



Wake Forest Woman's Club News and Views

January 2012

General Meeting Call

Thursday, January 5, 2012

Location: Boys and Girls Club, 325 S. Wingate Street, Wake Forest

Social: 6:30 p.m.

Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

Hosts: Home Life CSP members Vicki Braddy, Deborah LaPierre, Icephene Rentrope, Carolyn Furr, Gorland McBride, Pam Dearstyne, Carolyn Stoklas, Jennifer Lopez

Important Notice

Remember to wear comfortable clothes and sneakers or tennis shoes to the meeting on January 5. We will be "moving it!"

50/50 Raffle: Luck will be a lady on January 5!

We could all use a little extra jingle in our pocket after the Holiday Spending Spree. Bring a few extra dollars with you and you may go home with a tidy little bundle! Tickets will be sold at \$2 each or 3 for \$5. The pot will be split 50/50 with half going to the winner, and the other half to the club for inclusion as part of the Operating Expense budget. There will also be an extra mystery prize in addition to half the pot for the winner. Tickets will be on sale prior to the meeting, and the winning number will be drawn prior to adjournment. Bring your wallet!!!

CSP Donations

The Home Life CSP is requesting canned and packaged food items for **Tri Area Ministries**. Please bring your items to the January 5 General Meeting if you wish to participate.

January Birthdays

2	Martha Loftin
5	Althea Woodhouse
8	Margaret Stewart
20	Sandra Schwarz
28	Monica Brewbaker

President's Message

Jennifer Lopez, 2011-2012 Club President
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"A lot of people have gone further than they thought they could because someone else thought they could." Unknown

January: A time for recovery, a time for reflection, a time for new beginnings. What do we want to accomplish in 2012? Who do we want to be at the end of the year? Whose lives may we touch and be touched by this year?

This might be a different approach to New Year's Resolutions, but perhaps one worth considering. In the second half of our club year, we will reflect and focus on this Administration's second area of emphasis: Mentoring. Through the fickle irony of fate, we find ourselves at the Boys and Girls club for our January general meeting. The Boys and Girls Club is the center of Youth Mentoring in Wake Forest, and yet, they are not the only ones who mentor our youth. We will also hear about the WF Chamber of Commerce Youth Leadership Program. Later in the month we will have an opportunity to support the mentoring efforts of that program while we provide a lunch to the students and advisors at the monthly meeting which will be held back at the Boys and Girls Club.

January also brings us to the formation of our 2012-2013 Nominating Committee. For those currently in leadership positions within the club who (for whatever reasons) may not be continuing in that role, this is your time to mentor your fellow clubwomen. We all have skills and talents to offer, perhaps there is someone thinking of serving but may be in need of a little encouragement and support to stretch and expand. Reach out and offer that encouragement. And, if you should find yourself on the receiving end of said encouragement, pause for a minute...someone thinks you have something to offer!

Yours in service,
Jennifer, Wake Forest Woman's Club
Rooted in Service; Sowing Seeds for the Future

Club News

2011-2012 Mid-Year Board Meeting

Our mid-year Board Meeting will be held in the Wake Forest Chamber of Commerce Board Room on Saturday, January 14, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. Board Members consist of the immediate Past President, Officers and Chairpersons of the Standing Committees, Chairpersons of the Community Service Programs, Historian, Club Photographer and Community Council Representative, if different from the President.

First Vice President Wendy O'Neal will be on hand to assist any CSP Chairs, Special Project Chairs, etc. with the completion of the 2011 Reports. Refreshments (fortifications) will be provided.

Nominating Committee Members Sought

Are you someone who is a good judge of character? Can you see the talent in others even when they don't see it themselves? Do you get a thrill out of helping people grow and take on new challenges? Then the 2011-2012 Nominating Committee wants you!

The Policies and Procedures Manual dictates the following: The Nominating Committee shall consist of Chairperson and two committee members appointed by the current President at the January general club meeting. The Chairperson and committee members should be general club members not seeking Executive Officers positions themselves.

If you would like to mold and mentor the next group of leaders of the Wake Forest Woman's Club, please contact **Jennifer Lopez** and volunteer. Jennifer can be reached at (919) 418-2549; or email at jenneray@aol.com. No application is needed; just a willing spirit!

Community Service Program News

Arts CSP

The Arts CSP is providing decorations for the display cabinet in the Fidelity Bank, located on White Street, in Downtown Wake Forest. Committee members Jane Wright and Margaret Lloyd provided the fall decorations for the months of September, October and November, and Betty Phillips provided the December Holiday decorations.

Included in the display is information about the Woman's Club, so that anyone visiting Fidelity Bank will have the opportunity to learn about the Club and the time and location of our meetings.

The Arts CSP will be responsible for decorating the display cabinet until the beginning of the new Club Year in September 2012. You are encouraged to stop by and see the decorations and information



Fall decorations at Fidelity Bank

that have been provided in the name of the Wake Forest Woman's Club.

