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Sandy Doyle-Jones
Foundation President

“I LOVE how WPF connects us to our community, painting a future of possibilities...”

As I sit here enjoying the bounty of spring, I realize that my big, lovely azalea and tree-filled yard has been a gift planted by our Aunt over a period of 50+ years, so that I can now enjoy this morning. Planted with love for long-term benefits. And so it is with Women's Professional Forum



Foundation, planted and protected for long-term growth and opportunities. I LOVE how WPF connects us to our community, painting a future of possibilities while developing skills for local girls.

The agencies we fund are identifying the girls and providing training, mentoring and

opportunities for leadership. I remember so many of the girls and their stories heard at our past May meetings; I am excited about hearing from this year's impacts. Our three funded projects in the past year have been NCCJ AnyTown, Natural Science Center leadership in robotics, and the launch of GIST (Girls in Science & Technology) collaborative.

We also carry a scholarship fund at UNCG. Last fall, Peggy Ward went with me to the Bryan School scholarship luncheon. We were so fortunate to meet all three of the women who currently receive our Peggy Wilkes Scholarship. We

also learned that last year's recipient was named Outstanding Senior in her major. Smart women with the road to success in front of them.



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May Meeting

Wed., May 8 @ 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

May 8 - Next Meeting

May 9 - Board Meeting, 12:30pm - 1:30pm, American National Bank conference room, 703 Green Valley Rd., #101

May 24- June Newsletter deadline

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For the past nine months, the Foundation has explored a new way to provide greater impact with our funding. We are focused on developing linkages between providers of STEM education (thank you to Cindi Dorman) with the big launch in April of GIST that encourages girls to continue science toward science careers, AND to a large multi-year project that is exploring a Girls Leadership Institute (thanks to Sue Kennedy). Many WPF members have helped with ideas, connections, expertise, and their volunteer time to make this possible.

It has been a busy and exciting year for the Foundation. Remember that every WPF member is also a member of the Foundation. We each have the power to share our knowledge and support with a young woman. Please consider your annual gift to WPF Foundation with an eye and heart toward the future; give until it feels good, knowing your support can truly make a difference to young women.

The May meeting has become a time to invite and celebrate our mothers, mentors, and best friends who support us. This May's meeting is dedicated to Gloria Thompson, who has exemplified all three of those categories for many women over the years. Our sister, Gloria, was one of the founders of WPF, knowing that a network of professional women could provide support to each other while increasing strength in the workplace. Gloria was also instrumental in establishing the WPF Foundation and was a strong supporter in developing funds that will provide long-term support to the girls who follow us. With her wit and wisdom, applied to thoughtful words in News of Our Sisters, we have all become closer by knowing what is happening in your lives. At the May meeting, there will be forms for you to note a story or memory of Gloria that we can then turn into a special collective memory. Please invite your M/M/BFF and reserve their seat for May. It's a great, uplifting meeting and we'd like to recognize your guest.

As we carry the purpose and generosity of WPF into the community, be proud of all we've done and will do. It's the amazing talents of the women who fill the WPF meetings who make it all possible...and I am so thankful to be among you.

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DATES
TO
REMEMBER
IN
MAY

MAY 2013						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5	6	7	8 WPF Meeting *	9 WPF Board Meeting *	10	11
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26	27 Memorial Day	28	29 Dining Out	30	31	



Nancy Radtke

Remembering Peggy Wilkes
My friends were known for hosting a rockin' Christmas party every year, and when I opened the door I was happy to hear loud music and see faces that were familiar from my first years in Greensboro.

This was ten years after moving to Greensboro for a design job at Blue Bell, Inc. in the Wrangler Womenswear division. Since then I had been to New York to work for Calvin Klein and WestPoint Pepperell, and to San Francisco to design for Levi Strauss.

I loved being back among friends, but at loose ends without a real business plan, much less steady employment. A design career can have some ups and downs.

At the party, I ran into a friend who knew another that had a project that needed a designer.

Long story short-I started the process of designing the US Olympic Team clothing for the Lillehammer Winter Olympics. That job entailed sourcing everything the US coaches, athletes and staff would wear in a 3-4 week time period. This required interview outfits, parade costumes, hats, gloves, shoes, jeans, t shirts and even underwear. All had to be made in America and have the Olympic team logo. I also had to present navy blue sports coats with gold Olympic team buttons for President Clinton and VP Gore (I knew their sizes then)

During the research period of this project I called as many local and national manufacturers as I could find to supply this vast amount of product totaling about a \$4.5 million value. At one point the nerves were frayed and I didn't know which way to turn after the last shoe salesman finally told me he could not supply a variety of yet to be determined sizes (not all the athletes had qualified yet) of three styles of shoes x 80.

The next day I had a meeting with a local denim jeans supplier from Ruff Hewn. Across the table was a charming woman with a calming smile named Peggy Wilkes. Peggy walked me thru her product line, said "we can do that" when the project was described. I was thrilled to have the denim category taken care of so easily!

The Lillehammer gig was successful, but over after the games. I felt abandoned and relieved at the same time. But it was time to reach out again and talk to friends to find that next job.

Out of the blue, I got a call from Peggy Wilkes. I met her for lunch, we talked about Ruff Hewn and a few weeks later I accepted a position with the merchandising department as their women's clothing designer.

Peggy was in most of my early merchandising meetings guiding me thru the looks and attitudes of the Ruff Hewn Brand. She introduced me to the marketing and promotional aspects of the Ruff Hewn brand thru fashion weeks in NYC, press relationships and photography.

