



*Member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs*

February 2023



"Serving Our Community ♦ Sharing Our Time and Talents"

**President's Message ♦ Mary Grayson Hart**



My favorite color is red, and so here we are with another month filled with red! Valentine's Day is just a few weeks away, and it reminds me of moments so long ago in school. Does anyone remember bringing shoeboxes to school to decorate for the valentines you received? I loved that, and the special way that I felt when I received the valentines. I didn't care really what they looked like, bought or handmade, only that I received some.

You know, in today's world, we all could enjoy that special feeling knowing that someone is thinking about us. Yes, on Valentine's Day, one thinks of roses and chocolates, who wouldn't. But, it's really more than that. I still send Valentine cards to my children – and they're all grown up! I liked knowing that when they opened the cards that it would make them smile and brighten their day. It has been said that it's better to give than receive, and I know that it always made me feel better knowing I put a smile on someone's face.

We don't use the shoeboxes anymore, but we all still need to have that special feeling of having someone thinking about us. Maybe on Valentine's Day (or the whole month for that matter) we could do things that make someone smile and feel special, whether it's a card, a phone call, or just a hug.



Speaking of "hearts," at this time of year, I also think about February being Women's Heart Health Month. Please remember that Women's Heart Week is the first week of February, and the National Wear Red Day is the first Friday in February. Be certain to wear red this month! And, our District Arts Festival is February 11 at First Baptist Church in downtown Raleigh. Be sure to attend to see all of the artwork from students and clubwomen, and especially the wonderful artwork from our club. Hoping for first place winners!





## February Birthdays

February 21 Willa Brigham

### Important Dates & Reminders

February 9	General Meeting. Bring in Books for Read and Feed Book Drive
February 11	Art Festival at First Baptist Church
February 16	Board Meeting
February 23	Book Club Meeting
March 9	No sew blankets due for Mayra's Angels



## Education & Libraries CSP

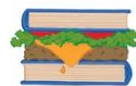
### Book Drive for Read & Feed

We hope that members will support the Read & Feed Book Drive that we will be having at the February 9<sup>th</sup> General Meeting. You will recall that in November Sherry Shudra, Executive Director of Read & Feed, spoke to us about the wonderful work that the organization has been providing to children of Wake County. We would like to support this organization by providing:

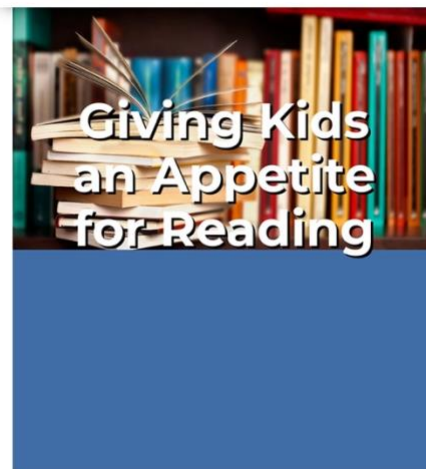
- New and gently used books intended for children in grades K-5
- Books honoring diverse backgrounds and experiences, including stories by and about people of color
- Books written in English or Spanish

Donations by members can be made in the following ways

- Purchase new and/or used books through the Read and Feed Wish List at Amazon (see the attached flyer for the link to the Amazon wish list)
  - Amazon Wish List
  - Amazon Diverse Books Wish List
- Donate age-appropriate books from home libraries or from friends and family.
- Make a cash donation (your donation can be given to Diane Andersen or Maryanne Olsen)



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In addition to member donations the Education & Libraries CSP has secured a \$250.00 grant for Read & Feed.

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.](#)

For more information please contact **Maryanne Olsen at 919-740-4272 by phone or text.**

### **Book Club**

Our book for the month of February is This Place of Wonder by Barbara O'Neal. The book is classified as Women's fiction with a rating of 4.37 out of 5 and has just a little over 300 pages. We hope that you will join us on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1pm at the home of Marci Thomas – 2404 Gillingham Drive, Apex. Everyone is welcome whether you come once or every month.

