



Cary Woman's Club

Member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs

September 2015

"Serving Our Community ♦ Sharing Our Time and Talents"



President's Message ~ Lois Nixon



Welcome back to a new club year with the Cary Woman's Club. I hope your

summer was restful, allowing you to "recharge your batteries," and that you did something fun ... travel, time with grandchildren, opportunity to work on hobbies, family reunions, etc. Think about at least one fun thing, and keep it in mind to share at our September meeting on September 10 beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Page-Walker Arts and History Center, 3rd floor. Hostesses for this meeting are the Board members. And, please bring a friend or prospective member as your guest to any meeting!

Your Board and CSP Chairs and committees have worked through the summer to plan a really fun year, and one in which we plan to make a big impact with our community service.

Those meetings were guided by the surveys (only a few submitted!) that you completed at the end of last year. The survey suggested that members want to have more input into CSP programs and donations. We're working on that. The survey said that most of you would prefer to have one, but not both, December and May, luncheon meetings at Prestonwood Country Club, mainly due to the expense. Another suggestion was to revive the *historic June picnic* at a member's home. Also a suggested

History of Tea party is being planned with slight embellishments. Your suggestions are still welcome to any Board or committee member, with or without an official "survey."

We would like to have a *History of Tea Party* to honor our past-Presidents and long-time members who have "retired" from Woman's Club work. And we need a couple of members to volunteer to chair this event. It might include fancy hats, bringing your own tea cup, with its "story," and collecting oral histories from long-time members. Please let me know if you would like to volunteer to help plan this tea...maybe for our December 10 meeting.



Another exciting community service project opportunity is to develop a *Pollinator Garden* at the entrance to the Page-Walker, in partnership with the Friends of the Page-Walker, the Cary Garden Club, and perhaps some youth volunteers, including one working on her Girl Scout Gold award. A pollinator garden would be planned to attract and provide nectar and host plants and amenities for bees, butterflies, and birds. When representatives of the partners recently gathered to look at the space, we saw a hummingbird, gold finches, tiger swallowtail, sulphur butterflies and beneficial bees. But, they need more friends! More about this at our September

meeting, with a brief introduction by **Emily Barrett**, the Town of Cary's first Sustainability Manager.

As part of our Business meeting at the September meeting, we will ask you to sign up for at least one or two Community Service Program committees. This is part of our effort to get every member more involved in the planning and implementation of club projects.

And you will hear about the outline of the *Grants Program*, which you will be asked to vote on in October. And of course, we will need to approve a budget for the year.

Once again, please bring a friend and prospective member to the September meeting and the October meeting. We plan to hold a CSP (Community Service Program) orientation at our October meeting for new members. See you soon as we kick off our club year to share our time and talents with the Cary community! ~ *Lois Nixon, President*

MEETING LOCATION

Page-Walker Arts & History Center,

119 Ambassador Loop, 3rd Floor, Downtown Cary

Thursday, September 10th, 2015

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

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

Guest Speaker for September



Our guest speaker for the September 10 meeting will be **Phoebe Johnston**, representing the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at NC State University. "OLLI" provides noncredit short courses, study trips, and special events for adults aged 50+. And in addition to both fun and serious classes, they offer tours and other special activities for people "in our age brackets."

Founded in 1991 as the Encore Program for Lifelong

Enrichment, they changed their name in 2014 to reflect their connection to the Osher Lifelong Learning



Institute Network, a group of over 100 lifelong learning institutes that have received support from the Bernard Osher Foundation. **Ms. Johnston** will

be bringing catalogs for our members and, after her presentation, will be available to answer questions.

~ **Karen Fiumara**, 2nd VP (Programs & Reports)

September's After-Meeting Luncheon

First after-meeting luncheon will be at **Banana Leaf** (one of the best Chinese restaurants in the Cary area; offers delicious Chinese food and cuisine), located at 1026 Ryan Road in the Village Square Center, Cary (off Walnut St. and Cary Towne Blvd. intersection). Menu and directions will be available at our September meeting. ~ **Silvia Barba**



Annual Dues



If you have not yet officially rejoined the Club and paid your annual dues, please do so or see **Maryanne** at September's meeting. Annual dues are \$70 per person. Half of the dues go to State and District GFWC, and the remaining funds are used to cover our budgeted expenses. Please send your check in the amount of \$70 to **Maryanne Olsen**, Treasurer. Checks should be made payable to Cary Woman's Club. Thank you!

