



# Cary Woman's Club

Member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs

April 2018

"Serving Our Community ♦ Sharing Our Time and Talents"



## President's Message ♦ Mary Derrick



What do they say, "April showers bring May flowers?" I'm so ready for Spring weather. Spring may have officially started, but as I write this, it's still cold! I bet everyone is yearning to see some lovely spring colors—how about some pretty pastels?

And speaking of pastels, please be sure to attend our **Stepping into Spring Fashion Show** on **Saturday, April 21**. Hope you're looking forward to seeing all of the amazing spring colors in fashions from Dillard's. We don't have many seats left to fill, which is a good thing, and I'm so happy that everything is falling into place. If you have secured any items to donate to the Silent Auction, please contact Pat Sweeney, our Ways & Means chair.

And, here's just a reminder about **April 24**, which is **Federation Day**, the day which GFWC was founded in 1890. Take a moment to go to [www.gfwc.org](http://www.gfwc.org) under "Our Story" to learn more about Federation Day. Looking online, I found a graphic included in this newsletter that shows our abbreviation, GFWC, as meaning "Girl Friends Who Care." I don't think I could have said it better myself!

And, the Official Call has gone out for the **GFWC-NC Convention**, which will be held in Cary again this year, on **April 27-28**. At this convention, the new State president Ann Landis will be installed, and her administration will be filled with new leaders and new areas of focus. We would love to have some of our members attend, if just for the day.

Hope to see you there!



~ Mary Derrick, President



### 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 April after-meeting luncheon will be at **Taziki's Mediterranean Café**, 302 Colonades Way, Cary (in the Waverly Place Shopping Center), Tryon Road at Kildaire Farm). Tentative time is 12:15 p.m.

### Program for April 12 Meeting – Home Life CSP

#### April is National Financial Literacy Month

Our speaker for April is **Sandra Martin Clark**. Ms. Clark is an attorney and certified public accountant, and she will be speaking to the members on the **new tax act**. She has a diversified tax practice advising clients on estate and gift taxes. Ms. Clark is the daughter of one of our longstanding members who passed away in 2015. She is looking forward to being with us!

**National Financial Literacy Month** is recognized in the United States in April in an effort to highlight the importance of financial literacy and teach Americans how to establish and maintain healthy financial habits.

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

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

The “**Stepping into Spring Fashion Show**” countdown has quickened! **Saturday, April 21** will be here in less than four weeks.

A few tickets remain at this writing so you can still invite another friend to join you for a very special afternoon at the MacGregor Downs Country Club, where we will be “partying” for a very good community cause, **The Caring Place**. A three-course plated lunch with a complimentary cocktail, a club member's bevy of models previewing the “look” of Spring and Summer, and a diverse array of too-good-to-miss Silent Auction items will satisfy our taste buds and spark our imagination and open checkbooks.



The Committee is looking forward to enjoying the day with one and all! Cheers!

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

## Vice President for Programs – Thank you for a year of service!

As our program year winds down, I want to restate how excellent our monthly programs have been this year. Thank you to our CSP chairs for securing outstanding presenters and timely topics. I am looking forward to hearing from our Home Life speaker in April. Our final program in May is the installation of new officers.

On the evening of our March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting (with its excellent program) the Cary Woman's Club sponsored a table at the **WomenNC event**, the **9th Annual Local To Global** Celebration at the Jim Hunt Library on the NCSU campus. The WomenNC offers leadership fellowships to college students to research issues which "advance gender equity" in cities and rural areas with low economic opportunities. The program supports the fellows as they present their findings to the United Nations this month. (The program falls under the International Outreach community service area).

This year's program was a special one for us as Woman's Club members because WomenNC honored **Juanita M. Bryant, past International President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs**. Secretary of State Elaine Marshall announced that current and future student fellowships would be named the Juanita M. Bryant Fellows. Students from Meredith College and UNC-Chapel Hill made their outstanding presentations. Our club was represented by Shirley Barnes, CSP chair for International Outreach, Lois Nixon, Gerry Ritter, and Lillian Smith. We were also joined by Lillian's daughter, an employee of Meredith College. The evening was a wonderful experience, an impressive program and meal, and the opportunity to visit with other woman's club members.

Finally, a heads up about our 2017 annual report which again was prepared largely by President Mary Derrick. Thank you, Mary.

Due to the hard work of members, generous volunteer hours and resources, our club has compiled an even more impressive year of service to our community. We'll have an end of the year report for you in greater detail but for now here are some highlights:

- Our total volunteer hours increased by 50%!
- Our dollar contributions more than doubled!
- All six Community Service Programs increased in either hours or dollars and in most cases both.

You rock, ladies!! Thank you, thank you!

