

## CWC March 2021 Tidbits

### Dates to Remember

**March 4** Elzbieta will be in the Page-Walker parking lot on Thursday, March 4, from 1:00 - 2:00 to collect any USO donations. If you are unable to make a drop off at that time, please contact her and she can arrange to pick them up. See list of items in need below.

March 11 CWC General Meeting via Zoom 9:30 chat; 10:00 AM Meeting

March 18 CWC Board Meeting via Zoom 9:30 AM

March 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

**The District VI Arts (and Awards) Festival** was held on **February 20**. Our CSP's (based on the reports we recently submitted) competed with the other District VI clubs and I am very pleased to announce how well we did! The Cary Woman's Club had several **"Top Club Projects"** (the finalists for each award):

- **Arts and Culture** for Susan Abbott's design of our Centennial Celebration 1920-2020/Voting Matters yard signs
- **Education and Libraries** for our virtual clothing drive for Note in the Pocket
- **Health and Wellness** for their Bingo parties at Chatham Commons Nursing Home
- **Fundraising** for the Pocket Tree/Cary Gifting Tree fundraiser which raised \$2177.25 for Note in the Pocket

### **We also won first place for the following CSP's:**

- **Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention** for our donation of \$2,125 to InterAct which included gift cards as well as cash contributions (including the money donated by many members in lieu of paying for our cancelled Holiday luncheon.)
- **Environment** for promoting Cary's Longleaf Pine Tree Legacy. This included work on the Longleaf Pine (150-200 years old!) at Kingswood Elementary as well as planting Longleaf Pine seedlings at the newly developed Cary Tree Archive.

Also, note that several projects overlapped two or more CSP's, such as the Yard signs, but could only be reported once under one CSP. So, thank you for all your hard work because you are all winners!

**Good News from the District:** Since District VI had very few expenses this year, they have decided to return our district dues (\$4.00 per member) to us to be used for our projects!

**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.

### **Member News**

Welcome to our newest member, **Brenda St. Laurent**. We are so happy that Brenda is joining us after checking us out on our website page kept up expertly by Susan, speaking to our Membership chair, Marci, and joining in our meeting on ZOOM. Brenda is recently retired, does volunteer work for *The Caring Place*, and is looking forward to getting involved with some of our CWC projects! Please join me in welcoming Brenda to our club!

## **Open Positions for 2021-2022**

We are currently seeking to fill several positions that will become available in June 2021. Several ladies MUST step down this year as their terms are up. This includes President, First Vice-President, Third Vice-President, Recording Secretary, and two Trustees. We will be presenting the slate of officers at the March meeting.

Respectfully Submitted, Karen Fiumara

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

The speaker for our April meeting will be Lori Verderosa from Wake County's Guardian ad Litem Program. Attached is their February newsletter to get an understanding of what they do.

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A reminder of what the USO needs:

snack bags of chips, crackers, cookies and candy, slim jims  
cases of water,  
stamps,  
bar soap.  
Gallon Sized Ziploc bags

If you would like to make a monetary donation;

Donate by Check: make payable to USO Inc. – mail to USO of North Carolina, Attn Emily Bernson, PO Box 91443, Raleigh, NC 27675

Donate Online: visit [northcarolina.uso.org](http://northcarolina.uso.org) and click DONATE at the top right.

Thank you for supporting our troops.  
Elzbieta and Priscilla

## **Education & Libraries – Maryanne Olsen. CWC Book Club**

Book Club continues to be popular and for March we will be reading “The Winemakers Wife” by Kristin Harmel. Copies of the book are available through Wake County Public Libraries or you can purchase the book at a reasonable price through any book store

The March meeting will be on the 25<sup>th</sup> at 1pm til 2:30pm. Our Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89788681285> We hope you can join us.

In case you are planning ahead, in April we will be reading “Educated” by Tara Westover. Members had the opportunity to vote for future readings and “Educated” had the most votes by far. If you have a book that you would like to recommend, please send me that information.

Don't forget to friend the GFWC ESO Book Club on Facebook.

Maryanne Olsen

**Environment – Lois Nixon**

Check out scenic byways webinar on March 19 at 10:00. Sign up!!

<https://sceniccarolina.wufoo.com/forms/zles7lo0tkustw/>

***Member Information***

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

3/21 Betty Kluttz

Is anyone else having a birthday in March?