

Cary Woman's Club Tidbits

August 2019

Save the Date

- August 13 Celebration of Life service for Joe Schmelzeis at 3:00 PM
Christ the King Lutheran Church, 600 Walnut Street, Cary 27511
- August 15 1 PM Board Meeting at the Conference Room 1020 Southhill Drive
- August 16 10 AM By Laws meeting @ Carolina Café
- Aug. 24-25 Lazy Days (Volunteer positions available with the Town of Cary)
- Sept. 8 *Doorway to Hope* Fundraiser "***A Night of Raising Hope***" 6 PM
- Sept. 12 CWC General Meeting @ 9:30 AM hosted by the Executive Board
- Sept. 28 District VI Fall meeting @ the First Baptist Church of Garner
- Feb. 15 District VI Arts Festival @ the First Baptist Church of Raleigh

Update on Dorothy

The Celebration of Life service for Joe Schmelzeis will take place on **Tuesday August 13 at 3:00 PM at Christ the King Lutheran Church** on 600 Walnut Street, Cary. A reception will follow at Christ the King. (*This is a change; there will NOT be a reception at MacGregor Country Club.*) Christ the King is near Cary HS and Cary Town Center.

Please call Dorothy or email her if you would like to arrange a time to see/talk to her or bring food in the coming weeks.

Conservation

July was pretty HOT!!! But, in spite of that, we had CWC members who volunteered to work in the Page-Walker Pollinator Garden. Special thanks for volunteering to Amanda French, Karen Russell, Nell Meece, and Steve Blake (not a CWC member), but I met him at the Town of Cary Bio Blitz on June 22, and he volunteered to help. Never turn down a volunteer!

At the BioBlitz, we were taught how to use the ap iNaturalist, which lets you upload a photo of a plant or insect or animal, and the ap helps to identify the photo. Pretty neat. Maybe we'll do our own BioBlitz and learn to use the ap, in the Pollinator and Herb Garden for our October program for Conservation.

Also recruited another volunteer while working in the garden on July 28, Fadia Kasaene, who was admiring the garden. She is a Teacher Assistant at Kingswood, so cannot help during the day, but is interested in coordinating our help with the garden at Kingswood! Love these connections.

If you would like to volunteer with Lois, contact her via phone.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Nixon

Federation News

The Cary Woman's Club will be one of the clubs hosting the District VI Fall meeting on September 28 at the Baptist Church in Garner. More information to come. Save the date if possible! We will need several members that can attend and help with the breakfast.

CSP Chairs

The CSPs had a meeting at Chanticleer on August 7th which had a great turnout! Elzbieta, Lois, Karen R., Marci, Betty, Silvia, Nell, Jane and Arlene had a productive and fun meeting with each person contributing ideas and plans for what is sure to be an exciting new club year.

For our September General meeting, the chairperson(s) for Education, Homelife, Conservation, Arts and Public Issues will fill us in on what is ahead for this year. ALL activities will need volunteers and sign up boards with pens nearby will be there for our use. While we are socializing and getting acquainted, members can ask questions of the CSP chairs and sign up to volunteer. Every member needs to be an active member of at least one CSP.

The State has mandated that there will only be 5 CSPs this year (and going forward). Activities/Donations that were in International Outreach will be incorporated into other CSPs as appropriate. We had several suggestions for the February meeting that is normally hosted by International Outreach:

1. Instead of having a speaker for International at the February meeting we have a covered plate, dish or drink that is from the background culture or country from where members have ancestral history. Each member of the CWC could bring a sample for us to try and it would make an interesting time for discussion and tasting.
2. Doing a project during the meeting that many include making simple blankets or another item we could ship to Operation Smile or another organization of our choosing.

We will continue this discussion at the upcoming Board meeting on August 15.

Respectfully submitted, ARLENE GLEASON 1st VP of Programs

Board Meeting

The first board meeting of the year will be held from 1 PM to 3 PM at Hank Fiumara's new office conference room. (Our house is being painted and will not be complete by August 15.) The building is located off Weston Parkway. From Harrison, turn right onto Weston Parkway. Go past the traffic light and Wessex and make the next right on Southhill Drive. Make an immediate right into the parking lot. There are two buildings side by side; it is the three-story building 1020. Go up the elevator to the third floor and take the first door outside the elevator (Suites 351-362). Conference room is on the left.

Upcoming Changes in CSPs and the Executive Board

Carol French, our current Treasurer, has had to resign her position, effective September 1. Fortunately, she will continue as a member of the Club, but we must fill her position for this year only. As you know, being a Treasurer requires some specialized knowledge. Diane, who had a career in banking, has volunteered to fill this position but, if the Board approves, that would mean we would need a Membership chair. SO, it's complicated. If you can help, let me know. More discussion on this topic at the Board meeting.

Deborah Lynch will also continue to be a member of the Club, but her health will not allow her to co-chair the Education CSP. Silvia needs some help, also. New member Marcie will continue as Scholarship chair.

Joan Sibley

Joan Sibley, a former member of the Cary Woman's Club, died on July 23, 2019 in Winston-Salem where she and her husband had lived since 2010. If you need more information, please contact Nell Meese.

New Member

Please welcome new member **Mercedes (Merc) Cooley**. We are so glad to have this dynamic retired WCPSS Social Worker join our group!

Announcements

Please send Karen your news for the September Tidbits by September 1. Thanks so much.

Karen Fiumara