

# WPF *orum* NEWS



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Nancy Radtke

## Summer Vacation and Independence Day...

I can already feel the sun on my skin, smell hot Coppertone and the salty ocean. All this just by looking at the stack of blue striped beach towels next to the Coleman Cooler and sand chairs. Too bad this scene is in the basement stages for a later date in the summer or possibly pushed back to the fall. Ready on a moment's notice, none the less.

This the state of the self employed real estate agent in the busiest summer season since the Great Recession of 2008. This is not a complaint. I cherish my independence and feel that every day is a celebration because I am an independent contractor.

The 4th of July – just one day – is not enough to herald the joy of being able to make a decision about what to do with my life, my day and each moment of that day.

Of course, not everyday can be bliss. Daily issues occur, but I have the freedom to make big choices about how and where to live, and control my life, limited only my own abilities.



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### July Meeting

Wed., July 11 @ 12:30  
The Painted Plate  
2001 N. Church St.  
Greensboro

### Cost

Active members - prepaid. Supporting or Emeritus members and Guests -\$15.00.

### Reservations

Please contact Carol Matznick, 605-9108 or [carol4wpf@aol.com](mailto:carol4wpf@aol.com) if:

- You are a Supporting or Emeritus member and would like to make a lunch reservation
- You would like to invite a special guest
- You are an active member and need to cancel your reservation

*Cancellation of reservation is a membership requirement.*

### Important Dates To Remember

July 11 - Next Meeting

July 12 - Board Meeting - 12:30pm - 1:30pm, 717 Green Valley Rd.,  
3rd floor Board Room (the Allen Tate office)

July 20 - August Newsletter deadline

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I thank and remember our American Forefathers, Feminists, patriots and soldiers who drafted and defend my way of life. It is unfathomable to me that there is any other way, due to being born in the right place at the right time.

As we move thru summer vacation season it occurs to me that I have the freedom to stay in town and work instead of play at the beach. Or – quick – just toss that stuff in the car and drive east until we see the ocean and smell the Coppertone! [WPF](#)



DATES  
TO  
REMEMBER  
IN  
JULY



JULY 2012						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 WPF Meeting	12 WPF Board Meeting Salon	13	14
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# Our July Speaker: Liz Summers

*Judy Garner*

"Principled Negotiation" Liz Summers is president and owner of Advancing Leadership Consulting, a business dedicated to strengthening communication and leadership skills for individuals, teams, and organizations.

At our July meeting Liz will show us how to resolve conflict and develop a win/win strategy in everyday situations. [WPF](#)



## Annual NYC Trip

*Kris Landrum*

While we're sweltering with outside temperatures in the 90's, some of our members can cool off by bringing up memories of walking in the cold and wind last January in NYC. Many of you are aware that a group of WPF members travels to NYC each year during the Martin Luther King holiday, but probably a number of members don't know how this trip comes together or how to get involved. So, here's some information about the trip:

- For a number of years, WOW (Women on Wall Street), traveled to NYC in the fall, often incorporating a trip to the NYSE. Another group (with some members probably overlapping), traveled to NYC over the Martin Luther King holiday. In recent years, WOW has changed its trip to the MLK holiday, and there is only one WPF "sponsored" annual NYC trip.
- The NYC trip is loosely organized. There's not a collection of funds, as there is for Wild Women in the Mountains, and no one person responsible for planning the trip.
- In general, we leave on Friday morning of the MLK weekend and return Monday evening. Some of the group vary these travel times to meet personal schedules.
- Activities of the weekend are based on personal choice but include shopping, Broadway plays, museum tours, dining out, general sightseeing.
- Plane flights and related travel arrangements are handled individually, but we generally coordinate those arrangements as much as possible.
- Hotel accommodations are handled individually (including finding your roommate), but are also coordinated as much as possible.
- At least one evening meal and one breakfast are generally planned as a group, but joining in is optional.
- A large number of the group frequently attend the same Broadway plays, and someone may volunteer to purchase a group of tickets, but reimbursement of that person is expected immediately.

The object of the trip is FUN and those who have made this trip in the past have great memories! If you are interested in being in the loop, which means getting emails as to what plane flights and hotel accommodations we're getting, what plays are being considered, and possible dining out spots and suggestions, contact either Laura Stroupe Barrier, or

Michele Smith, or Kris Landrum (see membership directory for contact info) and get on the list! You'll be glad you did! [WPF](#)



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# WhINE DIVAS

*Sandy Doyle-Jones*

The June wine tasting was quite a test for the WhINE DIVAS. Anna Fesmire hosted "Four Blind Mice - See How They Taste" by hiding the labels and challenging the testers to identify what they were sipping. It seems that the group had not studied long enough to get the answers on target, but they had a great time taking the test!



