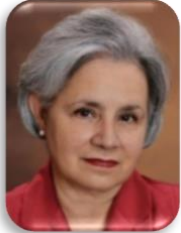




Member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs

January 2023



"Serving Our Community ♦ Sharing Our Time and Talents"



President's Message ♦ Mary Grayson Hart

I can't believe that I've changed the calendar to 2023. It just seems as though I just put up all of the Christmas decorations. I hope everyone had a wonderful 2022, and I am looking forward to more wonderful 2023!

At our January meeting, I'm hoping that our members will be bringing in some of their wonderful works of art. Sure hoping that some of our talented members walk away as winners at our District Arts Festival and who knows, maybe even our State Arts Festival in March. Wouldn't that be exciting! Be sure to come to the **January 12 General meeting**, hosted by our Arts Community Service Program.

Also, on **Saturday, February 11**, our GFWC-NC District 6 will hold its Arts Festival. We're so glad to be having this festival in person! More information will come out in mid-January. Attending the District Arts Festival is a great way to become more involved with other clubwomen, and you'll also have the opportunity to see a lot of fantastic artwork done by clubwomen and students.

And, lastly, this is the month where we get busy and begin the reporting process. We'll be collecting data for our annual reports to GFWC-NC. It's our time to shine! CWC does so many great things in the community, and so many organizations appreciate the time, talent, and treasure that our members contribute.

Please take some time to record all of the hours and donations for the projects and events you have worked on this past calendar year. The time you give matters, and, as of April 2022, the estimated national value of each volunteer hour was \$29.95. Imagine!



Have you made a resolution for the New Year? I have – and it's to make the Cary Woman's Club better than ever!



Important Dates & Reminders

January 2	Meeting to plan for book drive
January 8	CSP reports due
January 12	General Meeting
January 19	Board Meeting

January Birthdays

1/6 Nell Meece

1/11 Jane Suppa

Message from the Grants and Community Service Projects Program Committee

The FINAL DEADLINE, for this club year, to receive an application for a Grant request (\$500 to \$1,000) or a Community Service Project request of up to \$250, is WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2023. The application must be post marked OR received by email no later than February 1, 2023. If approved, funding would take place by the end of March 2023. Additional information is available on the Cary Woman's Club website under Community Service. Here is a link for your convenience.

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

The committee needs the club's help and is asking members to again reach out to non-profit organizations needing financial assistance, with encouragement to make an application for a grant. Last year, our members came through with finding applicants, which the committee appreciated!

If there are any questions, please give me a call or email.

Mary-Mel Kroeger, Chair

919-454-3329

mmkroeger@aol.com

Message from Lois Nixon, 1st Vice-President

NEW YEARS RESOLUTION: Reminder to do this first in 2023!: Please **submit your volunteer hours, money donated, and in-kind donations to each CSP Chair** on the *form that is attached to this newsletter no later than noon January 12 at our regular CWC meeting on January 12, 2023* (is it really 2023 already?!)

If you have any non-CSP hours, money donated, or in-kind contributions to submit (like your leadership hours if you are an officer or have worked on a special project like the pecans), please submit those to 1st Vice-President, Lois Nixon, with a copy to President, Mary Grayson Hart.

EVERY MEMBER should be submitting at least one or two reports covering the 2022 calendar year, as each of you participated in some club activities throughout the year. You can use the same attached form that is used for CSP reports.

January 12 an absolute deadline, as the CSP Chairs, then have to complete their reports and get them to Lois Nixon no later than Monday, January 16, so they can be reviewed to ensure there is no duplication or omissions before they are submitted to GFWC-NC District VI and the state GFWC-NC office by the February 1 deadline. We know these are tight deadlines, coming right after the holidays, but there is no "wiggle room" and there will be no extended deadlines, because the Feb. 1 deadline is ABSOLUTE!

