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# Wake Forest Woman's Club News and Views

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## Notice of Meeting

**Thursday:** October 5, 2023

**Location:** Wake Forest Community House, 133 West Owen Avenue, Wake Forest

**Social:** 6:30 p.m. (food being delivered at 6)

**Meeting:** 7 p.m.

**Hosts:** The Education and Libraries CSP will be hosting the October General Meeting. Our Guest Speaker will be Amy Marley, the K-2 Literacy Coach/Intervention Team Facilitator, at Forest Pines Drive Elementary.

## Club and Federation Calendar 2023

All locations and dates and times are subject to change. E-mail blasts and newsletter articles will provide timely information about club events and community service projects.

**12Oct2023** - *WFWC News and Views* newsletter articles for November are due to Lisa Lutz, newsletter editor, [mommie71@gmail.com](mailto:mommie71@gmail.com)

## Dues are Due! \$75.00

Members, please remember that your dues for the 2023-2024 club year are due. At the club's meeting September 7th the annual budget was approved by the members present and it contained a dues increase of \$10. Please make your check out for \$75 and send it to WFWC, P.O. Box 1614, Wake Forest, NC 27588 or bring to the October meeting. Dues are payable by the October 5th meeting. Members not paying dues by then will not be included in the Yearbook Roster.

-Submitted by Kathy Norris, Club Treasurer

## Scholarship Fundraiser

The WFWC Annual Poinsettia Scholarship Fundraiser is here again! Beginning the first week of October Red Poinsettia plants from Homewood Nursery will go on sale through our website. They will be \$17.50 each and available for you to pick up locally on November 30. More news to come at our October General Meeting.

-Submitted by Tracy Mahl

## President's Message

**Amy Brown, 2023-2024 Club President**

Wake Forest Woman's Club

PO Box 1614, Wake Forest, NC 27588-1614



Dear Fellow Clubwomen,

We have hit the ground running and the club year has barely started! Already behind us is our Meet and Greet at Page 158 Books, Good Neighbor Day at Joyner Park, and CROP Hunger Walk. Looking ahead, we have the GFWC National Day of Service on September 30. For our project, we will help out at the Rise Against Hunger meal packing event at the Boys & Girls Club in Wake Forest. Thank you to all who have signed up to help at this event to fight food insecurity. We will also assist with the Tunnel to Towers 5K Run and Walk on October 7.

Thank you to all who donated diapers at the September meeting. My car was full, and Wake Forest Community Table truly appreciated your donations. Your generosity never ceases to amaze me! Please be reminded that all club members are welcome to enjoy social time together at The Lemon Tree on Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. Feel free to stop by to just say hi or stay and visit for a while. Beverages and delicious menu items are available for purchase. The Lemon Tree is located at 415 Brooks Street in Wake Forest, next to Page 158 Books. This is a great way to get to know your fellow club women.

Thank you for all you do! I am looking forward to the year ahead as we strive to 'Become the Change.'  
Yours in Volunteer Spirit,  
Amy



# CLUB NEWS

## WFHS Juniorette News GFWC Wake Forest High School Juniorette Woman's Club The Wake Forest High School Juniorettes made placemats for residents at Brookdale Assisted Living



After school on September 20, eleven who attended the Juniorette Club meeting handmade 40 placemats with the theme, "Guess What! September 28 is National Ask a Stupid Question Day." The students used construction paper, markers, glue sticks, stars, stickers, and colorful pictures cut from magazines and calendars. Choices of pictures included cats, dogs, ducks, elephants, goats, bears, and more. The pictures they selected determined the "stupid question" riddles with answers that they printed on the placemats.

### Here's an example:

**Question** - "Which gardens are the most talkative?"

**Answer** - "The ones with tulips!"

The completed Health & Wellness CSP project was delivered to Brookdale in plenty of time for the dining room staff to place them on the tables for lunch on September 28. The Junioresettes believed that the "stupid question" theme and silly riddles would bring some smiles to residents and would encourage conversations about other silly things. The students and advisors had lots of fun while making this placemats project.

Our club's 2023-2024 Juniorette co-advisors are Marilyn Bonnett, Tracy Mahl, and Sue Meehan. The Juniorette Club's faculty advisor is Helen Owens.

- Submitted by Marilyn Bonnett



**Placemats: Creative and Fun!**

## Calling in All Completed Project Warmth Handmade Items by October 5



**Ida's crocheted blanket for Project Linus**

Now is the time to hand in completed Project Warmth handmade blankets, scarves, and beanies to co-chairman Marilyn Bonnett and Kathy Norris (by October 5 at the general club meeting). Our 2023 project began with a kick-off meeting on February 25. Participants received Impeccable brand yarn from Michaels, funded by budgeted \$200 Additional Club Projects money. Also, some of our warmth makers used In-Kind yarn from their own supplies.

