



Cary Woman's Club

Member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs

March 2015

"Serving Our Community ♣ Sharing Our Time and Talents"



President's Message



Living the Volunteer Spirit. This tagline was selected in 2012 through a spirited contest by GFWC. It describes us well.

In 2015, we are joining 100,000 members in 4,000 clubs to

celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

We are a tiny part of the clubwomen who collaborate on projects to bring about local and global change.

The Federation was founded on April 24, 1890, at the Scottish Rite Hall in New York City, when 63 delegates from 17 states ratified the constitution of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Clubwoman **Julia Ward Howe**, poet and social activist, who wrote the lyrics to "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," was one of the constitution's authors.

This and 124 other facts about GFWC's 125-year history of community service are on the GFWC website: <http://stage.gfwc.org/gfwc/default.asp>.

Twenty-five of those facts are in the attached document, a compiled "short version" of the GFWC history.

In North Carolina, our state convention is held each year on or near Federation Day, April 24. This year it will be in Asheville. I hope that several of you will join



me in attending this convention (please contact me immediately so we can register).

The International Conference of GFWC this year is in Memphis, Tenn., and a bus is being chartered from NC for those who want to attend. Please contact me if you would like to attend this special 125th Anniversary event.

The historic photo shown here is of **Jane Cunningham Croley** (known as **Jennie June**) in 1868, founder of the national **Sorosis Club**, the precursor to GFWC.



Let's celebrate this 125th Anniversary of GFWC by *Living the Volunteer Spirit!*

Thank you!

~ President

NEW MEETING LOCATION

Beginning with our March 12th meeting, we will meet at:

Page-Walker (Hotel) Arts & History Center



119 Ambassador Loop, 3rd Floor, Downtown Cary

Thursday, March 12th, 2015

9:30 a.m. (Coffee & Social)

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

March's Speaker (Education CSP)

Christine Bonaventure is a nursing student at Wake Tech with a 3.4 GPA. Her goal is to become a certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA), working with patients who have experienced brain injuries. We look forward to Christine sharing her story with us.

Also, speaker Stephanie Lake has been with the Wake Tech Community College Foundation since 2004. As Senior Director of Foundation Relations and Administration, Stephanie is responsible for managing the Foundation's private fundraising activities, scholarship

development, and stewardship efforts. Stephanie also provides administrative oversight of the Foundation's day-to-day operations. She lives in Fuquay-Varina with her husband and three children. (Stephanie Lake, Wake Tech Foundation, 9101 Fayetteville Road, Raleigh, NC 27602)

~ Education CSP Chair

"What would life be if we had no courage to attempt anything?"

~ Vincent van Gogh (March 30, 1853 – 1890)

Bring Your Good Ideas to the March 12th Meeting

Each member is asked to be thinking of needs in the Cary or Wake County community that could benefit from donations from the Cary Woman's Club. At our March meeting, we will brainstorm about how to best use this year's pecan sale proceeds of about \$1,500.

We will also discuss the possibility of establishing club grants for benevolences using the proceeds from the Maynard Fund and other future Ways & Means projects. Each CSP would have the opportunity to apply for grants in varying amounts for projects that they would like to undertake throughout the year. This would replace our current custom of only making donations to needy causes at the end of our club year, and would let members have a greater stake in how club funds are disbursed.

During our discussion, we will consider putting this system in place for our next club year. It will work best if every member is a member of at least one CSP. All opinions welcome.

See GFWC-NC project ideas at:

http://www.gfwcnc.org/Unlocking_A_Brighter_Tomorrow.htm



*Sunday, March 8, 2015
Spring Forward One Hour!*

Lunch after the Meeting

The international restaurant choice for March is **Travinia Italian Kitchen**, located in the Park West Shopping Center on the corner of Chapel Hill Road and Cary Parkway (1301 Market Center Drive, Morrisville). Hope many of you will be able to join our luncheon group.

Our luncheons will be taking on an *international flair* for a few months. Hope all of our members will enjoy this.

~ Thank you.

International



Thanks so much for supporting the "CHANGE" fundraising campaign to support the four international outreach partnerships of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. We're off to an excellent start thanks to all of you!

At the February meeting, \$32 was contributed and with the match, \$64 has been raised to date. The display and jar will be on the back table at the March and April meetings, so search your car, the bottom of your purse and even

your couch. Small amounts add up! BIG amounts help even more!

