

# Cary Woman's Club Newsletter - May 2022



## Important Dates

- May 3**            **RSVP to Diane for luncheon due**
- May 12**           **General Meeting at Page-Walker**  
**Luncheon and Installation of Officers**  
**9:30 AM – Social. 10:00 – Meeting**  
**Remember to bring toiletries!**
- May 19**           **Board Meeting. 10:00 AM**
- August 22**      **Gold Star Family Gala**
- September**    **Book Club The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

To our members with birthdays  
In May & June

Joan Hall – May 9

Maryanne Olsen – June 3

Diane Andersen – June 6

Barbara Sawyer – June 14

Mary-Mel Kroeger – June 24



## From the President –Karen Fiumara

Our **May luncheon and installation** will take place on **May 12** at Page-Walker. The social half hour will be between 9:30 and 10:00, followed by the meeting and installation. The installation will include our new president, Mary Grayson Hart, as well as the continuing Executive Board members (Lois Nixon, Marci Thomas, Diane Andersen, Arlene Gleason, and Lisa Butcher).

Lunch will be catered by **Catering by Design** beginning at 12:00 with entertainment to follow. The cost of the luncheon will be \$20.00. **Please let Diane know if you plan to attend by May 3.** For those of you who haven't already paid, you may pay on May 12. Just be sure to RSVP by May 3, so Diane can give the caterer our final numbers. We hope to see you there! Many thanks to Mercedes Cooley and Diane Andersen for organizing the event.

Kathy Godfrey, TWCR Vice President, Membership Recruitment as well as GFWC-NC District 6 Vice President, will be conducting the installation.

A very special **Joint Board of Directors Meeting** for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 board members will be held on May 19 at Karen's home 204 Willesden Drive, Cary. New members to the Board of Directors are Mary and Barb Sawyer. The meeting will begin at 10 AM followed by a home-cooked lunch at 11:30 AM.

The **GFWC-NC 120<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention** was held April 22 to 24 in Winston-Salem. It was attended by Mary Grayson Hart, Lois Nixon, Karen Fiumara, and Diane Andersen. Both Mary, as GFWC-NC

Scholarship Chairman and Lois, as GFWC-NC Civic Engagement & Outreach CSP Chairman, gave reports on their work on the State level. In addition, Mary was installed as the District VI President for 2022-24. Congratulations to Mary, a very busy clubwoman! Diane attended as our club's nominee for the Julene Barlow McPhaul Clubwoman with Heart award. Kim Fulcher from District VI was installed as President for 2022-24. Her President's Special Project will be the support of the *Mountains-to-the Sea North Carolina Trail*. The MST stretches 1175 miles from the Great Smoky Mountains to the Outer Banks. Did you also know that 2023 has been designated as the "North Carolina Year of the Trail" by the NC House and Senate? More on our club's role in the president's project will be shared at the summer meetings.

### **Health and Wellness CPS Jane Suppa & Nell Meece**

Health and Wellness: **Reminder to bring toiletries for donations** for Mira's Angels and No Girl No Woman to our May meeting. We will split the donations between the two agencies.

Ex: toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, etc. or for the adults feminine products, deodorant.

Our committee bought socks and pajamas and I have donations of other items.

### **Civic Engagement/Outreach and Domestic Violence CSP - Elzbieta and Priscilla**

Thank you for all USO donations!



**The Gold Star Family Gala will be held on August 27, 2022.** Volunteers will be needed for a wide range of activities. Barb Sawyer will provide details.

**Friends of the Guardian ad Litem will hold their gala on Thursday, November 17, 2022,** at the Preston Country Club. They have asked us to assist in decorating

### **Environment CSP - Brenda St. Laurent**

**From Lois Nixon**

#### **Growth of Cary Tree Archive - Rooted in the Work of More than 450 Volunteers**

Here is a link to a website, done by the photographer who also photographed the day-by-day progress of the Patrick Dougherty Willow Sculpture at Carpenter Park. Part of his collection of photos includes our CWC volunteers. See below. Please enjoy this photo essay on the Cary Tree Archive progress.

[Cary Tree Archive — Cary, NC - Local Source for News, Events, Arts and Entertainment \(thepapur.com\)](https://www.thepapur.com/cary-tree-archive/)

On March 19, 2020, just hours before we experienced the meaning and consequences of the word COVID, members of the Cary Woman's Club and Cary Garden Club planted Longleaf pine tree seedlings at the Cary Tree Archive [www.carytreearchive.org](http://www.carytreearchive.org) across Cary Parkway from the YMCA. Ours was the

7<sup>th</sup> volunteer planting at the Tree Archive, which has been followed by more than 30 plantings of a variety of trees and pollinator garden plants. The little tree seedlings were in the “grass stage” (meaning they looked like grass!) so we surrounded them with mulch and “tomato cages” to protect them. They are the beginning of a small Longleaf Pine Savannah, the native ecosystem that covered the Cary area prior to the arrival of the Page family and the founding of Cary. The seedlings are now two years old and are in the “candle” stage, a description of the white terminal bud of the tree as it grows. The Cary Tree Archive is a great place for a family visit and maybe even a picnic. Check it out!

Photos include our Cary Woman’s Club volunteers: Karen Fiumara, Jane Suppa, Deborah Lynch, Lois Nixon, and Cary Garden Club volunteer, Jane Litton.



*The Grass stage- looks like grass*



*The Candle stage*

## ***CWC Education and Libraries – Maryanne Olsen***

### **CWC Book Club**

Book Club has come to an end for the current club year but we all have our assignment for September -- “The Lincoln Highway” by Amor Towles. This book has over 500 pages so we may need the whole summer to read it. Hope you enjoy it!

During the summer Education & Libraries will be having a meeting to discuss book selections for the coming year – September 2022 to April 2023. Please let me know if you would like to be part of the discussion.

For questions and information please contact Maryanne Olsen



### **UNICEF Continues Efforts to Help Children in Ukraine**

After several weeks, GFWC Affiliate Organization [UNICEF USA](#) remains at the forefront of the humanitarian response for Ukraine and is providing essential services to vulnerable children and families affected by the conflict. To learn more about how UNICEF is working to help Ukraine, view a [briefing](#) on the situation provided by the organization last week. [Donate](#) today to support UNICEF’s efforts and help ensure children have access to clean water, nutrition, health care, education, and safe conditions.

GFWC continues to hold the Women’s Club of Ukraine in its thoughts. For continuous coverage on this war crisis, visit [apnews.com](#).



From the Editor: Mercedes Cooley

We will be setting up our summer schedule for upcoming newsletters. I’ll send out emails regarding when submissions need to be sent to me. Have a great summer!!