

Wake Forest Woman's Club News and Views

DECEMBER 2015

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General Meeting Call and Annual Christmas Party

Thursday: December 3, 2015

Location: Wake Forest Community House, 133 W. Owen Avenue, Wake Forest

Arrive: 6:30 p.m.

What to bring: A delicious appetizer or dessert to share. Punch and coffee will be provided.

Also bring: A wrapped Christmas-themed gift to exchange, (maybe an ornament, decoration, book, other items) either new or gently used – valued around \$10

What to wear: Festive and fun clothes and accessories

Very brief business meeting: 7 p.m.

Hosts: Banquet Standing Committee – Tawana Nowlin (chairman), Sue Meehan, Quinn Berardinelli, Katy Green, Elaine Incorvaia, Mary Ann Iwig, Tracy Mahl, Dawn Nakash, Dora Pearce, Nancy Perrone, Sandi Schwarz

We are looking forward to sharing Christmas Joy together as sisters of the Wake Forest Woman's Club.

Important Reminders:

Photos

Prior to the start of the December meeting, Debby LaPierre will take two group photos – a photo of the Christmas Party Committee members and a photo of the entire membership.

Wake Forest Police Department Turkeys

There is still time to donate a turkey to the WFPD for their annual drive. Your turkey donation may be delivered to the WFPD headquarters at 225 S. Taylor Street on Saturday, November 21, between 9 am and 12 Noon. Police volunteers will provide curbside pick-up.

Murdoch Christmas

Operation Santa is underway! Home Life CSP is accepting optional unwrapped donations for the Murdoch Developmental Center's Operation Santa Claus program. Ideas include toiletries, grooming aids, toys and games, arts and crafts, and snack foods. The "dollar" stores are great places to shop for inexpensive gifts. There will be a collection box at the Christmas party for these In-Kind donations.



President's Message

Marilyn Bonnett, 2015-2016 club president
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Oh, Woman's Club
A Poem by Marilyn Bonnett

Oh, Woman's Club, in 2015
How caring are your members!
By serving now, you make more joys
To fill their needs, your grace employs.

Oh, Woman's Club, in 2015
How caring are your members.

Oh, Woman's Club, in 2015
You make us feel much needed!
You welcome all in friendly fold
Our smiles or struggles heeded.
Oh, Woman's Club, in 2015
You make us feel much needed.

Oh, Woman's Club, in 2015
You value each one's best gifts!
Is that your secret to success?
Does gratitude makes spirits lift?
Oh, Woman's Club, in 2015
You value each one's best gifts.

Oh, Woman's Club, in 2015
We see outreach is your pride!
You are diverse, and that's your strength
Helping others, your power grows wide.

Oh, Woman's Club, in 2015
We see outreach is your pride.

Oh, Woman's Club, in 2015
You have taught us more to do!
We plan the work and make it fun.
We've grown ourselves, and that is true.

Oh, Woman's Club, in 2015
You have taught us more to do.

Make More Joy!

Questions? Please contact Elaine Incorvaia at 919-263-8201 or email her at e.incorvaia105@gmail.com.



By your donations, you are assisting the residents on a personal level and providing them opportunities for crafts projects throughout the year. Some of our crafts materials are used for the residents' entries to District VI ArtFest, held in February in Raleigh

as a self-contained event during the District VI Arts Festival. Winners of the District VI competitions advance to state-level competitions during the GFWC-NC State Arts Festival, held at Campbell University in March.

A Different Meeting Location in January

Our January 7, 2016, meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Wake Forest Town Hall, 301 S. Brooks Street, Wake Forest. Use the lower-level entrance in the back of the building that is accessible from Taylor Street. There is a large parking lot on that lower level as well. The International Outreach CSP will be our hosts in January.

Club News

WFHS Juniorette News

Currently, membership in the Wake Forest High School Juniorette Woman's Club is 15 young women in grades 9 through 12. We WFWC advisors (Sue Meehan, Salina Gary, and Marilyn Bonnett) are grateful to our members who volunteered to assist the Juniorette members with payment of their dues. The Juniorettes will write personal notes to their sponsors during their November general meeting.

Thank you, also, to those who have or will (through December 31, 2015) support the WFHS Juniorettes' fundraiser by visiting the following website, created by the KEEP Collectives representative, Dana Cole, and purchasing unique keepsake jewelry for yourself or for a gift for someone else:

www.thisandthatmom.weebly.com/wfhs-juniorettes.html

If you have already placed an online KEEP order – or when you do place an order – please mention to Dana that your purchases are for the benefit of the WFHS Juniorette Club. This is a busy order season for Dana, and she might not be aware that your order is for the benefit of the Juniorettes – unless you tell her in a message.

