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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Carol Williams-Gilbert



I am so sorry I was unable to be with you all to start the New Year of the Women's Professional Forum at the Luncheon meeting on January 10th. I was in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi at the Gulf side Retreat Center with a team of 34 other members from my church on a Mission Re-Building Project. I can honestly say; it was one of the most incredible weeks of my life. While you were listening to our wonderful, gifted speaker, and a dear friend of mine---Pam Barrett, CEO of Hospice and Palliative Care of Greensboro, our four van caravan had stopped for our second every two hour break, and were eating lunch at Wendy's in South Carolina. I was thinking of WPF and thinking I could have been eating Painted Plate food instead of a Biggie Fries order....We left at 6am on that Wednesday morning, and drove fourteen hours only to see destruction still present along the Gulf Coast, eighteen months after Hurricane Katrina. People down there do not like to use the word KATRINA....and I never knew a wall of 30 foot water and winds of hurricane strength could cause utter chaos....but our team

was able in a week to build a frame of a house, and put windows in to what began as a piece of concrete slab. I have never used a nail gun or a circular saw before, but team work can inspire about anything!

That is what I hope our year at WPF can be for each of us---a year of teamwork....each member has a gift---Pam shared her knowledge of caring for critically ill loved ones with compassion; the Foundation Board of WPF is in

February Meeting:

Wednesday, February 14 @ 11:30am

The Painted Plate - 2001 N. Church St, Greensboro

Cost:

Active members are prepaid;
Supporting or Emeritus members and
Guests, \$15.00

Reservations:

Please contact **Carol Matznick** at **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 member and need to cancel your reservation

Cancellation of reservations is a membership requirement

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Next WPF Board Meeting

Feb.22, 11:30 am- 1:00pm @ Guilford College United
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MARCH Newsletter Deadline

February 23, 12:00 noon
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Meryl's wonderful, organized hands; our New Members that are in our spring class are few in number, but they make up for it in gifts and what they can bring to our Forum. The Board itself is incredibly talented, and our program committee is working on outstanding programs for 2007. Add Carol M.'s skills at keeping us together and the right nametags on, and Gloria and Sarah keeping up with the news of our sisters....and....we have got a number #1 team....Brenda, I'll bet we could even match up with the Appalachian Mountaineers state champion team! Inspire each other...learn the power of women networking, and I WILL be there for the February luncheon meeting to hear Dr. Aldona Zofia Wos speak to us about making an impact on a global scale. Read the bio sketch of our ambassador to Estonia in this newsletter, and I hope to greet each of our team members on the 14th. Happy Valentines Day to you all!

OUR FEBRUARY SPEAKER "Making an Impact on a Global Scale"

Ambassador Aldona Zofia Wos



Dr. Aldona Zofia Wos, has just returned from her two year service as United States Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia. During her tenure, Ambassador Wos focused on winning the hearts and minds of the next generation of Estonian leaders, Russian integration, HIV/AIDS prevention in Estonia, and the preservation of Estonian culture.

Ambassador Wos was born in Warsaw, Poland. She earned her medical degree at the Warsaw Medical Academy, and completed her internship and residency in internal medicine and a fellowship in Pulmonary Medicine in New York. As a child of a concentration camp survivor, Ambassador Wos is passionate about presenting and preserving full and accurate information about the Polish experience during World War II. In 2002, President George W. Bush appointed Ambassador Wos to serve on the United States Holocaust Memorial Council. To learn more about Ambassador Wos visit, <http://estonia.usembassy.gov/aldonawos.php>

IT'S TIME FOR WILD WOMEN OF THE MOUNTAINS AGAIN!!

Madge Megliola

Pack your jeans and hiking shoes (or shopping shoes!) for our annual Blowing Rock get-away in the heart of our gorgeous Blue Ridge mountains. If you have never been, now is the time to join us for what always turns out to be a "memorable" sister week-end! Special invitation to our new members, too, to take the plunge!

Our dates are March 2-4, and again our hostesses are Mebane Ham, Mary Magrinat, Jolaine Lanier, and Madge Megliola. You will be assigned a hostess whom you may contact for information re carpooling, snacks, linens, etc.

The fee this year is \$75.00 and includes two nights lodging, two breakfasts, and Saturday night group dinner. The increase will help to cover our increased costs, which now include a rental house (Thanks Jolaine!)

