

Cary Woman's Club Tidbits

February 2020

Save the Date

- Feb. 10 1:00 Fashion Show Committee Meeting at Karen's
- Feb. 12 1:00 Valentines' Party at Life Experiences
- Feb. 13 9:30 AM General Meeting
- Feb. 15 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM District VI Art Fest at First Baptist Church, Raleigh
- Feb. 18 Visit to the Chrysalis Club at NCCIW 4:15 PM – 8:00 PM
- Feb. 27 9:30 AM Board Meeting at 1020 Southhill Drive (NEW DATE)
- Mar. 1 Deadline to submit information for CWC *Tidbits*
- Mar. 3 1:30 Bingo @ Chatham Commons
- Mar. 9 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM GFWC-NC Arts Festival@ Mebane Arts Center
- Mar. 12 9:30 AM General Meeting
- Mar. 12 Fundraiser Lunch/Dinner at City Barbeque 1305 Kildaire Farm Rd., Cary
- Mar. 13 Tree Planting @ Cary Tree Archive
- Mar. 19 9:30 AM Board Meeting at 1020 Southhill Drive Suite 350
- Apr. 7 CWC visit to the USO @ RDU

Program

The guest speaker for **Thursday Feb 13th** is **Kristine Ashwood** director for Cary's TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES (located at 1357 Kildare Farm Rd, Cary 27511). As part of her presentation, Kristen will be showing a video to educate us about the mission of *Ten Thousand Villages* and its success in helping people help themselves. She will be bringing several items for sale, so if anyone is thinking of last-minute Valentine's gifts, maybe this will help.

Submitted by Arlene Gleason

Hospitality

Lunch after the meeting will be at **The Big Easy Oven and Tap**, 231 Grande Heights Drive, Cary 27513. Reservations are for 12:30.

Submitted by Diane Andersen

Conservation (Environment) CSP

Lois Nixon and Karen Russell, co-chairs

In order to help with one of the GFWC National Initiatives, club members across the U.S. are asked to contribute to the planting of 20,000 trees during this GFWC Administration, by May 2020. CWC members may recall that we have donated funds to the Pender County Tree Fund to help them replace hundreds of trees lost during Hurricane Florence.

Now we have the opportunity to plant some trees in our own community in the new Cary Tree Archive. Our planting will take place on ***Friday afternoon, March 13***. Details will be available at our February and March meetings. Please check your calendars and be prepared to sign up to help with this tree planting. We will plant at least two trees with the help of an arborist who will deliver the trees to the site, and also dig the holes for us! We will use Environment CSP funds to purchase the trees, and our volunteers will assist in filling in the holes around the trees and adding mulch.

There will also be an opportunity (date and time to be determined) to help plant a tree at the new Cary Library. More details will be available at the February meeting. This is of special interest to our club as it was Woman's Club members who established the Cary Library in 1951. This planting will include a teaching video on how to plant a tree. Hope you can sign up to help!

Submitted by Lois Nixon

Home Life

Don't forget: Bingo @1:30 is on the **first Tuesday of every month** at Chatham Commons. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun. Cleaning items are requested for Oxford House. Please bring your bucket with your cleaning items to the February meeting (it takes about \$10 to get a bucket and fill it if you shop at the Dollar Store). Our Life Experience's Valentine Party is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 12th** at 1:30 at 260 Towerview Court, Cary. Please arrive by 1:00 PM to set up and decorate. Again, all are welcome.

Submitted by Nell Meece and Jane Suppa

Education CSP

Kingswood is looking for volunteers for their Great Leaps 1st grade reading program. Time slot is 10:45-11:45 Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. If interested let me know.

Feeding Friends needed pantry items:

Single packet flavored oatmeal

Pasta

Rice

Beans

Sauce NO Glass

Canned meats

Canned vegetables

Wholesome snacks

Submitted by Silvia

Fundraising

The Fashion Show Our next committee meeting is scheduled for **February 10** at 1 PM at Karen's house. Please consider joining us.

