

## CWC Tidbits January 2022

### Dates to Remember

- Jan. 10**            **Important!! Individual member reports due to appropriate CSP! See info from Lois.**
- Jan. 13**            **General Meeting via Zoom 9:30 AM**
- Jan. 14**            **Book club – selections of possible books due to Maryanne.**
- Jan 20**            **Board Meeting**
- Jan 27**            **Book Club 1:00 – 2:30 Meeting place TBD**
- Feb. 10**            **General Meeting : Bring used books to donate to the Woman’s Prison.**
- Feb. 19**            **District VI Arts Festival at Zebulon Woman’s Club (405 West Sycamore, Zebulon)**
- March 12**        **GFWC-NC State Arts Festival at Mebane Arts Center**

### From the President, Karen Fiumara

#### Meeting Information

Happy New Year! Out of an abundance of caution, we are moving back to **ZOOM** for our January meeting. Page-Walker has graciously agreed to refund our rental money for this month. The zoom meeting will begin at 9:30 with a social half-hour with the formal meeting starting at 10 AM. Please join us! We hope to return to Page-Walker in February.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87684564346>

Meeting ID: 876 8456 4346

#### In Memoriam

On November 10, 96-year-old former member and resident of Glenaire, **Marcella Tucker** passed away. Marcella Tucker was an active member of our club and served as president from 1980-81. We were very touched to learn that her family listed our Scholarship Fund as a way to honor her memory. Several donations were received over the last few months. To read the obituary, please go to *Marcella Tucker obituary* ([www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com)).

#### Many Thanks

Many thanks to **Lois** for recently leading CSP chairs/vice-chairs (**Susan, Brenda, Jane, Nell, and Elzbieta**) in a report-writing workshop. Her willingness to share her expertise will, hopefully, improve our abilities to write accurate reports that truly reflect the work we do in the community.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President for Programs, Lois Nixon

**It’s Reporting Time—the time to report all of our great work during the Calendar Year of 2021.** Each member should report your hours, money donations, and in-kind donations to the applicable CSP Chair. It is always gratifying, and AMAZING! when we add up all our work that has benefitted our community.

**Please do your part in reporting by January 10, 2022!**

The CSP Chairs have kept track of the activities and collections that we did together, like the Pocket Tree work session and donations (Arts & Culture), the cookies and gift cards for the Cary Police and the USO (Civic Engagement and Outreach), the group clothing collection for Note in the Pocket (Education & Libraries), the group garden work days (Environment), and the magazines and gift cards collected for Chatham Commons and InterAct (Health & Wellness).

**But the CSP Chairs need for you to let them know about your individual efforts that also support our club projects.**

Examples would include:

- additional clothing or money that you donated to Note in the Pocket in addition to the group collection and the online donations for the Pocket Tree. (Education)
- regular monthly personal donations to organizations like the USO. (Civic Engagement)
- donations of items or money to Dorcas, Esteamed Coffee, The Caring Place, etc. (Health)
- in-kind donations to the Pollinator garden like mulch or plants or bulbs. (Environment)
- tutoring of students at Kingswoods or other schools or after-school programs (I don't think any of us were able to do this due to COVID), but keep it in mind for next year.
- books that you donated to the Read & Feed program for school children (at the library)
- volunteer work or docents at the Art Museum, or other projects (like tree planting) in which our club has been involved. (Arts & Culture) (Environment)
- donations to organizations that our club has supported like the Duke Lemur Center or Play It Forward with Cary Parks.
- individual donations you have made to our Club Scholarship Fund.
- volunteer contributions like flower arrangements for nursing homes or group living settings.
- volunteer hours helping to plan club projects.

I'm sure that if each of you reviews your calendar and your checkbook, you will find several items to report. If you have questions, please call me.

**Send your email report with your name to the appropriate CSP Chair in the following format:**

<b>Project item</b>	<b># hours</b>	<b>\$\$amount of donation</b>	<b>\$\$ Value of in-kind donation</b>
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**Pecan Committee – Lois, Merc & Marci**

**We still have a few pounds of pecans available.** We have Praline, Honey Roasted, and Milk Chocolate. If you want to buy some, call or text Lois Nixon. First come, first served. The Chocolate pecans are \$15.50 per pound and the others are \$15 per pound. You can mail a check made out to Cary Woman's Club to Merc Cooley for payment. But send the text first to confirm that what you want is available. Thanks to everyone for your great support of this fund raiser. So far our profit is \$2363 .

