

Cary Woman's Club Tidbits

March 2019

Save the Date

- Mar. 2 *Read Across America* (Dr. Seuss Initiative)
- Mar. 9 GFWC-NC Arts Festival at Mebane Arts Center 8 AM-2PM
- Mar. 14 9:30 AM General Meeting Celebrating Dr. Seuss' Birthday
- Mar. 14 Guest Speaker: Community Services Corporal Donna Pell
- Mar. 14 Fundraiser Lunch/Dinner @ City Barbeque, 1305 Kildare Farm Rd.
- Mar. 20 Ways and Means Meeting 9:00 AM at Lillian's Office
- Mar. 21 1 PM Board Meeting @ Karen's
- Apr. 27 CWC Fashion Show/Spring Fundraiser MacGregor Downs Country Club
10:30 am to 2:00 pm

*You are fantastically invited to celebrate
the 115th birthday of Dr. Theodor Seuss Geisel
featuring Dr. Seuss literature from 1938 – 1990
Thursday, March 14, 2019 9:30 - 10:00 am
With the Cary Woman's Club
At the Page-Walker Arts and History Center*

The Seussical menu includes:

Cat in the Hat and Bartholomew Cubbins Hats

Green Eggs and Ham

Yertle Turtle scones

Grinch kabobs

Lorax Truffula Trees

Truffula Seeds

One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish

Gloppity Glop Punch

Moose Juice and Goose Juice

Hope you can come!!

Hosted by: The Cats in the Hat that Came Back!

Dr. Seuss-isms:

In my world, everyone's a pony and they all eat rainbows and poop butterflies!

They say I'm old-fashioned and live in the past, but sometimes I think progress progresses too fast!

Sometimes the questions are complicated and the answers are simple.

The people that mind, don't matter; and the people who matter, don't mind.

Why fit in when you were born to stand out?

How did it get so late so soon? It's night before it's afternoon. December is here before it's June. My goodness how the time has flown.

How DID it get so late so soon?

Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened.

The more that you read, the more things you will know.

The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.

Today you are YOU, that is truer than true.

There is no one alive who is YOU-er than YOU.

It's a troublesome world. All the people who are in it are troubled with troubles almost every minute. You ought to be THANKFUL, a whole heaping lot, for the places and people, you're lucky you're not.

You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes.

You can steer yourself any direction you choose.

I know up on top you are seeing great sights, but down here at the bottom, we, too, should have rights.

Adults are just obsolete children and the heck with them!

You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child.

UNLESS someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not!

Reports/Awards

We were very proud of our club for winning three CSP/Special Project awards for the District: Conservation, Education, and Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention. A special well-done to the chairs of these CSP's: Lois Nixon and Karen Russell, Mary-Mell Kroeger and Maryanne Olsen, and Elzbieta Hibbs as well as all the team members for your hard work in these areas!

Congratulations to Mary Derrick, for her win as Clubwoman of the Year for District VI. It was a well-deserved award for her work in both our club and as President of the Raleigh Club. (How DO you do it ALL!!)

The Nominating Committee (Arlene Gleason, Karen Fiumara, Lois Nixon)

Seems like we just got started, but here we are again asking for chairs for three CSP's and two executive committee members for **2019-2020**. We've had a great year and we recognize all your hard work. Now we need to fill a few vacancies left by members who have served their two years.

We need CSP Chairs for Education, International Outreach, and Arts. We also need someone to help with the Yearbook, a Corresponding Secretary, and Third Vice President (Ways and Means Chairperson).

At our next meeting on March 14th we will allow time for discussion with those who have completed their terms and for questions about their positions. Please consider getting involved in one of the needed areas for our Cary Woman's Club.

People new to the Club should know that you are not alone when you take a position. The groups of people you work with are supportive and willing to go the extra mile. See you at the next meeting...

Submitted by Arlene Gleason

WomenNC Scholars Program

Five members of our club, Gerry Ritter, Karen Fiumara, Dorothy Schmelzeis, Lillian Smith and our organizer, Lois Nixon, attended the 10th Annual Local-to-Global Celebration on February 28. Ten scholars shared their research into local issues, ranging from increasing minority participation in Computer Science classes in Durham high schools to perinatal care of pregnant prisoners in NC prisons. The forum was a dress rehearsal before making their presentations to the United Nations. Many thanks to Lois for making a poster (photo attached) that gave us an opportunity to share information about our club.

Arts

Congratulations to all our participants and winners at the District VI Arts festival on February 16. Linda Brown was awarded two first place wins for her entries in pastels and oils. Willa Brigham also received first place wins for her entries in quilting and paper craft. In addition, Susan Abbott was awarded a first place in watercolors, Lillian Smith a second place in jewelry, Betty Kluttz a third place for her acrylic painting of aspens and Diane a third place in needlework. Lois Nixon received a first place in Literature (Essay) for her essay about Rescuing Monarchs from Hurricane Florence, and Mercedes Auger was awarded second place in Literature (Best Narrative) for her Father's Day poem. First place winners will participate in the State competition at the Mebane Art Center on March 9. Many thanks to Lillian Smith and Betty Kluttz for organizing and transporting our entries.

