



Wake Forest Woman's Club News and Views

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January 2021

Notice of Meeting

Thursday: January 7, 2021

Location: Zoom Meeting

Meeting: 6:30 p.m.

Hosts: Arts and Culture CSP – Co-Chairmen, Robin Holtz and Sue Meehan; Becky Barber, Miriam Blinne, Barbara Doran, Tracy Fandl, Lisa Martin, Robin Oglesby, Jan Thalman, Sheila Tharrington, Debby Wood.

Program: Hannah Moyles is our guest speaker and she will share how she has served our local community through her From Ewe to You program and events.

Reminder:

Reminder to take and send in action photos of projects and events

It is very easy to get caught up in the moment and forget to take photos. Use the string-around-the-finger concept as a reminder.

Here is an example of a great photo that Sandra Pearman submitted for the archives and for the digital scrapbook. Keep those pictures of community service coming! Selfies are fine. Another family member holding the camera to take a picture is fine, too.



LaRoyce Stringer created these beautiful *Send a Smile* cards and Sandra Pearman will write compassionate messages inside them.

If the photo does not include the member's picture, it still can be archived with the member's

name. Let's continue adding interesting photos to the archives.

Photographer Paula Johnson and Digital Scrapbook Editor Marilyn Bonnett look forward to receiving your pictures. *Submitted by Marilyn Bonnett.*

Club News

Charter Night 1961 - Our History Begins!

Wake Forest women gathered at the Community House the evening of September 7, 1961, and made an ambitious start as charter members of the Wake Forest Woman's Club. Mrs. J.W. Crawford, past president of District 8, was in attendance to install the executive

President's Message

Tracy Mahl 2020-2021 club president

Wake Forest Woman's Club

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Dear Fellow Clubwomen,

Happy New Year! 2021 is here, friends!

Are you ready to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Wake Forest Woman's Club? We have reached a milestone that gives us reason to proudly reflect on our history and make ambitious plans for our future.

Where have we been and where are we headed? The annual Federation Day celebration and club project is April 24, 2021 and we will officially commemorate our Charter Day during the month of September. So exciting!

So, now the year 2020 is closing and Amy Brown will be submitting the Club Participation and Statistical Report to GFWC-NC at the end of January. The Community Service Programs and Special Programs reports will also be submitted at that time to District VI. Thank you all for being diligent about writing your CSP reports and making sure Amy has everything she needs to complete her work.

We had a busy fall in 2020 with plenty of volunteer hours, and made generous donations supporting local and national charities. Despite everything we needed to change or cancel, clubwomen worked together to achieve their goals and maintained club enthusiasm.

Your collective commitment to the club and the enthusiasm you have for your work is unsurprising to me. You each provide a personal strength that makes us a better club. Gratitude for one another and friendship make a sturdy base that we will build on in 2021.

*Happy New Year!
Happy 60th Anniversary!
Thanks for all you do!*

Tracy
"Bringing Service to New Heights"

committee. Serving as charter sponsors, the president of the Youngsville Woman's Club, five former presidents, and several active members were welcomed by the new WFWC President, Mrs. W.C. Strickland. A gavel was presented as a gift from the Youngsville Woman's Club.

The inaugural class of 45 clubwomen already had plans underway to support the creation of a library for Wake Forest. Funds raised by WFWC and efforts by additional dedicated townspeople, including a donated space in a downtown building, newly constructed bookshelves and over 800 donated books to get things started, made a library for the town's 2,664 people a reality. This first endeavor amply reflected the club's motto for their first year, "New Frontiers in a New Decade."

We have just begun our "Woman's Club Time Machine!" So, look for more next month!

Just for fun:

Postage stamps were 4 cents.

Freedom Riders challenged segregation.

West Side Story won the Oscar.

Submitted by Club Historian, Tracy Mahl.

Send a Smile Card Project

Thank you to all who contributed cards to our project. The cards are creative and beautiful. Miriam Blinne will be taking 200 plus cards to Transitions this week. The women Miriam has been working with to collect and distribute the cards are thrilled that they had such a great response and very appreciative of the club's contribution.

Please join us in our efforts if you have time after the holidays. Members are making cards, others are writing messages, and some members are doing both. When the cards are completed, let Miriam know and she will arrange to pick them up. This project will continue throughout the club year, ending in May 2021.

If you have any questions, please contact Miriam at msb264@nc.rr.com. *Submitted by Miriam Blinne.*

WFHS Juniorette News

Wake Forest High School Juniorette will serve as the GFWC-NC Juniorette Chaplain.

The Wake Forest High School sophomore who is the Membership Chairman for the Juniorette Club has stepped up to serve as the GFWC-NC Juniorette Chaplain. She is Daelyn Howard, the voluntary protégé

of her Juniorette Co-advisor Mentor, club member LaRoyce Stringer. Here is Daelyn's biographical profile which will be published in the next issue of the *Juniorette Tidings* newsletter. "Daelyn Howard, a sophomore honor student at Wake Forest High School and a Juniorette who joined as a freshman, was born in Charlotte, North Carolina. She enjoys creating art, mostly sketching and painting. Her favorite subjects are science related, and she finds her chemistry class to be very exciting. Her goal is to transform A and B grades to all A grades in the near future, with an aspiration of becoming a bioengineer."



