Cary Woman's Club Tidbits - April 2022



Important Dates

April 5 - Health & Wellness meeting at Jane's -- 1:00

April 14- General Meeting 9:30 - Social 10:00 - Meeting

Bring items for USO!

April 21 - Board Meeting 9:00 Zoom

April 22 - Garden Day at Page Walker 9:00 Earth Day

April 28 – Book Club 1:00-2:30. Red at the Bone

by Jacqueline Woodson

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

To our members with birthdays in April!

Karen Russell -- April 10

Priscilla Keating -- April 14

Lillian Smith -- April 17



From the President -Karen Fiumara

The April Member Meeting will take place *in person* on *Thursday April 14* at Page-Walker. The Social is at 9:30 AM and the meeting will begin at 10 AM.

Many thanks to *Carol French* who lined up our very special guest speaker for the meeting, *Phil Kirk*, who will talk about "*The Ten NC Governors I Have Known*," with humorous insights, as well as observations from the inside, about Governors Sanford through Cooper. Elected in 1970 as the youngest state senator in NC history, he also served as Chief of Staff for Governors Jim Holshouser and Jim Martin and U.S. Senator Jim Broyhill. For 16 years he was the President/CEO of North Carolina Citizens for Business and Industry (NCCBI), the state chamber of commerce and the state manufacturing association and Publisher of the NORTH CAROLINA magazine. He also served as a lobbyist in the North Carolina General Assembly, where he was consistently ranked in the top 20 of the most effective lobbyists in the state. Phil currently has his own consulting and public speaking business and is an active volunteer for the Raleigh Kiwanis Club.

Please invite guests to this special presentation, including spouses!

The Board Meeting will take place on ZOOM at 9 AM on April 21.

GFWC-NC 120th Annual Convention April 22-24. Registration deadline is April 8th.

Many thanks to *Mercedes Cooley* who will be taking on the roll of Hospitality Chair for 2022-23. She will be assisting Diane Andersen with the May Installation luncheon on May 12. **She is looking for a co-chair. Please let her know if you are interested.**

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

Our no sew blankets were presented to Myra John, our March speaker. https://carywomansclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/MyrasAngels.jpg

We will be collecting donations for the USO at our April 14 meeting. Below are links to items that are much needed but not frequently donated. They do not need to be bought at the specific web site or the specific brand listed below. Gift cards to Walmart and Target are always welcome. Arrangements will be made to deliver the items to the USO at the RDU airport.

- Individual energy drink powders (like this https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B0789FRV55/ref=ppx yo dt b asin title oo 0 s00?ie=UTF8&psc=1)
- Slim Jims/Jerky (similar to these https://www.bjs.com/product/slim-jim-smoked-snack-sticks-120-ct028-oz/3000000000000358579)
- Iphone chargers (like this https://www.walmart.com/ip/iPhone-Charger-2-Pack-Charging-Cable-USB-Wall-Power-Adapter-Plug-Block-Compatible-X-8-8-Plus-7-7-Plus-6-6S-6-Plus-5S-SE-Mini-Air-Pro-Cases-White/435635311)
- Android chargers (like this https://www.riteaid.com/shop/usb-wall-charger-with-usb-charging-cable-6-ft?gclid=CjwKCAiApfeQBhAUEiwA7K UH34JzxCTZAVXM1oEq76rWI8Iq-nyASfqmwowZzHoNtmaUrwX49UFzRoCNY8QAvD

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

April 22 at 9:00 am will be our first work day at the Page Walker garden. We need help in pulling weeds, spreading mulch and planting some new flowers. We will meet at the garden at 9:00 am and all you need to bring is your water bottle and gardening gloves if you have them. Our work in the garden usually lasts an hour or two but any amount of time you can spare is greatly appreciated.

April 22 is also Earth Day. The first Earth Day was in 1970 and it is considered the birth of the modern environmental movement. Today Earth Day is celebrated in over 190 countries and over 1 billion individuals are motivated and mobilized for action every year. Let us take an hour or two, reflect on the current state of our planet and work in our garden to celebrate the wonder of nature.

ARTS & CULTURE CSP - Susan Abbott



GFWC-NC State Arts Festival – in Mebane, NC on March 12, 2022

Cary Woman's Club received several awards at the GFWC-NC State Arts Festival on March 12, 2022. There were a lot of wonderful and innovative art pieces displayed

at the event. Congratulations to our winners in the Crafts and Visual Arts categories:

CRAFTS:

- 1st PLACE Quilting Machine Small: Kenta Boot by Willa Brigham
- 2nd PLACE Basic Embroidery: Thread Art in Black Oval by Willa Brigham
- 2nd PLACE Paper Craft: 3D Luminaria by Lois Nixon
- 3rd PLACE Painting on Other Surfaces: Painting on tiles with flooded alcohol inks and alcohol ink pens used for the landscape "Aurora Borealis" by Barbara Sawyer

VISUAL ARTS:

- 1st PLACE Pen and Ink: Zentangles "Arthritic Hand" is my arthritic hand with the pain falling out of the pinky finger! By Barbara Sawyer
- 1st PLACE Mixed Media: Alcohol ink painted background on tile with heat embossed butterfly in gold, removed ink with straight alcohol and brush! By Barbara Sawyer

You can find pictures of all the State and District VI winners on our website at this link:

https://carywomansclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/District6Arts2.jpg

NC Art Museum

The NC Museum of Art had a successful fundraiser in their Art in Bloom this year. If you did not have a chance to attend, check out this <u>slideshow</u>! In this event, each of the 43 florists created an arrangement inspired by a piece of art.

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.

We have one last book club meeting this club year – April 28th. We will take a break during the spring/summer months when the club is not meeting and will resume meetings in September.

For our **April 28**th **meeting we will be reviewing <u>Red at the Bone</u> by Jacqueline Woodson**. The meeting is from **1pm to 2:30pm** in a club member's home. If you would like to host the meeting, please let me know. Hope you will be able to attend.

In case you are reading ahead the selection for September is - The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles. This is book has over 500 pages so we may need the whole summer to read it

For questions and information please contact Maryanne, 919-465-1509, mgocary@yahoo.com

Health and Wellness CPS Jane Suppa

Meeting reminder: Tuesday, April 5th at 1:00. Jane Suppa's house 202 Muir Brook Place Cary.

From Gerry Ritter...

Thank you to the many members who have sent cards or texts while I am recovering from the car accident. You have been so generous especially with meals the first week I was home from the hospital. I deeply appreciate the kindness and assistance from you all. The meal train was invaluable. I am recovering though more slowly then I'd like. Thank you, Gerry



UNICEF Continues Efforts to Help Children in Ukraine

After several weeks, GFWC Affiliate Organization <u>UNICEF USA</u> 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 <u>briefing</u> on the situation provided by the organization last week. <u>Donate</u> 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 <u>apnews.com</u>.

