

CWC January 2021 Tidbits

Dates to Remember for January

- January 5 CSP/Individual Reports due to Arlene Gleason
January 14 CWC General Meeting via Zoom 9:30 AM chat; 10:00 AM Meeting
January 21 CWC Board Meeting via Zoom 10 AM
January 28 ESO Book Club Meeting via Zoom 1 PM to 2:30 PM (*The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes)-
Facilitator is Maryanne Olsen

February Guest Speaker

Civic Engagement and Domestic Violence – Elzbieta Hibbs

Our guest speaker for February's meeting is Emily Bernson of the USO.

Karen Fiumara - President

Special Thanks to Our Members for Their Generosity During This COVID Christmas

Many thanks to all our members who made the holidays a little brighter for those in need. Your Holiday donations were very much appreciated! A special thank you to Diane for collecting all the donations and arranging to get them to the recipients. We collected \$1,850.00 for InterAct; \$1,800 for The Caring Place; and \$1,566 for Esteamed Coffee. A total of \$5,216 (\$3,000 from the Club's funds and \$2,216 from 21 members' donations - very impressive! We also had a \$2137.18 profit from our Pecan sale.

Our Holiday tree really turned into a wonderful "Giving Tree" with 64 donations totaling approximately \$2,000 to date. Kudos to Susan and Lois for decorating the tree and putting it up and taking it down. The pockets were so popular that Lois even made more pockets herself to replenish the tree!

Arlene Gleason – Vice President

Reminder to send reports to the CSP'S for what areas you have been involved with this past year. We go from January to December and January seems like forever this year but it was PRE-COVID and we did some visiting to Chatham Commons and also the Valentines Party before March.

Despite the challenging times of distancing and masking we did good work supporting organizations, the environment, education and a host of other areas.

WE ARE STRONG as a CLUB!

If you have not already sent your reporting sheets to CSP'S please do AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

The State requires the information very soon and the first step starts with US sending our reports to the CSP'S.

Grants & Community Service Project Program Committee

Sending a reminder to all club members that the next (and last) deadline for a Grant or a Community Service Project application submission is **February 1, 2021**. Approved application

requests will be funded by the end of March 2021. Please encourage any group that has a need and qualifies to submit their application for consideration. The organization must be a 501©3 or a/ tax exempt governmental program / organization. Applications may be found on the CWC web site along with additional information regarding the program. Please give Mary-Mel Kroeger a call or email at with any questions.

Arts and Culture CSP – Susan Abbott

Town of Cary Gifting Tree Project

While we did not win the Town’s contest, we were really big winners for Note in the Pocket’s Clothe in Confidence Campaign. As of December 31, 2020, there were 64 donations to the dedicated Cary Woman’s Club website at Note totaling approximately \$2,000.00. We had to replenish “pocket” ornaments on the tree twice. The trees have to be taken down by January 4, but there is still a possibility that donations could continue for a little while longer. Thanks to Lois Nixon from our club and Sarah, Carole and Dallas from Note in the Pocket as well as our members who made donations - all who helped make the project an amazingly wonderful success.

Virtual Arts Fair for January Meeting

This has been cancelled as I did not receive any contributions from our members. Let’s hope we can do something in person in 2022. Virtual events are less than ideal and I look forward to the day when arts and culture are back to “normal” in person, real time enjoyment activities.

Education & Libraries – Maryanne Olsen

CWC Book Club

Starting this January we are going to offer members the chance to get together once a month for book club. The purpose of this book club is strictly social although we do hope you read the book.

We will hold the book club on the fourth Thursday of the month at 1pm and we will plan on meeting until 2:30pm by way of ZOOM. Since we are meeting in the afternoon feel free to bring a glass of wine – what would book club be without wine?

Following is a list of books with dates for the first three months of our meetings. Additional books will be chosen by participants but I chose these just to get us started.

- ❖ January 28th The Giver of Stars, by Jojo Moyes
- ❖ February 25th The Dutch House, by Ann Patchett
- ❖ March 25th The Winemakers Wife, by Kristin Harmel

All the books are available through the Wake County Public Library or you can purchase any of them for about \$15 through Amazon.

Contact Maryanne Olsen with any questions

Environment CSP- Co-Chairs Lois Nixon & Karen Russell

Pollinator Garden

Thanks to the help of 5 Cary Woman's Club Members, and Jane Litton of the Cary Garden Club, we have contributed at least 80 hours toward maintenance of the Page Walker Pollinator Garden during 2020.

This has certainly not been a normal year for club activities, but the Pollinator Garden and nature in general were not impacted by the COVID Pandemic. They just went about their normal seasonal business. In fact the garden has helped to raise the spirits of our volunteers. The beauty of the garden, and its changing rainbow of color, and variety of blooms and pollinators has provided a constant sense of excitement and a calming influence on the volunteers as we work. We were privileged to have such a beautiful place to spend some time.

Month-by-month photos are available on the CWC website.

Member Information

Happy Birthday to our members with ***January*** birthdays:

Nell Meese 1/6

Jane Suppa 1/11