

Cary Woman's Club



Member of the General Federation of Women's Club



Serving Our Community



Sharing Our Time and Talents

President's Message ♦ Mary Grayson Hart

What a great "Welcome Back" we had at last month's meeting! Thank you to everyone who stepped up to plan the



programs and events for the coming year. At the September meeting it was great learning about all of the things that the CSP chairmen are planning, in

addition to learning more about our fundraising efforts. We were so pleased to have a record number of visitors with us! Suggestions for club projects and events are always welcome!

On **Saturday, October 28**, the **GFWC-NC Fall Conference** will be held at The Woman's Club of Raleigh. The Official Call went out recently. Also, the **GFWC-NC Corporate Champions for Women and Children** event will be held on **Friday, October 27**, also at The Woman's Club of Raleigh. More information will be coming out on both of these. I hope that many of you

will attend, since both events are being held locally.

The new Yearbook for 2023-2024 will be coming out soon. Thank you so much to Diane Andersen for taking on this project! We hope to have it ready by the October meeting.

Today was a beautiful fall day, and I am reminded that a new season is upon us, and it's time to be gearing up for colorful leaves, crisp, cooler days, and of course, Halloween, along with all of the other fall events which will be happening around Cary, so please think "orange" and enjoy the wonderful fall weather!



REMINDER: *Make a Difference Day is Saturday, October 28* – this day is celebrated by all of our community service programs!

MEETING LOCATION

Page-Walker Arts & History Center

119 Ambassador Loop, 1st Floor, Downtown Cary, 27513

2nd Thursday of each month 9:30 a.m. (Coffee & Social)

10:00 a.m. (Program & Business Meeting)



Officers for 2023- 2024 Club Year

President..... Mary Grayson Hart
 1st Vice President ~ Programs..... Lois Nixon
 2nd Vice President ~ Membership Marci Thomas
 3rd Vice President (Acting) ~ Ways & Means Lillian Smith
 Treasurer Diane Andersen
 Corresponding Secretary Priscilla Keating
 Recording Secretary Arlene Gleason

CSP Chairs for Club Year 2023 - 2024

Arts & Culture..... Susan Abbott
 Civic Engagement & Outreach...Elzbieta Hibbs
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 Education and Libraries.....Linda D’Alto
 Environment.....Denise Tally
 Health & Wellness..... Jane Suppa

Environment CSP – October Program TWZ – Toward Zero Waste

Our October Environmental CSP Program will feature a local speaker from Toward Zero Waste a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization located in North Carolina dedicated to promoting waste-conscious living through inspiration, education and action. They focus on helping individuals, families and communities move toward zero waste by minimizing waste of all kinds, one step at a time. We will learn about community efforts underway and how to participate. Check them out at <https://towardzerowaste.org>



REMINDER: Pecan orders are due by our next meeting, October 12th. Hope we are able to exceed our last year profit.

An order form is attached.

~ *Lois Nixon and Mercedes Cooley, Pecan Fundraiser Co-Chairs*

Membership

We are growing! Three new members joined CWC over the Summer. Irene Kuo and Jenn Phelps were guests at our September meeting and have since joined. All of these ladies are already getting involved with club activities.

Our club supports many community needs and increasing our membership will allow us to do even more for the community. Please continue to invite your family, friends and neighbors to visit and learn more about what we do.

~ Marci Thomas, 2nd Vice President Membership



Hospitality

Thank you to Karen and Diane for providing refreshments for the September meeting! Our hostesses for October are Susan Abbot and Joan Hall.

For those who would like to go out for lunch after our October meeting, Judy has selected
Parkway Tavern
982 High House
Cary NC 27513.
919-234-0018.

Hope many of you can attend. It's a great way to get to know other members.

December meeting – Holiday Party will be held at Prestonwood Country Club on December 14th
More details to follow next month.

~ Mercedes Cooley, Judy McDonal and Jane Sowards



Arts and Culture

Cary Woman's Club will be holding an Arts Fair in January at our regularly scheduled meeting on January 11, 2024. It's not too early to start planning what you'd like to bring to submit for display and for consideration. This would include crafts, needlework, artwork, photography, or original literature. All entries must have been completed from January through December, 2023. First place winners at our local fair will be submitted to the District Arts Festival in February. Winners from the district will go to the State meeting in March.

