



**Wake Forest Woman's Club
Thursday, October 7, 2021**

**General Club Meeting
Community House 6:30 p.m.**

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Call to Order and Welcome : Tracy Mahl called the meeting to order at 6:57 p.m. and welcomed the members and guest. She thanked the Arts and Culture CSP for providing the night's refreshments and program. Miriam Blinne introduced all the members of the CSP including one who was on Zoom.

Tracy mentioned that this year we are including Zoom in our meetings to include our members that are unable to attend in person. There were three members in attendance via Zoom.

Tracy also announced that Tammy Baldwin will be moving out of the area, and this is her last meeting. Tammy was thanked for everything that she'd done for us here in the time that she's been with us. She will be very much missed by all and wished the best.

Roll Call: Misty Deyo reported we had 33 members present (there was a quorum), and two guests. Corettaquine ("Q") who's family just recently moved to Wake Forest was here to see what we're all about. Tammy's sister was also present tonight visiting.

Invocation: Maggie Andersen shared a story about a memory that popped up on her Facebook page from five years ago. The story affirmed that the best things in life are the people we love and get to know along the way. After the invocation, we all said the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag and to the State of North Carolina.

Program: Miriam Blinne introduced Mary Petretich, President of ARTS Wake Forest. Ms. Petretich spoke about the history of the arts in the Wake Forest community, starting back in 1988 with the establishment of the Wake Forest Cultural Arts Association. Wake Forest ARTS strives to support local artists and existing art programs throughout our community and to encourage the formation of new arts ventures. They are currently an all-volunteer organization funded by contributions from businesses and individuals, along with grants from United Arts Council of Raleigh and Wake County. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, their budget was reduced 75% and they lost many of their volunteers. They are hosting the Wake Forest Artisans Holiday festival at the Renaissance Center in December and hope to resume the many many programs that they were unable to do last year, due to the pandemic.

Approval of Minutes: Janet Lowe presented the minutes of the September 4, 2021, minutes. Members approved them with one correction.

Officer Reports:

- **2nd Vice president:** Kathy Norris requested approval of an additional club project, a donation to the Youngsville Woman's Club. They are raising money for the historical museum in Youngsville. It would be a nice gesture to support them that way. A vote was taken, and the majority of members approved the donation. Kathy also requested approval of Baked good and hot drink fundraiser at the "It's a Wonderful Wake Forest Historic Holiday Festival" event on Dec. 4, 2021. The Wake Forest Woman's Club (WFWC) will be selling warm cider, hot chocolate, and baked goods. This year it will be an outdoor tour. We are hopeful that there will be up to 2000 people walking up and down Main St. A vote was taken, and the majority of members approved the



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fundraiser. Kathy also mentioned that she and Martha Loftin are looking for at least one member to take over holding on to the PA system and helping to set it up at our meetings. Members were asked to reach out to them if interested in helping.

- **Corresponding Secretary Report:** Francis Sandoval reported for the months of September and October, since last month she was not able to report it. It is attached to the end of the minutes.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Tammy Baldwin indicated that the reports for September and October had been sent via email to the members. It is also attached at the end of the minutes.

CSP Reports:

- **Arts and Culture (Miriam Blinne):** The CSP is reaching out to the Governor Morehead school to support a screenart project. They also reached out to the Town of Wake Forest regarding our presence at the Christmas Tree lighting event and had not yet heard back about whether it will be held this year or not. They are also recruiting volunteers for the Wake Forest Artisans Holiday festival, mentioned earlier by our guest speaker tonight.
- **Environment (Maggie Anderson):** Many thanks to those who provided socks to Note In the Pocket. One of our projects this year is to collect new and gently used shoes for Note In the Pocket. If you are interested in attending the Northeast neighborhood renewal event, please see the information in the Newsletter. We are collecting plastic grocery bags and egg cartons. At the November and December meetings we are collecting used t-shirts for making dog toys and then donating them to a shelter. Our activity for the January meeting will be to make the dog toys!
- **Education and Libraries (Glenda Grant):** This year the CSP is providing Highlights Magazine again to Safe Space, and books for two laundromats in the Town. We were asked by Hillside nursing home to provide items for the auction that they hold in October in lieu of the magazines we'd supplied in the past. We plan to provide items at another one in the spring.
- **Health and Wellness (Elaine Incorvia):** This month is domestic violence awareness month. We are making appreciation gift bags for the 23 Safe Space counselors. We're also reminding everyone who gets a flu shot to get one from Walgreens who is again running their "get a shot, give a shot" program. Joanne D'errico is coordinating the pen pal program with Murdoch Center and requested that we all sign up to be a pal to one person. Dianne Hawkins mentioned that we will be also participating in an Operation Santa for the Center as well.
- **Civic Engagement (Francis Sandoval):** Francis reported on the CROP Walk, we raised \$905 which was well above our goal. On October 9 we will be supporting the Tunnel 2 Tower Run, starting at the American Legion. We will be handing out oranges to participants. Volunteers need to pick up their bags/supplies tonight. We are still collecting bras for Save the Girls. Paula Johnson spoke briefly about visiting with the Youngsville Womens Club and the museum restoration there. It is the oldest building in Youngsville, and they're now working on electrical and flooring. She reiterated the project that Kathy Norris mentioned earlier that had been approved.

Membership and New Member Initiation: Misty Deyo spoke briefly about her own experience with GFWC and why she was so excited to join our club. She said that there will be another Membership Bingo Social that will be held over Zoom, so stay tuned! Last year's event was a lot of fun.

We have SEVEN new members of the Wake Forest Woman's Club:

- Elizabeth Brown
- Alyse Corse (returning member)



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- Beth Dumproff
- Jo-Anne Seacott
- Meghan Shriver
- Lynn Wiss
- Misty Deyo

Misty recalled a time when she was privileged to listen in person to stories from Juanita Bryant. She encouraged us all to think about our membership in the club, where we all make our communities better because of our efforts.