I hope to organize a CWC group to attend the Sister Cities of Cary's **Irish/Scottish "Ceilidh"** (some pronounce it "kay-li" and some "kee-li") at the Cary Arts Center (101 Dry Ave., Cary) on Friday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m.



students, and available for purchase in person at the Cary

Tickets are reserved seating, \$10 for adults and \$5 for

Theatre Box Office, through eTix online, or through me.

If you would like me to purchase a ticket(s) for you, please contact me by **March 10**, and I will bring them to the March meeting.

Otherwise, there will be a sign-up she meeting, and I will purchase those tickets that afternoon at the Theatre Box Office.

The event sold out last year so the sooner we purchase the better. It should be a lively and colorful presentation of Celtic culture by local entertainers.

~ *International Outreach Chair*

Conservation



The **Cary Downtown Farmers' Market** will open for the season on April 4, and will be open every Saturday morning from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The market is at 135 W. Chatham St. and features fresh local organic produce, meats, crafts, and gifts. Let's take a few minutes every Saturday to support our local growers and crafters in downtown Cary. For special events notices go to: www.caryfarmersmarket.com/events.

Yearbook Updates?

Let me know of any changes/updates. ~ *Thanks. Yearbook Chair*

Home Life CSP

Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention has been a GFWC Special Project topic since 1990. The General Federation of Women's Clubs is a national leader in the fight to end domestic violence.

To emphasize our dedication to tackling this serious societal issue, GFWC launched the *GFWC Success for Survivors Scholarship* in 2011, as part of efforts to highlight the importance of rebuilding one's life after experiencing intimate partner violence.

GFWC will award \$2,500 scholarships to help intimate partner survivors obtain a post-secondary education that will offer them the chance to reshape their future by securing employment and gaining personal independence.

The application deadline is near the first of February of each year ~ so please let young women know about this important scholarship for next year.

http://stage.gfwc.org/gfwc/Success_for_Survivors_Scholarship.asp

Home Life Valentine's Party



Many, many thanks to everyone who participated in the *Life Experiences Valentine's Party* in February. As always, it was a wonderful, fun experience for everyone.

~ Thank you! *Home Life Chair*



Join the Fun! Come to the...
FLAMINGO FLING ~ Fashion Show & Brunch!
Saturday, April 25th, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Sponsored by
Cary Woman's Club & Ashworth's Prim & Proper Boutique
featuring Lily Pulitzer fashions for all ages

Benefit: CARY WOMAN'S CLUB MATURE WOMAN'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND

BRUNCH! *(deep-dish quiche, tossed green salad with mandarin oranges & raspberry vinaigrette dressing, fresh fruit, rolls, homemade brownies, delicious punch & other drinks)*

ENTERTAINMENT! ❖ FASHIONS! *Lily Pulitzer*

Location: Christ the King Lutheran Church, 300 Walnut St., Cary, NC 27511

*** Tickets: \$20 ***

*Available at Ashworth's Prim & Proper Boutique
 (Shoppes of Kildaire, 1331 Kildaire Farm Rd., near Hallmark & Trader Joe's)*

Deadline: Saturday, April 18, 2015

Mail checks payable to:
Cary Woman's Club, P.O. Box 918, Cary, NC 27512

*** Cary Woman's Club is a 501(c)3 charitable organization. ***

For more ticket info & details, contact Dorothy

Ways & Means ~

Brunch & Spring Fashion Show, April 25th

Wow! We are going to have a good time! Our "Flamingo Fling" Brunch and Fashion Show is on its way. It promises to be a fun and beautiful event.



Our menu will feature deep-dish quiche, tossed green salad with mandarin oranges and raspberry vinaigrette dressing, fresh fruit, rolls, and homemade brownies ~ along with a delicious punch and other drinks.

We need your help. We need all of you to volunteer to **Bake BROWNIES!** Please sign up at the next meeting.

"Flamingo Fling" Brunch & Fashion Show reservations are due by April 18th. We need to know how many to cook for! ~ Invite all your friends, relatives, neighbors and co-workers. ~

Ways & Means Chair



Tuesday, March 17th

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 all the members who have brought someone this year; also Lois has

those wonderful jams as a "carrot." Think about ideas ladies.

~ 1st VP Membership

Continue Saving

Box Tops Education Coupons

Each **Box Tops Education Coupon** is worth 10 cents. This does not cost us anything and is on 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.



March Madness: March 16 through April 6

First Day of Spring: March 20

Palm Sunday: March 29

March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb.



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