 **Wilmington** **Woman’s Club, Inc.**

 **Newsletter**

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**Message from our President Vicki:**

Dear WWC Members,

This month we are celebrating Women’s History Month, the Centennial of Women’s Right to Vote and watching as Congress votes to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act. It is also Read Across America month. I have had the opportunity in the last few weeks to experience first-hand or hear about many examples of strong, creative and resilient women.

 Hundreds of arts entries were presented at the GWC-NC State Arts Festival showing a broad range of creative and artistic talent and our Arts and Culture CSP committee along with other WWC members, created special cards for the elderly.

 We have the opportunity to read books by or have been told about women authors of books for adult and youth educating us about the Nineteenth Amendment. Take a moment at our next business meeting to thumb through the book, Camilla Can Vote by Mary Morgan Ketchel with Senator Marsha Blackburn. Find the reference to 1920, Susan B. Anthony, and Elizabeth Cady Stanton.

 I had the opportunity to hear a young woman who was kidnapped and repeatedly raped for nine months say she knew she had to stand up for herself testifying for three days to do everything she could to help convict her kidnapers with the maximum prison sentence including for sexual assault. She also said she chose to go on, trying to be happy and making a good life for herself after her mother told her this would be the best revenge, she could do to the people her harmed her.

 We as a club have shown support for a cause that could help counter the latest finding that more children, especially children six and under, have significant delays in skills in prewriting and writing, reading, comprehension and speech. Research had already shown that a lack of enriched environments and for school age children, lack of a structured learning environment are a factor and that has become more evident since the twelve months linked to the COVID shut down. Out of school suspension for children 4-, 5-, 6- and 7-year old’s is a major concern especially now.

 I am looking forward to seeing what the next months are going to bring.

With thoughts of WWC,

Vicki

** UPCOMING EVENTS**

**March April**

**28**Business Meeting **11** Executive Board Meeting 5:30 pm

 Program*: Health and Wellness* NC Sorosis Clubhouse

 Social 5:30 pm

 Meeting 6:00 pm **19** Lunch Bunch 11:30 am

 Toastery Restaurant

**30** Ways and Means Committee Mtg. *6722 Wrightsville Avenue*

 NC Sorosis Clubhouse

**22-**  GFWC-NC State Convention

 **23**  Winston Salem, NC

 **25** Business Meeting

Program: *Veteran’s Visual Arts Program*

Social 5:30 pm

 Meeting 6:00 pm

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***R* REMINDER:** If you are unable to attend the Business Meeting, please *call a member of the* *executive board to be excused.* Also, please remember to turn off your cell phones OR put them on vibrate during our meetings. Thank you!

**OFFICER’S REPORTS**

**FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT / CHAIRMAN of CSP’s:** *Carol Query*

The WWC Community Service Programs are off to a great start for 2022. Many of the membership have already actively participated in the local and district arts festivals, made cards for Meals on Wheels, and supported the Cardinal Strut Race at Long Leaf Park. In addition, members have donated items for homeless women in conjunction with the Salvation Army as well as donating used books to the library for upcoming book sales to support library programs. Bottle cap collections and monetary donations for the tree project at Oakdale Cemetery are well underway.

 PLEASE make reading the WWC newsletter a TOP priority so that you are on the inside track and know all that your fellow members are doing, AND how you can be involved in all the wonderful opportunities to serve the local community!

**COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM REPORTS**

**ARTS AND CULTURE CSP:** *Chairman, Nan Davis; Co-Chairman, Amanda Ladd*

The Wilmington Woman’s Club had 16 Clubwoman and 9 Student entries in the District 7 Arts Festival on Saturday, February 19th in Southport. There were 9-1st place clubwoman winners, 4-2nd place clubwoman winners, and 3-3rd place clubwoman winners. In addition, there were 2-1st place student winners and 7-2nd place student winners. The 1st place winners will compete at the GFWC-NC State Arts Festival in Mebane, North Carolina on Saturday, March 12th.

