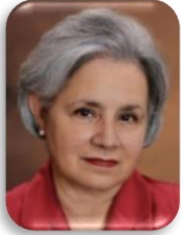




Member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs

November 2022



"Serving Our Community ♦ Sharing Our Time and Talents"

President's Message ♦ Mary Grayson Hart



Thanksgiving is right around the corner, and we have so much to be thankful for, don't we? We live in a wonderful community – Cary! It has so much to offer, doesn't it? I'm grateful for my move here in 2005 and all of the wonderful people who have crossed my path. I'm incredibly grateful to know all of the wonderful women I've met in the Cary Woman's Club. Our members moved here from far and wide, and yet we're all connected. We've joined together, not just for fellowship, but mainly to help contribute to our community, which the club has done so well for so many years.

I'm also so very thankful for all of our members who donated so generously to the Disaster Relief Fund to assist our GFWC Federation sisters in Florida who are experiencing the effects from Hurricane Ian. Some of these women and their families were left with virtually nothing, so I know how appreciative they will be for all of the contributions that you have made.

There was plenty of "orange" to go around during Halloween, but don't put up all of your orange just yet! November is filled with a lot of opportunities to display all of the fall colors, including orange. I love seeing all of the beautiful colors of the falling leaves, and knowing that another season is with us. Take time to go outside and enjoy our beautiful fall weather. Be thankful!



Members, You've Made A Difference!

As Thanksgiving Day approaches,
Our blessings we recall;
The things we are most thankful for,
We recollect them all.

You are really special,
In all you say and do.
You've made a difference in so many lives;
We're thankful now for you.



November Birthdays

11/22 Susan Smith

11/26 Karen Fiumara

Important Dates & Reminders

November 10 9:30 Social 10:00 General Meeting at Page-Walker

Bring items for USO & Center For Volunteer Caregivers

Beef jerky, Water, Puzzle books , Hand sanitizer , Lotion , Pocket-sized tissues, Wrapped candy, Individually wrapped hot chocolate, Socks, Breakfast bars, Individually wrapped tea bags, Personal care items, Individually wrapped crackers and snacks, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, etc.

Bring check for Holiday Luncheon.

November 17 Board Meeting

November 16 Book Club Meeting, Wednesday 1:00-2:30

November 17 Money due for Holiday Luncheon

November 25 Newsletter submissions due

December 8 Holiday Luncheon at Prestonwood 11:00



Education & Libraries CSP

November Speaker

November is Education & Libraries month and our guest speaker will be Sherry Overton Shudra, Executive Director of Read and Feed. The mission of Read and Feed is to strengthen literacy skills among underserved elementary school children and provide meals in a nurturing neighborhood environment.

Several of our members have volunteered with Read and Feed in the past and as Covid becomes more manageable we hope that members will once again enjoy volunteering in the community. Read and Feed may be just the opportunity members would enjoy.

CWC Book Club

Our book for November is *Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell*. We will meet at the home of Arlene Gleason on *Wednesday, November 16th*, at 1pm until 2:30pm. Please note the change of day due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Drawing on Maggie O'Farrell's long-term fascination with the little-known story behind Shakespeare's most enigmatic play, *Hamnet* is a luminous portrait of a marriage, at its heart the loss of a beloved child.

Warwickshire in the 1580s. Agnes is a woman as feared as she is sought after for her unusual gifts. She settles with her husband in Henley street, Stratford, and has three children: a daughter, Susanna, and then twins, Hamnet and Judith. The boy, Hamnet, dies in 1596, aged eleven. Four years or so later, the husband writes a play called Hamlet.

Award-winning author Maggie O'Farrell's new novel breathes full-blooded life into the story of a loss usually consigned to literary footnotes, and provides an unforgettable vindication of Agnes, a woman intriguingly absent from history.

A New York Times Notable Book (2020), Best Book of 2020: Guardian, Financial Times, Literary Hub, and NPR

Kingswoods Elementary School – Open for Volunteers

We have heard that Kingswood Elementary School is open for volunteers once again. Great news for all of us wanting to get back to the volunteer work that we love.

There is a special need for someone to volunteer in the library reshelving books and/or repairing books.

Contact Kingswoods if interested. All volunteers must pass criminal history and sexual offender registry checks and comply with WCPSS Board policy 5020: Visitors to the School.

Future Readings

| <u><i>Book</i></u> | <u><i>Author</i></u> | <u><i>Date</i></u> | <u><i>Day</i></u> |
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| Hamnet | Maggie O'Farrell | Nov 16th | Wednesday |
| The Last House on the Street | Diane Chamberlain | Dec 14th | Wednesday |
| The Personal Librarian | Marie Benedict | Jan 26th | Thursday |

For questions contact Maryanne Olsen, mgocary@yahoo.com

Maryanne Olsen



Environment CSP

Important Dates

November 11, Friday at 11:00 is the Town of Cary Veterans Day Program. We will be attending to support our veterans as well as the Cary Garden Club's Blue Star Memorial Garden. The Veterans Freedom Park is located on Harrison St.

November 17, Thursday is National Hiking Day.

November 18, Friday at 9:00 we will be preparing the PW garden for the winter. Please join us to plant seasonal flowers and cut back the summer flowers.

Fun fact: Americans spend 87% of their time indoors and an additional 6% in an enclosed vehicle (on average). That's a shocking 93% spent indoors and 7% of our life that is spent outdoors. This may be a prompt for you to see how much time you spend outside.