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



## Spring Luncheon – Thursday, May 10 at 11:00 a.m. at Prestonwood

Come and join your fellow clubwomen for our **Spring Luncheon** at **Prestonwood Country Club** on **May 10 at 11:00 a.m.** 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*

## Membership

We have some exciting events coming up at the Cary Woman's Club! This is a good time to talk up our club to your friends and get them thinking about checking us out and perhaps joining in the fall. Our first membership ad in the CaryCitizen ran for one week and according to their statistics, was a success based on number of views. We will be running another membership ad in the CaryCitizen online the first week of April in preparation for our April meeting. To view our ad, go to CaryCitizen.com, and it will be a scrolling ad on the front web page.



Again we would like to welcome our newest member, **Theresa Vanderhoof!** Please be sure to invite a guest or two to our April meeting and perhaps our May luncheon.

~ *Priscilla Keating, Vice President, Membership*

## Nominating Committee – Slate of Officers for 2018-2020

The Nominating Committee would like to presents its slate of nominees for 2018-2020:

- President: Karen Fiumara
- 1st Vice-President ~ Programs: Arlene Gleason
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President ~ Membership : Diane Andersen
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-President ~ Ways & Means: Pat Sweeney
- Treasurer: Carol French
- Corresponding Secretary: Judy Booger
- Recording Secretary: Priscilla Keating
  
- Board of Trustees and CSP Chairs: TBD

Our deep thanks to all who have agreed to serve the Cary Woman's Club!

~ *Karen Fiumara, Mary-Mel Kroeger, & Priscilla Keating, Nominating Committee*

## Grants and Community Service Projects Program Committee

We are pleased to announce that the G&CSPP Committee has awarded, with approval from members at the March General Meeting, **\$3,500 in community grants** and **\$600 in CSP service projects**.

A great deal of thanks is owed to committee members **Nancy Skelding, JoAnn Minor, Jane Suppa** and **Carla Liberatore** for their hard work in selecting the recipients who will receive monies for their community grant requests, and monies for CSP program services.

The Grants & CSPP Committee has met and reviewed a number of requests and has awarded the following amounts:

### Community Grants

\$800 InterAct  
 \$800 Boys & Girls Home of NC  
 \$650 The Center for Volunteer Caregiving  
 \$450 United States Veterans Corps  
 \$300 Cary Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)  
 \$250 VolunteerAid.org  
 \$250 Friends of The Page-Walker Hotel

### CWC Service Projects

\$100 – International Outreach CSP – for sponsorship table at WomenNC Fellowship Local to Global Program Dinner

\$250 – Education CSP – to provide books to the Media Center at Kingswood Elementary Montessori STEM Magnet School, a Title 1 school in Cary.

\$250 – Education CSP – to purchase socks and undies for Note in the Pocket

~ *Mercedes Auger, G&CSPP Chair*

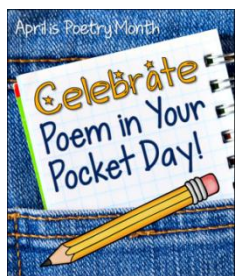


## Arts CSP – National Poetry Month

In April 1996, the Academy of American Poets founded National Poetry Month with an aim to:

- highlight the extraordinary legacy and ongoing achievement of American poets,
- encourage the reading of poems,
- assist teachers in bringing poetry into their classrooms,
- increase the attention paid to poetry by national and local media,
- encourage increased publication and distribution of poetry books, and
- encourage support for poets and poetry.





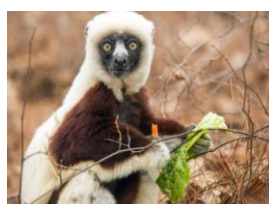
**Poem in Your Pocket Day 2018** is on **April 26** and is part of National Poetry Month. On this day, select a poem, carry it with you, and share it with others at schools, bookstores, libraries, parks, workplaces, street corners, and on social media using the hashtag #pocketpoem.

~ Willa Brigham, Arts CSP Chair



## Conservation CSP

**Monarch Butterfly news:** the Monarch sanctuaries in Mexico, where the Monarchs migrate for the winter, have reported the monarchs are departing for northern Mexico, and then they will be seen in the southern U.S., and finally here in Cary! Let's hope we have enough milkweed growing and blooming by the time they arrive. We did a garden cleanup last week, and on **April 13** some of the **garden workers will be going to Big Bloomers in Sanford** to get more plants for our 2018 garden, and to have **lunch!** Let me know if you would like to go along. Counting butterflies is a very inexact science, but scientists believe we're down to around 124 million eastern monarchs in 2018 . . . 22 million less than last year. Though a decline, that's still more than double the historical lows recorded from 2013 to 2015. Scientists measure the population in hectares, but one hectare can hold from 10 - 50 million monarchs...that creates a massive margin of error. We'll just keep doing our part to help Monarchs (and all butterflies and pollinators) in our Pollinator Garden. More garden maintenance volunteers are welcome. There will be a signup sheet at the April meeting. Our main responsibilities are to help with the *planting in late April or early May*—depending on weather, and then to take the months of **July and October** for our CWC maintenance duties. Our partners, The Cary Garden Club and the Friends of the Page-Walker handle the other months.