If you have already placed your order, please send her a separate message to let her know. The good news from Dana is that the Juniorette fundraiser has raised \$100 so far in proceeds for the Juniorettes' charitable projects. THANK YOU for your support of the members of the WFHS Juniorette Club that we sponsor.

Patricia Witt, President of PATH (Partners Against Trafficking of Humans), arranged for two speakers for the Juniorettes' November 18 meeting: Kevin Murray and Michelle Rose. Kevin presented information regarding the signs and tactics that traffickers use; how to recognize the danger around us; statistics, and what to do when you suspect someone you know is involved and/or affected. Michelle used a "Fable" to demonstrate a hands-on look at the issue. *Submitted by Marilyn Bonnett.*

Battalion Bazaar Update!

Mark your calendars for Battalion Bazaar, Saturday, March 12, 2016, at Wake Forest High School. Watch the newsletter for more information as we get closer to the date. *Submitted by Elaine Incorvaia.*

Federation Day – April 24

April 24 is known as Federation Day and commemorates the official birthday of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. On April 24, 1890, delegates from 63 women's clubs throughout the United States came together and formed the GFWC by ratifying its constitution at a convention in New York City.



Each year, Federation members celebrate this important day in their local communities, states, and across the nation. Projects and activities focus on publicizing GFWC clubs and the work that members do in their communities; recruiting new members; supporting volunteer activities with collaborating organizations; and fulfilling GFWC's mission to enhance the lives of others through volunteer service.

In the past few years our own WFWC has installed GFWC/WFWC signs at prominent locations within the Town; prepared and received Town approval for proclamations declaring April 24th as GFWC Day (2015 for 125 years of service) or WFWC Day (2012 for 50 years of service); decorated the Fidelity display case with memorabilia from 1961 and the 2012 counterparts; honored a WFWC charter member and past president with a news release about her tenure with the club which is basically our club history; had a bench constructed and installed at the Target/Home Depot Wake Forest Loop bus stop; and held a party or luncheons to celebrate the spirit of volunteering.

The 2016 Federation Day Committee asks you to take a few minutes during this holiday season to reflect on all the blessings in your life and while doing so to please consider how we, as a club, may continue to celebrate our volunteer spirit. The committee will meet after the holidays to begin planning how we may serve our community while celebrating the 126th anniversary of the GFWC. Please share with one or more committee

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members your ideas for a community service project and/or a celebratory activity.

We wish you and yours a very Happy Holiday Season!

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Submitted by Debby LaPierre.

Community Service Programs (CSPs)

Arts CSP

The Arts CSP invites you to the Lighting of Wake Forest on December 4. The event begins at 6 p.m. at the Wake Forest Town Hall with entertainment by local school children, free hot chocolate, and a craft activity for children. Mayor Vivian Jones will light the tree, and then Santa arrives on a fire truck. Children visiting Santa will decorate and sign Christmas cards designed by our CSP. The cards will be delivered to patients in area assisted living facilities. Have a joyous Christmas.

Submitted by Carolyn Furr.



Conservation CSP

Recycling

The Conservation CSP will collect curlicue light bulbs at the December 3 Christmas party. They will also gladly accept used glasses and sunglasses and cases for the glasses. There will be separate recycle boxes available for the donations.



Many Hands Make Light Work

On a rainy, dreary Monday morning, a group of ten Wake Forest Woman's Club members turned out to hand-address envelopes for the Wake Soil and Water Conservation's District's 50th Anniversary Celebration on December 3.

During the November 9 Pen Party, sponsored by the Conservation CSP, the group was able to address all the invitations quickly and even had time to sit, chat and laugh together while eating goodies and drinking coffee.

As an added bonus, Sheila Jones, the environmental educator for the Wake Soil and Water Conservation District, shared the newest methods of taking care of the soil in our yards.

Many thanks to the following ladies: Sue Meehan, who made arrangements for us to use the Wake Forest United Methodist Church's Family Life Center; Martha Loftin, who opened the building and made coffee; Sandra Pearman and Polly York, who brought delicious food; and Dawn Nakash, who provided the pens and took pictures.

