure to be with us on that day.

We are excited that we had several **winners at the District 6 Arts Festival** on February 10. Please read the newsletter to learn about our club awards and arts festival winners—we are so proud of all of our clubwoman!

Daffodils are popping up everywhere, and the Bradford pear trees are dropping their white blooms everywhere (oh, the pollen!). Spring is the season for renewal and growth—and we look forward to all that it offers!



~ *Mary Derrick, President*



MEETING LOCATION

Page-Walker Arts & History Center

119 Ambassador Loop, 1st Floor

Downtown Cary, 27513

2nd Thursday of each month

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

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

Program for March 8 Meeting – Public Issues CSP Chief Justice Mark D. Martin

On March 8, Public Issues is proud to host **Chief Justice Mark D. Martin** as our guest speaker. He was appointed **Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court** by Governor Pat McCrory on September 1, 2014 upon the retirement of Sarah Parker.

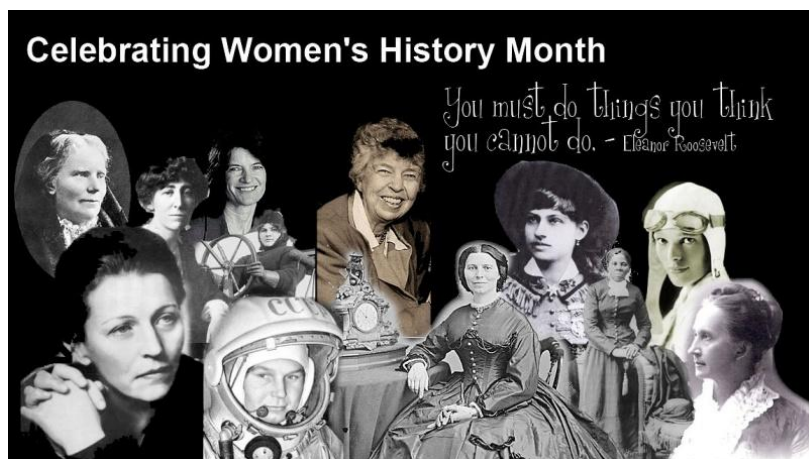
Martin received his undergraduate degree from Western Carolina University in 1985 and his Juris Doctor from the University of North Carolina School of Law in 1988. He later graduated from the National Judicial College in the general jurisdiction course and in 1998 earned his LL.M. in judicial process from the University of Virginia School of Law.

After graduating from law school, Martin served as a law clerk for Judge Clyde Hamilton, on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. Next he moved to the private sector and worked as an attorney for the McNair Law Firm. During his career, Martin taught law at Duke University School of Law, the North Carolina Central University School of Law, and the University of North Carolina School of Law. Before joining the North Carolina 3A Judicial District in 1993, he served as legal counsel to North Carolina Governor James G. Martin (no relation). Martin then served on the North Carolina Court of Appeals from 1994 to 1999. In 1998, he was elected to the North Carolina Supreme Court at thirty-five years of age, making him, at that time, the youngest supreme court justice in North Carolina history.

In February 2006, Martin was appointed a senior associate justice of the Supreme Court and, later that year, was re-elected to an eight-year term. Martin was re-elected in 2014 to another eight-year term, this time for the office of Chief Justice, a term that expires on December 31, 2022.

Many thanks to **Mercedes Auger** for making the arrangements for our guest speaker. Please be sure to attend our meeting, bring a guest, chat with our Chief Justice, and listen to him speak on several very important issues.

~ *Karen Fiumara, Public Issues CSP Chair*



End-of-Year Luncheon

Join your fellow clubwomen for our **Spring Luncheon** at **Prestonwood Country Club** on May 10. We will have installation of new officers and enjoy time together and a lovely buffet luncheon. You are welcome to invite guests, but all reservations must be paid in advance.

To make reservations, send your check for \$25 per person to Maryanne Olsen, Treasurer, CWC, P. O. Box 918, Cary, NC 27512-0918. **Reservation deadline is Monday, May 7.**

~ *Nell Meece, Social/Hospitality Chair*

CWC Award Winners!

We are thrilled to let members know about the results from the **District 6 Arts Festival**, which was held on February 10. The Arts Festival is also the day when the winners are announced from the reports that clubs submitted at the **District level**. Our club submitted award entries to be judged for all of our CSP programs, as well as several award entries in other categories.



The Cary Woman's Club received three **1st Place Awards!**

- ★ Conservation CSP Projects – Large Club – Winner
- ★ GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention – Large Club – Winner
- ★ Membership Brochure – Large Club – Winner

Our club members did an amazing job—everyone contributed to these Awards of Excellence by their volunteer hours, monies donated, and in-kind donations.

Membership



Please welcome our newest member, **Theresa Vanderhoof**, and add her to your member list!