The NC Museum of Art is exhibiting *Dutch Art in a Global Age: Masterpieces from the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston* from now through January 7, 2024. Exhibition Tickets are required. Free for Members. \$20 for Nonmembers.

~ *Susan Abbott, Arts & Culture CSP Chair*



Civic Engagement and Outreach

Thank you to everyone who signed up to be on the committee at our first general membership meeting. Please contact me or Priscilla if you missed the meeting and would like to join our committee. We will have our first meeting sometime in October to discuss which projects we want to pursue this year.

Please be aware that everyone will need a photo id to vote in North Carolina. For details on rules/what ids are acceptable, go to:

ncsbe.gov/voting/voting-id

~ *Elzbieta Hibbs and Priscilla Keating, Civic Engagement & Outreach CSP Co-Chairs*

The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away.

William Shakespeare



Education & Libraries

Read and Feed is very excited to have CWC partner with them. Following are the areas where we can help the most:

Volunteer Opportunities:

Library/Book Sorting - Wednesday, October 19th, 2pm - 4pm - at their main office on High House Road.

Holiday Literacy Project Gift Wrapping - December 1st.

Please email Linda at joules326@gmail.com to sign up for these fun and rewarding activities!



Snack Drive - November. Please bring a prepackaged snack to the November general meeting. Here is the link to the Read and Feed [Amazon Healthy Snack Wishlist](#).



CWC Book Club *(Coordinated by Maryanne Olsen)*

Hello All Readers. Our book for October is the thriller, *"The Silent Patient"* by Alex Michaelides. [\(Check out the full description at Good Reads...\)](#) We will meet on Thursday, October 26th, 1pm til 2:30p, at the home of Linda D'Alto. 117 Eastwind Lane, Cary. 919.830.8897. Everyone is welcome whether you come every month or just once in a while. Hope you can make it.

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~ Linda D'Alto, Education and Libraries CSP Chair



Environment

As part of our effort dedicated to promoting waste-conscious living, each month we will collect used batteries and ink cartridges for recycle. There will be a box for each at the back of the room so let's keep them out of the landfill!

More details on the Symposium and event tickets are at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084EA4A62DA5F9C25-2023>

And you can volunteer at this link:

<https://www.carytreearchive.org/index.html>



~ **Denise Tally**, *Environment CSP Chair* and **Lois Nixon**, *past chair of the Environment CSP*



Health and Wellness

Looking forward to a productive year. We will be going to Total Life Center on the 26th of September for a Bingo game and bringing a snack. This will be a monthly activity with committee volunteers. Also, any club member is welcome to attend.



On the GFWC National Day of Service, an abundance of groceries will be donated to the food pantry at Dorcas, thanks to our generous members. I will be scheduling a committee meeting sometime at the end of October where we will do some planning for the year.

~ **Jane Suppa**, *Health and Wellness CSP Chair*

Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.

Mother Teresa

Federation News

- **GFWC-NC**

Two events are coming up in October:

Friday, October 27 – Corporate Champions for Women and Children event. This awards presentation was established to recognize companies and individuals who distinguish themselves through community involvement and support programs that benefit women and children. This is an evening event; tickets are \$75. Sponsorships are available to clubs.

Saturday, October 28 – Fall Conference. This state-wide meeting runs from 9:00 a.m. to about 1:30 p.m. Attendees come from across the state to learn more about our State organization.

- **GFWC-NC District 6**

A big THANK YOU to both **Lois Nixon** and **Willa Brigham** for participating in the Fall District Meeting on September 9 in Fuquay-Varina.



Lois does not understand the concept of “no.” She did not hesitate to take on a Reporting workshop, something she does so well!

And, many thanks to Willa Brigham (photo at left), our meeting's speaker, for doing such a wonderful job! Her talk--*Oh, the Things We Women Can Do!*--was a combination of song, storytelling, and just plain Willa. And, yes, she received a standing ovation!

Both of these members are such wonderful representatives from our club! We appreciate their time and commitment to our Federation.

~ *Mary Grayson Hart, President*

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