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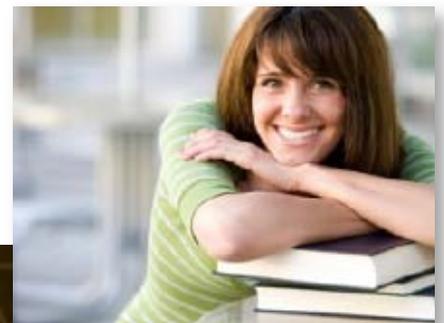
Nancy Radtke

“On behalf of our board, we look forward to making it an exciting, productive year...”

To paraphrase a line from Jimmy Buffet’s song “Margaretville” with a different destination, I don’t know how I got here or why I’m here. There are so many of you more qualified to be in this position. I am deeply honored and I will work hard for you. It was a pleasure working with so many talented, interesting women in 2012 and having the opportunity to get to know them better. It was a very fulfilling, productive year. So many of you graciously opened your homes to us for New Member Orientations, New Member Socials, our Summer Social with the Fabulous Reto, Small Group Dinner meetings and last but not least, the Battleground National Park lobby thanks to Maureen Hartigan. We thank you for that. The groundwork has begun for compiling the history of WPF which is very exciting because there have been thirty-five years of phenomenal growth. Michele Smith is chairing that committee. Our 40th anniversary is in 2017 and we will begin this year with formalizing the plans for a year of celebrations for that year. If you have any ideas and/or want to be a part of this planning process, please let me know.

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Being part of WPF is also being a member of our Foundation. Our Foundation funds have now exceeded \$250,000. When I became a member in 2007, it was around \$180,000. Please remember that this period also included a drastic



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January Meeting

Wed., January 9 @ 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 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

January 9 - Next Meeting

January 12 - Board Retreat, 9am - Noon at Allen Tate Realtors Third Floor Board Room.

January 18 - February Newsletter deadline

DATES
TO
REMEMBER
IN
JANUARY

economic downturn. Wow! What an incredible job they have done! Part of the interest of this fund (around \$10,000 annually) is given each year to worthy young women in our community. In the past, young women have applied for grants/scholarships via their schools/organizations through our grants/scholarships selections committee. In 2012, the Foundation decided to take more control and direction in where our grant/scholarship monies will be going. The seeds were planted for two exciting ideas: 1) encourage young women to consider science and technology as their chosen fields, 2) mentoring/training young to know how to become leaders (led by Sue Kennedy).

The first idea began as a casual conversation with Cindi Dorman and Dr. Marinella Sandros of the Gateway Nanotechnology Center (both WPF members). Cindi and Marinella are well underway with attempting to bring this goal to fruition. Girls In Science and Technology (GIST), is one of the first steps to make this happen. Matilda Kirby-Smith designed the logo for GIST. I think the central question must have been "How do we encourage (at least, not DIScourage young women) young women to get interest in science and technology? Seventy percent of the new jobs being created are in science and technology. Salaries in these fields are typically higher than in other fields. A recent Harvard study of 49 industrialized countries showed American students are ranking 25th in math and 17th in science. The Obama administration is arguing that improving these scores is crucial to our nation's global competitiveness. A Commerce Department survey indicated only 24% of female have jobs in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math). More than half of these are in the life sciences. One in seven females are engineers.

So, what is your point, Lynn? My point is if we do our small part here in the Triad, maybe it will mushroom, grow exponentially. Maybe we can do something that will not only open some doors (and windows of thought and imagination) for young women to expand present boundaries, and maybe a side benefit will be helping our country move out of this state of mediocrity.

Five or ten years ago, for some reason I became fascinated with Einstein's concept of space/time, and wanted desperately to understand it. I still don't, but the journey has been exhilarating. I didn't attempt to read technical books, only biographies and histories of scientists from the late part of the 19th century and early part of the 20th century. Those scientists (mostly men), formed the world that we live in today with their discoveries. It is an unbelievable experience to read about them. Space travel, computers, communications, television, radio, satellites, etc. etc. etc; it is yet to be seen if women will have more important roles and greater influences in the 21st century. Maybe we will have an influence in these areas. I hope so.