In the process of learning about fashion press from her I got to know Peggy and Holt and her challenges with health. I was amazed to learn how seamlessly she handled a second bout with cancer and modified her work life to stay involved while trying to survive. Holt's remark has stuck with me. He said when I asked how she handles it all; he said "this is just what we do". She was gone shortly after.

At a Christmas concert this past year, Bobby and I were seated at a table with another couple we didn't know. It was a fund raiser, (I seek out quieter holiday parties now) so we started to chat about who we might know in common. As a coincidence, we both knew Peggy Wilkes. My table companion was Peggy's roommate in New York and moved with her to Greensboro way back when. I was thrilled to talk to Hollie who could talk about some who is loved and made a difference in our lives.

This is 20 years after I first met Peggy. She still makes an impression on designers and merchandisers thru the Peggy Wilkes Scholarship at UNCG. This is one of the reasons why the WPF Foundation is important to me. WPF

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Dining Out

Susan Watson

Wow, did I ever need a relaxing evening on Wednesday 4/24! I met our Dining Out friends at Proximity Bistro where Laura Burton scored a two thumbs up for the evening. Not only was my dinner scrumptious, but we were entertained by AM Rodeo and their music took us right back to the 70's & 80's. We were delighted to hear those old hits and try to remember the names of the artists. It was truly a relaxing evening with great friends.

Michele Smith is our hostess for May 29th at 6:30 pm. She is taking us to a new place, "Crafted, The Art of the Taco" in downtown GSO which boasts of Mexican cuisine. The address is 219-A S. Elm Street.

Join us for a fun, casual evening and let Michele Smith know you're coming: mssmith@hillevans.com WPF

Dining Out

May 29, 2013
6:30pm

Crafted,
The Art of the Taco
219-A S. Elm Street



Books & Arts

LuAnn Arrington

Thirteen WPFers had a wonderful visit to the NC Museum of Art in Raleigh on April 20th. Jeri D'Lugin had arranged for us to have a private tour with John Coffey, Deputy Director and Curator, and he provided such a wealth of information, fascinating back- stories and interesting tidbits in each gallery that we are already set on going back for another tour (and John very graciously agreed to lead it). Iris restaurant, in the Museum, is a real gem, and a delicious way to end the outing. For those who missed it this time, you will have another opportunity! **WPF**



Photos - Books & Arts trip to Raleigh

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Your 2013 Membership Committee

Janice Lanier

On the behalf of the 2013 Membership Committee, we wanted to take a moment to make sure that all WPF members know who is currently on the committee and also to take this time to remind you on what you should do to sponsor a potential new WPF member. As the Membership Chair, I will be the first to say that this is an awesome team! They are well versed in new membership requirements and more than willing to help in any way necessary!



**(Top) Janice Lanier – Membership Chair, Jane Roberts – Chair Elect
Laura Stroup Barrier, (Bottom) Amy Meineke, Anna Fesmire, Jean Pudlo**

The next membership eligibility is for membership starting as of September 1st. All applications for potential new members must be submitted no later than June 30, 2013.

If you would like to sponsor a potential new WPF Member, the Membership & Sponsor Packets are on our website. Please note that these are Excel files with tabs and the committee requests that you submit all applications electronically.

Before you are ready to sponsor someone, please make sure:

- You are eligible to be a sponsor- i.e.: you must be an active member for at least one (1) year before you can sponsor, and you can not sponsor more than 2 new members in a calendar year.
- Active members can sponsor and Emeritus members can co-sponsor based on the criteria above.
- Make sure the candidate is eligible to be a member based on the new member requirements, criteria and meeting attendance obligations.
- Review those requirements, criteria and obligations with them.
- When sponsoring someone, make sure they have attended at least the minimal number of lunches required before it is time to submit their applications.
- As mentioned above, please submit your application packet electronically to [jlanier2013@gmail.com](mailto:janier2013@gmail.com). Make sure you submit the completed package at one time. This includes co-sponsorship information, pictures and introduction information from the primary sponsor.

In the coming months we will be reviewing, correcting and updating your membership categories. You will receive more information about this soon.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact any member of this team or refer to the WPF website for complete information and documents.

From Last Month's Special Guest...

Judy Garner

the Queen's foundation



Nadia Shirin Moffett
Former Miss North Carolina USA 2010
Founder & Executive Director of
The Queen's Foundation, Inc.

Former Miss North Carolina USA 2010, Nadia Shirin Moffett, is an active leader in North Carolina. Nadia, who represented the state in the nationally televised Miss USA Pageant in 2010, traveled statewide to countless public schools inspiring thousands of students to "Know Their Finish Line."

Prior to passing the crown, Nadia founded The Queen's Foundation, a 501c3 nonprofit that is now statewide serving underserved middle and high school to prepare them for higher education and leadership. As Executive Director of The Queen's Foundation, Nadia has lead the organization to reach over 150 girls in North Carolina in six counties, award over two dozen scholarships, and created several corporate and community partnerships to provide funding and leadership support to the regions the organization serves.

A graduate from The University of North Carolina Greensboro, where she earned her bachelors in Business Marketing, a member of Toastmasters International, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and a former Leadership Path Manager for American Express Company, Nadia has earned several awards and recognitions for leadership and service and was recently named one of Triad Business Journal's 40 Leaders Under Forty for 2013. Currently residing in Greensboro, NC, Nadia is completing her Masters Degree in Nonprofit Management at High Point University.

Nadia's mission is to continue to highlight the challenges girls are facing and grow The Queen's Foundation by getting women involved.