



Cary Woman's Club

Member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs

September 2022



"Serving Our Community ♦ Sharing Our Time and Talents"

President's Message ♦ Mary Grayson Hart



We're off to a new year! Hope everyone had a wonderful summer with friends and family. Our Board has begun meeting, and plans are under way for our CSP projects and events, which we hope our members will enjoy. And, suggestions are always welcome for interesting and "fun" ways to raise money for community organizations!

Please be certain to mark **Thursday, September 8**, on your calendars. Looking forward to a new club year at our September meeting! Our CSP chairs will let us know what they have planned for the upcoming year.

We had a wonderful Membership social on August 16 at the home of Marci Thomas, our 2nd Vice President (Membership). My thanks to Marci and to all of those members who turned out for the event. Five prospective members attended and seem very engaged! We're hoping that they attend our September meeting to learn more about us. Wonderful event, Marci!

Also, on **Saturday, September 17**, the District 6 Fall meeting will be held at the First Baptist Church of Garner. The host clubs will be the Garner's Woman's Club, the Western Wake Woman's Club, and the Cary Woman's Club. Our GFWC-NC State President Kim Fulcher will be attending this meeting, along with GFWC-NC President-elect Karen Throckmorton and GFWC-NC Director-elect of Junior Clubs. I'm so excited that they can be with us to share news from our State organization.

I attended the State Summer Meeting in Wilmington in July, along with others in the club, and learned a great deal. Attending GFWC-NC meetings is a good way to find out more about happening at our State Federation, as well as District 6 happenings.

Brenda St. Laurent and Lois Nixon, along with their helpers, were also hard at work this summer maintaining the Pollinator Garden at the Page-Walker. Our club manned a table at Lazy Daze giving details on the garden – plus it was a wonderful membership recruitment tool! And, as always, our club is focused on the many ways that we can help in our Cary community. So, let's . . . volunteer and imagine the possibilities!

Mary Grayson Hart

MEETING LOCATION

Page-Walker Arts & History Center
 119 Ambassador Loop, 1st Floor,
 Downtown Cary, 27513
Thursday, September 10, 2022
 9:30 a.m. (Coffee & Social)
 10:00 a.m. (Program & Business Meeting)

Important Dates	
Sept. 8	General Meeting 9:30 Social 10:00 Meeting
Sept. 15	Board Meeting
Sept. 22	Book Club Meeting 1:00-2:30
Sept. 22	Newsletter submissions due

Membership



We had a great Summer Brunch and Mimosa Bar on August 16th! 15 members and 5 guests got to know each other better while enjoying a mimosa bar and delicious food provided by several members. A big thank you to everyone who helped.

We hope to have a coffee and dessert event in January. No better way to enjoy a winter afternoon than with a hot cup of coffee (maybe an Irish coffee) or tea with a delicious dessert. Be thinking about someone you can invite who might like to learn more about Cary Woman's Club.

Our September general meeting is another great opportunity for potential members to learn more about what each of our CSPs have planned for the year.

Marci Thomas

Education & Libraries

CWC Book Club

Welcome back to another year of reading, conversation and friendship. Our book this month is *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles. <https://www.amortowles.com/the-lincoln-highway-about-the-book/>

A #1 New York Times Best Seller

In June, 1954, eighteen-year-old Emmett Watson is driven home to Nebraska by the warden of the juvenile work farm where he has just served fifteen months for involuntary manslaughter. His mother long gone, his father recently deceased, and the family farm foreclosed upon by the bank, Emmett's intention is to pick up his eight-year-old brother, Billy, and head to California where they can start their lives anew.

But when the warden drives away, Emmett discovers that two friends from the work farm – the wily, charismatic Duchess and earnest, offbeat Woolly – have stowed away in the trunk of the warden's car. Together, they have hatched an altogether different plan for Emmett's future, one that will take the four of them on a fateful journey in the opposite direction to the city of New York.

Spanning ten days and told from multiple points of view, [Towles](#)'s third novel is a multilayered tale of misadventure and self-discovery, populated by an eclectic cast of characters, from drifters who make their home riding the rails and larger-than-life vaudevillians to the aristocrats of the Upper East Side. An absorbing, exhilarating ride, *The Lincoln Highway* is a novel as vivid, sweeping, and moving as readers have come to expect from Towles's work.

Book Club this month is on **Thursday, September 22nd from 1pm to 2:30pm** at the home of Maryanne Olsen. Whether you come only once for a special book, or every month, every club member is welcome. This month's selection looks intimidating with over 500 pages but it is an entertaining and fast read.

We will be selecting books for future months and hope to have those titles by our first CWC general meeting. **We meet on the fourth Thursday of each month**, except for holiday months, from September through April (9/22, 10/27, 11/16, 12/14, 1/26, 2/23, 3/23 and 4/27).

We hope you will come and join us at least one time this year.

ALL ARE WELCOME !

For questions contact Maryanne Olsen, mgocary@yahoo.com

Maryanne Olsen

Grants & Community Service Project Program

Just a reminder to all that October 1st, is the next deadline to submit an application for a community service project funding. Further details can be found on the Cary Woman's Club website at

<https://carywomansclub.org/community-service-programs/grants-and-community-service-program/>

Mary-Mel Kroeger

Grants & CSP Program Committee Chair

Environment

Lazy Daze festival of Cary was the last weekend in August and the Woman's Club provided plants, seeds, and garden information to the public. Our volunteers were ready to answer questions about The Woman's Club and our role in maintaining the pollinator garden at the Page Walker.