Upcoming readings are:

Month	Book	Author	Genre
March	We Are the Light	Matthew Quick	Fantasy Magical Realism
April	The Family Game	Catherine Steadman	Thriller, Mystery
September	The Escape Artist: The Man Who Broke Out of Auschwitz to Warn the World	Jonathan Freedland	History, Nonfiction

*Maryanne Olsen*



## Civic Engagement and Outreach/ Domestic Violence Prevention CSP

Thank you to everyone who picked up a no-sew blanket for Myra's Angels. Please bring the completed blanket to our March 9 meeting. For anyone who is an over achiever, blankets can also be brought to the February meeting.

Cary EMS will be recognized with breakfast/snacks in February, date to be determined.

Our March speaker will be Elaine Whitford, Executive Director of The Center For Volunteer Caregiving, the non- profit we donated items to for the senior holiday bags.

*Elzbieta Hibbs  
Priscilla Keating*



## Arts & Culture CSP

### Cary Gifting Tree Project

On December 23, due to severe weather conditions (high winds and heavy rain), the town removed and stored the decorated trees, curtailing the public's exposure to the tree with its ornaments by more than a week. Even so, the tree provided awareness of Note in the Pocket and the great work they do as well as highlighting The Cary Woman's Club and our participation in the community.

**Note in the Pocket received 80 donations totaling \$2,708.**

[Thank you notes](#) from Note in the Pocket  
[Pictures from the project](#)

### Cary Woman's Club Art Festival

During the January 12 regular meeting, club members brought entries (crafts, arts, photography or literature) to our local Art Festival and told about their works of art. Here is the list of **entries that will represent our club at the February 11 GFWC-NC District VI Arts Festival:**

### **Crafts**

Willa Brigham – Small Quilt  
Mercedes Cooley – Large Quilt  
Lois Nixon – Snowflake Decoration  
Willa Brigham – Woman and shadow  
Willa Brigham – Thread Art  
Willa Brigham – Fidget Mat  
Linda D'Alto – “Stella” the Seagull Graphics

### **Visual Arts**

Susan Abbott – Watercolor of Woman and Girl  
Susan Abbott – Mixed Media – Pot of Flowers

### **Photography**

Lois Nixon – Our World up Close – Butterfly  
Lois Nixon – Natural Wonders – Light Entering

### **Literature**

Lois Nixon – Short Story – Suffragists

We wish our entrants success and hope that several club members can come to this event.

*Susan Abbott for Barb S*



### **Environment CSP**

**Did you know?** 27,000 trees are cut down every DAY to make toilet paper for the US. This translates to about 9.8 million trees annually. Now we do need toilet paper but we can save some trees by limiting the amount of paper in our lives.

- Reduce your paper and clutter by receiving information via your computer and saving on your computer.
- If you receive unwanted catalogs or other mail from specific sources, call the (often toll-free) customer service number of the organization or business. Request that your name be removed from their mailing list.

### **Upcoming dates:**

**Friday, March 3.** Environment CSP meeting at 1:00 pm at my home: 1416 Castalia Drive. All are welcome!

Email me at [bdstlaurent1@gmail.com](mailto:bdstlaurent1@gmail.com) if you can attend and if you have any items for the agenda.

*Brenda St.Laurent*

## **Hospitality**

Our tradition is to go to a restaurant for lunch after our general meeting. All are invited! It's a nice way to get to know more club members. This month, we will be having lunch at. Lugano's Ristorante 1060 Darrington Dr. Cary. Judy will be asking for a show of hands at the meeting so she can give the restaurant a final count for our reservation.

Thank you to Priscilla and JoAnn for providing refreshments in January and accommodating to the smaller space that was provided on the third floor. We will be back in our regular meeting room this month.

Brenda and Marci have volunteered to provide refreshments at our February meeting. Thank you!

March: Lois Nixon & Joan Hall

April: Carol French & Elzbieta Hibb

*Mercedes Cooley, Judy McDonal & Jane Sowards*



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

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" Cary Woman's Club Newsletter  
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