Speaking of conservation of species, did you see the article in the March 25 issue of the N&O titled: *For a glimpse of a world ruled by women, look at lemurs. (They keep the men in check.)* This photo shows Gisela, of the Coquerel's sifaka species, who is about two and a half feet tall with expressive yellow eyes – and she has a bone to pick with her mate. If he gets out of line, he risks getting a hair pull, a nip, or a tail yank. See the full article here: <http://www.newsobserver.com/news/local/article205271444.html> or send me an email, and I'll send you a copy of the article. These bold, smart, in-charge females will be some of the lemurs we see at our **tour to the Duke Lemur Center on May 25 at 11 am**. Sign up at the April meeting if you would like to join the carpool and the tour.

~ Lois Nixon, Conservation CSP Chair

*As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands –  
one for helping yourself, the other for helping others.*

~ Audrey Hepburn



## Education CSP – Note in the Pocket

Members met at the Page-Walker on Friday, March 23, to repack socks and underwear for Note in the Pocket. Volunteers were asked to bring a package of undies and socks – everyone was much more generous than two packages! And, we received some other donations from guests. About 3,000 pieces were repackaged, making them into bundles of approximately 500. Eleven members and six guests participated in the event. Our thanks to Dave Beecher from Ruckus at the Arboretum who again supplied lunch for all.



Below is a note from the NITP volunteer who is responsible for organizing the undie room and sock closet:



*Everything was organized PERFECTLY!!!!*

*All items have already been put into bins and are ready for orders!!*

*I would say we all make a pretty good team.*

*I look forward to us all working together again.*

*Thank you so much!*

*~ Mandie, Note in the Pocket*



*~Deborah Lynch, club member & long-time volunteer for Note in the Pocket*



## International Outreach CSP – World Health Day is April 7

The **World Health Day** is a global health awareness day celebrated every year on 7 April, under the sponsorship of the **World Health Organization (WHO)**, as well as other related organizations.

In 1948, the WHO held the First World Health Assembly. The Assembly decided to celebrate April 7



of each year, beginning in 1950, as the World Health Day. The World Health Day is held to mark WHO's founding, now in its 70<sup>th</sup> year, and is seen as an opportunity by the organization to draw worldwide attention to a subject of major importance to global health each year. The WHO organizes international, regional and local events on the Day related to a particular theme.

World Health Day is acknowledged by various governments and non-governmental organizations with interests in public health issues, who also organize activities and highlight their support in media reports, such as the Global Health Council.

~ *Shirley Barnes, International Outreach CSP Chair*



## Public Issues CSP - GFWC Federation Day, April 24

On April 24, 1890, the GFWC constitution was ratified and 63 clubs officially formed the General Federation of Women's Clubs. With nearly 3,000 clubs and 100,000 members worldwide, GFWC has come a long way since that day 128 years ago, when founder **Jane Cunningham Croly** (photo, right) formed a woman's club in 1868 after she was denied attendance at an all-male press club honoring author Charles Dickens. In 1889 she invited women's clubs through the United States to pursue the cause of federation. Every year, Federation Day gives members the opportunity to reflect on where we have been as an organization, and look forward to what we will accomplish in the future.



In 1889, GFWC clubwoman and author Julia Ward Howe said, "It occurred to them that union is strength. Then they began to reach out toward each other." What she said is still relevant today and just like our forefathers in 1890, members continue to find strength in federation. GFWC unites us all to one common mission of improving the lives of others through volunteer service.

Unite our voices and celebrate this amazing Sisterhood of Service on April 24, Federation Day, and begin the celebration by participating in **National Volunteer Week, April 15-22.**

~ *Karen Fiumara, Chair of Public Issues CSP*





## 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](http://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**.

## Important Dates for April

- **Federation Month (Public Issues)**
- Keep America Beautiful Month (Conservation)
- National Child Abuse Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness Month (Domestic Violence)
- National Library Week – 2nd full week of April (Education)
- April 15-22, 2018 - National Volunteer Week (Public Issues)
- April 7 - World Health Day (Home Life and International Outreach)
- April 12 - Drop Everything and Read Day (Education)
- April 22 - Earth Day (Conservation)
- **April 24 - GFWC FEDERATION DAY (Public Issues)**
- April 27 - Arbor Day – last Friday in April (Conservation)

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