Donna reports that their favorites of the evening were a GAVI SAULA, 2008, from the piedmont region of Italy and a CAVE de Rasteau, 2009, Cotes du Rhone France. Try these out, without a blindfold.

The July wine tasting is still in the planning stage for mid-July at the home of Jane Hewitt on Air Harbor Rd. Caught Jane in an airport during her trip to Alaska, so we will finalize when she lands back in NC. The theme will be "Red, White, and Other" with tastings and cocktails based on Bordeaux wines. Stay tuned for the date! [WPF](#)

Whine Divas  
(Stay tuned for date)  
  
Home of  
Jane Hewitt  
Air Harbor Rd.  
Greensboro

The Salon  
July 12, 2012  
7:00 pm  
  
Home of  
Paula Sinozich  
2608 Sherwood Street  
Greensboro

## SALON SIG

*Meryl Mullane*

Please join us for the July Salon and talk about whatever you want. We always find interesting topics to talk about!

Thursday, July 12, 7 – 9 at the home of Paula Sinozich, 2608 Sherwood Street.

As always, a wine or a snack is welcome but not needed. We hope to see you there!

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## Dining Out

*Janice Lanier*

Have you had dinner downtown lately? If not, now is the perfect opportunity! Please join us for Dining Out on Wednesday, July 25th at 6:30 p.m. at Liberty Oak Restaurant - 100-D West Washington Street. Our Host for the evening will be Tamika Howell.

Liberty Oak has been a staple in downtown Greensboro since 1999. Their menu offers items such as baked brie, nicoise salads, rainbow trout, short ribs, hand-pulled pork, pastas, vegetarian options, sandwiches and more.

If you would like to join us, please contact Jane at [tamiekahowell@gmail.com](mailto:tamiekahowell@gmail.com). [WPF](#)

Dining Out  
July 25, 2012  
6:30 pm  
  
Liberty Oak Restaurant  
100-D  
West Washington St.  
Greensboro

# THANK YOU!

*Sandy Doyle-Jones*

WPF Foundation board has said and/or written a thank you to each of you who gave a gift in the first half of the year. We are so grateful that you choose to share your gifts here. And we are so excited to report that, as of the end of May, you have added \$12,000 to the endowment so that we can continue to support our community. That's 50% above where we stood last May!

If you missed the June meeting, we announced that Lynn Bresko is the winner of the fantastic spa basket provided by Progressions Spa. She is in for a great experience and we have Lise Cooke to thank for this prize.

In May, the Grants Committee also worked out a match for a grant to NCCJ that will enable them to provide two partial and one full scholarship to this summer's Anytown experience (\$2000). We have had such fantastic reports from the girls who attend and we know a good project when we hear it! Additionally, there are extra ad-hoc committees researching a new leadership or girls-in-sciences collaboration that could provide a great impact for our funding in the future. It may have been spring, but there was no moss growing on the movers of the WPF team.

Saying Thank You to each of you has great meaning to all of us; and living in the south where a great BIG thanks to Y'ALL seems to encompass the larger picture in its meaning. You are a great group of women who can make change happen. [WPF](#)

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## Small Group Dinners Are Coming!

*Altina Layman*

Have a suggestion for WPF? Looking for new decorating ideas or recipes from your WPF sisters?

Planning has begun for WPF's fall sensation, Small Group Dinners – a wonderful opportunity to know a few of your WPF sisters, one-on-one, through dinner and conversation hosted at member homes – AND – a chance to share your praise or suggestions on WPF with one another and the Board member at your dinner.

Hosts provide hospitality, space, manage rsvp's, and coordinate the menu. Guests provide a covered dish or beverage (working with your host to make sure there's a good mix) and great conversation! Small Group Dinners will be held mid-September through the end of October.

Have you attended a Small Group Dinner before and would like to serve as a Host? If you're interested, contact Patty Aiken [patty.aiken@homeinstead.com](mailto:patty.aiken@homeinstead.com) or Altina Layman [alayman@uacarts.org](mailto:alayman@uacarts.org), Small Group Dinner coordinators. Thanks! [WPF](#)



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