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Brenda Morris

HAPPY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY TOP OF THE MORNING TO YOU!

One of the highlights of Women's Professional Forum is always the small group dinners. This is a great time to socialize, enjoy each other's friendship and discuss issues that are important to us as professional women.

This year's board decided to actually look at the results of the questions asked at the small group dinners and take action on the discussions. We felt this was important. I have included the actual question from the small group event along with the action that will be taken. Be patient with us – this will not happen overnight!!!

How can WPF appeal to professionals less than 50 age group?

WPF members under 40 will be surveyed to find out their topics of interest. What keeps them interested in WPF? What are some ways to attract younger members? Topics of interest mentioned at small group dinners included: professional coaching, travel safety and managing travel.

Bring back "4 minute specials" at meeting especially from tenured members. "Live" 4 minute specials will begin in March with new members featured in the newsletter.

Make an extra effort to get to know new members. Board members will be responsible for creating "ice breakers" in March, June, September, and December. Have fun with this activity and get to know your WPF members!!!

How to encourage more diversity in our membership? Make diversity a value for WPF not a goal.

Provide members with a list of the categories for our membership at the April meeting.

Explain the purpose, benefits, values, membership requirements of WPF. April's program will be called "WPF Wheel of Fortune". It will be conducted by Maureen Hartigan – Foundation President – and Brenda Morris – WPF President. A good time to revisit the "basics" of WPF!!

Look at ways to make the website work for WPF!! A survey will be sent to members for their input on the WPF website. Please respond to this survey HONESTLY!!! We need your input!!

As you can see we have a lot of work to do but ALL of your board members have made a commitment to each of these goals to make it happen! Once again, please email any of us if you have suggestions or comments!! This is YOUR organization!! WPF

March Meeting

Wed., March 12 @11:30
The Painted Plate
2001 N. Church St.
Greensboro

Cost

Active members - prepaid.
Supporting or Emeritus
members and Guests - \$15.00.

Reservations

Please contact Carol Matznick,
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 reservation is a membership requirement.

March Meeting Schedule

- 11:40 - 12:00 - Buffet line open
- 12:00 - 12:15 - "Welcome"
- 12:15 - 12:45 - Program
- 12:45 - 1:00 - Announcements

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OUR SPEAKER FOR MARCH

Colonel Terry Walters, MD, MPH, CPE is the first woman to lead the Army's largest medical facility: Womack Army Medical Center at Fort Bragg. It is the latest in a long line of impressive accomplishments for the native Brit – from being among the first

class of women to graduate from West Point (USMA, 1980) to winning national and world power lifting titles and the national adult figure skating championship. She is a talented athlete, set a meet record

at the prestigious Penn Relays, throwing the javelin 155 feet. In addition to her military and medical degrees, she earned a Masters in Public Health and Health Care Administration. She commanded the First Medical Brigade in Iraq and Fort Hood and has served in many locations around the world. WPF

Colonel Terry Walters, MD, MPH, CPE
Making a Difference in the Military,
Medicine and Health Care Administration

DINING OUT

Kris Landrum

For the month of March, Dining Out will go international! Please join us at 6:30 on Wednesday, March 26th, at Sushi Republic, located at 329 Tate Street. For those who remember Sushi 101 from a previous visit, Sushi Republic is the same restaurant, just located in a larger space near its old location. Reviewers have recommended the restaurant for “the best sushi in

Greensboro.” However, if you're not a sushi fan, those of us who have ventured here before can testify that there are other options, including many which do not incorporate raw fish. The vegetable tempura, for example, is great! Be adventurous and join us on the 26th! Anne Willson is our hostess for this outing, so please email her at annewillson@gmail.com to reserve a space on or before the end of the day on March 24th. WPF

Dining Out
Wednesday
March 26, 2008

6:30 pm

Sushi Republic
329 Tate St.
Greensboro

WPF BOARD TRIVIA

What board member made her TV debut at age 13, pointing at the Statue of Liberty in a Girl Scout commercial?

(See answer on page 4...)

Important Dates To Remember

March 12 - WPF Lunch meeting

March 20 - WPF Board meeting - 11:30 - 1:00

April 10 - WPF New member social - 5:30 - 7:00

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Renee Boles, Membership Chairman

We are again delighted to welcome an outstanding group of intelligent, talented women into our WPF organization! Please join your board and membership committee in celebrating the addition of the following new members of WPF.

Laura Hayes Hunt is a returning member to WPF. Laura was previously a WPF Member from 1984-2002. Laura is the Director of Marketing at Hospice and Palliative Care if Greensboro. Laura's serves on HPCG's Senior Leadership Team and is responsible for providing agency leadership in presenting HPCG in a professional manner throughout the market. Laura has lived in Greensboro for almost 26 years, and has been in marketing management for the last 25 years.

Stephanie DeLair is a Commercial Lender at First Citizens Bank in downtown Greensboro. Stephanie has a BS in Management along with a BMA in Finance. Stephanie is responsible for developing & managing commercial banking relationships. Stephanie has been in banking for 17 years banking experience and has also has over 16 years of management experience. Stephanie is actively involved in the community through volunteering with the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce, March of Dimes and Hospice. Stephanie's sponsors are Jane Cockman, Valerie McMurray and Pat Price.