Each new member received a gift. Misty then reviewed the membership responsibilities with the new members, and once more encourages them through words reminding them of our support.

Historian (Sue Meehan): "Way Back When" a poem. The first WF Arts Festival was held Sep 14, 1967, and was hosted by the Wake Forest Chamber of Commerce and our own Wake Forest Woman's Club! 500 people looked at the 59 exhibitions - 22 local towns were represented. Louisburg College professors were judges. Betty Bulla was first place winner. Most of the funds were donated to the WFWC club for landscaping at the Historical Museum.

Resolutions and Revisions (Karen Pettyjohn): Linda Johnson presented a request from the Scholarship Committee to a change in the Policy and Procedures section on page D-11 regarding the deadline that packets were to be sent to the high schools. The request is to change the deadline from September 30 to November 1. Martha Loftin asked for explanation of why the change was being requested and was told that it was too early for the committee to get those out, and most seniors are working on college admissions at that point, not scholarships. Janet asked if that date change would impact the schedule for the rest of the scholarship processes and Misty Deyo said "no," the application and selection processes are in the spring of the year. There was a motion to accept, and all members approved. Motion was carried.

Announcements (Tracy Mahl):

- 1- Instead of the Historic Homes Tour as in days past, primarily because homeowners were not willing to open up their homes for tours due to the pandemic, the Historic Preservation Commission has decided to hold "**It's A Wonderful Wake Forest Historic Holiday Festival**" on Dec. 4, 2021, from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Michelle Michaels, the town historian, and her staff will be giving tours along the sidewalks and discussing the history of each home. The Garden Club will be selling magnolia leaf wreaths. The WFWC has been asked to provide docents to the Historical Museum and Calvin Jones House. Martha Loftin stated that there will be 2 shifts, one from 10-12 and the other from 12-2. We need to provide 4 people for each shift. We will also be having a small fundraiser, as was mentioned earlier, selling hot chocolate, warm cider, and baked goods. We want to make buying and selling easy, so we're requesting cookies or baked goods, 2-3 in a bag (need to be consistent with portioning. Signup sheets are in the back. Volunteers are really needed to help with this. Most people will go inside the historical house. It's integral for our club. We haven't done this type of thing yet since Covid. Come and help!



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- 2- We are also so very excited to announce that we are having an **online poinsettia fundraiser** this year! The merchandise is a simple 6.5" pot of Red flowers! **All orders due by 10/28**. All sales are online only, no cash or checks are accepted. We will gather the orders, and put in one large order to the merchant, and then distribute the flowers on a date later. We will be sending emails to the folks who purchased their flowers regarding the time and location. Get the word out! The sale is all set up on our website page, and Jo also has a link from our Facebook page to that location. If we can sell 100, that would be great!
- 3- Reminder that there are **business cards** for everyone to pick up on the back table. This is another way you can let people know that there's a fundraiser and promote our Club.
- 4- The **District VI Arts Festival** will be on February 12, 2022, in Raleigh. More information will be sent via an eblast in December. This is a competition and has multiple entry categories. If you have any art (pictures, paintings, applique, sewing, other objects), please enter. There is one condition: you must have completed it in 2021. Our committee will tag things, put the entries through, etc. Scholarship winner will attend the festival as well and learn whether they have won the district scholarship.
- 5- Anyone who has completed **crocheting or knitting items for the club's last-year project** of baby caps, baby blankets, lap blankets, etc., please see either Kathy Norris or Marilyn Bonnett to coordinate handing in those items for charitable donations.
- 6- Everyone is asked to **bring their own cup** or mug to the monthly meeting to reduce single use plastic. Thanks!
- 7- Salina Gary excited to find that Page 158 Books carries all of her selected top 10 books for kids dealing with kindness loyalty and family. These books are appropriate for all ages 1-10 and prices range from 12.95-14.95 for paperback. If anyone is looking for Christmas or other presents for children. The list is available from Salina.
- 8- Miriam – you may keep the centerpiece of tonight's table decorations.
- 9- Glenda Grant announced that she has tickets for the Lions Club spaghetti dinner, which will be held at the Wake Forest American Legion. Prices are \$10/adult.
- 10- Elaine – Need new member handprints for our Club quilts.
- 11- Janet asked if anyone going to Fall Conference in Asheville– Misty Deyo indicated she was attending.
- 12- Linda – If anyone is looking for a piano, her daughter has a Baldwin piano that's available for free.
- 13- Joann – Is there an update on the wreath laying at the cemeteries for this year? Paula is planning that and will make an announcement later.

October Birthdays: Katy Green, Jo Lanni

Adjournment : The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.



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Corresponding Secretary Report:

Date	Activity	Recipient
8/10/2021	<i>Card of Condolences on the passing of her son</i>	<i>Joy Taffer 8709 Courage Ct Raleigh, NC 27615</i>
8/27/2021	<i>Congratulations Awarded VFW National Firefighters award</i>	<i>Captain Moffatte Fire Station #1 420 Elm Ave Wake Forest, NC 27587</i>
8/29/2021	<i>Condolences – on the passing of her cousin</i>	<i>Misty Deyo 917 Shasta Daisy Drive Wake Forest, NC 27587</i>
8/27/2021	<i>Congratulations – Awarded the prestigious VFW National Firefighters Award</i>	<i>Captain Jan Moffatte Fire Station #1 420 Elm Ave Wake Forest, NC 27587</i>
9/30/2021	<i>Thinking of you.</i>	<i>Amy Brown</i>
9/30/2021	<i>Thinking of you.</i>	<i>Paula Johnson</i>