Others volunteering their time and talents were JoAnn Brancaccio, Marilyn Bonnett, Salina Gary, Elaine Incorvaia, Paula Johnson, and Dora Pearce.

Submitted by Dora Pearce.

Public Issues CSP

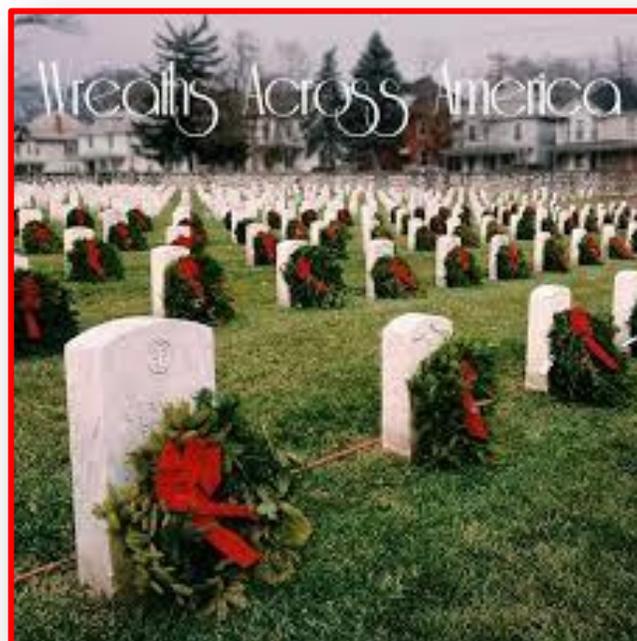
The Public Issues CSP hosted the November general meeting. The guest speaker, Miranda Strider-Allen, director, Northern Wake Senior Center, was unable to join us due to personal issues. Not to worry! Our terrific CSP members stepped in to present an informative program.

Based on notes from Miranda and knowledge from our members, we presented an informative program on the Senior Center offerings. Miriam spoke from Miranda's notes and her personal experience with the Quilts of Valor, Salina spoke on the history and present developments, Jo spoke on the recreational programs and invited her guest Ronnie to teach us a line dance. Everyone seemed to enjoy the instruction.

Our CSP would like to thank everyone for their generous donations to the USO project. We will deliver the donated items along with our purchases on Thursday, November 19.

Home Life CSP has also sent a donation to purchase wreaths from Wreaths Across America, which will be placed in a veterans' cemetery before Christmas.

Submitted by Miriam Blinne.



Standing Committees and Special Projects

Yearbook Standing Committee

Getting to know your Yearbook

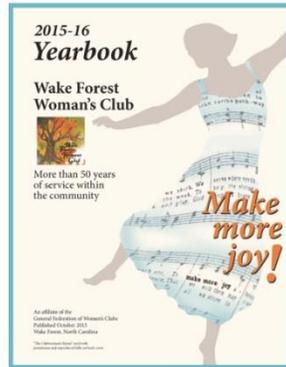
At our next meeting, club members will enjoy a Christmas party. The club Yearbook reveals some surprises about this annual event.

For example, did you know it's required by the Bylaws? Article V., Section 2 says "The December meeting shall be a Christmas program and party" (page C-5). The Policies and Procedures phrase it a little differently, saying "The December meeting shall be a Holiday Party" (page D-2).

The responsibility for planning and staging the party falls under the Banquet Standing Committee (page D-6): "A committee plans and coordinates the Club Christmas Social during the December general meeting." However, the details are left up to members who volunteer, as listed on page B-14: Tawana Nowlin (chairman), Quinn Berardinelli, Katy Green, Elaine Incorvaia, Mary Ann Iwig, Tracy Mahl, Dawn Nakash, Dora Pearce, Sandra Pearman, Nancy Perrone and Sandra Schwarz. Sue Meehan has also joined this group.

The Yearbook provides lots of information on all kinds of topics relative to the club. Your Yearbook committee hopes all members will make good use of it, and will be in touch if any information is missing or incorrect.

Submitted by Sharon Rasmussen.



Hospitality

Remember Wednesday Coffee Mornings are weekly at Ollies at 213 S. White Street in Wake Forest at 10 a.m. For our new members, this is a casual drop-in event where we can buy our own beverage and sit, chat and get to know each other better! We will not meet on November 25, which is the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

Club trip to see "A Christmas Carol" – tickets are being purchased and will be distributed at the December party/meeting. The show is Thursday, December 10, at 7 p.m. at the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium. Club women should arrange their own transportation.