Education CSP

Many thanks to all who contributed food items for the "Back Pack Buddies" program at our December meeting. Your donations were well received by the PTA's at Wake Forest Elementary and Forest Pines Drive Elementary schools, for delivery to the students just before the Holiday school break.

The end of this year also brings with it the departure of both principals at the elementary schools referenced above.

Freda Cole, Principal at Forest Pines Drive Elementary School has retired. Denise Tillery, who has been Principal of Wake Forest Elementary since 2004, is leaving her post after the Wake County Board of Education named her as the school system's Senior Director of Intervention Service for K-12, at Central Office beginning January 11. Replacements for both Principals have not as yet been announced. In saying her goodbyes, Tillery stated that she looks forward to continuing her contact and involvement with the Woman's Club in her new role, as she considers us a vital resource in the interests of our local school children. More information will be forthcoming.

Attention all Volunteer Reading tutors!

Enjoy your holiday rest, as we will be called back to action right after the holiday break.

Your commitment to the students you are assisting has not gone unnoticed. You can be sure that you are truly making a difference as you help them learn the reading skills that are so necessary to their academic achievement. Please keep up the good work.

If you have any questions or want more information about this important program, contact **Salina Gary**, Education CSP Chair, at (919) 562-0353 or salina.gary1@nc.rr.com.

Standing Committees and Special Projects News

Membership

New Members Tea Party

Please reserve the date, **Saturday January 21, 2012, 2-4 p.m.**, for a New Members Informal Get-Acquainted Tea Party, at the home of **Marilyn Bonnett**, Membership Chairperson, 7608 Southwick Court, Wake Forest, NC (casual attire). This invitation is extended to all New Members who have joined us in the 2011-2012 Club Year, and also to any other members who would like to join us. The Membership Committee will provide beverages and tasty treats.

If you care to participate, we will be collecting new or gently-used children's books for donation to the Education CSP's "**Books for Laundromats**" project. This will be a fun event. More details will be provided at the January 5 general meeting.

Please Note:

Marilyn does have cats and a dog in her home. You can RSVP to Marilyn at (919) 556-0387 or bonnettm@hotmail.com.

Clubwoman Receives Lifetime Achievement Award

As noted in the December 2011 Mid-Month Members Minder, our very own Martha Loftin was the recipient of the 2011 Peggy Allen Lifetime Achievement Award, presented at the 64th Annual Wake Forest Community Christmas Dinner on Monday, December 5, 2011, at the Forks Cafeteria. Several of our Club Women were in attendance at the dinner and heard Mayor Vivian Jones highlight Martha's outstanding support to the Wake Forest Community for more than 30 years.



Jennifer Lopez,
Martha Loftin
and Mayor Vivian Jones

Martha's dedication and commitment to the Wake Forest Woman's Club has also not gone unnoticed. Since joining in 1987 Martha

has served as President from 1998-2000 and again from 2008-2010. She has received the President's Award, the Lydia Lowie Award, and Clubwoman of the Year, the Minnie Newton Award and the Pauline Hildebrand Award. Martha is currently serving as the Public Issues CSP Chair and is an Executive Committee Member, serving as Club Parliamentarian. Be sure to congratulate her at the January 5 meeting, if you haven't already done so.

ESO Book Club

Attention all Book Club Members. **Carolyn Raymond** will be hosting the next Book Club Meeting on **Monday, January 9, 2012, at 1 p.m.** I hope you are reading her selection, which is *Jacqueline Kennedy: Historic Conversations on Life with John F. Kennedy, Interviews with Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr., 1964*. If you are interested in joining the book club, contact **Salina Gary** at (919) 562-0353 or email at salina.gary1@nc.rr.com.

ComCom (Communications Committee)

Ladies, we hope you've noticed your new club logo on page one of this newsletter. Your votes selected this image, which features the tree from the WFWC 1961 Scrapbook cover.

In applying the logo to the monthly newsletter, we've taken advantage of the opportunity to try some format changes as well. We hope you like them!

As always, see the calendar on the last page for the deadlines to submit items to be included in the newsletter. Items should be submitted to our Editor, **Salina Gary**, at salina.gary1@nc.rr.com.

Federation, State and District News

Contact Your Senator to Support Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act

The GFWC is urging all Clubwomen to call their Senator and urge him or her support the reauthorization bill for the Violence Against Women Act. Introduced on November 30 by Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Pat Leahy (D-VT) and Senator Mike Crapo (R-Idaho), this bill would reauthorize legislation that provides vital resources for states and communities to respond to domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. Here in North Carolina we are being asked to contact **Senator Richard Burr (R) at (202) 224-3154**.

Highlighted below are some talking points that should be incorporated into the message you leave the Senator:

- We know that Senator Burr cares about ending domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking.
- The Violence Against Women Act is critical to our ability to address these crimes in our state.

- Economic analysis has shown that VAWA has saved millions of dollars and countless lives.
- We are asking for you to co-sponsor the Leahy/Crapo bill (S.1925) introduced on November 30, 2011.
- Please contact Anya McMurray or Noah Bookbinder at (202) 224-7703 to sign on to the bill.

