

## Cary Woman's Club Tidbits

May 2019

### **Save the Date**

- May 4        10<sup>th</sup> Annual Herb Fest Page-Walker Arts & History Fest 9 AM to 3 PM
- May 6        **Reservations for May 9 Luncheon due no later than today**
- May 9        11-11:30 CWC Social half-hour at Prestonwood Country Club  
PLEASE GREET OUR SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS  
11:30 Installation Luncheon at Prestonwood Country Club
- May 14       Fashion Show Wrap-Up Meeting for Ways and Means Committee  
4-6PM at Gerry Ritter's home
- May 16       CWC Joint Board Meeting & Potluck 11:30 AM @ Karen Fiumara's
- May 18       Free Skin Cancer Screening @ Duke Health Center at Southpoint  
9am to 4pm (Make an appointment.)
- Sept. 8       Doorway to Hope Fundraiser "A Night of Raising Hope" 6 PM

### **URGENT RESPONSE REQUESTED**

If you have not already reserved a spot at the End of the Year Luncheon, please email Carol French at with a CC to Diane at or text Carol to let her know you are attending. Checks for \$25 should be sent to Cary Woman's Club PO Box 919, Cary NC 27512. Diane needs to give Prestonwood a head-count this Monday May 6 and I am sure there are more of you who want to attend and need to sign up! Please try not to miss our end of the year celebration!!

### **Conservation**

The Friends of the Page-Walker Hotel will be hosting their 10<sup>th</sup> annual Herbfest on **Saturday May 4** at the Page -Walker Arts & History Center from 9 am to 3 pm. Karen Russell, Conservation Co-Chair, will be representing the CWC from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. If anyone is available to help Karen R., please call her (Lois is out of town). A butterfly release will take place at 11:30 am and 2:30 pm. Special activities for the kids will be available as well as local food trucks.

## ***Ways and Means***

Good News ... Our "*Rainbow of Opportunities*" shone brightly. The Spring Fashion Show & Brunch on April 27th was a rousing success thanks to all of you and your participation! Co-chaired by Mercedes Auger and Gerry Ritter, along with the powerful Ways and Means Committee, the event benefitted the Town of Cary's Play it Forward Scholarship Fund. We had a sold-out crowd of 120 guests in attendance and are awaiting very promising net dollar results. Special thanks to our two benefactors and five table sponsors. Our emcee, Lyman Collins added levity and laughter! The models strutted to the music of Tim Dacosta. Dillard's fashions were modeled by our own CWC members and their families. Our president, Karen Fiumara and her husband, Hank led the fashion parade. Dillard's, Cary donated two 'Live Auction' baskets and perfume samples for each guest. Decorative fresh floral table arrangements were created by Betty Klutz. Program printing and design was done by Lillian Smith with signage by Susan Abbott. Carol French created the nametags and raffle basket listings. The CSP chairs put together raffle baskets and Diane Andersen made sure we got top dollar while Maryanne Olsen & Mary-Mel Kroeger tracked every penny! The show ended with a lucky guest at each table receiving a special door prize.

Susan, Diane, Gerry, Betty, Karen, Lillian, Maryanne, Mary-Mel, Lois, Dorothy, Willa, Priscilla and our models; this success would have not been possible without you. Many thanks to MacGregor Downs Country Club for their assistance in our profitable and fun event. We thank all of you for your support. CWC has a club full of phenomenal women!

~ 3<sup>rd</sup> VP: *Ways & Means* – Mercedes Auger

## ***Home Life***

***Polka Dot Mama***, our local Melanoma Foundation, is attempting to set a mark recognized by the Guinness Book of World Records for the "largest skin cancer screening." The record to beat is 780, so they need your help. Skin screenings are FREE, regardless if you have insurance or no insurance. If you've got skin and are at least 18 years old, you can help them win! It's May 18 at Duke Health Center at Southpoint 6301 Herndon Rd, Durham. Sign up on their website for an appointment [polkadotmama.org](http://polkadotmama.org) (click on EVENTS). This will fit into the State President's focus on Women's Health for the 2018-20 administration.

*Submitted by Karen Fiumara and Lois Nixon*

## ***Education***

The two recipients of this year's CWC Scholarship for High School Seniors will be attending the May luncheon along with a guest. As we gather before lunch, please feel free to extend a warm welcome to Valerie Girgis from Apex High School and Elizabeth

Stavrakakis from Panther Creek High School. The CWC can be very proud of these two young ladies!

*Submitted by Mary-Mel Kroeger*

### **Grants Committee Summary – May 2019**

The CWC grants committee has completed selection and approval of the August 1, 2018 thru March 1, 2019 Grants & Community Service Projects (CSP's) Program. We had a total of \$6,437.20 in funds and distributed \$6,000.00. The committee decided to be conservative in our approach due to the uncertainty of the club's fundraising status. Recipients of grants and service projects were as follows:

#### **Grants:**

A Doorway to Hope: \$1,000.

Education CWC - CSP Mature Women's Scholarship Fund: \$500.

Feeding Friends – Kingswood Elementary: \$1,000.

InterAct: \$1,000.

Note in the Pocket: \$1,000.

SafeChild: \$1,000.

#### **Community Service Projects (CSP)**

Education: \$250.

International: \$250

Special thanks to our grants committee members for their research and dedication in the decision making process. Current members are Mercedes Auger, Jane Suppa, Maryanne Olsen, Linda Brown and a hearty welcome to our newest member for 2019-2020, Dorothy Schmelzeis.

Submitted by Mercedes Auger, Grants Committee Chair

#### **Announcements**

***Don't forget to sign up for the CWC Installation Luncheon on May 9 by contacting Carol French ASAP!***