

Karen Sue Benjamin Paris



Karen Sue Benjamin Paris was born in Washington, D.C. in 1962. In 1981, she met the love of her life Clifford D. Paris and in 1983 they had their only child, a son, Clifford Paris Jr. Mrs. Paris is currently a proud grandmother of Porter Paris her grandson and Parker Paris her granddaughter.

In 1994 Mrs. Paris co-founded Design Business Furniture, Inc. with her husband. It has been named one of the top office furniture companies for over 15 years, by the Washington Business Journal. Mrs. Paris also founded Design Business Mailing, Inc., which is a printing, direct mail design, and fundraising marketing company for nonprofits.

Mrs. Paris trained and became a licensed real estate agent and seeks to help people find their ideal homes. Mrs. Paris served on the culture committee at her brokerage for nine years volunteering and fundraising.

Of her many community initiatives, one outstanding contribution has been her work with the Clifton Community Woman's Club (CCWC). CCWC is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC), dedicated to community improvements by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service. CCWC provides many activities for its members, while also making contributions to local community organizations and providing scholarships to local students.

From 2020-2022, Mrs. Paris served as club president of the CCWC. When the pandemic struck and the long-standing signature homes tour had to be cancelled, Mrs. Paris created a new project: the C.A.R.E.S. fundraising competition (Creative, Arts, Recording, Education, Service). In 2021, this project enabled CCWC to raise funds to continue funding local community organizations and scholarships. Mrs. Paris received the 2021 Club Woman of the Year award from CCWC, and then CCWC won the GFWC Virginia Northern District best large club education and libraries project, based in part on the C.A.R.E.S. competition.

In 2022, CCWC again held the C.A.R.E.S. project, with both a virtual and a live event with great success. For the 2022-2023 year, Mrs. Paris was selected as Co-First Vice President of CCWC and also was selected as Second Vice President, Northern District GFWC Virginia. This position focuses on growing and retaining membership.