The CSP Chairs will be writing their narrative reports before you submit your hours to them, so that they can add in your volunteer contributions and get their completed reports in by the **CSPs' January 16 deadline**. And Lois and Mary will review all the CSP reports as well as write others that are Club-wide reports that are also due on Feb. 1. **We will greatly appreciate your prompt (even early) submissions of your information.**

Remember you can also submit hours and travel time of your attendance at GFWC meetings and CWC General and committee meetings, along with other donations you made to CWC-type or supported organizations like the USO, tutoring at schools, serving as a docent at the Art Museum, volunteering in community gardens, donations of time or money or in-kind items to organizations like Dorcas or the Caring Place, etc. Call Lois Nixon (919-744-0117) if you have any questions, or just submit items and if they are not appropriate according to GFWC reporting requirements, they will not be included. It is better to over-report than leave

something out, and we will not submit anything that is not within GFWC guidelines. **THANK YOU for all of your work in 2022.**



Health & Wellness CSP

The Health and Wellness Committee will meet in January in order to plan a Valentine's party for Total Life Care at Bond Park.

Possible date: Monday January 16 at 11:00. Please contact me if this date works for you.

Jane Suppa



Education & Libraries CSP

Book Drive for Read & Feed

The Education & Library CSP along with the Environment CSP will be planning a Book Drive in February 2023 for Read and Feed. We will be collecting books for elementary school children K to 5th grade in addition to purchasing books.

There will be an Ed & Lib meeting to plan for the book drive on Monday, January 2nd at 1pm at the home of Maryanne Olsen (309 Briardale Avenue, Cary). Everyone is welcome. Call or text Maryanne with any questions 919-740-4272

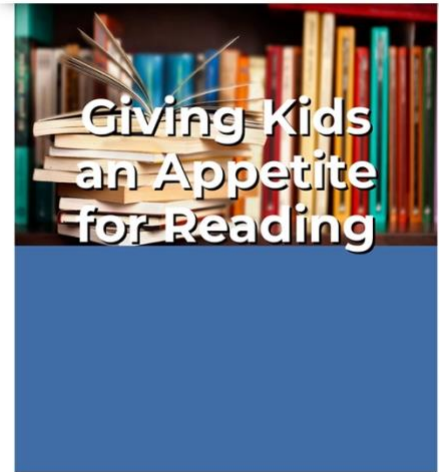
If you want to contribute to the book drive but not sure what book(s) to purchase, check out the Amazon Wish list for Read & Feed:

Amazon:

[General Wish List](#);

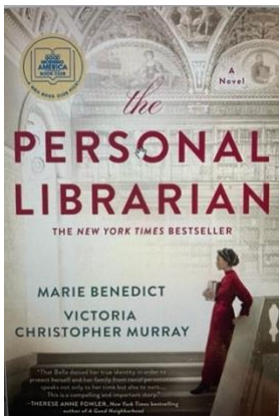
[Diverse Curriculum: Black History Month Edition](#);

[Diverse Curriculum: Hispanic Heritage Month Edition](#).



CWC Book Club

January's book is *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. We resume our usual meeting date of the 4th Thursday of the month starting 1/26/2023.



The remarkable, little-known story of Belle da Costa Greene, J. P. Morgan's personal librarian – who became one of the most powerful women in New York despite the dangerous secret she kept in order to make her dreams come true, from *New York Times* bestselling author Marie Benedict and acclaimed author Victoria Christopher Murray.

In her twenties, Belle da Costa Greene is hired by J. P. Morgan to curate a collection of rare manuscripts, books, and artwork for his newly built Pierpont Morgan Library. Belle becomes a fixture on the New York society scene and one of the most powerful people in the art and book world, known for her impeccable taste and shrewd negotiating for critical works as she helps build a world-class collection.

But Belle has a secret, one she must protect at all costs. She was born not Belle da Costa Greene but Belle Marion Greener. She is the daughter of Richard Greener, the first Black graduate of Harvard and a well-known advocate for equality. Belle's complexion isn't dark because of her alleged Portuguese heritage that lets her pass as white – her complexion is dark because she is African American.

The Personal Librarian tells the story of an extraordinary woman, famous for her intellect, style, and wit, and shares the lengths to which she must go – for the protection of her family and her legacy – to preserve her carefully crafted white identity in the racist world in which she lives.