Submitted by Tracy Mahl.



Membership

New Members Corner

We are excited to introduce and welcome five new members who joined at our October and November meetings. Prospective members may contact Gorland McBride or come to our next meeting.

Polly York lives with her husband, Jere, in Wake Forest and has a daughter and two grandsons. She has traveled to Europe, Russia and Estonia, and back in the day was a member of a folk-singing trio and appeared on the Ted Mack Amateur Hour. Polly is a member of Wake Forest Presbyterian Church where she is a greeter.

Paula Johnson lives in Wake Forest with her husband, Danny. She is a retired administrative support person and heard about the Wake Forest Woman's Club from a former member, Judy Davison, and was a guest of Mary Ann Iwig at the October meeting.

Patty Sproul lives in Wake Forest, worked as a hair dresser for 30 years, and was a CNA Caregiver for 20 years. Patty learned about the Wake Forest Woman's Club through Sue Meehan, and is interested in the Antique Road Extravaganza and the Parade of Homes fundraisers.

Joyce Kinstle lives in Wake Forest with her husband, Mark, and has four children. She loves to knit, crochet and garden. Joyce is an Army Veteran of the Gulf War. She owns a health and wellness consulting business through Arbonne International, and conducts anti-aging and nutrition workshops. She was a guest of Sue Meehan at the November meeting.

Mary Kuga lives in Wake Forest with her husband, Karl, and is a real estate broker. Mary loves gardening, reading and cooking, and is a youth group counselor. She loves her job and helping people find their dream homes. She was a guest of her mom, Sue Meehan, at the November meeting.

- Editor

Federation, State and District News

Federation News

Get ready – GFWC has lots to celebrate! Join us at the beautifully decorated GFWC Headquarters in Washington, D.C., for the Annual Holiday Open House on Wednesday, December 9.

In anticipation of the high attendance we experienced last year and to help ensure everyone is able to enjoy their time, the Open House hours have been extended from 2 – 7 p.m.

Come and enjoy the fabulous appetizers and sweet desserts along with the great company of your Federation Sisters. Plus, have a chance to win our



GFWC Holiday Open House Raffle – gift cards to GFWC Marketplace! Please RSVP online at gfwc2015holidayopenhouse.app.rsvpify.com/ or via Events Coordinator, Grace Soriano, at gsoriano@gfwc.org. If you go, please remember to mention which time block you will be joining us, either 2 – 4:30 p.m. or 4:30 – 7 p.m.

State News

Save the dates!

March 2016 – GFWC-NC Arts Festival, Campbell University (date to be announced)

April 27-30, 2016 – GFWC-NC Convention 2016, Atlantic Beach, DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel



District News

Save the date!

GFWC-NC District VI Arts Festival, Raleigh, NC, February 13, 2016

Our district has a Facebook page, www.facebook.com/gfwcncdistrict6. Visit and “like” it!



District VI –Did You Know?

Our state's General Federation of Women's Clubs-NC is divided into nine districts across the state. Our WFWC is a member of District 6, the largest total-membership district in the state. Each district is governed by its own officers. District officers who serve on the GFWC-NC State Board of Directors are district president, Juniors director, vice president, and Juniors membership chairman.

Clubs within each of the nine districts participate in their own district fall meetings and district arts festivals. Each district conducts scholarship contests for the GFWC-NC Sallie Southall Cotten college scholarship, the Greeson-Johnson teaching scholarship, and the Whitener piano scholarship candidates. District scholarship winners advance to the state level of competition.

Submitted by Marilyn Bonnett.

Personals and Tidbits

Getting to know...Wendy O'Neal, Chairman, Nominating Committee

I am originally from Minnesota. In July of 1968, my Mom and two sisters came to North Carolina to visit her parents after she and Dad divorced. I tell everyone that this has been the longest visit I have ever seen. I still live on the property Mom bought when she moved here.

My husband, Ronald, and I met in high school and got married not long after we graduated from Wake Forest-Rolesville High School in 1976. So I guess you could say we were high school sweethearts. We will be

celebrating 39 years of marriage on February 5, 2016, which is also my Dad's birthday. We have two children (Jerry and Jennifer) and five grandchildren (Jake, Joe, Ethan, Hunter and Cameron), two of whom live in Wake Forest. Hunter is 11 and she goes to Wake Forest Middle School, Cameron is seven and goes to North Forest Pines, and I love being around my grandkids! I enjoy putting puzzles together and crafts. I have all kinds of projects I hope to do when I can retire in four or five years.