**Wilmington Woman’s Club**

**District Arts Winners**

**February 19, 2022**

**CLUBWOMAN**

**First Place**

Sandy Cyphers Poetry-Literature

Carol Ballard Crochet-Garments

Sandy Cyphers Basic Embroidery

Sandy Cyphers Counted Cross Stitch

Tami-Lynn Wilson Nature Craft

Nan Davis Acrylic- Visual Arts

Nan Davis Mixed Media- Visual Arts

Sandy Cyphers Painting on Fabric, Wood, Metal

Vicki Daughtery Paper Craft

**Second Place**

Nan Davis Reflections- Photography

Sandy Cyphers Sequin and Bead

Sandy Cyphers Upcycling

Sandy Cyphers Glass Craft

**Third Place**

Sandy Cyphers Fabric Craft

Sandy Cyphers Open Category

Nan Davis Our World Up Close- Photography

**STUDENTS**

**First Place**

Alysha Davis Paper Craft 9-12

Alysha Davis Fabric Craft 9-12

**Second Place**

Sydney Cyphers Acrylic-Oil 6-8

Sydney Cyphers Paper Craft 6-8

Kenzie Davis Fabric Craft 6-8

Kenzie Davis Color-Photography 6-8

Kenzie Davis Pen & Ink 6-8

Alysha Davis Acrylic/Oil 9-12

**Arts and Culture CSP Program for April 25, 2022**

At the April meeting Anthony Vivaldi will speak to the WWC membership about the Veteran’s Visual Arts Program. This program has been established to provide free non-clinical workshops in watercolor and/or acrylics to veterans and their immediate families in New Hanover, Brunswick, and Pender counties.

 Local artists will conduct workshops with a starter kit of materials for each participant and give him/her any needed instruction. The workshops will include 6 two-hour classes, one a week for 6 weeks. One of the purposes of the program is to provide the participants the opportunity to interact with other veterans and give them an outlet for mental health support.

 **Veterans Visual Arts Program Donation:** Since each starter kit requires $300.00 worth of art supplies, the Arts and Culture CSP would appreciate monetary donations at the March 28th meeting so that Mr. Vivaldi may be presented the donation at the conclusion of his presentation on April 25th.

**CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH CSP:** *Chairman, Pat Hardee; Co-Chairman, Tami-Lynn Wilson*

**Coupons -** For the month of March, please continue to clip coupons for our active Military station in Japan. Clip, Count, and Place in an envelope or plastic bag with your name and number of coupons on the envelope or baggie. Be sure to sign the donation list.

**Show Your Pride -** Record how many days during the month of March you flew your flag. Sign the sheet provided.

**Salvation Army Collection** – This is a special collection for March. Sign the donation list being sure to indicate the number of items donated and if the items are in-kind or monetary donations.

* **The Salvation Army needs** personal products for women housed at the shelter and on the streets. The items requested can come from your linen closet or pantry. If you wish to purchase items, the Dollar Tree and Dollar General have a good supply of items needed. All items need to be travel size or small sizes. (You are not required to participate in this activity. It is totally voluntary).
* **Items needed** include deodorant, bars of soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, disposable razors, shaving cream, body lotion, personal size tissues. A special request has been made for Depends (sizes Med. – Large).
* **\*\*Special items** needed include laundry bags, socks for women (dark color), hairbrushes, cosmetic bags to carry items into the showers, Flip Flops, small size pocket calendars.

 The total number of items collected for the Salvation Army homeless women in the month of February totaled **513** items with an in-kind value of **$379.36**. Items came from individual pantries, linen closets and purchased items. The donated items were delivered to the shelter on Wednesday, March 9th. The shelter workers and volunteers were excited to receive the donated items.

 If you were not able to participate in this project in the month of February, you will be able to contribute to this cause in the month of March. Items needed are listed above.