District VI Arts Festival

The District VI Arts Festival will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2012. If you are planning to enter your art work and/or other crafts, the **deadline for entries is January 5, 2012.**

Please contact **Betty Phillips**, Arts CSP Chair, at (919) 554-4719 or via email at bphillips47@embarqmail.com for further information and submittal of your items.

Other News of Interest

ChurchNet Foundation Fund Raiser

The local ChurchNet Foundation, coordinated through several of our local churches to assist residents who are having difficulty paying their utility bills, will be hosting a fundraising **Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, January 14, 2012, 8 to 10 a.m.** at the Applebee's Restaurant at 11805 Retail Drive, near Highway 98 and Durham Road.

Tickets are \$7 each and are available from Gail Williams, Monica Brewbaker and Carolyn Stoklas. You may contact them as follows:

- **Gail Williams** (919) 562-7772 or gpwilliams@nc.rr.com
- **Monica Brewbaker** (919) 554-1611 or monicaobx@aol.com
- **Carolyn Stoklas** (919) 554-1673 or cstoklas1@nc.rr.com

Dress for Success Triangle NC

Ladies here's a great way to start your new year and help other women. The Organization **Dress for Success Triangle NC** collects new and gently used career wear for needy women searching for jobs. In addition to professional attire, they also provide a network of support and career development tools to help women thrive in work and in life.

This organization is volunteer-led and over 99% of their services are delivered through volunteers. If you care to make a donation of your time, talent, treasure and/or clothing, please contact them at (919) 286-2128 or www.dressforsuccess.org/trianglenc. They are located at 1058 West Club Drive, Suite 662, Durham, NC 27701.

Calendar of Club and Community Events

January 2012

- 5 General Meeting
6:30 p.m. Social; 7:00 p.m. Meeting
Boys and Girls Club, Hosted by Home Life CSP
- 5 Deadline for District VI Arts Festival Arts And Crafts
Betty Phillips, Arts CSP Chair,
bphillips47@embarqmail.com
- 8 Items for January Mid-Month Members Minder is due
Salina Gary, salina.gary1@nc.rr.com
- 9 ESO Book Club Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
Hosted by Carolyn Raymond, (919) 270-1218, jimncarolyn@gmail.com
- 14 ChurchNet Pancake Breakfast, Applebee's Restaurant, Retail Drive, Wake Forest
Monica Brewbaker, monicaobx@aol.com
- 14 Mid-year Board Meeting, WF Chamber of Commerce Bldg., downtown WF
Jennifer Lopez, jenneray@aol.com
- 19 Items for February Club Newsletter are due
Salina Gary, salina.gary1@nc.rr.com

February 2012

- 1 Deadline for Sallie Southall Cotton Scholarship submissions to District VI
- 8 Items for February Mid-Month Members Minder is due
Salina Gary, salina.gary@nc.rr.com
- 11 District VI Arts Festival, First Baptist Church, Raleigh NC
- 11 District VI Scholarship Competition at the Arts Festival
- 16 Items for March Club Newsletter are due
Salina Gary, salina.gary1@nc.rr.com

Wake Forest Woman's Club Meeting Minutes

December 1, 2011

The Wake Forest Woman's Club met on Thursday December 1, 2011 at the Wake Forest Community House

Present: 35 members

Call to Order: Jennifer Lopez opened the meeting at 7pm

Welcome: Jennifer Lopez welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Invocation: Judy Davison gave the invocation.

Pledges of Allegiance: Martha Loftin led the pledges of alliance.

Minutes Approval: The November 5, 2011 minutes were approved

President Jennifer Lopez announced neither the CSP nor the Treasurer's reports would be made. She thanked everyone who brought gifts for the Murdoch Center Operation Santa Claus and that Carolyn Stoklas would deliver them to a Murdoch representative.

She encouraged everyone to attend the Wake Forest Community Christmas Dinner to be held on Monday, December 5th at the Forks Cafeteria as the Club was nominated for Club of the Year and one of our members was nominated for an individual award. Tickets were available for purchase at this meeting. The Club has been asked to provide 2 table decorations for the event.

Jennifer said the Community House will not be available to us in January due to renovations. We will meet in the Wake Forest Boys & Girls Club building located on Wingate Ave.

Jennifer adjourned the abbreviated business meeting in order to begin our annual holiday party.

Miscellaneous decorations were provided to each table group who were challenged to create a table decoration. The two judged as best would be presented for use at the Community Christmas Dinner.

Everyone enjoyed a potluck dinner of entrees, casseroles, vegetable dishes, breads, desserts, punch & coffee that any restaurant would envy. A "Secret Santa" gift exchange that included being able to take a gift from another member instead of one under the tree rounded out the evening. All the gifts were special and several of them were "taken" from other members. It would have been difficult to have given up my gift of pink Cloud Socks that had been purchased from The Breast Cancer Research Foundation. Two gifts in one!

The party ended around 9 p.m. but the generous spirit of our members goes on.

Respectfully Submitted by Carolyn Furr