Most of our baby blankets will go to Project Linus. Here are words from the Project Linus website: "Our chapter coordinators accept new handmade, washable blankets and afghans for giving to children ages 0-18 years. Project Linus blankets are not donated to adults. As a national policy we accept all sizes and styles." Some of our other blankets, scarves, and beanies will be donated to Tri-Area Ministry and to Wake Forest Community Meals.

Thank you to our 2023 knitters and crocheters: Amy, Barbara, Carol, Charlotte, Debbi, Ida, Kandria, Kathy, Lu, Marilyn, Patricia, and Tara. Also, thank you to those who have provided additional yarn: Carol, Elaine, and Quinn. This project is so much fun! The tradition began in 2015.

-Submitted by Marilyn and Kathy

## Mountain to Sea Trail ESO Update

For those interested in joining our ESO MST book choices on your own, here are some books taking us along the trail, so to speak. One member made it to Raleigh re-reading David Sedaris' Me Speak Pretty Someday, a hilarious account of his family and friends, only the way Sedaris can provide. Another book which started in Raleigh and ended up bringing the reader to Wilmington on the trail was Diane Chamberlain's The Lies We Told. Diane is a GFWC-NC Patterson Honoree author. Two members have made it to the Outer Banks at Hatteras having read Lisa Wingate's The Prayer Box. Hope you enjoy these reads. If you would like to join our group, please contact Marilyn Bonnett about the next ESO Book

Group venue and book offering at  
bonnettm@hotmail.com.

-Submitted by Lynn Wiss, GFWC-NC ESO Chairman

## Wanted: Operation Santa Stocking Stuffers for residents of Murdoch Developmental Center

During our general meetings on October 5 and November 2, Linda Johnson and Marilyn Bonnett of the Health and Wellness CSP will enjoy collecting your voluntary donations of new, unwrapped stocking-stuffer gifts for Operation Santa.

April Hodges, the Volunteer Services Director at Murdoch, says they happily rely upon us to provide “filler gifts” for the various residents at Murdoch. So, this year our theme is “Filler Up!” We will provide a complete list of requested items at the October 5 meeting. Here are some suggestions from that list:

- Men’s and women’s white crew socks, diabetic socks, scarves, caps, gloves
- Cloth headbands, barrettes, clip-on hair bows, toiletries (no glass containers), Chapstick
- Handheld balls with texture and/or lights, small-sized picture books
- Simple coloring books (large images/shapes), crayons, washable markers, colored pencils, glue sticks

Look for the “Filler Up!” collection box at the next meeting. Please place your donated gifts inside a bag and include a note with your name and the amount of In-Kind money you spent on the items. We will use this for reporting our total donations to 1<sup>st</sup> VP Maggie, but we will not share individuals’ information. Let’s Filler Up! -Submitted by Linda and Marilyn



**Collections: October 5 and November 2**

## Community Service Programs Education and Libraries CSP



Our CSP is extremely grateful to those club members who provided books at the September general meeting for our Laundromats and Rashad’s Reading Corner projects. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts, for getting us off to such a great start!!!

We also want to encourage you to learn more about opportunities to become a one-on-one Reading Tutor at Forest Pines Drive Elementary, Wake Forest Elementary; and a Homework Helper at the Alston-Massenberg Community Center, which will be providing Homework Help on Monday evenings for elementary and middle school students. Link 1 provided below will direct you to the Wake County Public Schools System to complete an online Background Check that is required prior to working within the schools with a student. This may be done online from home and does not require you to go to the school to complete, as was past practice. Link 2 is the Town of Wake Forest Background Check if you are interested in the Homework support program at the Alston-Massenberg Center. Link 3 will take you to the Wake Forest Elementary School website which has information about their Hero’s Read Program. In addition to the Wake County Background Check, they would like you to complete the interest form, which asks for specific days and times that fit your schedule as a volunteer.

All three Programs are planned to begin mid to end of October.

<https://myvolunteer.com/wcpss/volunteer/login>  
<https://bib.com/SecureVolunteer/Town-of-Wake-Forest-Parks-and-Rec/>  
<https://www.wcpss.net/wakeforestes>

Please advise Dora Pearce and/or Salina Gary when you have completed and submitted your information to Wake County Public Schools and/or Town of WF.

Also don’t hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.



-Submitted by Salina Gary  
**65 Books and counting... from  
our generous club members on  
9-07-2023.**

## Arts and Culture CSP



### Donations for My Birthday Too

The Art CSP is asking for members to bring a contribution toward gifts for My Birthday Too to the October meeting. We are hoping to fill 24 gift bags with art supplies. Paper Drawing Pads or Sketchpads are of high priority. Also, contributions of washable markers, colored pencils, crayons, coloring books, etc. would be appreciated. We want to promote a love of art as a way for the children to feel special about themselves.

