



**August Meeting**  
**Wednesday, September 11**  
**12:30pm - 1:30pm**  
**Starmount Country Club**

**IMPORTANT DATES**  
**9/19 Board Meeting**  
**9/25 October News Deadline**

**MEETING RSVP**



*WPF President, Erica Parker*

## **Embracing New Beginnings: A Message from the President**

**Happy September!**

As the vibrant hues of autumn begin to paint our surroundings, we find ourselves at the threshold of a new season filled with opportunities and growth. September is a time of renewal and reflection, and I am thrilled to share this journey with each of you.

Over the past months, our group has accomplished remarkable feats. We have seen our members rise to new heights, breaking barriers and setting new standards of excellence. We have provided local nonprofits with the financial support they need to empower girls and women, and we are thrilled to welcome 14 new, talented women into our vibrant organization.

Our collective efforts have not only empowered us individually but have also strengthened our community, in hopes of creating a ripple effect of positive change.

As we journey through September, let's seize the opportunities for growth and positive change. Whether through community involvement, educational advancements, or simple acts of kindness, there are countless ways to make a difference. I challenge each of you to attend a SIG event you've never experienced before. I assure you; you'll be inspired by the incredible women you'll meet. I look forward to seeing you at the New Member Social, where we will celebrate our new cohort and renew our commitment to this wonderful women's organization.

Together, we can create a brighter, more hopeful future for all.

Shine Bright!!

*Erica*

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Special Interest Groups

Upcoming Events

WPF Member Directory

WPF Facebook Page

**ACTIVE & ACTIVE RETIRED RSVP ONLY**  
if you can NOT attend

**EMERITUS & SUPPORTING MEMBERS**  
RSVP to attend

**BRINGING A GUEST**  
RSVP with your guest's name & employer

Guest fee \$30, cash or check at the door

**RSVP by Noon**  
**Friday, September 6**

**September Meeting**

**September 11, 2024 12:30 - 1:30PM**

**Starmount Forest Country Club**

**Rebecca Clark**  
Executive Director  
NC Piedmont Triad Film Commission



Rebecca plans to discuss all of the locations in the region where films have been made, as well as the ways in which recruiting film, television and commercial business benefits a region. By providing well-paying jobs for local citizens, boosting the local economy, providing positive worldwide publicity and creating tourism, the film industry is an impactful and powerful economic development engine.

Clark has 30 years of experience in the film industry, generating over \$100 million in economic impact for the Piedmont Triad region. She began her career as a location scout for production companies including HBO and taught Location Managing at Piedmont Community College. As Executive Director of the Piedmont Triad Film Commission, Clark is passionate about expanding the region's economy, creating job opportunities for local crew members and graduates of area film schools, and boosting business for local companies. Notable projects she has brought to the region include: *The Disappointment's Room* with Kate Beckinsale, Nicholas Spark's *The Longest Ride*, *Are You Here* starring Owen Wilson, *Leatherheads* starring George Clooney, *Junebug* with Amy Adams, Spike Lee's *He Got Game* and the Academy Award-winning short *Two Soldiers*, for which she received thanks from the director during his acceptance speech.

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WPF is committed to supporting and endorsing equal opportunities for all people without regard to race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability or genetics.

### **Greeters and 4 minute Specials**

Please consider being a greeter or sharing a 4 min special for an upcoming membership meeting this year.

**Greeters:** Arrive to the monthly meeting of your choice around 11:50am. Sherry will provide you the purple greeter sash. Grab your nametag, stand near one of the entry doors and welcome your fellow WPF sisters. [SIGN UP HERE](#)

**4 Min Special:** If you have never done one please consider signing up for one of the dates available. This is a chance for you to tell us about you, not just your work but what makes you-you! This year 4 min specials will be given after the program and we ask that you try to keep them to a few short min. Not comfortable speaking to the group? No problem, write a 4 min special to go in a newsletter.

Email [Marleegfoster@gmail.com](mailto:Marleegfoster@gmail.com) with your 4 min special for a newsletter and we will include it during this year.

