

# Cary Woman's Club

Member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs

December 2014

#### "Serving Our Community • Sharing Our Time and Talents"



#### President's Message



The end-of-year holidays are here. Are you ready? Our Arts CSP is ready to decorate our *Holiday Gifting Tree* on Academy Street on December 3. The tree will stay up until December 30, and will

represent, throughout the month of December, our club's first goal to "share our members' time and talents in service to the Cary community."

Be sure to check out our tree, and all the other service club trees, to learn how volunteers give gifts throughout the year to the Cary community. Trees will be judged on creativity and originality. There will also be a People's Choice financial award for the tree with the most citizen votes!

Please vote for our tree (and any others that you think are spectacular)! \*\*Voting info and details will be emailed to you later this week. \*\*

While thinking about holiday gifts, I was reminded of some favorite quotes, and some new ones I found recently to share with you:

- "Live like a tree, giving, forgiving and free." Debasish Mridha, M.D.
- "It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving." Mother Teresa
- ❖ "You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give." *Khalil Gibran, The Prophet*
- "For it is in giving that we receive." Francis of Assisi

- "What we spend, we lose. What we keep will be left for others. What we give away will be ours forever." David McGee
- "There is a very real relationship, both quantitatively and qualitatively, between what you contribute and what you get out of this world." Oscar Hammerstein II

Thank you for your gifts of your time and talents to the Cary Woman's Club and to the Cary community. HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



As always, please bring a friend/ potential member to our meetings, so we can grow bigger, better and stronger with every meeting!

Thank you! ~ President

### NEXT MEETING:

#### **ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON**

(\$25 BUFFET LUNCH)
Thursday, December 11, 2014
11 a.m. ~ Please Be There
11:30 a.m. ~ Buffet Line Begins
Prestonwood Country Club
300 Prestonwood Pkwy., Cary 27513

#### **CWC** Membership

Repeating our drive for increased membership, we are really urging each member to try to bring a guest to a meeting. One-to-one is really the best promotion for our club. The more members, the more finances for helping our community, and additional pleasure for us in

meeting new people. I would like to thank the members who have brought someone this year; also we have those wonderful jams as a "carrot."

Perhaps our December luncheon at Prestonwood would be a very pleasant introduction to our club.

Ask someone or give it as a holiday gift! Another opportunity would be our Card Party (anything you want to play) on the 29<sup>th</sup> of January. That, too, could be offered as a gift. Think about ideas ladies. ~, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Membership

#### International Outreach

A fun and informative website to visit during the holiday season is: **Why Christmas.com.** It details holiday celebrations in numerous countries around the world, how to say Merry Christmas in a multitude of languages, the history of many Christmas customs and traditions, etc.



The International Outreach Committee wishes each of you a happy and safe holiday season. ~ *International Outreach Chair* 

#### "Dynamic Community Charter School"

The Education CSP

Committee is supporting to the Dynamic Community Charter School (5510 Munford Rd., Raleigh) a Wake County project-based middle and high school for students with developmental and intellectual disabilities.

Government funding does not cover the school's operating

expenses, and because their tax-exempt status is still pending, ability to raise funds through grants and corporate contributions is limited right now.

The Cary Woman's Club can help meet educational needs through contributing to the school's WISH LIST.



The following items are needed: white board, dryerase markers, erasers, class sets of scissors, markers, colored pencils, highlighters; also fiction and non-fiction books, poster board, construction paper, paints, clay, glue, and gift cards to home improvement stores, such as Walmart, etc. Contributions can be brought to club meetings.

It would be wonderful to be able to have as many contributions as possible by January 2015.

Contact me and thank you for your generosity. ~ *Education Chair* 

#### Home Life \* Food & Staples Collection at the Holiday Luncheon



*Important* ... please remember that Home Life will be collecting

staple goods/non-perishable foods for *The Carying Place* at our December 11<sup>th</sup> Luncheon at Prestonwood Country Club. We can use non-perishable foods, canned goods, (*no* glass containers), paper goods, etc. ~ anything for homeless families setting up a new apartment or transitional housing. Gift cards would also be appreciated.