We hope you will join us on Thursday, January 26th from 1pm until 2:30pm for our discussion of *The Personal Librarian*. Location TBD. Call or text Maryanne for questions.

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.

According to the Librarian, Sarah Breeze, there is a special need for someone to volunteer in the library reshelving books and/or repairing books. If you are concerned about the winter bugs (covid, flu & RSV) then time could be scheduled when students are not present and the Library is quiet. 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.

Maryanne Olsen



**Civic Engagement and Outreach/
Domestic Violence Prevention CSP**

On December 17, The Cary Woman's Club participated in The Wreath's Across America Day. We contributed 3 of the 150 total wreaths that were laid on the graves of veterans in Cary's Hillcrest Cemetery. Veterans of all wars are recognized.

In January we will recognize a first responder group in Cary with coffee and cookies/snack.

At our January meeting no sew blankets for Myra's Angels will be distributed. Completed blankets will be collected in March. Please let Elzbieta or Priscilla know if you are interested in making a blanket to ensure we have enough.

*Elzbieta Hibbs
Priscilla Keating*





Arts & Culture CSP

Cary Gifting Tree Project



In spite of the weather challenges this year, this project was a winner for *Note in the Pocket*. By mid-December, over \$2000 in donations had been made. I will get a final accounting at the end of December and should be able to report on this at the next meeting.

Many thanks to the volunteers who cut out and prepared the pocket ornaments, decorated the tree, replenished the tree with more ornaments as needed and took photos. They are Lois Nixon (and her granddaughter Halle), Jo Ann Minor, Merc Cooley, Arlene Gleason, Barb Sawyer, Jane Suppa, Elzbieta Hibbs, Lillian Smith, and new prospective member Denise Talley.

Cary Woman's Club ART FESTIVAL

Cary Woman's Club will be holding our annual Arts Festival at our regularly scheduled meeting on January 12, 2023. If you have crafts, needlework, artwork, photography, or original literature (see Arts Festival Categories attachment), please bring your creation to the meeting along with a label (see Label attachment). The program for the meeting will feature each artist showing their work and talking a little bit about it - their inspiration and/or how they made it, time it took, materials used, etc.

All entries must have been completed from January through December 2022 (the calendar year). First place winners at our local fair will be submitted to the district fair in February. Winners from the district will go to the State meeting in March.

Please see attachment to this email for more information on the categories and submission requirements.

Susan Abbott for Barb Sawyer



Environment

Did you know that plastics in the ocean is already more than 150 Million tons of waste? By 2050, our oceans could contain more plastics than fish.

Disposable plastic



Let's make a goal of reducing our single use plastics this year. I encourage anyone who has any plastic bags or cardboard boxes to donate them to Dorcas. Their donation drop off hours are Monday-Saturday from 11am to 5 pm. You may also bring them to our monthly meetings and I will be happy to bring them to Dorcas for you.

An Environment CSP meeting will be held in March to discuss the selection and purchase of environment theme books for Read and Feed. Meeting details will be announced at a later date.

Brenda St.Laurent

Hospitality

Special thanks to Judy McDonal and Jane Sowards for providing favors, fun and prizes at our Holiday Luncheon. A special thanks to Barb Sawyer for the beautiful ornaments she made for us. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers for a return to good health.

Thanks to all the members for participating!!

Judy is making a reservation for members to go to Bosphorus on 329 - A , N. Harrison Cary after our meeting on Jan.12th

Priscilla and JoAnn have volunteered to provide refreshments at our January meeting. Thank you!

January: Priscilla Keating & JoAnn Minor

February: Brenda St Laurent & Marci Thomas

March: Lois Nixon & Joan Hall
April: Carol French & Elzbieta Hibb



NUTS NOTE!

We have some extra pecans for sale:

- Honey roasted - 1 pound
- Praline - 4 pounds
- Milk chocolate -3 pounds

If you are interested in purchasing some of our extras, please contact Lois.

Mercedes Cooley & Lois Nixon

MEETING LOCATION
Page-Walker Arts & History Center
119 Ambassador Loop, 1st Floor,
Downtown Cary, 27513
Thursday, January 12, 2023
10:00 AM

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