- Address:
- Email:
- Home phone:

Be sure to say hello and make her feel welcome at our March meeting!

~ *Priscilla Keating, Vice President*

Ways & Means – *Stepping into Spring Fashion Show!*

“Stepping into Spring Fashion Show” is on track to be a festive day of fundraising for one and all! Sponsorships and Donations are being sought and received by the Committee, but the membership needs to seek these financial streams, too!

I suggest that one can secure from your favorite restaurant or your personal hairdresser or nail salon a gift certificate which you will purchase for yourself or a friend or family member (as birthday or special celebration gifts) at the Silent Auction, thereby contributing two donations to our fundraiser for The Caring Place: first the item, and second your purchase of the item. And, hopefully you will find an additional Silent Auction item that you “must have” and find yourself going home delighted by your day at MacGregor Downs Country Club.



Seating is going to be assigned this year, so groups can be assured of sitting together or as close together as possible. Tables will be set for 8 people, so please plan accordingly. Early ticket purchases will ensure easier large group assignments. **Tickets are \$40 per person** and can be reserved by checks mailed to the CWC, P. O. Box 918, Cary, NC 27512 or delivered to Pat Sweeney.

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



Arts CSP – News from the District Arts Festival!

Congratulations! Thank you to our artists for sharing your beautiful works of art at our January Arts Festival. Because you were so kind to share your talents, we won **SEVEN (7) ribbons at the District 6 Arts Festival!**

■ Lillian Smith	1 st Place	Crochet, Garments
■ Mary Derrick	1 st Place	Narrative Poem
■ JoAnn Minor	2 nd Place	Needlepoint
■ Susan Abbot	3 rd Place	Watercolor
■ Willa Brigham	2 nd Place	Machine Quilting
■ Willa Brigham	3 rd Place	Fabric Craft
■ Willa Brigham	2 nd Place	Lyric Poem

The 1st Place Award winners will now advance to the **State Arts Festival in Hickory on March 2**. We're hoping that we'll have some State winners as well!

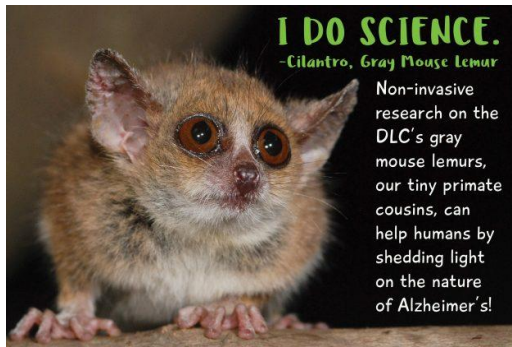
Willa Brigham will be telling stories at the Pittsboro Roadhouse Café, March 21, 2018, 7-9 p.m. Come early and enjoy dinner!

And, Willa, the author of **The Pizza Tree**, will also be telling stories at the Barnes and Noble in Cary on March 17, 2018 at 2 p.m.

~ *Willa Brigham, Arts CSP Chair*



Conservation CSP



Here is a note from Cilantro, the friend of our adopted member, Thistle. Cilantro and her scientist helpers at the **Duke Lemur Center** sent this explanation about how she and Thistle are helping with research into Alzheimer's disease.

"Why are lemurs so special? Here's just ONE reason: Because non-invasive research (brain scans) on grey mouse lemurs has helped shed light on devastating human diseases like

Alzheimer's: Like humans, mouse lemurs develop amyloid brain plaques and other Alzheimer's-like symptoms as they age. Studying these tiny primates has helped lead to a new hypothesis from the lab of Duke scientist, Anne Yoder, Director of the Duke Lemur Center, and rethinking how to treat people with diseases like Alzheimer's. This research finding could help identify people at risk sooner, before they develop symptoms, or point to new ways to delay onset or slow progression of the disease."

So the moral of the story is, lemurs aren't just cute; they're crucial for research! Because they're primates, they're a closer genetic match to humans than mice or rats are — and their unique contributions to science are just one of MANY reasons we should protect these extraordinary animals and learn everything we can about them. Stay tuned for a May date to visit these lemurs.

~ *Lois Nixon*, Conservation CSP Chair



Education CSP - Kingswood Elementary

The Education CSP Committee and Kingswood Elementary School would like to say:

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Thank you for once again demonstrating Cary Woman's Club commitment to our relationship with Kingswood Elementary by your generous donations to the "**CHANGE FOR BOOKS**" fundraiser held during the February general meeting! A total of \$298.00 has been raised this year to purchase new books for the school's library. Many students and teachers will appreciate having new books to read!

Kingswood Elementary School's Expression of Appreciation to the Cary Woman's Club

Traci Townsan with **Kingswood Elementary PTA** contacted us to say her organization would like to put the **Cary Woman's Club logo** on the back of the school's t-shirts this year as a "thank-you" for the generous donations and support the club has provided the school. With the Board's approval, the Education CSP Committee graciously accepted this opportunity to have the CWC logo appear, along with four other organizations, on the back of this year's school t-shirts. T-shirts will be made available for purchase by CWC members. What an honor for our club!