City Barbeque Please hand out flyers to family and friends for the City Barbeque Lunch/Dinner on **March 12!**

Arts

On **February 15**, Lillian, Susan, Karen, Diane and Lois will be attending the District VI Arts Fest in Raleigh. We will be submitting our first-place winners from our CWC Arts Festival for judging. CSP awards will be presented at this meeting as well.

Public Issues and Domestic Violence

We will be visiting Raleigh Woman's Prison on **February 18**; our activity will be assisting the ladies to color and decorate a small booklet. ***Please donate stickers for decorating the blank pages.*** The stickers were very popular last year, it's a great way for the residents to express themselves. The Dollar Store and Michael's (use a coupon available online) have a good variety. Please bring any donation to our February meeting.

Tuesday, April 7, will be the day The Cary Woman's Club will be assisting the USO at RDU airport. Below is information from the USO on what we will be expected to do. I will have a sign-up sheet at our February meeting if you would like to volunteer.

Guidelines for Volunteers- Marine Program

The Marines are coming from training at Camp Lejeune (Camp Geiger) in Jacksonville, NC. After a month there, which follows almost three months of basic training at Parris Island, SC, they are bussed to RDU to fly out for their specialty training. What that means is they are going to another school to learn what they will be doing in the USMC (things like truck driver, military policeman, etc.). After that training, they will report to their first unit where they will utilize that skill.

The day you see them, they will arrive between 1:30 and 2:00pm, having been up since 4:00am that morning. Most will be traveling in “civvies”. They have been in the USMC about 4 or 5 months and for most of that time, the people training them have been yelling at them, a military rite of passage, so we will be among the first to treat them with courtesy.

This is where you come in. You should arrive at about 1:00pm. Your group size should be 10 or fewer. We do not have a formal dress code, so be comfortable (especially shoes). You should be done by 3:00pm-3:30pm depending on the USMC group size. You can park in the parking deck for terminal 2. Cost is \$2 per hour with a \$12 cap for a day effective March 2016. We recommend trying to car-pool to save a little cash.

We will meet your group at door 6 of the far side of the terminal where some of our team volunteers will be gathered. From there, if time allows, we will escort you to the Center for a short tour and brief history of the USO of NC.

During your visit, you will do one or two of several things:

1. You will work on signing them in before they go to the USO. This is a manual task where you get their name and rank.
2. You will help tag their bags (both carry on and items to be checked at the airline). The tags they use are those you get at each airline that you are probably familiar with. Any airline tag can go on any bag-it does not necessarily have to be a tag of the airline the bag will be checked with. All they need to do is to put their name and phone number on the tags and any airline tag is acceptable to all airlines, so for example a United tag can be used by someone checking in at another airline. As part of that process, tear off any old tags on their bags that the airlines issued when they checked the bags on their way to Jacksonville weeks ago.
3. We have a team of seasoned volunteers who may on occasion ask you to pitch in on a certain task. Please do so if asked. We would also ask each volunteer to bring several pens with you. You will need them so the Marines can fill out the bag tags or get signed in. They disappear so bring pens you can afford to lose.
4. Most importantly, just talk to the Marines when they are in line to check in at airlines (not at kiosks, but when they are waiting to check their bags as the airlines back up completing this task if the numbers are big). In doing this, except for asking for directions to the USO or restrooms, defer all questions to a regular volunteer.
5. Please do not help them carrying their bags. In many cases, the bags weigh more than the Marines carrying them, but they know how to balance the weight! But if necessary, you can get them one of the Smart Carte’s floating around the terminal.

When your team arrives, they will be taken through the process the Marines will experience, including a USO of NC RDU tour at some point, so all the above

information will be clarified so you can have a great experience! Thanks for volunteering to pitch in. It is a great experience you will remember fondly.

Submitted by Elzbieta Hibbs

Reports

Reports have been completed and submitted. No easy task – so many thanks to all of you for reporting your data but, especially to the CSP chairs and Arlene Gleason, for gathering all the necessary information. A special shout-out to Lois who volunteered to write her own report and saved Arlene and me quite a bit of time!

What to Bring to the General Meeting

- *A bucket with cleaning supplies for Oxford House*
- *Stickers for the prison visit*
- *Food for the Feeding Friends pantry*

Respectfully Submitted by Karen Fiumara