

Cary Woman's Club September 2020 Tidbits

Save the Date

September 10, 2020 – General Meeting over Zoom at 9:30 (optional social time 9:30 AM)
Meeting begins at 10 AM
Board of Directors/Installation (Karen, CSP Chairs, Ashley Rain)

September 17, 2020 – Board meeting over Zoom at 9:30 AM

September 26, 2020 - GFWC-NC District 6 Fall Meeting on Saturday. Info was sent out to members.

CSP Chairs planning for speakers for following meetings.

Plan on getting ZOOM speakers through November (at least

October 8 - Environment (Lois and Karen R)

November 12- Education and Libraries (Silvia and Marci)

December 10 - Holiday Luncheon (Diane and Hospitality Committee)

January 14 - Arts and Culture (Susan and Arlene)

February 11 - Civic Engagement and Outreach (Elzbieta and Priscilla)

March 11 - Health and Wellness (Jane and Nell)

April 8 - Domestic Violence Prevention (Elzbieta and Priscilla)

May 13 - End of Year Luncheon and Installation of New Officers (Diane and Karen)

Yearbooks

Thanks so much to Diane Andersen who is completing our updated yearbook that will be emailed to each member. Members will be able to print out their personal copy of the updated yearbook or just keep it online. Lisa, our corresponding secretary, and Karen will be proofing/editing the yearbook before Diane emails it out to you. (Note: Your privacy will be protected.)

Budget

Diane Andersen, Treasurer, sent out the 20-21 proposed budget by email to the members for their input and we will vote to accept the new budget at the meeting on September 10. Note in the Budget: This year, because of COVID concerns, we will not do our fall fundraiser (pecans).

CWC Web Page – Take a look at the wonderful work of our webmaster, Susan Abbott!

<https://carywomansclub.org/>

Congratulations to our member, Willa Brigham! She was named one of the 2020 Women of Western Wake!! She is featured in The Cary Magazine this month with a front cover picture as well! Willa is a two time Emmy Award Winner, Storyteller, and Inspirational Speaker, NSA Toastmaster and Midnight Quilter! What an excellent tribute to all the wonderful things Willa does to inspire and support our community!

Click on the link to read the article.

<https://www.carymagazine.com/features/woman-of-western-wake-willa-brigham/>

Congratulations to Karen and Hank Fiumara! They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary over the Labor Day Weekend.

Community Service Programs- CSP

There are five Community Service Programs (CSP), with volunteer chairs. Each CSP has three responsibilities:

- Be in charge of one interesting and informative monthly program during the year,
- Suggest tours and excursions of interest to our members, and
- Provide service to the community.

The CSP chairs recently met with Arlene Gleason (via ZOOM) to brainstorm ways we can continue our charitable work virtually.

All the CSP's have been renamed.

Arts and Culture (formally Arts) Susan Abbott and Arlean Gleason

Susan posted pictures of the pollinator garden at the Page Walker House on the CWC website. Check out the link.

<https://carywomansclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Garden.pdf>

Environment (formally Conservation) Lois Nixon & Karen R

From Lois Nixon, Environment CSP

1. The Pollinator Garden at the Page-Walker needs some attention, and I need help to get it done. If anyone is available to help for an hour in the next two weeks, I would greatly appreciate it. We will work socially distanced, and it is outdoors, of course. My preference is to work in the morning when it is cooler, but I can work almost anytime.
2. Karen Russell and I went to Ten Thousand Villages today to shop, and you may know that Kristine has decided to close the shop for good. Ten Thousand Villages provides fair trade prices to many mostly women owned businesses around the world (and has for the last 25 years!). Our purchase there supports our goals to help those in need in our community and beyond. She is having sales now, and there are lots of good gifts available if you want to start your Christmas shopping. She plans to be open until mid-October, but has a great selection now, and that will continue to decline. Today, I was captivated by a little key chain or zipper pull of Rosie the Riveter, and purse-size measuring tapes of lambs and owls, cats, and bears! She has some new fun stuff!
3. Just a note, we are still adopting Thistle, the Grey Mouse Lemur at the Duke Lemur Center. I have received a couple of updates which I will share on our next Zoom call, perhaps.
4. Although the Club has decided not to hold our regular Pecan Sale this year due to the Pandemic, there are a few of us who would like to submit our own personal orders, because we

are hungry for pecans! Marci Thomas, Merc Cooley, and I will submit orders on behalf of the club, and invite you to submit an order if you desire. We will handle all of the collection and distribution to club members, with profit going to the club. The prices are the same as last year, and we will send out an order blank, via email, to our members in the next week or so. Instructions will be included on the order blank. (Contact Lois for more information.)

5. Lois received information from Note in the Pocket that they have provided 601 students with clothing. Their goal is to clothe 1,000 children. Please continue to donate your clothing. Thank You!

Education and Libraries (formally Education) Silvia Barba & Marci Thomas

Health and Wellness (formally Home Life) Jane Suppa & Nell Meece

Jane and Nell coordinated the collection from members of linens, curtains, etc. for Oxford House, a recovery house for men who have struggled with drug and alcohol issues.

Civic Engagement and Outreach (formally Public Issues). Elzbieta Hibbs & Priscilla Keating

Civic Engagement and Outreach ideas for the year.

Lois, Priscilla, Susan and Elzbieta have been trying to get signs printed which would celebrate the 100year anniversary of the women's right to vote and promote our club. Susan created four wonderful designs, but unfortunately, printing costs are too high for our budget. Lois has contacted the UPS store for a quote, stressing we are a non-profit.

Emily Bernson of the USO was contacted to find out how we can assist them since our volunteering at the airport is not possible. Another donation effort similar to last year, based on their online list, is best.

It is very unlikely we will be able to visit the Raleigh Women's Prison in February. Barb Sawyer, our liaison to the prison should get back to me on anything we can do for them. Donations of paperback books is a possibility.

Currently on the InterAct website there is no information regarding the Holiday Bazaar. No response yet from a phone message left with them on whether or not there would be a bazaar this year.

Submitted by Mercedes Cooley