Volunteers for Undie & Sock Repackaging



We have an opportunity for a "hands-on" volunteer event benefitting Note in the Pocket. Socks and undies come in packages of 5 to 10. To facilitate efficient preparation of a week's worth of school clothes by Note volunteers, these packages need to be opened and re-bundled into groups of five. Each bundle is tightly held by masking tape and the size clearly written on the tape. They are then inventoried by size on the shelves at Note in the Pocket.

Event: Friday March 23, 2018 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: Page-Walker - 2nd Floor Classroom

Box lunches will once again be provided by Ruckus 4 at the Arboretum. To register your attendance, please email Deborah Lynch. Each member is asked to bring at least one package of undies and one of socks-boy or girl, any size. There will also be a "pocket," if anyone would like to leave a financial note to help further the goal of "Dressing Students for Academic Success."



The task is simple but goes a long way into making it easier for Note Volunteers to simply go to the shelf and get the appropriate size bundle. So, please come spend a few hours with fellow members, enjoy a free lunch, and do something that helps further Note's mission to continue clothing children with dignity and love.

~*Mary-Mel Kroeger, Education CSP Chair*



Home Life CSP

A lovely Valentine's Day party was held on February 13 for **Life Experiences**. Cathy Clark, our Home Life CSP chair, did a fabulous job of creating a party atmosphere, along with great snacks.

Carol French made necklaces and cards for all, and Willa Brigham held an incredible song and dance experience.



The clients just came alive and truly enjoyed themselves, and we received much more from this experience.

Left to right: Nancy Skelding, Willa Brigham, JoAnn Minor, Jane Suppa, Carol French, Cathy Clark.

~ Jane Suppa



Our speaker for our April meeting will be **Sandra Martin Clark**. Sandy is an attorney and certified public accountant who will give a presentation on the new tax act. She has a diversified tax practice advising clients on estate and gift taxes. Sandy is the daughter of one of our longstanding members who passed away in 2015.

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



International Outreach CSP - International Women's Day

The theme for International Women's Day, **March 8**, is "**Time is Now: Rural and Urban Activists Transforming Women's Lives.**" This year, International Women's Day follows unprecedented global movement for women's rights, equality and justice. This has taken the form of global marches and campaigns, including #MeToo and #TimesUp in the United States and in other countries, on issues ranging from sexual harassment to equal pay and women's political representation.



International Women's Day will also draw attention to the rights and activism of rural women, who make up over a quarter of the world population, and are being left behind in every measure of development. This will be a priority theme of the upcoming 62nd session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women.

~ Shirley Barnes, International Outreach CSP Chair



Public Issues CSP – Chrysalis Club

On February 20, six CWC members – Karen Fiumara, Willa Brigham, Jane Suppa, Arlene Gleason, Elzbieta Hibbs, and Diane Andersen – visited the **Chrysalis Club at the North Carolina Correctional Institution for Women (NCCIW)**. Willa Brigham developed our project for the 17 members of the Club. It promoted literacy, creativity, and self-esteem; we helped the residents make two types of bookmarks. The easiest ones were made from pre-cut recycled materials that were decorated with colored tape, paper scraps and markers. The more difficult markers were made by finger weaving different colors of narrow ribbon. These were very popular with the residents. We also brought many gently used paperback books for the women, enough that everyone got at least three books to read and share. Although the prison does have a library, choices are limited, and many of the women read every day. We had several spontaneous “book talks” among the women who were eager to talk about their books.

Finally, we shared the food and drinks we brought with us. The most popular food was sliced cheese, which is normally not available to them. Our CWC members enjoyed visiting with the residents and getting to know them a little better.

Many thanks to our members who donated books; please know how grateful the residents were with your choices, including some children's books we included. A special thanks to Willa for facilitating our project, to Diane and Jane who helped shop, and to Arlene and Elzbieta who were enthusiastic first-time visitors to the prison.

~ *Karen Fiumara, Public Issues CSP 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. For more info, visit www.boxtops4education.com.

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



GFWC Headquarters, Washington, DC
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Important Dates for March

- American Red Cross Month (Home Life)
- National Music in Our Schools Month (Arts)
- National Women's History Month (Public Issues)
- Read Across America Month (Education)
- Youth Art Month (Arts)
- National Consumer Protection Week – 1st full week of March (Home Life)
- March 2 - Read Across America Day, Birthday of Dr. Seuss (Education)
- March 8 - International Woman's Day (Domestic Violence & International Outreach)
- March 21 - International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (International Outreach)
- March 22 - World Water Day (Conservation and International Outreach)
- March 27 - Education and Sharing Day (Education)

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