My support and encouragement goes out to all WPF members with their noble projects, whatever they are. On behalf of our new board, we look forward to making it an exciting, productive year for WPF. [WPF](#)

JANUARY 2013						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Our January Speaker - Beth Briggs

Julie Lapham, Programs

NEW STUDY RELEASED . . . on the Status of Women in NC . . . and in Greensboro
The North Carolina Council for Women and the Institute for Women's Policy Research (IWPR), Washington DC will release the 2012 Status of Women in North Carolina Report on January 15, 2013.

Beth Briggs, Executive Director of the Council for Women will discuss the report's findings and significant social and economic gains as well as persistent gender and racial equality and barriers still facing North Carolina's women. The report examines four major indicators including employment, education and earnings; economic security and poverty; health and well being; and political participation. The report compares the status of women by geographic regions as well as how the state's women compare nationally.

Beth Briggs serves as Executive Director of the North Carolina Council for Women, a statewide advocacy agency that advises the Governor, the General Assembly and policy makers on issues impacting women across North Carolina.

The Council employs a staff of 16 and administers grants in excess of \$12 million annually. These grants fund a variety of programs that seek to improve the lives of women and their families. The grants support programs that address domestic violence, sexual assault and provide self sufficiency for displaced homemakers.

Beth was founder and principal of Creative Philanthropy, a philanthropic consulting firm that advised donors and foundations throughout North Carolina. She served as a catalyst for women's philanthropy by helping establish eight women's funds and women's giving circles that have granted millions of dollars to nonprofits serving women and children across North Carolina.



Beth Briggs

Before starting Creative Philanthropy, Beth served as President of the NC Public Television Foundation, co-founded the fundraising consulting firm of Capital Consortium, Director of Development for the US Olympic Festival-'87 and served as Associate Director for the Public Welfare foundation in Washington, DC. She is a Charlotte native and graduate of UNC-CH. [WPF](#)

A Look At Our 2013 Programs

Judy Garner

February - Denise Turner Roth - Greensboro City Manager

March - New member presentation

April - Nadia Moffitt, Exec. Director & founder of Queen's Foundation

May - Foundation meeting

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Dining Out

Susan Watson

It's a new year but Dining Out will start with an old favorite! Dinning Out for the month of January will be held at

Josephine's Bistro
2417 Spring Garden Street
Greensboro, NC 27403

Josephine's is locally owned and they make every effort to use local ingredients including items from their own garden. They even post a list of their local food vendors. Sarah Keith, Co-Owner and Executive Chef/Co-Owner Chris Blackburn have been in the restaurant business for over 20 years. Their philosophy is to: "Eat well and be well. Savor each meal as it was your favorite memory during the best of times and create these times over the best of meals..." " Doesn't this sounds just like the philosophy of our Dining Out group?

Here is a link to their yummy menu: <http://josephinesbistro.com/menu>

Please join us and treat yourself to a wonderful dinner and evening!

If you would like to join us please contact Susan Watson, susan_watson@bellsouth.net

Also, we'd like to update our monthly email contact list, please let me know if you'd like to be added or have your information changed. Looking forward to a tastefully delicious new year! WPF



Wild Women Of The Mountains

Meban Ham

It's time for "Wild Women in the Mountains"!!! This year's wild event will be Friday Feb. 22 - Sunday, Feb. 24, 2013. It's a week earlier than usual due to numerous scheduling conflicts. Plan on a weekend of fun, shopping, eating, drinking, hiking and a lot of talking.

Please contact Sarah Shoffner, sarahshoffner@rtelco.net to sign up. Make checks (\$125) payable to Sarah Shoffner and mail to:

Sarah Shoffner
6078 Old 421 Rd.
Liberty, NC 27298

Sarah will manage registration, house placement and inquiries about the trip. [WPF](#)

Wild Women Of The Mountains

February 22 - 24, 2013

Blowing Rock, NC



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