~ **Maryanne Olsen**

Community Service Programs (CSP) Chairs for 2015-16

As you know, the "heart and soul" of our club is service to the community through our Community Service Programs. We are very fortunate to have three returning chairs: **Willa Brigham** (Arts), **Georgeanne Kingsley** (Conservation), and **Cathy Clark** (Home Life).

In addition, we have two new members who have agreed to serve: **Priscilla Keating** (Public Issues), and **Deborah Lynch** (Education), a transfer from a Florida club who needs an experienced member to co-chair with her.

- Home Life ~ **Cathy Clark** (October's program)
- Public Affairs ~ **Priscilla Keating** (November's program)
- Arts ~ **Willa Brigham** (January's program)
- Conservation ~ **Georgeanne Kingsley** (February's program)
- Education ~ **Deborah Lynch**, co-chair (March's program)
- International Outreach ~ **TBD** (April's program)



Also, we still need an **International Outreach** chair.

Please seriously consider if you can serve in either of these positions. We also want every member to sign up to help with one or more of these CSPs at our September meeting.

Contact **Lois** or **Karen** if you can help or need more information about what is involved.

We need you! ~ **Karen Fiumara**

Community Grants Program & Committee

Our new **Grants Committee**, **Silvia Barba**, **Mary-Mel Kroeger**, **Nancy Skelding**, **JoAnn Minor**, **Mary Derrick**, **Philomina Vaidya** and **Margie McLawhorn**, was asked to explore how our community donations could be more focused, more timely, and involve a greater number of our members.

We met over the summer, and

am I happy to say that we have developed a very good **Community Grants Program** proposal.

We are currently refining the proposal and hope to have it ready for our October meeting.

It is our hope that through grants, the Cary Woman's Club can help as many individuals,

organizations and causes that our general membership may already support through their time and talents.

~ **Silvia Barba**

Arts ~ Willa

Willa Brigham, a long-time member and chair of the Arts CSP, will be performing at:

- CenterFest Durham, Saturday, September 19th at 12 noon
- Senior Adult Rally, Tuesday, September 29th; call Cindy Buffalo for details
- "One Woman Show" scheduled for September has been **canceled**.

Thank you! ~ **Willa Brigham**



Ways and Means: Pecan Sales Fundraiser



The Ways and Means Committee is gearing up for action. Our first priority is **Pecan Sales**.

This ever-popular annual pecan sale will be kicked off at the September meeting! Thanks to co-chairs, **Diana**

Johnson and **Eileen Nulty**, you will receive **Pecan Order** blanks at the September meeting and as an online attachment so that you can take orders during September and early October.

Please return your order blanks and money by the October CWC meeting on **October 8**, so the chairs can determine the quantity of pecans to order. Of course, non-members of the club are also encouraged to buy some of these delicious pecans. As soon as the pecans

fall from the trees (from **Golden Kernel Pecan Co.**, Cameron, SC) about Halloween, they will be shipped to us for **distribution** at our **November 12th** Cary Woman's Club meeting.

Start thinking about your holiday gift shopping list (a pound of pecans is really an appreciated gift, perhaps with an attached favorite recipe) and your own special holiday recipes that will be enhanced by these straight-off-the-tree fresh pecans! Yes, there will also be irresistible chocolate-covered pecans available, too, that don't need a recipe, and "the price is right"!

Order forms will be available at the September meeting. Tell all your friends. These are the freshest and best pecans money can buy! ~ **Dorothy Schmelzeis**, *Ways & Means Chair & 3rd VP*

Hospitality Refreshments

Many thanks to all of you for signing up to bring foods and refreshments to our upcoming meetings. The lead hostesses for each month are: **Shirley Barnes** (Sept. 10), **Nell Meese** (Oct. 8), **Diana Johnson** (Nov. 12), **Willa Brigham** (Jan. 14), **JoAnn Minor** (Feb. 11), **Eileen Nulty** (March 10), **Nancy Skelding** (April 14).

The December and May meetings, of course, are the special offsite luncheons.

