

Cary Woman's Club Tidbits

May 2020

Save the Date

- May 15** 9:30 AM Informal Zoom meeting of the Cary Woman's Club
- June 1 Deadline to submit information for the Summer (June/July) CWC *Tidbits*
- June 1 Deadline to pay membership dues (Send checks to Diane Andersen)
- July Meeting of the Finance Committee to finalize CWC budget (TBA)
- Aug. 2 Ceremony/movie to mark the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment at the Cary Theater (TBA/ 2 to 6 PM)
- Sept. 10 9:30 AM CWC's first meeting, installation ceremony and "open house" at Page Walker

Zoom Meeting

We are going to hold an informal Zoom meeting on **Friday May 15** to check in and see how everyone is doing. Depending how many ladies are able to join us, this should last about 60-90 minutes. Everyone will get a chance to talk for a few minutes, and then we can discuss a little club business. If you can participate or want to be on the agenda to discuss club business, let me know. **See you on zoom!!**

Here is the link for the zoom meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88267463716>

Education (Scholarships)

After reviewing 15 applications and interviewing 6 very impressive candidates, the Education CSP (Scholarships) selected two \$2,500 winners. Committee members made their independent evaluations but when they met to discuss the results, Marci is pleased to report that everyone had chosen the same top two students, **Katherine Vick** of Cary who attends Athens Drive High School and **Braden Maxwell** of Apex who attends Apex Friendship High School. Both students will attend UNC Chapel Hill when it reopens (hopefully in the Fall). The scholarship money will go directly to UNC Chapel Hill to be held for the students until school starts. Many thanks to the committee of

Marci Thomas (chair), Arlene Gleason, Gerry Ritter, Karen Russell, and Diane Andersen for their hard work (mostly done remotely!). Marci would like the scholarship recipients to be introduced to our membership, possibly at our December luncheon.

In addition, a \$1,500 payment was made to Wake Tech for The Mature Woman's Scholarship and their decision will be announced soon.

Submitted by Marci Thomas

MembershipWe want to continue to encourage you to recruit new members or at least talk up the club as you speak to others. During this time when we are home, many of us have reconnected with old friends and acquaintances, so be sure to mention our club! I ask each of you to reach out to at least one deserving candidate! This year our club will continue to **focus on Membership** to best accomplish our mission as a service organization. Our greatest success in getting and retaining members has always been through existing members. In September, we will have our installation at Page-Walker and hope to make this an incredibly special meeting with an emphasis on the CSP's and what we do to serve our community. So, think about who you can invite to our "open house"!

Special guest, Ashley Rain, our current GFWC-NC District 6 president, will preside over our installation.

Treasurer's News

Membership dues of \$90 are to be paid this month with a deadline of **June 1**. So far, we have 17 checks. We base our budget on the number of members who have paid, so please remember to pay your dues as soon as you are able.

If you spent any money that you need reimbursed, please send Diane your bills ASAP (no later than May 31, the official end of our club year.) CSP chairs, with the early close of the club, you do not need to spend all your budgeted money. With the economic downturn, we must continue to watch our funds closely!

Due to your generosity and the generosity of the Byrne Foundation (one of our benefactors), CWC collected \$1,930 for the **Center for Volunteer Caregiving**. At Friday's Zoom meeting, we can discuss how we want to present this money to Elaine Whitford, Executive Director. We could also use the President's fund (that was not spent on conferences) to round that sum up to \$2,000 if the membership agrees.

Please send checks for the CWC to Diane's home address:

Diane Andersen

1032 Cuthbert Lane

Durham, NC 27703

Submitted by Diane Andersen

Home Life

Home Life will be collecting new or used (in decent shape) sheets and towels at the September meeting (or before if possible). So, clean out your closets and save your sheets and towels until we can safely donate them!

Submitted by Nell Meece and Jane Suppa

Note in the Pocket

Lois received a note from **Dallas Bonavita**, Executive Director of **Note in the Pocket**. Their supplies have dwindled during the Stay at Home order, but the demand for clothing has continued. They hope to open for donations at the end of May; however, they will need donations pre-sorted and labeled for safety concerns.

Lois and Silvia have both volunteered their vans to take our donations to the drop-off site. I have attached their flier to the newsletter so you can see what they need. We can talk about this on Friday and decide on a day to drop off your donations (safely) at the Page-Walker parking lot to be transported to their North Raleigh site by Lois and Silvia. Thank you, Ladies, for bringing this worthy cause to our attention.

Grants

Grants were passed by the general membership via email vote. Recipients will be notified, and grants will be awarded in May. Thank you to Mercedes (Chair), Maryanne Olsen, and Jane Suppa for their hard work.

Conservation (Environment) CSP

The Longleaf Festival has been canceled for this year due to COVID 19. It has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 15, 2021.

There is a rumor of an extra-large batch of monarchs headed our way in the next two weeks, so maybe our members would like to visit the garden to check it out! We may have to invest in more milkweed this year like we did in 2018. Last year we only had a few caterpillars. Maybe they have big years every other year! Always something more to learn.

<https://www.charlottestories.com/over-300-million-monarch-butterflies-are-about-to-descend-on-north-carolina>

Submitted by Lois Nixon

Finance Committee

Many thanks to **Marci Thomas**, for volunteering to work on the Finance committee this summer with Diane and Karen.

In Memoriam

I recently received a thank you note from Jerry Gasper, husband of Rena, thanking the club for the contribution to the CWC scholarship fund in her name.

From Nell Meese: This is the obituary of **Mitzi Underwood** who was in the CWC for one year. She gave the program at the Christmas luncheon. It was historical; she came in costume with her husband who wore a suit and a top hat.

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/apex-nc/lanore-underwood-9148404>

Announcements

Our very own **Mercedes Auger** will be joining the Bandit Flight Team on **Thursday May 14** Honoring Health Care Workers. She will be flying with Hal. This flight is being done in conjunction with WRAL. Way to go, Mercedes!

Schedule:

WRAL	7:02 PM
Wake Med Raleigh	7:04 PM
Duke Raleigh	7:06 PM
UNC Rex	7:09 PM
Wake Med Cary	7:12 PM
Duke University Hospital	7:22 PM
UNC Medical Center	7:27 PM
Duke Regional	7:32 PM

