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February Meeting

Wednesday, February 8 @ 12:30 pm Starmount Forest Country Club 1 Sam Snead Drive, Greensboro, NC

Cost

Active and Active/Retired members - prepaid. Supporting or Emeritus members and Guests - \$20.00.

Reservations

Please contact Carol Matznick, 336-605-9108 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 or Active/Retired member and need to cancel your reservation

Cancellation of reservation is a membership requirement.



Kim Record

"Fellow WPF Sisters"

I had been planning for a month how the first meeting of WPF 2017 would unfold. Standing at the podium, calling the group to order, welcoming our 40th anniversary committee to begin our celebration and having the opportunity to tell our speaker Dee Todd what an impression she made on me as a young athletics administrator.

Nope. Weather.

One of the few things women can't control.

It was a momentous month. Many of our sisters joined in solidarity for the Women's March - both in Greensboro and Washington, DC. I'm sure we all know people who participated around the country. It was truly

inspiring to see so many stand up for what is right in our world. And then last week we lost Mary Tyler Moore. Mary Richards touched all of our lives – whether we knew it or not.

As The Mary Tyler Moore Show made its debut in 1970, just when modern feminism had found a



massed voice and collective cultural and political focus, it was significant that Moore's character Mary Richards was a single working woman. Comedian Tina Fey once told The Sunday Times, "Mary Tyler Moore was a working woman whose story lines were not always about dating and men. They were about work friendships and relationships."

Like WPF members, Mary Richards forged a path for other women to celebrate their uniqueness and embrace the unexpected. Some in our membership may remember Mary Richards live. If not, find an episode to

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Important Dates To Remember

February 8 - Next Meeting

February 16 - Board Meeting, DMJ 2nd Floor Board room

703 Green Valley Rd. (12:00 - 1:00PM)

February 17 - March Newsletter deadline

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watch on U Tube. It shows that many things have changed for women. Some have not. You will laugh and cry. And isn't that what we do? Feel great joy and great pain?

Housekeeping for the month: Lots going on so make sure to read the newsletter. We now have a Facebook page. Go to (fill in) to join. It's a quick and easy way to communicate.

PARTICIPATE! Read and discuss a book. Do some yoga. Drink some wine. Eat some good food. Fellowship. Make a connection.

As we remember Mary Tyler Moore and all the women who have touched our lives in some way, the Mary Tyler Moore Show theme song lyrics ring true today:

Who can turn the world on with her smile?

Who can take a nothing day, and suddenly make it all seem worthwhile? Well it's you girl, and you should know it

With each glance and every little movement you show it

Love is all around, no need to waste it

You can have a town, why don't you take it

You're gonna make it after all

How will you make it on your own?

This world is awfully big, girl this time you're all alone

But it's time you started living

It's time you let someone else do some giving

Love is all around, no need to waste it

You can have a town, why don't you take it

You're gonna make it after all

We are SPUNKY! And proud of it. WPF



FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	Book Club	WPF Meeting	9	10	11
12	13	14 Wap	15	Board Meeting	17	18
19	20	21	Dining Out	23	24	25
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Women of Wall Street meets the third Thursday of each month.

DATES
TO
REMEMBER
IN
FEBRUARY



History of The WPF

Kim Record

In the mid-1970's, two business associate and long-time friends discovered they shared a mutual desire for an organization that would provide support, exchange of ideas, encouragement, and stimulation for career women. As this ambitious concept came into focus, the two pioneers, fueled by each other's enthusiasm, decided to spread the word. To their surprise and relief, the need appeared to be universal among their career-oriented women friends and associates. With much peer encouragement, cooperation, and sheer tenacity the two women saw their dream actualized. Christened "The Women's Professional Forum," the new organization was finally launched in the year 1977.

Since 1977, the Women's Professional Forum of Greensboro has worked to serve the needs of professional and managerial women in the community. The key goals are:

- 1. To provide support to professional women
- 2. To exchange information and ideas, and share experiences with one another
- 3. To encourage women to attain higher career goals by promoting confidence and providing professional development opportunities
- 4. To further individual careers through a network of professional contacts

Over the years, the Women's Professional Forum has grown to nearly 150 members. In recognition of the special place the original members will always hold in the Women's Professional Forum, the following were named Charter Members in 1978:

Martha Allev* Barbara Bell Alice Carnell Barbara Cashman **Edith Conrad** Frances Daily Katie Dorsett Frances Franks* Rachel Grav Rita Hatcher Linda Helgerson Peyton Hudson Kathryn Kessee Barbara Kennedy Linda Kimrev Lynda Lewis Sandra Lichauer Mary Magrinat Sarah Nelson Aileen Oldham* Mary Seymour* Sarah Shipman Sarah Shoffner Gwendolyn Strange

Mary Sue Tessau Gloria Thompson* Sarah von Foerster Barbara Walker Clara Washam Nancy Wolf





^{*}Denotes deceased members WPF

Let the Celebration Begin!

40th Anniversary Committee

We had a great presentation planned for our January meeting and it seems Mother Nature had other ideas. So, this coming February gathering, you'll get double the pleasure and double fun! (Who remembers that commercial?) Be on the lookout for an exciting WPF video, TOP 40, and a brief history of our wonderful Women's Professional Forum presented by Sarah Shoffner. WPF



Dining Out

Amy Meinecke

After the holiday hiatus, it was great to get back in the Dining Out groove with nine of my fellow WPF friends. We met in Lucky 32's private dining room because we are much too rowdy for the main dining area!

