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Lynn Ritchy

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Most of us are in the mood for an exciting adventure or vacation...that's usually what summer brings. At least two WPF sisters are going to Europe, one to Jackson Hole, Wyoming and, boy, am I jealous. I am reminded of one of those “trips of your lifetime” adventures that my husband and I took years ago, it was anything but luxurious comfort, but it may have been one of my more memorable ones...as well as dangerous.

The year was 1969 and the world was in turmoil. We left Greensboro for Mexico. I had just finished teaching junior high school algebra in the Guilford County system. My husband had recently sold an RCA computer system to UNC-Chapel Hill (their first and so large that it was housed in a 12 foot by 15 foot room with controlled heating & air). The capacity of the computer was smaller than that of one of the early ipods.

Drug trafficking from Mexico was becoming a major problem so it wasn't one of the smartest things we've ever done. Here are some of the highlights:

Our first night in Mexico was in Monterrey. It was sunset and we were lost. We found ourselves in a rundown neighborhood on a muddy street with potholes and



saw a group of young boys. We paid one of the boys for directions. I'll always wonder if he pulled a fast one on us, or if we just didn't understand one another. We eventually found the main highway and spent the night at a small motel on the outskirts.

The next night, we found ourselves in a small village high in the Mexican mountains. It was close to midnight and we stopped at a small inn.

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July Meeting

Wed., July 10 @ 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

July 10 - Next Meeting

June 11 - Board Meeting, 12:30pm - 1:30pm, American National Bank conference room, 703 Green Valley Rd., #101

July 19- August Newsletter deadline

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The owner allowed us to pitch our tent behind the inn and use his personal bathroom in his living quarters inside the inn. The next morning, I felt I had awakened in a wonderland. There was a clear mountain stream 20–30 feet from where we slept. The canopy of tropical trees was magical. His tile shower was as large as a typical bedroom, all glassed in, but no hot water. You can't have everything. As we were leaving the next morning, many of the villagers came to our car. A man wanted to trade for one of our plastic containers. A beautiful young woman with a small baby on her hip sold me a crocheted tablecloth that I wish I still had. Occasionally, I wonder where she is today. The plantains (bananas? Don't know if I know the difference) were as large as a person's arm. We were in amazement at the size of all the fruits. The beauty and serenity of this small portion of the world was breath-taking.

On the outskirts of Mexico City, we met some policemen at a small substation. They allowed us to pitch our tent outside their small building and invited us to share their bathroom. It was a swap-out: we gave them cans of fruits and vegetables from the US that they loved.

An evening at the theatre in Mexico City was unforgettable. It was larger and more ornate than the Carolina Theatre. We were dressed in camping clothes and the only "foreigners". Everyone else was dressed to the nines. I turned around in my seat and saw a severe Mexican woman glaring down at me and dripping with diamonds. It was the only time on the trip that I had sensed disapproval... I think it was the camping clothes. Everyone was there to see a 1940s Fred Astaire/Ginger Rogers movie. We felt as if we were in a time warp. Dress, movies and cars... cars were typically one to two decades older than in the US. Traffic was total chaos, especially in the center city close to the governmental buildings. The pyramid outside the city, was 2,000 years old and had been used for human sacrifices.

We met an expatriate of the US who had been a teacher in Africa and Mexico. She was looking for a ride to Cuernavaca. In route, we stopped at an upscale restaurant that she frequented. It was mid-afternoon, maybe 3 o'clock, and the restaurant was packed. We were served a five course meal that I wish I could remember. I do remember the Tequila because it was my first.

Cortes' castle is in the small city of Cuernavaca, an hour's drive south of Mexico City. Built in the 1520s, is nestled in a lush, mountainous area around 5,000 feet in altitude where the temperature stays in the 70s all year round and is known as the "Hollywood of Mexico". The most distinguishing feature of the castle was the low ceilings. We were told that the Spaniards at that time were very short.

One thing left on our list: a bull fight. It was packed and the crowd was in a partying mood. Just like in the movies, it was gory. The poor bull appeared to be half dead before the toreador entered the arena. The entire trip, we had been careful to drink only distilled water, and also careful in our choices of restaurants and food. We were about to make a fateful mistake. Outside the arena, a vendor was selling the most enticing ears of corn on the cob I've ever seen. People were lined up to buy one... after the vendor used his hand to slap a solution of chili seasoning on each ear. We couldn't resist, and with it came Montezuma's Revenge. It was a sad ending to an incredible trip.

Back in the States, we stopped in New Orleans and spent the night in the French Quarter, heard some great music and ate some legendary Cajun food. Another great experience, but it wasn't Mexico.

Hope you make some beautiful memories this summer, even if it's in your own back yard (it's safer there!). **WPF**

Our July Program

Judy Garner

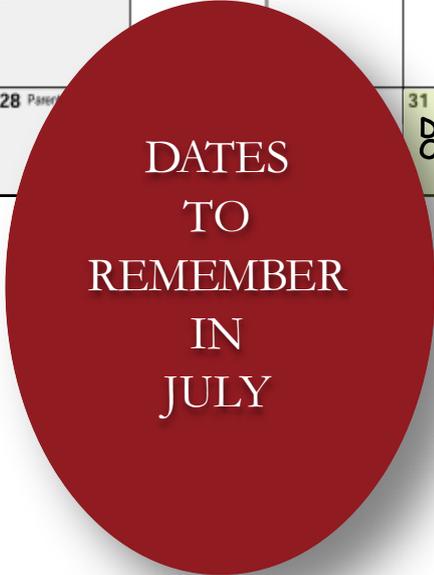


Get-A-Glance at the programs and services provided by the Women's Resource Center of Greensboro and a glimpse of the women who receive them.