To register, please send your check with the form below to:

Madge Megliola
208 Willoughby Blvd.
Greensboro, NC 27408

WILD WOMEN OF THE MOUNTAIN REGISTRATION

NAME _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

REQUEST FOR PREFERRED ACCOMMODATIONS* _____

*Requests will be honored on a first-come / first-served basis.

Looking forward to seeing you in Blowing Rock!

Questions: madgemeg@gmail.com or 286-3441

Special Interest Group

Anything Goes -
Madge Megliola - 286-3441

Bennett College Mentoring -
Sandy Doyle Jones
852-1495 (work) 272-9126 (home)

Books and Arts -
Rose Lindsay Pfaff - 274-1426
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Dining Out -
Kris Landrum - 271-5243

Eating In -
Debbie Devine - 393-2056

Golf -
Sherry Thorne - 294-3232

Reverse Parenting -
Pat Boswell
373-2600 (office) 282-6500 (home)

Women of Wallstreet (WOW) -
Peggy Ward - 834-6950

Working Mothers of Young Children -
Laura Burton - 378-5566



Elizabeth Heard - Member WPF since 1999

Four Facts:

1. Job: Vice President, Banking Services Officer, BB&T
2. Education: BS Economics, George Mason University
 - i. MBA, UNC Chapel Hill
3. Moved to Greensboro in 1997, my 12th City
4. Married for 12 years, Twin Girls, Age 7

Four Pet Peeves:

1. Women who don't work who talk about their husband's job like it's theirs.
2. Professional women who describe their husband's job in their bio. (Jane is married to Jack, a garbage man for the City of Winston-Salem.) Men never mention their wives jobs.
3. Quitters.
4. The driver in front of me who lets several cars in and makes me miss the light.

Four Favorites:

1. Favorite book of all time: And Ladies of the Club, Helen Hooven Santemeyer
2. Favorite movie: A Muppet Christmas Carol
3. Favorite food: Cheese
4. Favorite beverage: Wine

Four Things I Tell My Children:

1. I want you to grow up to be women of honor.
2. You will never regret good penmanship or good manners.
3. We are Southern women and Southern women don't cuss.
4. You can pick out your own clothes.

Four Ways I Get Things Done:

1. Online banking and online grocery shopping.
2. Cutting corners
3. Asking for help
4. Taking the Minimalist Approach – think Vern on Trading Spaces.

Four Hobbies I Will Return To When My Children Are Older:

1. Stained glass window making
2. College basketball watching
3. Sewing
4. Reading

Four Things I Wish I Could Do:

1. Keep my house neater.
2. Lose 10 pounds.
3. Have my girls grow up more slowly.
4. Play an instrument.

Four Ways I Stay Grounded:

1. Prayer.
2. Youth Focus Board.
3. Peru Ministry at St. Pius.
4. Finding the humor in it.

Four Milestones In My Life:

1. Econ 101 with Dr. Bloch.
2. Moving from DC suburbs to St. Louis with a raggedy car and about \$100.
3. Meeting my best friend Susan Morrow.
4. Not getting pregnant then getting pregnant.



MOTHERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

Laura Burton - SIG Chair

The Mothers of Young Children SIG met on Wednesday, January 24, 2007 and enjoyed an informative program on summer camp/program options for children. If you have information to provide to the group or if you would care to receive additional information on this topic, please email Laura Burton at laura.burton@smithmoorelaw.com. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 21, 2007, at 300 N. Greene Street, Suite 1400 at 12:00 pm. Please bring your lunch.

CALLING ALL DINERS!

Kris Landrum - Dining Out SIG

For the month of February, our Dining Out group will be visiting the new Italian restaurant, Bravo, at the Shoppes at Friendly. The date is Wednesday, February 28th. The time is 6:30. Cool weather months are a perfect time for Italian fare. Somehow hearty food seems more appropriate when it's cold outside! Bravo has just been reviewed by John Batchelor of the News and Record who gave it three stars and generally praised the food preparation. If you'd like to join us, please email Kris Landrum @ klandrum@tuggleduggins.com.