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### **What's for lunch in September?**

- Peach and almond crumble salad with assorted dressings
- Orchard fruit stuffed turkey with rosemary apple cider jus

- Brown rice pilaf with caramelized onions and mushrooms
- Green bean amandine
- Assorted rolls and breads
- Melon and berry display
- Apple cobbler with cinnamon whipped cream

## NEWS & UPDATES

### MEMBERSHIP NEWS

**From Laura Burton, Membership Committee Chair**

Thank you for making our new members feel welcome at the August meeting. Please plan to continue the fun and support at the new member social!

#### NEW MEMBER SOCIAL

Please join your newest WPF sisters for the New Member Social!

**When: Tuesday, September 17, 2024**

**Time: 6:00 -8:00 pm**

**Where: Fox Rothschild LLP** (230 N. Elm Street, Suite 1200, Greensboro—across from Tanger Center)

[RSVP HERE](#)

Please let us know if you will plan to attend. Due to catering requirements, we will need to provide a specific number (and we will still be charged if plans change).

We look forward to seeing you on the 17th!

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### BAZAAR NEWS

**From Jasmine Beard, Bazaar Committee Chair**

The Bazaar is progressing very well! We still have room for Vendors, so we have extended the Early Bird Vendor fee through September 10!

#### [Vendors](#)

WPF Bazaar Raffle Tickets (We will hold your tickets until the Bazaar for you)

[Purchase your Raffle tickets here](#)

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Bazaar in November!

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**Exciting Times for the  
WPF Foundation!**  
**From Chandra Hackenbruch  
WPF Foundation President**

And just like that, fall is upon us! The weather will be milder, trees start to transform into their fall walled robe of red, orange, and yellow leaves and before you know it winter will be here along with holiday celebrations of the time. I am looking forward to these times of year.

I am also looking forward to this season of Foundation activities where we are working on some exciting activities that will keep us busy for the rest of the year!

First, we are getting ready for the grant application cycle which starts on October 1st! As a reminder, the grants cycle start date changed to start early but we will end the cycle on January 31st which is our normal end date. Be on the look out for our press release soon!

We are also beginning the nomination process for the 2025 Board of directors. If you were inspired by how the Foundation has shined the light on organizations that have enabled women and girls develop leadership and professional skills and want to get involved please reach out to me at [Chandra.Hackenbruch@infineon.com](mailto:Chandra.Hackenbruch@infineon.com) and copy [raye74@gmail.com](mailto:raye74@gmail.com).

Last but certainly not least, WPF Foundation is hosting a fundraiser please see details below. Special thanks to our awesome Fundraiser team! They have done a fabulous job putting this together!

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

*Rock the night away and support the WPF Foundation.*

*The night features music by High Cotton (with WPF member Lisa Hazlett), Molly McGinn & Kate Musselwhite and the band Taboo Sue (with WPF members Frenesa Hall and Christina Rama). Plus tasty treats provided by Kibi's Crazy Casseroles – WPF member Valda Ford's food truck.*

**Sunday, November 17th at the Flat Iron from 5 – 8 pm.**

*Tickets are limited so be sure to purchase them immediately after they go on sale.*

*Keep an eye out for it! Hope to see you there.*

One last thing...

Next month we would like to recognize donors that have given so far this year. It is never too late to give to the Foundation but if you have not given yet and want to be recognized in the newsletter as well in the announcements during the monthly lunch meetings you can give this month and be recognized. You'll also be able to support the cool purple donor ribbon as well!

As a side note: We only announce names and not amounts given per person because we are grateful for any size gift you give.

Regards,  
Chandra Hackenbruch

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**WPF FOUNDATION**  
**2024 Board of Directors**

Chandra Hackenbruch, President  
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Amy Meinecke  
Jennifer Mencarini  
Martha Peddrick  
Ernestine Taylor

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

### WORKING MOMS

**Village Tavern**  
**1903 Westridge Rd, Greensboro**  
**Tuesday, September 17, 4-5 pm**  
Join us for Happy Hour!  
Moms of all ages welcome.