Lucy Wellmaker joined the Women's Resource Center as the New Choices Program Director about 3 years ago. Prior to joining the staff at the Women's Resource Center, Lucy volunteered with them as a workshop presenter and a New Choices Facilitator. With her passion for helping women and her background as an educator, counselor and life coach she is proud to be with a nonprofit where women help women and other women (like us at WPF) are eager to learn more about their organization. **WPF**



JULY 2013						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Membership

Anna Fesmire

“How do we need to grow? That’s the question we’re trying to answer with a “Membership Succession-Planning Survey.” The object is to help us determine if we need to update our member categories and how we can best recruit new members to replace those who will choose Emeritus status within the next 2 to 5 years.

At the June meeting, Active & Supporting members participated by verifying their member categories, their age-range (a 9-year bracket), and their plans to seek Emeritus status. If you are an Active or Supporting member and were not at the June meeting but are willing to participate in the survey, email Anna Fesmire at afesmire@bellsouth.net and put “WPF Succession Survey” in the subject line. She’ll explain the few simple details you need to provide.” WPF

Dining Out

Susan Watson

The Dining Out group will be trying a new venue for July. Our hostess is Denise Lloyd and she has chosen the new Osteria Italian Restaurant at 1310 Westover Terrace, Suite 101A. It’s so new, their website doesn’t have pictures yet. However, most of the reviews on YELP are quite good...

<http://www.yelp.com/biz/osteria-italian-restaurant-greensboro>

Please make your reservation with Denise: Denise@greensbororubberstamp.com and plan to join us on July 31st at 6:30 PM.

Last month our group dined at Crafted: The Art of the Taco! The majority rated the quality of food as excellent as well as the value! Variety, Presentation, Service and Atmosphere had more mixed ratings from the group. The sisterhood of Dining Out gets the top ratings because the experience together is always good. Thanks to Michele Smith, our May hostess for compiling our data. WPF

Dining Out

July 31, 2013
6:30 pm

Osteria Italian Restaurant
1310 Westover Terrace
Suite 101A
Greensboro



WHINE DIVAS

Ruth Wooten

What does "Reserve" mean to you??
Come taste reserve wines and regular
wines from the same vintner and see if
you can tell which is which! Join us on
Monday July 15th at 5:30 PM at Kris
Landrum's home (704 Plummer Dr.)
Your hostesses are Kris Landrum
and Ruth Wooten. Please RSVP
to Ruth Wooten @
rwooten3@triad.rr.com before July 10th if
you want to sip with us!! Space is limited!
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Whine Divas

July 15, 2013
5:30 pm

At the Home of
Kris Landrum
704 Plummer Dr.

WPF Book Group

Polly Sizemore

Make plans to join WPF Book Club on
Tuesday August 6, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
at a private room at Lucky 32 hosted by
Paula Pile for a discussion of *The End
of Your Life* Book Club by Will Schwalbe.
It is a nonfiction account of Mary Anne
Schwalbe and her son Will and centers
on the books they read, traded and
discussed during the times he
accompanied her to chemotherapy.
Email Paula at imagolady@aol.com and
let her know you are attending. WPF

Book Group

August 6, 2013
7:00 pm

Lucky 32
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Books & Arts

Kris Landrum

**Books & Arts & EMF – Hear EMF Concerto Competition Winners at 8 pm
Dana Auditorium at Guilford College on Thursday,
July 25th**

Every year for the past many years WPF'ers attend one of Eastern Music Festival's most exciting summer concerts highlighting the student Concerto Competition winners, the very best of the 200 students who come from across the United States and the world to study and perform each summer at EMF.

Join us for dinner and program discussion at a near-by restaurant before the concert which begins at 8 pm. Tickets to the concert are \$25 each. Please let Mary Magrinat know if you are coming and send her your check to Mary Magrinat, 1008 Bridgewater Drive, Greensboro, NC 27410. [WPF](#)

Book & Arts

July 25, 2013
8:00 pm

EMF Concerto
Competition Winners
Dana Auditorium
Guilford College



The Painted Plate Is Moving

Lynn Ritchy

If you missed our meeting on June 12, you may not be aware that the Painted Plate is selling the building on North Church Street (where we currently are having our meetings). We can stay there at least through August, and maybe through September.

The Board is working very hard to find the perfect new location. We have five on the list that we are currently checking out: 1) Empire Room 2) Starmount Country Club 3) Marriott Downtown 4) Green Valley Grill 5) Printworks. We were considering the GRRR (Greensboro Realtors Assoc) building, but they charge \$250/month for the room and we're looking for a better deal. Our considerations are price, quality of food, convenience, parking, and ambiance. If you have any ideas or input, please contact a board member. [WPF](#)