

WPF *orum* NEWS



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Michele Smith

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Like many of you, I spent most of December preparing for the holidays, reflecting on family and friendships, making those all important lists...and checking them twice, and sending out Christmas cards with my fingers crossed that they would actually be delivered before December 25th. This year as I sent and received Christmas cards and worked on those lists, I was struck by how many of the people I consider to be my dearest friends have a WPF connection. I was even more surprised at how many of you I probably would have never even known if not for my membership in WPF. I treasure this wonderful organization, the friendships that it has allowed to blossom and the promise of future friendships that are sure to grow. I am both excited and a bit apprehensive at the thought of being the 39th President of WPF.* There are 38 incredibly gifted, strong women before me who worked hard to build and shape this organization. They have all left behind some pretty big shoes to fill. Thanks so much for giving me the opportunity to contribute to this organization that has done so much for me. And thank



Out-going WPF President, Nikki Kober with the new WPF President, Michele Smith.

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January Meeting

Wednesday, January 14 @ 12:30 pm
Starmount Forest Country Club
1 Sam Snead Drive, Greensboro, NC

Cost

Active members - prepaid. Supporting or Emeritus members and Guests -\$18.00.

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 14 - Next Meeting
- January 22 - Board Meeting, Bank conference room
- January 23 - February Newsletter deadline

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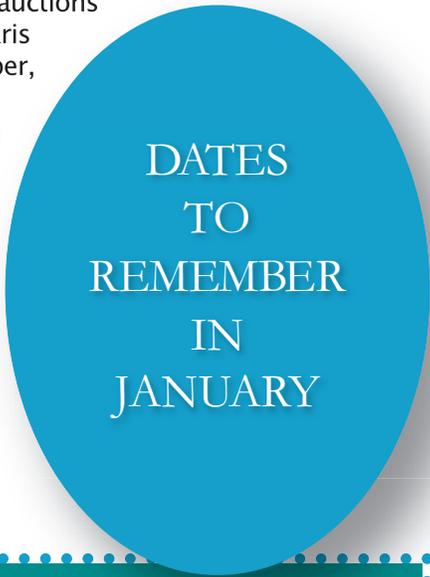
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you for having the confidence that I'm up to the challenge. I think it's going to be a great, productive, fun year!

There are several special WPF events on the horizon. Thanks to the leadership of Nikki Kober and the monumental efforts of Altina Layman, we expect to launch the new WPF website early this year. Our goal is for the new website to be fresher, more attractive, more interactive and easier to update and maintain. Be on the lookout for the launch date for this exciting project. On the travel front, twenty-five WPF members and guests are headed to New York City over the Martin Luther King Holiday Weekend this year. This is a record number of participants for this trip that was started by former WPF member, and now Superior Court Judge, Susan Bray back in 2000. The trip in 2000 was my first New York City experience and it was truly memorable. I'll never forget staying at the beautiful Roosevelt Hotel with its incredibly small rooms and seeing *The Lion King*, my first real Broadway show! Believe me, there's nothing like hitting the Big Apple for a weekend of museums, comedy clubs, Broadway shows, off-Broadway shows, ballet, opera, exploring, shopping, great food and great times with 24 girlfriends! If you're not going this year, mark your calendar for 2016! In addition, Books and Arts is attending *Amore at Revolution Mill* Event Center on February 7th for Bel Canto's annual gala and cabaret performance, which happens to include one of the best silent auctions and raffles of the season. Thank you to Kris Landrum, a former Bel Canto Board Member, for organizing a WPF table for this event again this year. And the dynamic Blowing Rock trio of Madge Megliola, Mary Magrinat and Mebane Ham are pulling together another Wild Women of the Mountains event, tentatively set for the first weekend in March.

Leadership of our very active Special Interest Groups is stronger than ever with Kris Landrum heading up the Books and Arts group, Polly Sizemore keeping the WPF Book Club on track, Carol Rauch doing a masterful job of maintaining the



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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popular Dining Out group, Peggy Ward continuing to enrich and educate our members through the Women of Wall Street group, and Sandy Doyle-Jones giving some structure to our membership's propensity to enjoy wine with friends through the WhINE Divas group. In addition, Polly is exploring the possibility of reviving the Women's Wellness group, and I heard a rumor that Denny Kelly and Meryl Mullane might launch a new Special Interest Group this year. Or did I just dream that?

We are so fortunate to have Jeanie Duncan at the helm of the WPF Foundation for another year. I look forward to working with Jeanie and seeing how the new grant process that Anne Gundlach and her committee designed works to serve women and girls in our community.

Finally, our WPF 40th Anniversary Committee under the able guidance of Mebane Ham and Bonnie McAllister is gearing up for a big celebration in 2017. We'll all want to be a part of that as we celebrate all that is WPF!

For those of you who are newer to WPF, I encourage you to get involved in a Special Interest Group, take a trip with your WPF sisters to the mountains or New York City, or get involved in the Foundation or one of the WPF committees. I promise that participation in WPF activities will allow you to forge strong and lasting friendships that you'll cherish for life.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our lunch meeting on January 14th. Our program will be presented by our own Cindy Farrand with a 4 Minute Special by Wild Woman and regular NYC traveler Kyleen Jones!

Best wishes to all for the happiest of New Years!