Daelyn is eager to learn and practice leadership skills.

She is currently the Vice President of Membership for the Wake Forest High School Junioresettes and enjoys the various community service projects that the members have done. In addition, she is enrolled in a mentorship program with one of the Wake Forest Woman's Club's Juniorette Co-advisors, where she is enhancing her leadership skills. Last year she was a member of the Wake Forest High School Color Guard team. In competition with other schools, the team won trophies for 1st and 3rd place. Daelyn looks forward to learning more about Juniorette clubs by serving as the GFWC-NC Juniorette Chaplain."

Co-advisors for the 2020-2021 Wake Forest High School Junioresettes are Marilyn Bonnett, Amy Brown, Susan Goodman, Sue Meehan, Nancy Ruffin, and LaRoyce Stringer. Helen Owens is the WFHS faculty advisor. *Submitted by Marilyn Bonnett.*

Community Service Programs Arts and Culture CSP

GFWC Blog – Congratulations to the WFWC Arts and Culture CSP as their story of their community service project, Shake and Search Sensory Bottles, was selected and



published on the national Greater Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) Blog, December 7: *Volunteers in Action.*

The blog tells the story of the bottles' creation by the CSP members along with the Club's participation. The published photos of the Volunteers in Action by Robin Holtz illustrate perfectly the operation and magic of the birth of these bottles.



L to R - Arts and Culture CSP members Sue Meehan, Debbi Wood, Miriam Blinne, Lisa Martin, Barbara Dunn created the Shake and Search bottle in an organized assembly line.

The 110 bottles will serve as a special activity for those with Alzheimer's and other developmental challenges. Please check out the Shake and Search story of volunteer service at www.gfwc.org/news-news-publications/blog/.

It appears that the December 7 article will remain on the GFWC Blog for a long time, shining a light on our own very special Wake Forest Woman's Club. (Also, more club photos and information are available on the WFWC Facebook - scrapbook pages by Marilyn.)
Submitted by Paula Johnson.

Civic Engagement and Outreach CSP FREE the GIRLS bra collection.

A big thank you to club members. Currently we have collected 112 bras! We will continue to accept bra donations for our Free the Girls project throughout the year.



Wreaths Across America

CSP members Quinn Berardinelli, Joanne D'Errico, Jo Lanni, Martha Loftin, Tracy Mahl and Nancy Ruffin met at Historic Oakwood Cemetery in Raleigh on Friday, December 18, to participate in an early wreath laying event in preparation for Wreaths Across America.



Members of the Civic Engagement and Outreach CSP met at Historic Oakwood Cemetery to lay wreaths in honor of our veterans.

Special accommodations were arranged to remain in compliance for current Covid-19 restrictions. The annual event was held virtually the following day, December 19, and could be viewed on Facebook.

Submitted by Nancy Ruffin.

Education and Libraries CSP

The Walmart Community Grant Team has notified the Education and Libraries Committee that they have selected our request for approval. The grant amount will be \$500 and the check has been received by the club. This money will be used to purchase STEM books for Family Promise of Wake County and we will try and find some books in Spanish. Our committee will meet in January to discuss this and other plans for 2021.

Submitted by LaRoyce Stringer.



Environment CSP

Have you thought about what to do with your live Christmas tree after Christmas?



For one, the Town of Wake Forest will collect your live tree (from all solid waste customers) and grind it up into mulch. The mulch is available for free upon request. Contact the Public Works

Department at publicworksdept@wakeforestnc.gov for more information. The tree collection is based on your normal yard waste collection day.

Also, check out the Arbor Day website at

<https://arbordayblog.org/holiday/8-sustainable-ways-to-recycle-your-christmas-tree/> for many more

sustainable ideas, such as creating a safe haven for the birds in your backyard or insulating your garden from freezes and thawing. Remember to reduce,

reuse, repurpose and recycle. *Submitted by Elaine Incorvaia.*



Health and Wellness CSP

Tri-Area Ministry Food Panty or TAM, as it is also



known, is a small building on East Holding Avenue in Wake Forest with a big mission. This all-volunteer, non-profit organization provides non-perishable and fresh food to 2,800

hungry people in Wake Forest and the surrounding area each month. You can be a part of this effort by volunteering in a variety of ways.

For more information, please visit

<https://triareaministry.com/> or #StopHungerFeedHope.

Due COVID-19, club members cannot volunteer as a group, but if you do so individually, please send your hours to dorapearce22@gmail.com.

Cervical Health Awareness Month

January is Cervical Health Awareness Month.

According to [Cervical Health Awareness Month. nccc-online.org](http://CervicalHealthAwarenessMonth.nccc-online.org), more than 13,000 women in the United States are diagnosed with invasive cervical cancer each year, but the disease is preventable with vaccination and appropriate screening. Follow your Primary Care Provider's recommendations. WFWC loves and needs you.

Operation Santa at Murdoch Center

Thank you for your generous donations at the WFWC Collection Events. The Operation Santa donations for the Royall Cottage at Murdoch Center filled the back of Katy Green's car, and Kathy Norris assisted with the drop off.