We had a great discussion about new ideas for Dining Out this year that we are already working on. This may include a trip to the Goat Lady Farm for dinner, a Dining Out lunch and possibly a

weekend matinee movie, followed by dinner. Stay tuned!

We discussed having a lunch Dining Out because some of the members with younger children have mentioned it can be hard to come to Dining Out because of the evening activities with their children. It was suggested lunch would be easier. I would



love feedback from those that would find it easier to attend Dining Out for lunch. What day of the week would be best? What time of the month? Based on the feedback, I will plan a lunch Dining Out, in addition to our regular last Wednesday of the month evening dinner. Please email your suggestions to amy.meinecke@gmail.com.

Please join us on February 22, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Jean Marlowe will be hosting us at Undercurrent Restaurant – 327 Battleground Ave. in Greensboro. Kindly RSVP to Amy Meinecke at amy.meinecke@gmail.com.

Dining Out

February 22, 2017 6:30 pm

Undercurrent Restaurant
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Books and Arts

Kris Landrum

It's planning time again! Many of our Books and Arts members are returning from a great trip to the British Virgin Islands and are eager for more fun activities together.

As has been our tradition for the last few years, we want to gather for a planning meeting so that we insure that we schedule activities that will appeal to our diverse group. 2016 activities included attendance at "Glory Train" at Upstage Cabaret, "Radiunt Abundant" at Triad Stage, "Kinky Boots" at DPAC, a

Greensboro symphony performance preceded by a wonderful dinner at Anne Smith's house, the EMF & Greensboro Opera combined performance, and the Bel Canto Holiday concert, as well as a private tour at the NC Museum of Art, a weekend in Blowing Rock including the Blowing Rock home tour and Chetola Symphony by the Lake, and a tour of the Civil Rights Museum. Our Book Club has been active and has read and discussed *The Sunlit Night, Midnight Bowling, Boys in the Boat, The Warmth of Other Suns, and New York.*

We want to make 2017 even better...a tall challenge! Join Michele Smith and Kris Landrum at Kris's home at 704 Plummer Drive on Thursday, February 27th, at 6 pm for a light dinner followed by a planning session to schedule 2017 activities. Come with ideas and enthusiasm and a willingness to help with an activity for this new year.

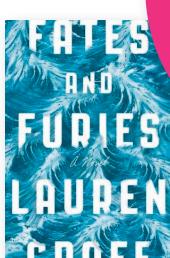
Please contact Kris at klandrum@tuggleduggins.com to let her know you're coming (for food planning). And, if you can't come, but have ideas for events, contact Kris or Michele to share them. We're looking forward to an exciting 2017! WPF

Book Club

Polly Sizemore

Our next meeting will be Tuesday February 7, 2017 at Ashley Wigglesworth's home – 1801 Hobbs

Rd. Plan to come at 7:00 to socialize and 7:30 to start the book discussion. Our book is: Fates and Furies by Lauren Groff. Please join us!! WPF



Book Club

Books and Arts

February 27, 2017

6:00 pm

Home of Kris Landrum

704 Plummer Drive

Greensboro

February 7, 2017 7:00 pm

Home of Ashley Wigglesworth's 1801 Hobbs Rd. Greensboro



Memorable Moments and Milestones in Popular Culture: 1970s

The early 1970's was a time marked by serious political controversies in the form of The Vietnam War and the Watergate Scandal. Culturally, disco music became extremely popular, Star Wars hit theaters and the hit TV show M*A*S*H debuted. A few other noteworthy moments from this "funky" decade:

1970: The Beatles break up.

1971: VCRs are introduced.

1972: Title IX is enacted requiring that schools provide equal funding for both male and female sports.

1973: Roe v. Wade legalizes abortion; Skylab, America's first space station, is launched.

1974: Girls are allowed to play Little League Baseball for the

1975: Microsoft is founded; the TV show Saturday Night Live first time. premiers.

1976: Apple is founded.

1979: Margaret Thatcher becomes the first woman Prime Minister of Great Britain; Mother Teresa is awarded the Nobel Peace Prize; and Sony introduces the Walkman.



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A Heartfelt Thank You!

Judy Piper

The WPF Foundation established the Margaret Ann "Peggy" Wilkes Consumer Apparel and Retail Studies Scholarship endowment at UNCG in 2000, in memory of one of our WPF members, Peggy Wilkes, with a gift of \$25,000. I had the opportunity to meet our 2016 - 2017 Peggy Wilkes scholarship recipient, Stephanie Ngyuen at the scholarship luncheon last semester. What a smart, talented, lovely student - with big dreams! Peggy would be proud. Stephanie's thank you note to WPF follows. We hope she will be able to join us at the May luncheon. WPF



I want to express my sincerest gratitude as the recipient for the Margaret Ann Wilkes Consumer, Apparel, and Retail Studies Scholarship. I am truly appreciative for the opportunities and encouragement that the Women's Professional Forum offers for young ladies like myself. It is a rewarding feeling to be recognized by a foundation that invests in the success of other women and I thank you for that.

Reaching the end of my undergraduate career at UNC Greensboro, I plan to enter the retail industry and ultimately work my way into the corporate side of retail. With an undergraduate degree under my belt, I hope to exude my leadership skills and knowledge into the industry and establish myself as a business professional. The WPF Foundation embodies the ideal that I anticipate to achieve as a woman in the business world.

With the assistance of your fund I have had access to numerous resources and opportunities. Not only does it rid me of financial burdens, but it also empowers me to achieve greater goals. I am fortunate to have received this scholarship and once again, I sincerely thank you for providing me with the support and encouragement.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Nguyen Stnguye6@uncq.edu