

## CWC Tidbits May 2021

### ***Dates to Remember***

May 13 CWC General Meeting, Installation and Luncheon 10:00 AM-1:30 PM **IN PERSON**  
May 20 Joint CWC Board Meeting **via Zoom** 9:30 AM  
May 27 ESO Book Club Meeting via Zoom 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM (Facilitator: Maryanne)

### **From our president, Karen Fiumara...**

#### ***Guest Presider for the Installation of the Executive Board 2021-22: Misty Deyo***

We are truly fortunate to have **Misty Deyo, GFWC-NC District VI President**, preside over the installation of the CWC Executive Board and introduction of the Board of Trustees for 2021-22. Misty is an especially busy clubwoman! At our NC State Convention recently, she was awarded the District President of the Year for 2021 **AND** the Junior Clubwoman of the Year 2021, quite an honor! Misty lives in Wake Forest, has two young children, and works as a Speech-Language pathologist. Club work runs in her family: Misty works closely with her twin sister, Christy Frisbee, who is the GFWC-NC District VI Junior Director.

#### ***Hospitality***

Our special end-of-the-year luncheon and installation will be outdoors 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 from Panera for you at no charge. Diane, our Hospitality Chair, has sent an invitation via EVITE, but some members did not receive it. SO, if you did not receive the EVITE, please text/email **Diane** to let her know if you will be able to attend and what you would like to eat: sandwich, ½ sandwich with salad, or only salad. Many thanks to Diane and her committee members for helping to organize this incredibly special IN PERSON, but safe, luncheon. Also, Diane will be collecting your \$90 dues for the 2021-22 club year at the luncheon.

#### **Many Thanks to our Out-going Board Members and Trustees**

This has been a challenging year, but thanks to the hard work of our Executive Board, the Board of Trustees, AND the Board of Directors, we have had an extraordinarily successful year. **Arlene Gleason** has faithfully been by my side for THREE years as your First Vice-President. I could not have asked for a better First Vice, who was always there, and willing to go the extra mile, including making many phone/zoom calls to keep things running smoothly. Arlene will now be taking Merc Cooley's place as our new recording secretary. Two years ago, as **Merc Cooley** was LITERALLY walking in the door of our club, I asked her if she would be the recording secretary. What an asset she has been to all of us! Our minutes are done quickly and efficiently and in addition, she took on the job of writing **Tidbits** last year and will continue doing that for another year. Merc has also been involved in many club activities, most notably working with Lois and Marci to chair the Fall 2020 pecan sale which they will do again this year. **Lois Nixon** will take on the job of First Vice-President and is planning on streamlining and enhancing our reporting process. In addition, you will still see Lois working hard in the garden, advising us as our Parliamentarian, and serving at the state level of the GFWC-NC.

Continuing on the Executive Board for another year are **Marci Thomas, Diane Andersen, and Lisa Butcher**. Thank you for your efforts and willingness to serve another year!

**Dorothy Schmelzeis** is completing her three-year term on the Board of Trustees. Dorothy has been a leader in our club for many years and her hard work has always been appreciated. **Gerry Ritter**, another dedicated leader in our club, is also completing her three-year term. Many thanks to these ladies for keeping our money safe so we can do good things in the community! Taking on this job will be **Lillian Smith** and **Jane Suppa**. They will be joining **Maryanne Olsen**, **Karen Russell**, and **Nell Meese** on the Board of Trustees.

All our CSP chairs and Vice-Chairs are continuing their work next year. **Susan Abbott** (who is also our Webmaster extraordinaire), **Arlene Gleason**, **Lois Nixon**, **Karen Russell**, **Maryanne Olsen**, **Marci Thomas**, **Jane Suppa**, **Nell Meese**, **Elzbieta Hibbs**, and **Priscilla Keating**. **Diane Andersen** will continue as Hospitality chair, **Mary-Mel Kroeger** as Grants chair, **Merc Cooley** as Finance Chair, and **Lisa Butcher** and **Diane Andersen** as Yearbook editors.

### **Education and Libraries - Book Club Update**

Book selections through June have been finalized as follows:

- May's book club is on the 27<sup>th</sup> and we will be reviewing "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens
- June's book club is on the 24<sup>th</sup> and our book for that month is "The Vanishing Half" by Brit Bennett

Our Zoom sign in is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89788681285> and the meeting starts at 1pm.

Several members have offered suggestions for future readings which will be part of our selection list for the 2021/2022 club year. Recommendations on books and book club activities are always welcome – just keep it fun!

Book Club will be taking a break in July and August. For the September book club, our readers have agreed to give a 5 minute report on one of their personal summer readings for the group.

For questions and comments contact Maryanne [mgocary@yahoo.com](mailto:mgocary@yahoo.com)

### **Members, hope you can attend Morrisville's story telling event featuring our own, Willa Brigham!**

Willa will be telling stories at the Morrisville Juneteenth Celebration. June 19, 2021. The program runs from 10am-2pm. Willa will be story telling between 1pm -2pm. The event will take place at the Cedar Fork Community Center.

### **Help Wanted!**

Please help with recording secretary duties this year

And

Join Arlene Gleason in sharing the position.

No experience is needed.

Position includes being part of the executive committee and allows for Board Meeting Attendance which is always interesting.. 😊

I am Arlene Gleason and I approve this message!

## Health & Wellness – Nell and Jane

Health and Wellness will be hosting a party for Life Experiences on July 1st at 1:00 p.m. at 260 Towerview Court Cary. All are welcome and we will be setting up prior to that. We are using a July 4th theme.

### Environment Lois Nixon, Karen Russell, Co-Chairs

Thanks to CWC members, Brenda St. Laurent, Karen Russell, Jane Suppa, Lois Nixon, and 3 members of the Cary Garden Club, we worked for 2 hours on April 23, and cleaned up the garden, and planted 27 new plants. The perennials are beginning to bloom in the garden, so be sure to drive by when you are downtown and enjoy the garden. You might even take a picnic and have lunch in a rocking chair on the porch. The color for this month is purple--Pansies and Spiderwort, but also the pink Dianthus and the red and yellow native Columbine, along with the drooping shy cream blooms of the Hellebores. Next up in blooming will be the yellow iris along the streambed, and the pink, white and red peonies, which are always spectacular.

We will have another planting day when we are able to get the warm season plants, so **watch your email for a chance to work in the garden**, and maybe take home some extra plants that we may need to thin out. Usually we save the plants and sell them at HerbFest and use the funds to buy more plants, but this year HerbFest has been cancelled! Meanwhile if you want to work in the garden with me, give me a call or text and we'll get together in the garden. There is always something to be done.

### **Proposed changes to the bylaws.**

Members! We will be sending everyone a copy of the bylaws with proposed changes for your vote.

### ***Member Information***

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

**5/9 Joan Hall**

Anyone else?