

CWC April 2021 Tidbits

Dates to Remember

April 8 CWC General Meeting via Zoom 9:30 AM chat; 10:00 AM Meeting
April 15 CWC Board Meeting via Zoom 9:30 AM
April 16-17 GFWC-NC Annual Convention (via Zoom)
April 22 ESO Book Club Meeting via Zoom 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM (Facilitator: Maryanne)
May 13 May **IN PERSON** CWC Meeting/Installation at North Cary Park Picnic Shelter

Guest Speaker for the April 8 Meeting

Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention is sponsoring our guest speaker for April. Lori Verderasa will be discussing the Guardian ad Litem Program.

Member News

Welcome to our newest member, **Deb Bishop**. We are so happy that Lois Nixon introduced Deb to the Club and that she is joining us as a member. Deb has a busy schedule as a Physical Therapist and a regular volunteer for one of our favorite charities, **Note in the Pocket**. Please join me in welcoming **Deb** to our club!

Officer Slate for 2021-2022

Attached please find the slate of officers we will be voting on at the April 8 General Meeting. After we finalize a few positions, we will call for a vote. Elected officers will be installed at our first IN PERSON meeting on May 13.

Hospitality

We are pleased to inform you that we are hosting an outdoor general meeting on May 13 at the covered shelter at **North Cary Park at 1100 Norwell Blvd, Cary 27513**. As a "Thank you" to our members for a successful year - despite a pandemic - the board has decided to include a catered lunch for you at no charge. Please let **Diane** know if you will be able to attend. More information to follow.

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.

Health and Wellness – Jane Suppa & Nell Meece

Committee has met and are planning a party for Life Experiences outdoors on July 1st at 1:00. It will have a July 4th theme. Details to follow.

They are considering a committee grant for Myra's Angels. This is a foundation supporting homeless and foster children with basic essential items.

They are also considering donating books for the USO. We welcome all new suggestions where we can be of help.

Education & Libraries – Maryanne Olsen, Marci Thomas

Kingswood Elementary School Donation

We received emails from both Sherry Schliesser, principal, and Sarah Breeze, librarian, thanking us for our donation to Kingswood Elementary School for the purchase of Ebooks. We are using both the CSP Grant of \$250 and the E & L Budget of \$225 for a total of \$475 to be used for the purchase of Ebooks.

Book Club Update

Next Book club meeting will be on April 22 at 1:00-2:30

Book selections through June have been finalized as follows:

- April's book is "Educated" by Tara Westover
- May's book is "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens
- June's book is "The Vanishing Half" by Brit Bennett

Several members have offered suggestions for future readings which will be part of our selection list for the 2021/2022 club year. Book Club will be taking a break in July and August. For the September book club, our readers have agreed to give a 5minute report on one of their personal summer readings for the group.

Recommendations on books and book club activities are always welcome – just keep it fun!

For questions and comments contact Maryanne

Marci Thomas reports that the Scholarship Committee has received 20 applications so far. The applications are being reviewed and the top applicants will be selected and interviewed (Zoom) April 26 - 27. Recipients will be announced at our May general meeting.

Environment – Lois Nixon & Karen Russell

Page-Walker Pollinator Garden

CWC and Cary Garden Club volunteers have been working individually and in small groups to complete basic Spring cleanup of the garden. My 16year old grandson, Caron, also helped for two days with the heavy lifting part (mulch and digging out huge weedy bushes, as he needed high school volunteer hours. Win-win!

We will be having a workday for **CWC volunteers this Friday, April 9, beginning at 9:30** (rain date April 16, same time) to do a few last cleanup items, to prepare for our BIG planting day on **Friday, April 23, beginning at 9:30**, in cooperation with the Cary Garden Club. We will work 1-2 hours on each of those days. Please **call or text** me if you are able to attend, so we can plan for the jobs to be completed, and some refreshments, and to notify volunteers of weather changes. Please wear masks, and we will plan for socially distanced working.

Lemur Adoption

Once again, we have adopted our tiniest member, **Thistle**, the Mouse Lemur through the Duke Lemur Center. Thistle and her friends continue to participate in non-invasive Alzheimer's Research at the Duke Lemur Center, and we receive quarterly updates on her activities. Hard to share them on Zoom, but I will bring photos and updates to the September meeting when we hope to meet in person!

Heifer Project

Since GFWC nationally no longer has a separate CSP (Community Service Project) for International, our Environment CSP members decided to renew a previous commitment of the Cary Woman's Club to the Heifer International Project.

We have donated a sheep for \$120. The sheep, which will be given to a family, will provide wool to sell, or to construct clothing, and will also produce baby lambs, so that the family can grow their flock.

And we donated \$30 to provide bees and a hive to a family, along with training in beekeeping. The family can earn income through the sale of honey and beeswax, and the bees can help to double the fruit and vegetable yields in the community through pollination. In addition, hives divide annually so that more villagers can begin beekeeping, boosting the whole village. Each of the Environment co-chairs also donated a beehive and bees to this project.

Member Information

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

4/6 Jan White
 4/10 Karen Russell
 4/14 Priscilla Keating
 4/17 Lillian Smith

Is anyone else having a birthday in April?

Executive Board Positions/Nominations

Two-year terms

Position	2018-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
President	Karen Fiumara	Karen Fiumara	Karen Fiumara
First Vice-President Programs/Reports	Arlene Gleason	Arlene Gleason	Lois Nixon
Second Vice-President Membership	Priscilla Keating	Marci Thomas	Marci Thomas
Third Vice President Ways and Means		Mercedes Auger	TBD
Treasurer	Diane Andersen (1 year)	Diane Andersen	Diane Andersen
Recording Secretary	Mercedes Cooley (1 year)	Mercedes Cooley	Arlene Gleason
Corresponding Secretary	Mercedes Auger (1 year)	Lisa Butcher	Lisa Butcher

Board of Trustees Positions/Nominations

Three-year terms

Dorothy Schmelzeis	2018-2021	Lillian Smith	2021-2024
Gerry Ritter	2018-2021	Arlene Gleason (TBD)	2021-2024

Lois Nixon	2017-2020	Maryanne Olsen	2020-2023
Silvia Barba	2017-2020	Karen Russell	2020-2023
Willa Brigham	2017-2020	Nell Meese	2020-2023

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Board of Directors and Other Non-Elected Positions

Position	2020-2021	2021-2022	Remarks
Arts	Susan Abbott Arlene Gleason	Susan Abbott Arlene Gleason	
Environment	Lois Nixon Karen Russell	Lois Nixon Karen Russell	
Education and Libraries	Silvia Barba Marcie Thomas (Scholarships)	Maryanne Olsen (Education/Libraries) Marcie Thomas (Scholarships)	
Health and Wellness	Jane Suppa Nell Meese	Jane Suppa Nell Meese	
Civic Engagement/ Domestic Violence	Elzbieta Hibbs Priscilla Keating	Elzbieta Hibbs Priscilla Keating	
Hospitality	Diane Andersen	Diane Andersen	
Newsletter (Tidbits)	Merc Cooley	Merc Cooley	
Webmaster	Susan Abbott	Susan Abbott	
Grants	Mary-Mel Kroeger	Mary-Mel Kroeger	
Finance Chair Summer Job to Help Prepare Budget		Merc Cooley	
Yearbook	Diane Andersen Karen Fiumara	Merc Cooley and TBD	