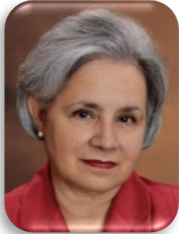




*Member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs*

May 2023



"Serving Our Community ♦ Sharing Our Time and Talents"

President's Message ♦ Mary Grayson Hart



### *End-of-Club Year Luncheon!*

Here we are coming to the close of the year! And, we've had quite a year. So much has happened – the club has accomplished so many good things and helped so many in the community.

Our final meeting of the year will be held at the Prestonwood Country Club on Thursday, May 11. Members and their guests are invited to attend this luncheon, and the cost is \$35 per person. You will need to send a check to our treasurer, Diane Andersen, as soon as you can. We want everyone to relax and just enjoy themselves! Everyone has worked so hard this year, and we want everyone to kick back and relax. Several new officers and CSP chairs will be installed and we've planned to have an induction ceremony for all those members who've joined since the start of the club year. We're excited that our GFWC-NC 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Misty Deyo will be with us for this meeting. If you haven't made your reservation for the luncheon, please contact Mercedes Cooley as soon as possible.

The GFWC-NC Convention was held on April 21-22 in Charlotte, and was attended by Lois Nixon and myself. The club was honored to be placed in the Top Ten project list for its work in four community service programs and was in the Top Ten project list for two advancement plan awards. The club was also recognized for which has met the requirements under the membership advancement plan award. Also at the Convention, Dorothy Schmelzeis received a certificate honoring her for her 50 years of service in the Cary Woman' Club.

As things draw down for the 2022-2023 club year, I sit back and think of all of the many hours that members spent working on committees, projects, programs, fundraising – you name it! I'm so very glad to part of the Cary Woman's Club. Our members are the best!





### Important Dates & Reminders

<b>May 11</b>	11:00 General Meeting and Luncheon at Prestonwood Country Club
<b>May 18</b>	Board Meeting
<b>May 25.</b>	Articles due for June Newsletter

## May Birthday

May 9          Joan Hall

### Message from Lois Nixon, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

#### GFWC-NC Convention April 21-22, 2023

Mary Grayson Hart and I attended the annual GFWC-NC Convention in Charlotte. We joined 122 attendees from across the state. I went by train and Uber. Learned some new things – about travelling and at the Convention.

**CONGRATULATIONS! Cary Woman's Club members!!!** Mary and I were very proud to see the Cary Woman's Club name up on the screen several times during the awards presentations. Special Congratulations to **Dorothy Schmelzeis** who was recognized as being a member of the club for 50 years!!! Dorothy has given much service to our club in all those years and was the Club President 4 or 5 times! I've lost count. But Dorothy, we appreciate you and are proud of your dedication to our club and the Cary community!

I believe that the only one who has been a member longer of a NC club is Juanita Bryant of the Woman's Club of Raleigh, who has been a member for 70 years! And she was at the Convention to accept the recognition. Juanita was also International GFWC President for two years, so is a VIP in NC for the service she has given in many areas.

Our Cary Woman's Club was a TOP TEN WINNER in several Advancement and CSP categories:

1. Membership – for recruitment, orientation, mentoring, retainment, GFWC program, increase net membership.
2. Communications and Public Relations
3. Legislation & Public Policy – Top Ten in two areas

4. Arts & Culture CSP--for Gifting Tree
5. Civic Engagement & Outreach CSP – for Gold Star Dinner
6. Environment CSP--for lemur adoption!
7. Health & Wellness CSP – for Caring Place donations

Descriptions of all of the TOP TEN winning projects will be posted on the GFWC-NC website in the next month and will be a good place to look for new project ideas!

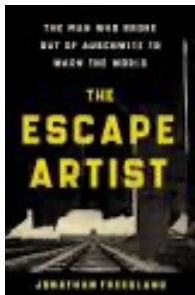
These awards are from all those submitted in NC, which included 1699 projects, 61,550 hours, \$487,000 donated, \$315,308 in-kind contributions. The most projects were in Civic Engagement & Outreach (406) and the most hours were reported in the Health & Wellness CSP.

Thank you to each member for your contributions to this successful year and for the service we gave to the Cary community.

*Lois Nixon, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, Programs*



## Education & Libraries CSP



We start meeting again in September 2023 with the book *The Escape Artist: The Man Who Broke Out of Auschwitz to Warn the World* by Jonathan Freedland.

For questions contact Maryanne Olsen [mgocary@yahoo.com](mailto:mgocary@yahoo.com) (919) 740-4272

*Maryanne Olsen*



## Civic Engagement and Outreach/ Domestic Violence Prevention CSP

The firefighters at Cary station #1 were recognized on April 18 with an assortment of snacks. Priscilla and I dropped off bagels/cream cheese, fruit, cookies and muffins at fire station #1 in recognition of all the hard work they do for our community.

*Elzbieta Hibbs & Priscilla Keating*





## Health and Wellness

Thank you for the donations for Oxford House. I will be delivering the supplies. We have two dates scheduled to visit the Total Life Center.

*Jane Suppa*

## Member Spotlight – Linda D’Alto

I have been a member of the Cary Woman’s Club since last fall after a career in IT. This is such a new experience for me, and I am truly enjoying meeting and working with many lovely and dedicated women.

In our ‘encore career’, my husband and I develop custom database software for nonprofits. With that experience, I have also served as a volunteer teaching computer skills. While a rewarding assignment, I am now volunteering at Yates Mill – something completely different! I am also an avid photographer, I am seldom without my camera. My favorite toy is PhotoShop.



I have a son and daughter-in-law living in Denver. We get to see them as often as possible, but not often enough!

I am so grateful for the warm welcome I have received since joining the club. And I look forward to learning and participating more fully in club activities and interests.

## “Grandmother To Be” Needs Volunteer

Happy news! Arlene Gleason, our Recording Secretary is going to be a grandmother!! She may not be able to take notes for all the meetings next year and is looking for some volunteers to cover for her. Are you willing to help out? Please let her know that you are available as needed. She will certainly give you guidance as to what to do.

## Hospitality

Our May, End-of-the-Year meeting will be held on Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at Prestonwood Country Club, Salon E at 11:00AM. Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Thanks to all of you who hosted our monthly meetings this past year! We appreciate all the wonderful snacks you brought. We will be sending out sign ups for next year.

The Hospitality Team thanks you for letting us serve you this past year.

*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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