Wendy O'Neal, Chairman, Nominating Committee

Since 1991, I have worked for the North Carolina Department of Transportation where I work in the Information Technology (IT) unit as the Support Services Team Lead. I am active in my church, St. Philip Lutheran in Raleigh. I serve on the Property Committee; I am an usher and a lector and last year, during Lent, I read the Bible in 90 days.

I joined the Wake Forest Woman's Club in October 2008. I served as 1st Vice President, served on the Christmas and Banquet Committees, and served on the Nominating Committee for three years. I have been a part of every CSP except Arts, which will be my next.

My favorite thing to do for the Woman's Club is to sit for the homes during the annual Parade of Homes fundraiser. I also love buying the layette supplies for the North Regional Center. Since I work full-time, this is something that I can do easily, and it gives me a sense of giving back to the community, which has given me so much over the years.

Interesting facts about Christmas songs - www.etonline.com/news/155454_31_facts_you_didnt_know_about_christmas/

- ❖ “Silent Night” is the most recorded Christmas song in history, with over 733 different versions copyrighted since 1978.
- ❖ Legend has it that “Silent Night” was written by a Father Joseph Mohr in Austria, who was determined to have music at his Christmas service after his organ broke. In reality, a priest wrote it while stationed at a pilgrim church in Austria.
- ❖ Meanwhile, “White Christmas” is the best-selling song of all time.
- ❖ “Santa Claus Is Coming to Town” actually has a truly depressing back-story: songwriter James "Haven" Gillespie was broke, jobless, and his brother had just died when he was asked to write a Christmas song. He was originally too overcome with grief, but eventually found inspiration in his



brother's death and the Christmas memories they had together.

- ❖ The original lyrics to "Hark! The Herald Angel Sings" were "Hark! How the Welkin rings!" Welkin is an old English term for Heaven. A preacher later tweaked the lyrics.
- ❖ "Jingle Bells" was originally supposed to be a Thanksgiving song.
- ❖ Boston church leaders tried to have the song "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus" banned in the 1950s because they thought it "promoted physical intimacy." Singer Jimmy Boyd had to fly to Boston and explain to them why it wasn't obscene. – Editor

December Birthdays

- 6 Susan Smith
- 7 Vicki Braddy
- 8 Karen Pettyjohn
- 10 Hilda Parlér
- 16 Margaret Lloyd
- 16 Jennifer Nyland
- 23 Ernie Yoder



"Celebrate God's love. He gave His son for us. He takes care of everything every moment."

Jennifer Nyland, our chaplain.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and very Happy New Year!



Calendar of Club and Community Events

December

- 3 General Club Meeting and Christmas Party, Wake Forest Community House, 133 W. Owen Ave., 6:30 p.m. Hosted by Banquet Committee.
- 4 The Lighting of Wake Forest, Centennial Plaza, Town Hall, 301 S. Brooks St., 6 – 8 p.m.
- 4 Walk Through Bethlehem, Wake Forest Presbyterian Church, 12605 Capital Blvd., Wake Forest, 6 – 9 p.m.
- 9 Input for December "Mid-Month 'Minder" due to Jo Lanni, jo.lanni@yahoo.com
- 12 Wake Forest Christmas Parade, from 1 – 3 p.m., S. White and S. Brooks Streets, downtown Wake Forest. Area residents are invited to experience the sights and sounds of the holiday season at the 2015 Wake Forest Christmas Parade; will be held rain or shine.
- 23 "News and Views" items for January issue due to Jo Lanni, jo.lanni@yahoo.com
- 31 Reports due to 1st VP Salina Gary, salina.gary1@nc.rr.com

January

- 7 General Club Meeting, Wake Forest Town Hall, 301 S. Brooks St., Ground Floor Meeting Room, 6:30 p.m. Hosted by International Outreach CSP.
- 12 Input for January "Mid-Month 'Minder" due to Jo Lanni, jo.lanni@yahoo.com
- 13 Chamber of Commerce Spelling Bee for teachers' grants, 6 p.m., CenturyLink Headquarters, Project Coordinator Carolyn Furr, 919-671-2941 or cfurr1@nc.rr.com
- 21 "News and Views" items for February issue due to Jo Lanni, jo.lanni@yahoo.com

Save The Date! Wake Forest Charity Car Show set for Saturday, June 11, 2016