**ENVIRONMENT CSP:** *Chairman, Ann Kirby; Co-Chairman, Fay Hall*

The members of the Environment Community Service Program participated in the 2022 Cardinal Strut Race held on Saturday, March 19th at Long Leaf Park. The Strut was held to raise money for gas and overnight lodging for parents taking their children for cancer treatments at Duke or UNC. Club members manned a table from 8:00 – 11:00 AM to assist the participants in the Strut. In addition, the members gave reusable straws out in a raffle and distributed pamphlets with information about the Wilmington Woman’s Club.

 Members should continue to save bottle caps. All sizes are needed. In February 194 caps were collected. Put the clean caps in a plastic bag with the number of caps in the bag indicated. Bring the caps to the monthly meetings and record your donation.

 Remember to save your pennies, nickels, and dimes for the tree project for Oakdale Cemetery. Trees will be purchased and then planted when the weather cools in the fall.

 Plant flowers and vegetables as often as possible. They provide personal fitness, enjoyment of beauty, and better quality of foods.

**Dates to Remember**

 **March**

World Water Day – March 8

 North Carolina Arbor Day – 1st Friday after March 15

 **April**

National Arbor Day – last Friday of April

 Keep America Beautiful Month

 Earth Day – April 22

**HEALTH AND WELLNESS CSP:** *Chairman, Laura Wilson; Co-Chairman, Sandra Floyd*

Our program for March 28 will be most interesting and informative – one you won’t want to miss! We will explore ways to make our homes less accident prone and things to look for if we need care outside for ourselves or our loved ones.

Our speaker, Debra Smith, a body mechanics instructor, has served in the health care industry for more than forty-three years and brings much knowledge. We look forward to seeing you on the 28th.

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** *Tami-Lynn Wilson*

Minutes of the February Business meeting as submitted are in a separate attachment.

**COMMITTEES**

**FEDERATION DAY CELEBRATION:** *Chairman, Pat Hardee*

**Honoring Our Local Firemen –** We will again honor our local firemen for their service to the community for our Federation Day Project. Although Federation Day is April 24, 2022, we will take our baked goods to the local fire houses on Friday, April 22, 2022.

Sign–up sheets will be at the March business meeting. Be thinking about that special goodie you would like to bake for the firemen. There are still spaces open to help with this project. You can participate in this activity even if you will not be in town or work on April 22nd. You can deliver your items to your Team Leader or give a monetary donation to her to purchase items for the event.

**LUNCH BUNCH**: *Co-Chairs,* *Nancy McGowan; Carol Ballard*

Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at 11:30 AM

**Famous Toastery of Wilmington** *(6722 Wrightsville Avenue)*

**WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE:** *Chairman, Sandy Cyphers*

We’re making a list and checking it twice, going to find out who’s helpful and nice! WWC members, now is the time to begin preparing a list of family members, friends, church members, co-workers, etc. that you will contact when we begin the Duck Race. I am optimistic as your chairman that we can raise more funds than last year if we work just a little harder. Get on board the *WWC Team* *Sleigh* and make your plans to help our club make a difference in the lives of others! Remember Santa can see everything! Let’s not be naughty and disappoint him.

**District 7 Arts Festival and Spring Meeting held February 19th**

 The GFWC-NC District 7 Arts Festival and Spring Meeting was held on February 19, 2022, and was conducted extremely well by Donna Giese, the incoming President, stepping in for Sandy Cyphers. The Wilmington Woman’s Club had 6 club attendees at the event. The table gifts and goodies provided by Ms. Cyphers for attendees were very thoughtful. We learned amazing things about the Club Woman with Heart, Ann Landis and all that she does. There were two hands on activities for the women to participate in. The Southport Women had a service project for Beyond the Pink with the stuffing and sewing of Heart Pillows. Tami-Lynn Wilson and Carol Ballard with the Wilmington Woman’s Club provided a popsicle stick ornament making activity for the women to bring home with them.

 Officers and CSP Chairs for 2022-2024 were announced. Fay Hall will be the District 7 Chair for the Environment Committee and Vicki Daughtery will be the Treasurer.