Foods/snacks/drinks that children and teenagers like will be especially helpful!

The Carying Place, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, teaches homeless, working families with children life skills for independent living while providing short-term

housing and support.
Since 1993, over 300 Wake
County families have been given
the opportunity to transition from
homelessness to independence.

For more information on the work of The Carying Place, call them at 919-462-1800.

~ Thanks! *Home Life Chair* 

#### Arts CSP

Once again, Arts CSP will decorate our *Holiday Gifting Tree* in downtown Cary. Tree decorating will take place on Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 1–4:00 p.m. All participants must decorate their tree within the given timeframe. Trees will remain on display through December 30<sup>th</sup>.

The theme we chose is "Unity in Community," a chance to showcase the wonderful diversity in our community. It will also be a showcase for the diversity and inclusiveness of our Cary Woman's Club. Voting info and details will be emailed to you later this week after the Town of Cary gets that in place.

Call me for more info and to help with the tree. ~ Arts Co-chairs

#### Pecans Fundraiser a Success!

*Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!* Thanks to all who participated in this year's Pecan Fundraiser Sale. We had great support from our membership and once again we have raised over \$2,000 that can be used to support our community projects. We especially want

to thank all those who volunteered to distribute pecans, the staff of Herb Young Community Center for their help, and Trader Joe's for their donation of bags.

Thank you from the Pecan Committee.

#### Ways and Means Updates

Please sell your *four* (or more!) **Card Party Tickets** (\$15 donation each) for our event on *Thurs., Jan.* **29**<sup>th</sup>, at Christ the King Lutheran Church. Don't forget to bring your cards or games. It will be a lovely event. We need people to sign up to bring tables, bake cakes and help serve. Please call so we know how many tables we can count on and how many desserts we will have for the event.

Thank you to all who dined in October at Cary's *City Barbecue*. The proceeds go towards our benevolences. The amount the club received was \$122.94. We hope everyone will participate next time. All we have to do is eat a meal, and they return 25% of the proceeds to us for our charities. ~ *Thanks!* 

Cary Woman's Club Card Party & January 29, 2015

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FUN!

\*Bridge Dessert Benefit for "INTERACT"

(\*also, Mexican Train, Mahjong, & much, much more!)

Thursday, January 29, 2015, 1 ~ 4 p.m. Christ the King Lutheran Church, Nagle Hall 600 Walnut Street, Cary 27511

\$15 donation

#### Ways and Means



Join our Winter Dessert Card

Party Benefit on Thursday, January 29, 2015, 1-4 p.m., Christ the King Lutheran Church, Nagle Hall, 600 Walnut St., Cary.

It will benefit "InterAct" (www.interactofwake.org), a private, nonprofit, United Way agency providing safety, support, and awareness to victims and survivors of domestic violence and

rape/sexual assault. InterAct fulfills this mission through the support of its volunteers and community.

We are also going to plan a **Spring Fashion Show and Brunch**, and more!

We want to have fun while we raise money for our community projects.

We have a terrific Ways and Means Committee. We're always looking for ideas to raise funds for local causes. If you have any passions or thoughts about a local need, please let us know.

And, if you have an idea for a fundraiser that you believe has gone unbelievably well, please let us know. We want to help our community!

~ Ways & Means Chair & 3rd VP

## Continue Saving Box Tops Education Coupons

Each Box Tops Education Coupon is worth 10 cents. This does not cost us anything and is a big help. Coupons can be found on Betty Crocker products, Pillsbury, Land of Lakes, Scott paper products, reams of copy paper and many other products.



Look for them on any packaging, cut them off and put them in the box at the check-in nametag table. These will benefit the *Tammy Lynn Center* for autistic and handicapped children.



Happy Holidays & Best Wishes for a Prosperous New Year



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