In October the regular monthly meeting will be held at the Blue Jay Point Park in North Raleigh. It will be an offsite meeting with beautiful views of Falls Lake and hiking trails. More information will be presented at our September meeting.

Brenda St.Laurent

Civic Engagement and Outreach/Domestic Violence Prevention

We are looking forward to another year of serving our community. The following are some of the possible projects we will be working on. If you are interested in volunteering for these or similar projects, please sign up for our committee in September.

- Providing coffee and cookies to a group of first responders (police, EMS, firemen).
- Assist with flower decorations for the Friends of the Guardian Ad Litem at Preston Country Club. (November 17)
- Donate items or gift cards for InterAct's Christmas baskets.
- Participate in Wreathes Across America (December).
- Donate no-sew fleece blankets to Myra's Angels. (January/February)
- Raleigh Woman's Prison, create an appropriate project for the Chrysalis Club members and provide a healthy snack. (February 20)
- Donate snacks/ toiletries to USO. (March/ April)

*Elzbieta Hibbs
Priscilla Keating*

Health & Wellness

Myra's Angels is having a fundraising gala on Dec 2, 2022 at the NC Museum of Art from 7-10 PM. There will be a fashion show, reception, live music and live and silent auction.. We donated "no-sew" blankets to this charity and Myra came to speak to us about their mission.

Myra's Angels provides backbags for foster kid silled with items they need when they go to a new home. Tickets can be purchased through the Myra's Angels website. <https://www.myrasangels.org/charitygala>

Jane Suppa

Hospitality

This year's Hospitality committee includes Mercedes Cooley, Judy McDonal and Jane Sowards. We will be taking the lead of making the coffee and tea for each meeting this year and scheduling 2 volunteer hostesses each month. We appreciate everyone who used Sign Up Genius to choose a month to hostess.

October: Susan Abbott and Mary-Mel Kroeger
 November: Lisa Botcher & Arlene Gleason
 January: Priscilla Keating & JoAnn Minor
 February: Brenda St Laurent & Marci Thomas
 March: Lois Nixon & ?????
 April: Carol French & ????

We still need a volunteer for March and one for April. This year we are simplifying our refreshments to just one or two items and water provided by the hostesses.

It looks like we will be having our October meeting at Blue Jay Point. I'm very excited about an outdoor meeting! Not sure what Brenda has in mind for refreshments. I'll coordinate with her and update our hostesses for Oct.

Judy will be making our reservation at various restaurants for our lunch gathering after our meetings. For September, she has made a reservation at the Academy Street Bistro 200 S. Academy Street. Hope many of you can join us. Jane Sowards will be confirming the reservation at the meeting.

Please let Judy know if you have any suggestions of restaurants you would like us to try.

We will be having our December Holiday meeting back at Prestonwood Country Club. It will be on Thursday December 8. Mark your calendar. More information will follow.

Mercedes Cooley

Pecan Fundraising is here!



Lois will be sending out our 2022 Pecan Order Form and will have them at the September meeting. I'll also attach an order form to this newsletter. Please begin contacting your prospective buyers and give them the forms to be filled out and sent to Merc with the checks. We are able to keep the same prices as last year. Remember the profit

from the pecans will be used to fund and benefit our community projects! As you all know, the pecans are awesome, and we seem to run out every year! Order plenty- a year's supply! They will stay fresh for months in your freezer. You cannot buy these fresh pecans at Costco or a grocery store. **Orders and payment will be due on October 14.**

Mercedes Cooley & Lois Nixon

Support our Fellow Member and the Town of Cary

Willa Brigham, a Roadhouse Storyteller and our own CWC member will be performing on September 9 at the Page -Walker. Tickets are available at the Cary Theater Box office or through eTix. See info below.

[Roadhouse Storytellers](#) will perform as part of the [Performances at the Page](#) series at the Page-Walker Arts & History Center in Cary on September 9, 2022. Featured performers are Willa Brigham, Alan Hoal, Linda Gorham, and Sam Pearsall. You'll enjoy hors d'oeuvres, dessert and drinks as part of your \$20 ticket (no tips)._ Here's your chance to hear some great storytelling, in person, after the long Roadhouse Storytellers drought. Buy your tickets soon at The Cary Theater box office or through [eTix](#).


Thank you to all who are filling in for both Hospitality and Recording Secretary in September and Oct.!

Thank you to Marci Thomas and Lois Nixon for offering to fill recording secretary duties for the October meetings! I so appreciate your generous natures.

Arlene Gleason

Thank you to Karen Fiumara and Diane Andersen for covering Hospitality coffee making/coordination for the September meeting. Merc and Judy will not be able to attend.

Mercedes Cooley & Judy McDonal



September Birthdays

<i>Sept. 7</i>	<i>Mercedes Cooley</i>
<i>Sept. 19</i>	<i>Lisa Butcher</i>
<i>Sept. 20</i>	<i>Joann Minor</i>

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