RSVP to Marlee Foster at [marlee.foster@conehealth.com](mailto:marlee.foster@conehealth.com).

Working Mom's group is part support group and part resource group. We learn so much from each other and have the chance to share the trials and tribulations of being a working Mom in this day and age. There is always laughter, an empathetic ear, and sometimes a great suggestion to help you when you thought you have exhausted all possible options.

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**WOW - WOMEN OF WALL STREET  
Investment Club**

**Thursday, September 19, 6:00 PM  
Lucky 32 Restaurant  
1421 Westover Terrace, Greensboro**

Please contact Katrina Solomon at [katrinak.solomon@gmail.com](mailto:katrinak.solomon@gmail.com) if you would like to attend. Hopefully, the weather will permit us to sit on the outdoor patio.

Also, please mark your calendars for our Topic Meeting at 6 pm on Thursday, October 17, at Mt. Pisgah Church. This meeting is open to all members of WPF. The topic is "TRADITION, TRUST, and TIME." The challenges women breadwinners face embracing their financial clout will be discussed.

Look forward to seeing everyone in September 19th!  
Peggy Ward

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**LADIES OF LEISURE**

**Friday, September 20  
Wine Tasting and Lunch at  
Rayson Winery, Mocksville, NC**

Join us for a Wine Tasting and Lunch at Rayson Winery in Mocksville, NC, a 45-minute drive from Greensboro. You will be amazed at this hidden gem so close to us!

We will meet in the Whole Foods parking lot at Friendly Center at 10:45 am to carpool and depart by 11am.

The cost for wine tasting is \$30 for 7 pours including 1 rose, 2 whites, 3 reds and a dessert wine. Then we will have lunch at the Winery's Bistro Europa Restaurant.

**If you have any questions, please contact Maria Hanlin at [mariadavishanlin@gmail.com](mailto:mariadavishanlin@gmail.com).  
To reserve your spot, RSVP to [retired@wpforum.org](mailto:retired@wpforum.org).  
Cheers!**

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**BOOK CLUB**

**Tuesday, October 1**

Host

**Amy Baradell**

Discussion Leader

**Ashley Madden**

Book

**The Warm Hands of Ghosts  
by Katherine Arden**

**SAVE THE DATES**

December 3

Jane Hewitt's home

**Bright Lights, Big Christmas  
by Mary Kay Andrews**



Reach out to Polly - 336.202.6188; [pollydsizemore@gmail.com](mailto:pollydsizemore@gmail.com) with questions.

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## WINE DIVAS

**WITCH WINE IS DIVINE??**  
**IT'S WITCHY WINE DIVAS TIME!!**



Come Join Wine Divas for a Scary Good Time as we pair Halloween Candy with the appropriate wines!  
(There will be other pairings as well!)  
Hosted by Ashley Madden and Sue Hunt  
October 22, 2024  
6:00pm  
3208 Timberoak Court, Greensboro  
Halloween Costumes/Fall Attire is Encouraged!

To RSVP, email Ashley at [Ashley.MaddenNC@gmail.com](mailto:Ashley.MaddenNC@gmail.com)  
Venmo \$25 to Ashley Madden at  
@Ashley-MaddenNC  
or  
bring check or cash to the event.

## SIPPIN SISTERS

### FAINTING GOATS SPIRITS!

Tuesday, September 24

5:30-7:00pm

115 W. Lewis Street

Greensboro, NC 27406

- \$20 PER PERSON FOR TASTING OF 6 SPIRITS
- \$10 PER PERSON FOR COCKTAIL OPTIONS

### PAY AT THE DOOR

This tasting is 6 standard products. These are not “tours” of our facility because we welcome you to walk through our production facility and ask questions about our production process during the tasting. You’ll learn how spirits are distilled and about the history of the company as well.