**Civic Engagement/Domestic Violence. Elzbieta Hibbs & Priscilla Keating**

In January, we will be looking for **volunteers to make a "no sew" blanket for Myra's Angels.**

Since once again our February visit to the Chrysalis Club at the Raleigh Woman's Prison is not possible, we will be collecting books instead. Please bring your used books to our February meeting. With Barb Sawyer's help, they will be donated to the Woman's Prison.

## ARTS & CULTURE CSP – Susan Abbot

### Cary Gifting Tree – Final Results

Although we did not win the vote for the best tree in the Town of Cary Gifting Tree Project, our “pocket” tree, in partnership with Note in the Pocket, generated a whopping \$3,600 in donations for Note in the Pocket. In the previous year, donations totaled just a little over \$2,000, so a significant improvement this year. Note in the Pocket does great work by making it possible for children who need it to achieve success in school by having suitable clothes to wear.

This year we requested 190 pocket ornaments in total which various Cary Woman’s Club members replenished from our stock over the weeks the tree was up during the month of December. When we took the tree down, there were only 38 ornaments left on the tree. Note in the Pocket reported that there were 86 donations making up the \$3,600. Many thanks to our many members who helped with various phases of this project. We hope this will become a tradition for the Cary Woman’s Club in future years.

Here is a link to the response received from Note in the Pocket:

<https://carywomansclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/NoteDec21.pdf>

### Arts Fair Postponed

Since the Cary Woman’s Club will not be meeting in person for the January 13 regular meeting due to the uptick in COVID, we will postpone the Arts Fair to the February 10 meeting instead in hopes that we can meet in person then. GFWC District 6 is currently trying to determine whether the February 19 Arts Festival can be in person in Zebulon or whether it will need to be virtual as it was last year. They have assured me that we will have enough time to get our entries in Arts, Crafts, and Photography categories submitted after our February meeting in either case. I will keep you updated as I learn more.

If you want to submit an entry in a **Literature category (Play, Poem, Essay, Short Story)**, **you will need to send those entries to me by January 31, 2022.** The winners from that group will be submitted to the District 6 Festival as those entries must be sent in 2 or 3 weeks before the festival takes place. Pay particular attention to the required format needed which can be found in the Guidelines on page 4 – link below.

<https://carywomansclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/ArtsFestivalGuidelines.pdf>

### CWC Education and Libraries – Maryanne Olsen

#### CWC Book Club

Book Club is open to all members and you are welcome to attend one meeting or all meetings, whatever fits your schedule. We encourage our members to read the selections but if time gets away from you and you haven’t quite made it to the end of the book – come anyway, we’ll tell you the ending.

January's book is "The Four Winds" by Kristin Hannah and we will be back to our normal meeting time of the fourth Thursday of the month which is January 27<sup>th</sup>. Meeting time is the same, 1pm to 2:30 pm, but we do seem to be extending the time a bit with everyone enjoying time and conversation together. We will need a hostess for our January meeting so if you would like to volunteer your home, please let me know.

One more item, and I need your help with this. **Attached is a list of books to choose our readings** for the balance of the book club year. Please check it out and let me know your selections by **January 14<sup>th</sup>**. Thanks

For questions and information please contact Maryanne Olsen

## **Grants & Community Service Project Program - Mary-Mel Kroeger, Chair**

Happy New Year!

January's Tidbit comes as a reminder to all club members that the next **DEADLINE**, as well as the **LAST** for this club year, to submit a Grant or a Community Service Project application is **Tuesday, February 1, 2022**. Approved requests will be funded by the end of March 2022.

Your help is needed. The committee's original budgeted amount of \$4,472.49 is still available to award funds for a Grant or Community Service Project. We are asking you to encourage non-profit organizations with a need to apply for a grant. Also, CPS Chairs, if there is a project that you would like to pursue, but need more funds beyond your committee's budgeted amount, please consider applying. More detailed information is available on the Cary Woman's web site.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary-Mel Kroeger

## ***Member Information***

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

January 6      **Nell Meece**

January 11     **Jane Suppa**