Brenda St. Laurent



Civic Engagement and Outreach/ Domestic Violence Prevention CSP

Civic Engagement and Outreach/ Domestic Violence projects through December 2022

USO

At our November 10 meeting, we will be collecting items for our troops. Our USO contact indicated the most needed items are **water, chips, granola bars and beef jerky**.

Any snack item is appreciated. If you will not be at the meeting, contact Elzbieta to arrange picking up donations.

Friends of the Guardian ad Litem

The Friends of the Guardian ad Litem program support at risk kids and their caregivers, raise funds for the GAL of Wake County who represent abused and neglected children. They need

4-5 volunteers to assist in decorating table centerpieces and setting up auction items on **Thursday, November 17, from 2:00pm-5:30pm at Prestonwood**. If you are interested in volunteering, please email me, elzbietawh@aol.com.

The Center for Volunteer Caregivers.

Our committee decided this year we would support a new group for Christmas. Instead of gift cards for InterAct, we will support The Center for Volunteer Caregivers Christmas gift bags for 300 seniors and adults with disabilities. The Health and Wellness Committee will be partnering with us on this project. Donated items can be brought to the **November 10** meeting or arrange for Elzbieta to pick them up by November 28. All items are due to the Center by December 1.

Requested items: • Puzzle books • Hand sanitizer • Lotion • Pocket-sized tissues • Wrapped candy • Individual packets of hot chocolate • Socks • Breakfast bars • Individually wrapped tea bags • Personal care items • Individually wrapped crackers and snacks • Toothbrush • Toothpaste

Wreaths Across America

We have donated \$45.00 to Wreaths Across America. This amount sponsors 3 wreaths for the wreath laying ceremony at 12:00pm on Saturday, December 17, at Hillcrest Cemetery in Cary.

Address is 608 Page Rd., off of S. Harrison Ave.

Veterans of all wars are recognized. CWC has been registered to participate, however, anyone can attend, invite friends and family.

Operation Greenlight

Join Wake County in shining a light on the service of veterans. County buildings will be lighting up green during the week of November 7-13. Residents are encouraged to change one light bulb in or outside your house to a green bulb. For more information, wakegov.com/greenlight

Elzbieta Hibbs

Priscilla Keating



Health & Wellness CSP

We are coordinating with Elzbieta's Volunteer Caregivers program to collect items as previously mentioned. i.e. hot chocolate, tissues, snacks, tea bags, etc.

We are in the planning stage of determining how we can be of assistance to the Adult Day Care Center in Cary. We will be receiving a list of needs from the director.

Jane Suppa



Arts & Culture CSP



As we did in past years, we have purchased a Christmas Tree for the Cary Gifting Tree Project. We are planning to work with Note in the Pocket once again. Note in the Pocket will provide ornaments and a link where passers-by can make a holiday donation which will help provide clothing for students who need it.

Once we have the ornaments, Susan will ask for help in preparing these for the tree as well as decorating the tree at the end of November or early December. Last year, this project generated \$3600 in donations for Note in the Pocket.

Susan Abbott for Barb Sawyer

Hospitality

Special thanks to Susan Abbott, and Lois Nixon for providing refreshments on such short notice at our October Meeting! Also, thanks to Lois's granddaughter, Halle for gathering leaves to decorate our table.

Lisa and Arlene will provide refreshments and water for our November meeting.

November: Lisa Butcher & Arlene Gleason
January: Priscilla Keating & JoAnn Minor
February: Brenda St Laurent & Marci Thomas
March: Lois Nixon & Joan Hall
April: Carol French & Elzbieta Hibbs

Holiday Luncheon



Thank you for your input in selecting our **Holiday Luncheon** location. Based on the survey, we will be having our December Holiday meeting at Prestonwood Country Club.

DATE: Thursday, December 8

LOCATION: Prestonwood Country Club, Salon E

TIME: 11:00



The cost will be \$30 a person. Please bring your checks to our November Meeting so we can get a count of how many are attending. Guests are welcome, but they will need to pay for their lunch in advance.

The deadline to turn in your payment for the luncheon is Thursday, November 17th.

The Hospitality committee is planning a few things for your enjoyment. We are looking for someone who would like to lead us in our Holiday singing. No, Willa is not available! No solos- just someone to start us off on a good key. Please let us know if you are interested in volunteering. Thanks.

Mercedes Cooley, Judy McDonal and Jane Sowards



NUTS NOTE!

Thank you all for selling our Pecans! At this point we have sold 50 pounds more than last year! We may have some extras to sell as we purchase them by the case.

We expect the pecans to be delivered to Cary about mid-November, depending on the weather and when the pecans mature!

Once again, we appreciate the support of Terry's Floor Fashions in allowing us to have our pecans delivered to their dock at their warehouse. This saves us money and makes the truck driver happy! We will spend a few hours at the warehouse putting the pecans in bags to match your orders and notify you of how to pick up or have orders delivered to you. We count on each member to arrange delivery of orders to your own customers.

Mercedes Cooley & Lois Nixon

Things to Do in Cary

Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair - Saturday, November 19, 2022, 9-2pm Cary Senior Center

The Old North Storytelling Festival, November 4 and 5, 2022 at The Cary Theater
Saturday morning children's set, any child 12 and under will get in free with an adult.

Here is the link to ticket sales: <https://www.oldnorthstatestorytellingfestival.com/tickets>

Willa Bingham

MEETING LOCATION
Page-Walker Arts & History Center
119 Ambassador Loop, 1st Floor,
Downtown Cary, 27513
Thursday, November 10, 2022
10:00 AM

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