

## CWC February 2021 Tidbits

### ***Dates to Remember for February***

- February 11 CWC General Meeting via Zoom 9:30 chat; 10:00 AM Meeting Our guest speaker will be Emily Bernson of the USO.
- February 18 CWC Board Meeting via Zoom 10:00 AM
- February 20 District VI Arts Festival Meeting at 9 AM (via Zoom)
- February 25 ESO Book Club Meeting via Zoom 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM (facilitator: Maryanne)
- April 16-17 GFWC-NC Annual Convention (via Zoom)

### **Information from the District and State (Karen Fiumara)**

**District VI Arts Festival** will be held on **February 20 at 9 AM**. I have the ZOOM link if anyone needs it. Along with many other clubs, we decided not to participate in the virtual art contest this year. However, our CSP's (based on the reports we recently submitted) will be competing and the winners will be announced. The District chairs have decided to put together a slide show of some of our activities and they have requested pictures of these special activities. I have some that I am forwarding to them, but I am sure some of you may have some good ones. Please forward them to me as soon as possible and I will get them to the right chair. Thank you.

**GFWC-NC Annual Convention on April 16-17** is going Virtual. If you have ever been curious about what goes on at the State level, this is your chance to peek in and see what is happening! Zoom links will come out later. They promise a fun event Friday night and business on Saturday.

### **Reports for 2020 (Karen Fiumara)**

Reports have been completed and submitted with almost 2 hours to spare (the deadline was midnight February 1!). Thank you to the CSP chairs and to all who submitted information about everything you did to keep our club strong during the pandemic! It was impressive! A special thanks to Arlene for gathering information and Lois who did a fabulous job writing up the Environment report and the Fundraising report. Diane's treasury reports and Merc's Tidbits and minutes gave us a wealth of information as well. Lois' work is just beginning; she has over 25 reports to judge as a State chairman for Civic Engagement and Outreach! Thank you for all your hard work for the Woman's Club! (I had Lois on speed dial for most of this writing process since she is so knowledgeable about what should be included in the reports!).

### **Nominating Committee and Open Positions for 2021 (Karen Fiumara)**

We are currently forming a nominating committee to help us fill several positions that will be opening up in June 2021. Several ladies MUST step down this year as their term is up. This includes President, First Vice-President, Third Vice-President, and Recording Secretary. Two members of the Trustees are also completing their terms: Dorothy and Gerry. In addition, we will be checking with all the CSP's, and other members who hold key non-elected positions, to see what they would like to do for the next club year. We will talk more about each of the elected positions at our upcoming meeting. If you have one of the elected positions, plan on sharing something about your job (and how much you LOVE it!).

### ***Member highlights***

Willa Brigham will be telling family stories for the Wake County library via Zoom, Feb 17th, 2021. Go to WakeGov for time and registration.

## **First Week of February- National Gun Violence Survivors Week** – Lois Nixon

We commemorate National Gun Violence Survivors Week the first week of February because by the beginning of this month, more people are killed with guns in the United States than are killed with guns in any other high-income country in an entire year. Many more are wounded, witness gun violence, or have loved ones who experienced gun violence, leaving 58 percent of American adults—including 68 percent of Black and Latino Americans—as survivors of gun violence.

From Everytown Survivor Network, [info@Everytown.org](mailto:info@Everytown.org)

## **Civic Engagement and Domestic Violence – Elzbieta Hibbs**

On January 27, Karen and Elzbieta presented our check to InterAct .



Our February speaker will be Emily Bernson of the USO. Below is a list of items the RDU/USO currently needs. Please consider buying any of these items for our troops passing through RDU airport. We (Elzbieta and Priscilla) will coordinate picking up donations from your house between February 27 - March 6.

Snacks do not have to be bought at BJ's or in bulk, the links are just examples.

- Snack bags of chips (similar to these <https://www.bjs.com/product/utz-jumbo-snack-pack-42-ct/300000000000140691> )
- Snack bags of cookies (similar to these <https://www.bjs.com/product/wellsley-farms-mini-cookies-variety-pack-40-ct/3000000000001799249>)
- Slim Jims (similar to these <https://www.bjs.com/product/slim-jim-smoked-snack-sticks-120-ct/028-oz/3000000000000358579> )
- Crackers (similar to these <https://www.bjs.com/product/lance-toast-chee-peanut-butter-and-cheese-crackers-40-pk15-oz/3000000000000196585> )
- Assorted Candy (similar to this <https://www.bjs.com/product/mars-chocolate-favorites-halloween-variety-bag-135-ct/3000000000002374351> )
- Gallon Sized Ziploc bags

### Other Items Accepted:

- Cases of water
- Postage stamps
- Bar soap

The CWC was featured in the Esteamed Coffee newsletter with a picture of them receiving our check and a “thank you.”

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“We so appreciate the support of *Cary Woman's Club*! They stopped by the shop for coffee, conversation, and donated a generous check to aid us with our mission of providing an impactful workforce development opportunity for individuals in our community with various disabilities. Thank you Cary Woman's Club for your encouragement and support!”

## **Education & Libraries – Maryanne Olsen**

### **CWC Book Club**

Our book club is off to a good start with 10 members attending the January meeting. Our book for January was “The Giver of Stars” and all participants were happy with the selection.

Our February book is “The Dutch House” by Ann Patchett. Meeting date/time is February 25<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. Our Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89788681285> We hope you can join us.

Please send me your recommendations for future readings. The club will be voting on books for April and May. We are scheduled to read “The Winemakers Wife” by Kristin Harmel for the March book club.

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

If you have a Facebook account you may want to friend the GFWC ESO Book Club. You’ll learn what others are reading and may find some good suggestions.

## **Environment CSP- Co-Chairs Lois Nixon & Karen Russell**

### **Pollinator Garden**

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

### ***Member Information***

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

2/21 Willa Brigham

Is anyone else having a birthday in February?