~ **Shirley Barnes**, *Social/Hospitality Chair*

Save the Date! GFWC-NC District VI Fall Meeting

The **District VI Fall meeting** is scheduled for **Saturday, October 17, 2015**, and will be hosted by the Durham Woman's Club. Please save the date for this training meeting. We will plan carpools to the meeting. All members are invited and District meetings are great opportunities to



to benefit their communities.

Attendance at District and State meetings also helps to better

meet clubwomen from other clubs in our area and learn about the programs that they have found successful

understand our important place and role in the larger organization of district, state, national, and international women's clubs through the General Federation of Women's Clubs, which is celebrating its 125th anniversary this year! ~ **Lois Nixon**

Cary Woman's Club Scholarship

If you know of graduating seniors who live or attend school in our Cary Woman's Club area, please tell them that the Cary Woman's Club will be offering a scholarship in the spring. We are not yet sure of the amount, as that will be determined by the Trustees and the Education Committee, but the detailed scholarship

information as well as the application will be available in the winter.

The Board voted to focus this year on a "Cary Woman's Club scholarship," rather than the GFWC-NC Sallie Southall Cotten scholarship, that has a much earlier application deadline. ~ **Lois Nixon**

"It is more fun to talk with someone who doesn't use long, difficult words, but rather short, easy words like 'What about lunch?'" ~ A. A. Milne, Winnie-the-Pooh

Membership

Welcome September and our first club meeting ... and we would like to welcome new members during this time. We hope you will meet and *invite people to attend* a meeting and peak their interest.

Vicki Jeter, newsletter editor, wants to suggest that you should let her know of anyone you think might be interested in our club. She will be more than happy to send (email or mail) them a newsletter as an easy way to publicize and promote our club and our many activities. Contact me or Vicki at any time to give her a name to contact!



~ Jane Suppa, 1st VP Membership

Getting to Know You Quiz (?Guess Who?)

(Answers at the end of this newsletter.)

1. Originally from Cincinnati, Ohio. Loves the NC Museum of Art. Has 1 son and 3 grandchildren.
2. Born in South Carolina. A reading specialist. Loves tutoring children.
3. Has had careers in teaching, real estate, and law enforcement. Has 2 children and 3 grandchildren. Interested in Public Issues and Home Life.

Cary Woman's Club ~ New Website

Our new, updated website is up and running now, thanks to our new webmaster and new member, **Susan Abbott**.

The address is www.carywomansclub.com

If you have questions or comments, please contact Susan.

NEW WEBSITE ADDRESS

www.carywomansclub.com

Cary Woman's Club 2015-2016 Officers / Board of Trustees

- President..... Lois Nixon (1 year)
- 1st VP (Membership) Jane Suppa (1 year)
- 2nd VP (Programs & Reports Karen Fiumara (1 year)
- 3rd VP (Ways & Means)..... Dorothy Schmelzeis (1 year)
- Recording Secretary/Yearbook..... Sylvia Barba (2 years)
- Corresponding Secretary..... Mary-Mel Kroeger (2 years)
- Treasurer..... Maryanne Olson (2 years)
- Board of Trustees..... Lillian Smith, Cathy McClay, Jane Smead, Nell Meece, (need one more trustee)



NOTES:

Need a volunteer for Education CSP Co-Chair.

Need a volunteer for International Outreach CSP Chair.

Diana Johnson and Eileen Nulty are new co-chairs for Pecan Sales.

Shirley Barnes will continue to serve as Social/Hospitality Chair.

Vicki Jeter will continue as Newsletter Editor, PR, and Photo Directory.

Susan Abbott is the new Webmaster and Website Liaison.

September Dates to Remember

- 7 ~ Labor Day
- 8 ~ *International Literacy Day.*
Celebrate it and read to a child!
- 13 ~ Grandparents' Day
- 14 ~ Rosh Hashanah
- 23 ~ Yom Kippur
- 23 ~ First Day of Autumn



"My favorite poem is the one that starts 'Thirty days hath September' because it actually tells you something." ~ Groucho Marx

Getting to Know You Answers

(1) Susan Abbott • (2) Shirley Barnes • (3) Mary Derrick

Continue Saving 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, Pillsbury, Land of Lakes, Scott products, reams of copy paper and other products. 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, www.tammylynncenter.org.



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