*Jimmy Carter was the 39th President of the United States. Is there a chance, like Jimmy, that I'll be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize after my term as President ends? [WPF](#)

Our January Program

Judy Garner

Cindy Farrand will be our speaker to start off the new year. Her presentation is entitled "Reinventing Care at Cone Health."

Cone Health is committed to being proactive and leading the way in transforming health care. This includes reinventing how we provide services to ensure high-quality care that is also efficient and cost effective. To support this goal, we have been engaged in a very inclusive and thoughtful process we have named "Reinventing Care". Through this initiative we will consider the best location for some of our Greensboro hospital campus-based services. Our board of Trustees voted this fall to approve initial plans to address these services, based on the recommendations and feedback from a diverse group of clinicians, physicians, patients, and families.

We hope you will join us for this very informative meeting! [WPF](#)



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New “Mentoring” Special Interest Group – Seeking a chair

Jeanie Duncan

The WPF board of directors is seeking a WPF member to chair a new Mentoring Special Interest group for members who have an interest in mentoring women and girls in our community.

Earlier this year, when we surveyed the membership for input, at least half responded with an interest in mentoring women and girls. Both the WPF Foundation board and WPF board decided that the best way to create this service opportunity is to form a new special interest group.

The idea: Connect our members with mentoring program opportunities already in existence in the community (or programs that would be developed and executed by another entity, not WPF).

Examples: A couple of examples include the Bennett College program we partnered with a few years ago and the Women’s Resource Center’s current Women to Work mentoring program. Part of this group’s undertaking would be to discover these kinds of community mentoring programs and get our members involved.

If you have interest, please contact Jeanie Duncan, WPF Foundation President, at jduncan@RavenConsultingGroup.com or 336-509-4177. Thank you! [WPF](#)

Dining Out

Carol Rauch

Anne Gundlach will be hosting us on January 28 at Bravo in the the New Shops at Friendly. Please RSVP to her at anne@annegundlach.com. I will pass around a sign-up sheet to take us through 2015.

Dining Out meets the last Wednesday night of the month at 6:30. The hostess for the month gets to select our destination and make the reservation. We’re having a lot of fun and looking for new faces to join us!

Please be thinking about where you would like to go and when you would like to host. I look forward to seeing everyone next year! [WPF](#)

Dining Out

January 28, 2015
6:30 pm

Bravo
3324 W Friendly Ave.
Greensboro



WOW (Women Of Wall Street) Investment Club

Peggy Ward

WOW opens for membership once every year in January. The club has been going about 27 years with 35 members.

Purpose of the club is to

1. Have Fun!
2. Learn about the financial markets and investment strategies in a comfortable setting
3. Feel more knowledgeable and confident in handling financial affairs

Meet once a month on the third Thursday from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the UBS Financial Services offices in the Friendly Center

Once a quarter there is a

1. Business Meeting where the portfolio is reviewed
2. Dinner Meeting at various restaurants in Greensboro
3. Topic Meeting about a subject of interest to the club

No attendance requirements

Entry is accessible through full, half, quarter memberships (approx. \$5000 for quarter membership)

Trip to New York City once a year usually in January

We welcome all new members and invite you to join us! For additional information please contact Peggy Ward at UBS Financial Services, 336-834-6950, peggy.ward@ubs.com. [WPF](#)

Women Of
Wall Street

Meeting each month
3rd Thursday
6 pm

UBS Financial Services
Friendly Center
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NEWS FROM THE WPF FOUNDATION

Jeanie Duncan

At the December 10 monthly meeting, we shared a highlight of revisions the Foundation has made to its grant program guidelines and process. Here's a summary of that information for your review:

- **Grantmaking theme:** Empowering women and girls. (Changed from Nurturing Girls to be Tomorrow's Leaders)
- **Eligibility:** The WPF Foundation welcomes grant requests from 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organizations that are located in or provide services with in Guilford County. Grants are not awarded to individuals.
- **Application:** To make application, organizations must be able to demonstrate that their program or service empowers women and girls and directly connects to the purpose of the WPF Foundation.
- **Grant Cycle:** The WPF Foundation has one annual grant cycle each spring. Only one grant application may be submitted by an organization per grant cycle.
- **Grant application process:**
 - o All prospective applicants first must submit a letter of intent due electronically by February 28.
 - o For those who are permitted to make application, grant applications are due electronically April 10.
 - o Applicants will be notified electronically of application approval on or before April 30.
- **Grant requests:**
 - o Grant requests may not exceed \$10,000 and grant awards typically range between \$1,000 and \$5,000.
 - o Grant funds cannot be used for expenses already incurred.

The new WPF Grant Program guidelines and application narrative will be on the WPF website soon and also will be distributed via the Guilford Nonprofit Consortium. All organizations considering applying to the WPF Foundation must review and follow the stated guidelines.

As always, if you have any questions or seek additional information, don't hesitate to reach out by phone at 336-509-4177 or email at jduncan@RavenConsultingGroup.com. [WPF](#)

How You Can Help!

As a member of WPF, we know that you're likely involved with and connected to organizations in our community. If you know of a good fit with our grantmaking theme and WPF purpose, please reach out to Anne Gundlach, grants committee chair (anne@annegundlach.com or 336-632-4411), and share the organization and its contact information. In addition to broadly announcing our grantmaking to the nonprofit sector, we'd like to directly communicate with those whom we know are a fit. **Thank you!**