FOUNDATION BUZZ

Meryl Mullane, President

The wonderful news is: thanks to the growth of our principal investment, the health of the financial market in general, the wise investments made by the investment team, and the phenomenal fundraising over the past three years, we have up to \$10,000 **in earned income to award in our 2007 grant year!** We're looking for the 501 (c) 3 organizations in Guilford County with programs that meet our **Grant Criteria**: programs and/or services that have a long-term effect on the development of leadership in girls under the age of 18 and that enable recognition of the WPF Foundation as a sponsor of this cause.

The Grant Prospectus and Application will be available shortly and will be posted on the website in February. Here's a preliminary timeline for the 2007 **Grant application process**:

February 14 WPF Membership Luncheon – Grant Applications Available
April 6 – Deadline for Grant Awards Applications
May 9 – WPF Grant Awards at Membership Luncheon

Put your thinking hats on! You probably know a worthy applicant or organization in Guilford County who might qualify. If you want an application or want one sent to an organization, please contact Sue Kennedy, Chair of the WPF Grants Committee at 288-0044 or smkcons@bellsouth.net or Meryl Mullane, WPF President at 545-8838 or Meryl@MullanePR.com

Your generous donations in 2007 raised more than \$20,000 so your Foundation can help younger women have the resources to achieve success. Thank you so much for your support.

At the February meeting, you'll receive a 2006 year end financial report. Here's the list for the year of all who participated in reaching this high level of giving.

NURTURING GIRLS TO BE TOMORROW'S LEADERS



Who's Who

Darlene Ball	In Memory of Her Mother and Grandmother
Ron Ball	In Honor of Darlene Ball
Pat Boswell	In Memory of Her Mother
Laura Burton	In Honor of Her Mother-In-Law
Leslie Davis	
Jeri D'Lugin	In Memory of Her Mother
Maureen Hartigan	In Memory of Her Mother
Jane Hewitt	
Becky Howe	In Memory of Her Mother
Denny Kelly	In Honor of Her Mother
Carter Leinster	In Honor of Gloria Thompson, Lynn Smith, Brenda Madden and
Ashley Madden	
Madge Megliola	In Honor of Her Mother-In-Law and Sarah Shoffner
Judy Miller	
Margie Motsinger	In Memory of Her Grandmother
Meryl Mullane	In Memory of Her Mother and Sister and of Adele Wallace
Marjorie Streck	
Gloria Thompson	In Honor of Her Mother and Sister, Jill Troutman, and Sharon Wisell
Barbara Tye	In Honor of Shirley Toomim
Elizabeth Vaughan	In Memory of Her Parents
Dale Walker	In Memory of Adele Wallace
Peggy Ward	In Memory of Peggy Wilkes; In Honor of Lori Hendricks
Penny Whiteheart	
Jacqueline Wieland	In Honor of Betty Geraci; In Memory of Adele Wallace

Power Partners

Candace	Cummings
Karla	Ewald
Carolyn Flowers	
Vicki Honeycutt	In Honor of Her Mother & Darlene Ball; In Memory of Betty Geraci
Catherine Joyce-Jackson	
Sue Kennedy	In Honor of Maureen Hartigan
Matilda Kirby-Smi	
Kathleen Smith	

Michele Smith
Anna Tefft In Honor of Roberta Tefft
Arline Uhl
Pat Vedder In Memory of Her Mother
Teresa Vincent
Carol Williams-Gilbert In Honor of Her Mother
Anne Willson In Memory of Her Mother
Ruth Wooten In Memory of Her Mother and Sister
Nora Zirps

Friends of the Future

Kristin Ball In Honor of Darlene Ball
Judith Burton In Honor of Laura Burton
Nancy Calkins
Jane Cockman
Janet Dinsmore In honor of Jean Martin
Mona Edwards
Martha Faw
Pat Fehlig
Deidre Frisby In Memory of Betty Geraci
Kathleen Kelly
Sue Matz
LaMonica Mitchell
Brenda Morris
Maureen & Doug Murray In honor of Terri & George Harris
Rose Pfaff In Memory of Her Mother
Kay Reardon
Kathleen Rountree
Tara Sandercock In Honor of Her Mother
Jo Ann Shaw
Cheryl Snider Bridges
Katrina Solomon
Alexandra Thompson
Lucy Wellmaker
Beverly Williams and Adele Wallace In Memory of Stanley Frank, Betty Geraci, Maggie Keesee-Forrester
Sharon Wisell
Cathy Wright