Katy Green dropped off donations at the Murdoch Center's Royall Cottage.

Katy reported, "The volunteers were very appreciative of our donations. They have received several new admissions and the donations were greatly needed."

Submitted by Dora Pearce.

Standing Committees and Special Projects Communications Committee News January Revisions for the 2020-2021 Yearbook

Mid-January is the time to publish on the club's website an updated version of the 2020-2021 Yearbook. To help Yearbook Editor Marilyn Bonnett provide accurate information, visit the website, www.wake-forest-womans-club.org. Then access the Members Home page with your Member Login. For assistance, get in touch with Website Editor Tammy Baldwin at tammy_baldwin@yahoo.com. Follow the link for Current Yearbook. Check the Member Roster (beginning on page B-3) to verify the accuracy of your listing. Check the Member Birthdays list on page B-9.



Send any changes regarding your roster listing or birthday to Marilyn at bonnettm@hotmail.com before

January 10. Also, CSP chairmen, now is the time to send any revisions to your list of 2020-2021 CSP Goals, currently found on Yearbook pages B-10 and B-11, to Marilyn at bonnettm@hotmail.com.

Submitted by Marilyn Bonnett.

Social Media Editor / Facebook Update

As of January 1, 2021, Tammy Baldwin will become our club's Acting Social Media Editor, along with her responsibilities as Website Editor. Jo Lanni has served diligently as the Social Media Editor for several years, but will continue now to support Facebook and Tammy as Tammy's backup administrator. Amy Brown continues to be an additional backup administrator, too. Thank you to Jo for her time and expertise in serving as our Social Media Editor; always professional and timely. And, a thank you to Tammy for volunteering to help out at this time.

If you find that you would like to try a new supportive role in the club, please contact Tracy Mahl or Paula Johnson. *The permanent position is still open.* Meanwhile, as of January 1, Tammy will be receiving informational posts from the CSP chairmen, and she will continue to post other pertinent information as well as Marilyn Bonnett's creative scrapbook posts for our club.

Submitted by Paula Johnson.

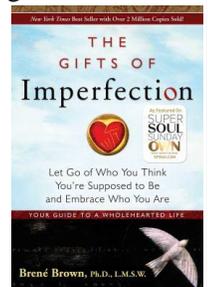
ESO Book Club News

December's ESO Book Club hostess, Susan Goodman, met via Zoom with Tammy Baldwin, Marilyn Bonnett, Salina Gary, Diane Hawkins, Linda Johnson, and Janet Lowe to talk about the book selection, *The Gifts of Imperfection* by Brené Brown.

While Susan and her family were living in Texas, Susan became friends with the author. Brené Brown's children attended a summer camp where Susan's two daughters attended and where Susan and her daughters continue to work during summers. The ESO meeting's participants discussed perspectives about the author's research and book writing and became better acquainted with each other at the same time.

The ESO group decided to change up the focus for the next ESO Book Club meeting in February. Each participant will read one or more children's picture books or story books and then will talk about their favorites in February during a Zoom ESO meeting.

Here is a fun opportunity for other woman's club members to participate in a Zoom ESO meeting, too. Guests will share their favorite children's book in the discussion. Contact Marilyn at bonnettm@hotmail.com and be included in the February Zoom discussion of great children's books. *Submitted by Marilyn Bonnett.*



December book for ESO Book Club discussion.

MEMBER CORNER Wake Forest Woman's Club (WFWC) 2020 Membership Survey Results

The objective of the WFWC 2020 Survey was to get feedback from our membership to ascertain how our members think we are doing. The survey was sent via e-mail on October 18 to each member. Forty-three percent of the membership responded and 90 percent of those responding stated that the club meets their expectations of what the club should be doing. Seventy-five percent of the respondents stated that they did not want periodic phone communication from the Membership Committee. *Submitted by LaRoyce Stringer.*

Club Calendar of Events

**Note: All locations and dates/times are subject to change.
Email eblasts and newsletter articles will provide up-to-date information.**

January

- 7** General Club Meeting, 6:30 p.m., hosted by Arts and Culture CSP, Robin Holtz and Sue Meehan, co-chairmen **President to appoint three members to club Nominating Committee*
- TBD** Environment CSP program in support of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, date and location to be determined, Elaine Incorvaia, chairman
- 18** *News and Views* Newsletter articles for February are due to Jo Lanni, newsletter editor
- 18** 6:30 p.m. Zoom meeting for Communications Standing Committee, Paula Johnson, chairman
- 28** February *WFWC News and Views* Newsletter published, Jo Lanni, newsletter editor

February

- 4** General Club Meeting: 6:30 p.m., hosted by Environment CSP, Elaine Incorvaia, chairman
- 15** 6:30 p.m. Zoom meeting for Communications Standing Committee, Paula Johnson, chairman
- 15** *News and Views* newsletter articles for March are due to Jo Lanni, newsletter editor
- 20** District 6 Arts Festival, Becky Barber, chairman
- 25** March *WFWC News and Views* newsletter published, Jo Lanni, newsletter editor