Thanking you in advance for any contributions!  
Any questions, contact Lynn Wiss at [wisslynn@gmail.com](mailto:wisslynn@gmail.com).  
-Submitted by Lynn Wiss, Arts and Culture CSP Chariman

## Environment CSP



The Environment CSP announces our participation in The Green Chair Project of Raleigh, and we invite you to participate. This charity reuses furniture donated by the community to help those challenged by homelessness, crisis and disaster. Our donations of lightly used furniture, lamps, kitchen and linen items will help our neighbors begin anew in well-equipped houses.

Please see the flyer distributed at the September General Meeting for a list of items you can donate. The Green Chair Project **will pick up furniture from your home** on October 12, 13 and 14.

You will be advised of the online sign up which opens on October 2.

Household goods can be dropped off on Saturday, October 14, between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., at the Wake Forest United Methodist Church at 905 S. Main Street, Wake Forest. Please do not bring donations to the October General Meeting. Learn more about the Green Chair project at this link - [GREEN CHAIR](#)

-Submitted by Tracy Mahl



## Wanted: Used Thin Film Plastic



The NexTrex Recycling Challenge will be ongoing for the whole club year. Please see the flyer distributed at the September General Meeting for a list of types of thin plastic you can collect. There will be a collection container at general club meetings. We need 1,000 pounds to win the bench!  
-Submitted by Tracy Mahl

## Soles for Souls

Bring lightly used shoes of any type or size and drop them in the collection bin at the General Meeting. We are collecting through December 2023.  
-Submitted by Tracy Mahl

## Civic Engagement CSP



The Civic Engagement CSP is off to a good start. We have several projects planned. Our first project was to support the CROP Hunger Walk on September 24. Patricia Jennings is Chairman. If you participated, let her know what you did so your information can be included in her report. We thank you for your time and donations. We are happy that she was able to meet her goal with your participation.

Our next big project is the Tunnels to Towers Run. It will be on October. 7. Joanne D'Errico and Alyse Cores are chairing this event. They will be handing out orange slices and water to the runners. If you participate in any way, be sure to let them know so you can be included in their report. Thank you for your time and effort in participating in this event. We are looking forward to a good year.

-Miriam Blinne, CSP Chairman

## Health and Wellness CSP



One of our main goals this year is to continue the Murdoch Royall Cottage Pen Pal Project. WFWC members have participated in this for several years and the feedback from the Volunteer Coordinators is that the residents really enjoy receiving mail and cards. Murdoch Development

Center located in Butner, NC is a developmental center for mostly adult men and women who live in clusters on site in multiple buildings referred to as cottages along with dedicated caregivers.

Paula Johnson is heading up this project this year and had a sign-up sheet at our September 7 meeting. If you were unable to attend the meeting, please contact Paula Johnson at email KPJwfwc@gmail.com, and she will gladly assign you a resident. You will be asked to send a birthday card on their birthday and also a card for each month of the year, perhaps celebrating a holiday such as Valentine's Day, Thanksgiving, etc. It is a 12-month commitment. Paula will send out a confirmation email to each member who signs up with the details of where to mail your cards. And you simply sign your cards, "Your friend, with your first name" and use the club's post office box for a return address (PO Box 1614, Wake Forest, 27588-1614). You may sign up for one or two residents for this year. The Dollar Tree has cards that typically for 2/\$1.25.

-Submitted by Glenda Grant



WFWC Health and Wellness CSP continues to bring smiles with the Pen Pal Project at Murdoch Development Center

## Members Corner

This month we have welcomed several new members:

- Angela Myer
- Frances McEvoy
- Lee Spell
- Diana Karides
- Antonette Kellett

**Angela Myer-** "I am Angela Meyer. I have four children and four grandchildren. All of these amazing people make my world happy! In 2019, I retired from my job, and I currently fill my time visiting my children and helping the Heritage High School FFA. I am looking forward to the coming year with the Wake Forest Women's Club."

**Frances McEvoy-** "I moved to Wake Forest in 2006 from New Jersey. I have served on the PTA and the marching band board. I have worked in customer service for several years and have currently been the President of my neighborhood homeowner's association. I'm looking forward to serving my community through the work of the woman's club and forming new friendships. "

**Lee Spell-** Lee is a retired Toy Store owner. Lee will be working with the Environment Committee.

**Diana Karides-** Diana is a retired teacher for students with hearing loss. She is a mother of four and a grandmother of two. She enjoys walking and pickleball.

**Antonette Kellett-** Antonette is currently a project manager. In her free time, she likes puzzles, art, crafts and movies.

**We look forward to meeting you all! Welcome!**