Celeste Krueger is the President/Owner of Celeste Krueger & Associates, Inc. Celeste Krueger & Associates provides Strategic and Organization Development Consulting, Executive Coaching, Facilitation, Conflict Resolution & Negotiation, Training & Development. Celeste has a Masters & Masters Specialist Degrees in Counselor Education. Celeste resides in Greensboro and conducts business not only in Greensboro but in Florida where her business was originally founded. Celeste is a continuing member of the Jacksonville WPF, which is an organization similar to WPF. Celeste has 25 years experience in her field, 11 of which she has been an entrepreneur/owner. Celeste's sponsors are Gloria Thompson, Darlene Ball and Carol Gilber-Williams.

Portia Mount is the Vice President of Communications at Center for Creative Leadership where she oversees all of the CCL's global marketing and communications, fundraising and client services team. Portia has a BA in Anthropology and Communications and a MA in

Cultural Anthropology emphasis East Asian Studies. Portia is actively involved in the community and currently spends 20 hours per month being involved with community activities. Portia's sponsors are Meryl Mullane, Maureen Hartigan and Mona Edwards.

Lynn Ritchy is self employed in Management of Real Estate and Appraising. Lynn is a advanced MAI candidate and has a BA Degree in English Literature with minors in Mathematics and psychology. In addition to owning her own appraisal company she and her husband also own a broadcasting company and a Radio Station. Lynn has served as President and Treasurer of a Women's Professional Group and was also the treasurer of an investment club for 3 years. Lynn enjoys politics, history, golf, movies and traveling. Lynn's sponsors are Judy Garner, Ruth Wooten and Beverly Gass.

Ann Zuraw is employed as a Wealth Advisor with Compass Financial Partners, LLC. Ann has obtained her CFP along with several financial certifications in addition to the MBA and CFA she also has. Ann and her family have been very involved in Greensboro for many years and is very active in the community serving on various boards. Ann has three children, Lucy, Jerry and Lane. Ann is often referenced as a "make it happen" kind of women. Ann's sponsors are Ronnie Grabon, Vicky Honeycutt, Melanie Soles and Tara Sandercock.

Our new members will be introduced at the April meeting, but your best chance to meet them is at our new member social. This is a perfect time to welcome our new members and get to know other members better! We'll be serving appetizers, wine, beer, and water, and enjoying the hospitality of Bank of North Carolina in their facility at Friendly Shopping Center. WPF

NEW MEMBER SOCIAL

Thursday
April 10, 2008

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Bank of North Carolina
3202 Northline Ave.
Greensboro

(Beside Signature Place at
Friendly Shopping Center)

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Trivia Answer:



WPF Foundation Highlights and '07 Grant Recipient

Maureen Hartigan, Foundation President

At our February meeting you heard an encouraging year-end financial report from your WPF Foundation when Treasurer Ruth Wooten summarized how close (and yet how far) we are to the \$200,000 goal that will enable us to establish a truly viable endowment for our Foundation. An endowment will assure our annual grant-making ability of \$10,000 forever, in good years and bad. When we know what it available every year, the Foundation will be able to look for varied funds from others, showing a solid backing to prove our worth. Because of that we will be able to continue for the long-term in supporting our mission of "Nurturing Young Girls to be Tomorrows Leaders".

One of those girls is Moriah Girley, the recipient of your 2007 grant to NCCJs Anytownscholarship for girls. A student from Northeast High School, Moriah was featured recently in a News & Record story by columnist Jeri Rowe as part of his Rebuilding Trust in the Community series. Visit www.nccjtriad.org for a link to the article as well as the papers multimedia interview with Moriah.

When you hear her discuss the NCCJ week-long youth leadership program in human relations, she leaves no doubt that our grant was well-placed, She is persuasive about the importance of making the effort to get out of our comfort zone to initiate dialogue with people we perceive as different. She will be a positive influence in her school, her neighborhood and the community at large as a result of her experience. Your WPF Foundation grant made that possible.

Please plan to join the Honor Roll of WPF members who make a personal donation to the Foundation so that we can help promising girls embrace opportunities that will help them realize their leadership potential. **THEY ARE OUR FUTURE!** It would be wonderful to be well along toward this year's \$25,000 goal when the Foundation is featured at our May WPF meeting. What an excellent tribute to our mission it would be, if every member of WPF made a contribution of some amount.

Just make your pledge or your check to WPF Foundation '08 and mail it to the WPF P. O. Box. We want YOU to be part of the WPF Foundation's impact on the future of women leaders.

And remember that the applications are out now for the 2008 grant awards. Please send the application to the no-profits you support and maybe someone you truly care about would be the recipient. WPF



"Did you know that..."

**The Harp is the official Emblem of Ireland, not the Shamrock.
The handheld Harp was played by our Celtic Forefathers.**

Over 40% of the United States Presidents had Irish ancestors.

St. Patrick's Day, the way we celebrate it, is more American than Irish. In Ireland, St. Patrick's Day is a religious holiday—shops and businesses are closed to give everyone a day off.