CONTACT FRENESA HALL TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT – MAXIMUM 40 PEOPLE  
404-218-3845 or [frenesah@gmail.com](mailto:frenesah@gmail.com)

### Spirits:

Tiny Cat Vodka

Emulsion Gin

Fisher’s American Single Malt Whiskey

Fisher’s Straight Rye Whiskey

Fisher’s Straight Rye Whiskey rested in maple syrup barrels

Fisher’s Bottled-in-Bond-Bourbon



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## **DINING OUT**

**Wednesday, September 25, 5:00pm  
Epic Chop House  
301-F Pisgah Church Rd, Greensboro  
Host: Laura Burton**

***\*\*\*Please note the time, as it is different than our usual reservation time\*\*\****

Follow link to Register your attendance...<https://forms.gle/B2BLmWXMA2d5Zvkb9>

Contact Amy Meinecke for questions at [diningout@wpforum.org](mailto:diningout@wpforum.org).

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## **SERVICE TO OTHERS**

**and**

## **LADIES OF LEISURE**

**Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 4:00–6:00 PM  
Hot Dish and Hope  
First Presbyterian Church  
Mullin Life Center  
706 N. Greene St., Greensboro**

Service to Others and Ladies of Leisure will be working together at Hot Dish and Hope. Hot Dish & Hope is an initiative by the First Presbyterian Church that offers free meals and a sense of community to those in need. Come help set the tables, greet guests, prepare plates and serve drinks.

In addition to providing meals, the program offers a measure of hope and support to guests.

RSVP to Jody Susong at [jsusong@triad.rr.com](mailto:jsusong@triad.rr.com) if you would like to come and help.

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## **BOOKS AND ARTS**

**Saturday, October 12  
9:00am - 12:00pm  
Downtown Greenway Walking Tour  
Contact: Nancy Radtke  
[nancy.radtke@allentate.com](mailto:nancy.radtke@allentate.com)**

Sign up below and let Nancy Radtke know once you've signed up!

<http://tinyurl.com/DGWalkTours>

**The Tour Details:**

Join us as we share a wealth of information about the greenway, Greensboro's history, surrounding neighborhoods, public art installations, environmental stewardship, economic impact, and more!

Each tour will take approximately 3 hours to complete the 4-mile loop of the Downtown Greenway, and will start and finish in LoFi Park located at 500 N. Eugene Street at 9:00 AM.

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## BOOKS AND ARTS

### Portugal (Spain?) Travel Update Oct 6-13 or 20th, 2024

Several of our group have responded that they want to be included in the Portugal trip scheduled for the fall (and possibly to go on to a Spain adventure). If you have not yet responded, but are interested in the trip, please let Christie Soper know ([christiesoper@gmail.com](mailto:christiesoper@gmail.com)) asap and reach out to her with any questions you have regarding the info below.

G Adventures offers a guided tour of Portugal (Lisbon to Porto) in partnership with National Geographic Sunday – Sunday, Oct 6-13, 2024. Then they have another tour for southern Spain with Nat Geo Sunday – Sunday, Oct 13-20. Each tour is \$2449 per person, so if someone chooses to do both tours back-to-back, the total cost for tours would be \$4,898 per person, and dates of travel would be Oct 5 (depart the day before for the overnight travel) – Oct 20. Note: the tours don't include all the meals; so add another \$350-500 per person per week for meals, and then add international flights and tour guide gratuity.

Below are the links to both tours. These are a good value and can work with different levels of activity within a group. A note on the guides – they are more generalists, like a cruise director, than experts on specific topics, so if folks wanted an expert art guide in the Prado museum as an example, that would be extra cost, but easily arranged and reasonably priced depending on the number of travelers.

#### GUESTS

WPF members signing up for the tour are welcome to invite a female guest to join the the trip. The maximum capacity for the public tour is 16, and it's first come, first served.

#### FLIGHTS

We estimate the flights for coach on Delta departing from GSO to be approximately \$1400. Note: price is likely to fluctuate until actually purchased.

Portugal: <https://www.gadventures.com/trips/ngj-portugal/EPENG/>

Southern Spain: <https://www.gadventures.com/trips/discover-moorish-spain/ESMNG/>