Conservation

National GFWC is asking us to plant trees in our communities, with a goal of 1000 trees nationwide. That should be an easy goal to achieve. Where should we plant trees in Cary? I'll be asking for ideas at the March meeting, because late fall, February and March are the best planting times in NC. So we need to plan for next year and, of course, we will coordinate with the Town of Cary. The Town has a grant program for community gardens, tree planting, and environmental restoration. One recent study has revealed that Cary is losing 400 acres of tree canopy a year due to development. I agree with Dr. Seuss that "sometimes I think that progress progresses too fast!" What can we do to help mitigate that loss? If that pace continues, we will have no tree canopy left in 10 years. What do we want Cary to look like in 10 years? Let's start now to do our part and set an example for others. We can be the Lorax to "speak for the trees!"

The good news is that our Pollinator Garden efforts have spurred a wider effort, and the Mayor signed a Proclamation in February declaring that 2019 is the Year of the Monarch Butterfly in Cary. Link to article on Town of Cary website.

<https://townofcary.org/recreation-enjoyment/parks-greenways-environment/environmental-outreach/monarch-challenge>

I will have an update on our adopted Grey Mouse Lemur, Thistle, at the March meeting.

Submitted by Lois Nixon and Karen Russell, Conservation CSP Co-Chairs

Home Life

Home Life celebrated Valentine's Day with a party at Life Experiences on February 13. To say it was a success would be an understatement! There was a lively interaction among the clients and our club members, led by Willa Brigham who brought out the best in everyone. Carol French made hats, necklaces, M&M favors, cards, etc. Dorothy really set the tone with fabulous balloons (taken home by the clients with much joy).

Arlene had extra goodies and a CD player. Also participating were Marcie Thomas (our new member jumping right in!), Maryanne Olsen, Diane Andersen, JoAnn Minor, and Karen Fiumara. Thank you to our eleven club members for their eager participation. I am sure it was equally satisfying to them to see such joy expressed by our friends at Life Experiences.

Submitted by Jane Suppa and Nell Meese

Public Issues and Domestic Violence

On February 19 five of our members participated in the monthly Chrysalis Club meeting at Raleigh's Woman's Prison. Our memory book/journal craft was well received. The women were so creative and enjoyed decorating their individual projects. The fresh fruit, veggies and cheese (especially the cheese) were very much appreciated. Unfortunately, due to new prison rules, we could not donate the 104 paperback books *directly* to the ladies, but they were donated to the prison library. Thank you all for the donations of stickers, book and cash. A special thanks to Diane Andersen, Nell Meece, Karen Fiumara and Jane Suppa for their time and assistance during the Chrysalis Club meeting.

The speaker for our March 14 meeting is Cary Police Community Services Corporal, Donna Pell. She will discuss how to protect yourself and avoid phone and online scammers, as well as general online personal and home safety precautions. Corporal Pell has been with Cary Law Enforcement since 2002 and has served as Community Services Corporal since November of 2017.

Ways and Means

Our Spring Fashion Show is April 27th from 10:30 am – 2 pm at the MacGregor Downs Country Club. You will enjoy a lovely plated brunch, mimosas, raffles, live music and special door prizes along with a few surprises!



Dillard's will showcase the latest spring fashions for all ages. Models will include children as well as adults.

Dillard's
The Style of Your Li

Tickets for this fabulous event are \$40! Please invite your friends. Seating is limited to 120 and limited sponsorships are available. Tickets will be pre-sold and table seating requests need to accompany your payment. We look forward to a "Sold Out" Event! Remember...we are asking you to bring the names of your guests and any checks or cash to our monthly meetings ... or mail it to our Post Office address: Cary Woman's Club, Attn: Fashion Show 2019, P.O. Box 918, Cary, NC 27512-0918.

The Ways and Means Committee has been working hard to pull this together. The rest is up to you! Only YOU, all our valuable members, can make this charitable event a success. Put it on your calendar now! ~ **Thanks so much** ~ *Submitted by Mercedes & Karen*

Triple Challenge to members for the April 27 Fashion Show

1. Sell "Tickets": A check for \$40 per person and the name of each guest secures a place – actual tickets will not be issued.
2. Sell Table Sponsorships: Talk to businesses /services you use about being a \$400 table sponsor.
3. Secure Event Benefactors: There are only 3 left! Invest \$1000 in Cary Woman's Club and our community's children in Cary's ***Play it Forward*** Program.

Forms are on line and are available at the March 14 meeting

We can do it!! Thanks!

Submitted by Gerry Ritter and the Ways and Means committee

Hospitality

Lunch after the meeting will be at **City Barbeque** on 1305 Kildaire Farm Rd in Cary. This is also a fundraiser for our club. Please present your coupon to get 25% back on food bought all day long on March 14 only. Give coupons to your friends and neighbors!

(Submitted by Diane Andersen)

New Member

Marcie Thomas

Welcome Marcie! Marcie has already participated in our Life Experiences party and is one of the hostesses for our Dr. Seuss feast at our next meeting. We are so glad to have you in the Club.

(Submitted by Diane Andersen, Membership)

Announcements

Many thanks to Arlene for stepping in to facilitate our March 14 meeting while I'm in LA with my husband.

Please see all the attachments to the ***Tidbits***, especially the forms that you need to solicit sponsorship/prizes for the upcoming April 27 fashion show.

Submitted by Karen Fiumara