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PRESIDENT'S PEN

Brenda Morris



HAPPY HALLOWEEN AND HAPPY FALL!!!!

Halloween is one of my favorite days and has been since I was a little girl. I like dressing up and decorating my house and giving out candy and just acting like a kid – which is pretty normal for me!!

Halloween Trivia – BOO!!

Orange and black are Halloween colors because orange is associated with the Fall harvest and black is associated with darkness and death.

Halloween candy sales average about 2 billion dollars annually in the United States.

Chocolate candy bars top the list as the most popular candy for trick-or-treaters with Snickers #1.

Bobbing for apples is thought to have originated from the roman harvest festival that honors Pomona, the goddess of fruit trees.

Black cats were once believed to be witch's familiars who protected their powers.

If you see a spider on Halloween, it is the spirit of a loved one watching over you

The Ouija Board ended up outselling the game of Monopoly in its first full year at Salem. Over two million copies of the Ouija Board were shipped.

October is a busy month for WPF members with small group dinners going on. A big thanks you to Faye Shoffner and Laura Burton for planning these dinners. They are always fun and beneficial to the upcoming board. Discussion will center around four questions so be thinking about how you feel about each of these topics.

1. What do YOU want to get out of WPF?
2. Have you noticed any changes since last year's small group dinners?
3. How can WPF be more responsive to your needs as members?
4. A recurring problem at each monthly meeting is individuals that don't RSVP for the meeting. This can add up to roughly \$225 monthly and \$2700 a year that could be going towards scholarship money. The board has discussed this often over the past 2 years and we have charted every members RSVP history for the past 2 years. What are suggestions as to ways in which to handle this ongoing dilemma?

The Holiday Bazaar will be held at our November 12 meeting. Thanks to Katrina Solomon and her committee for planning this fun event. If you are interested in a booth, give Katrina a call. The food is always excellent with a great opportunity to spend money, do some holiday shopping and just socialize with your fellow WPF members. Enjoy the fall weather and cooler temperatures.

October Meeting

Wed., Oct. 8 @ 11:30am

The Painted Plate

2001 N. Church St,
Greensboro, NC

Cost

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

Reservation

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.

Next WPF Board Meeting

October 16, 11:30am - 1:00pm @ AG Center - Greensboro

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MAKE YOUR DREAM(S) A REALITY

Judy Garner - Program Chair

Are you a banker who likes knitting more than reading the Wall Street Journal? Are you a physician who longs to sing professionally? Why not do both? Explore how you can tap your creativity, engage your whole self and energize your work and life by pursuing all your dreams.

Diane Flynt, President of Foggy Ridge Cider, grows heirloom apples and makes artisan hard cider in the Virginia Blue Ridge mountains. Diane Flynt, President of Diane Flynt Consulting, designs and leads executive leadership programs for corporations and professional services firms. Find out how to begin to make more than one of your dreams into reality.

DINING OUT

Kris Landrum

The dining site for our next event has not yet been determined, but please reserve the date: October 29th at 6:30. We promise to come up with a great restaurant and announce the place at the next luncheon! If you want to make a reservation in the meantime, please contact Kris Landrum at klandrum@tuggleduggins.com.

A HOLIDAY SHOPPING EXTRAVAGANZA

Katrina Solomon

We have some great vendors lined up for the Holiday Bazaar this year. We'll have jewelry, art, pottery, clothes, purses, accessories, collectibles, gift baskets, note cards, salon products ... and the list goes on. We also plan to have more seating scattered throughout to make the lunch more manageable. Hours are 11:30-1:30, and the date is Wednesday, November 12. We hope to see you there!!

PLEASE feel free to invite your friends, family and co-workers to this shopping extravaganza. Just remember the cost is \$15 per guest, and you need to let Carol know by Friday before the bazaar if you will be bringing a guest.

Here is a brief list of some of our members who will be vendors:

Jeanne Adams Blaidsell: Double Door Collections - Pearls, Stationery
Janet Dinsmore: Handmade Fused Glass Jewelry

Ann Lynch: Pottery

Meg Sternberg: Heart of Living - Artwork, Accessories

Lise Cook, Progressions - Salon Services, Gifts, Jewelry

Madge Megliola: Lamps, Ornaments

Debbie Devine: Artwork, Painted Bisque

And the 4H Girls will be back wrapping gifts!!

SMALL GROUP DINNERS

Laura Burton

It is that time of year again-- Fall is in the air and plans have been made for the annual WPF Small Group Dinners. You should have received your invitation to the October Small Group Dinners via email. We would appreciate it if you would make every effort to attend one of the dinners for good food and great conversation. Please contact your hostess for menu items and directions. If you cannot make the date to which you have been assigned, please check the list for a more convenient date and contact the hostess to see if space remains at that dinner. If you have questions or did not receive the invitation, please contact Laura Burton at laura.burton@smithmoorelaw.com or 378-5566. Bon Apetit!

THE LEGACY OF PEGGY WILKES



Peggy Wilkes
1950-2008

Every year the WPF Foundation makes two grants to UNCG students in memory of Peggy Wilkes. Many WPFers, including me, didn't know Peggy, who died ten years ago of ovarian cancer. She would be 58 years old now. So I asked her friend and charter WPF Foundation Board Member Peggy Ward, to tell me about her.

The Foundation grants ensure that the legacy of Peggy's indomitable spirit and positive attitude live on. She was an early member of WPF who was diagnosed with ovarian cancer at the age of 30. She endured 18 years of treatments and surgeries without losing her love of life or her focus on the future, until she succumbed at age 48. Not only did she have a remarkably long-term survival, she never let her illness control her life.

Peggy Ward, says, "She never gave it her emotional strength."

Peggy Wilkes is remembered for her abundant creative talent in the fashion industry. She was born and raised in Ohio where her parents owned a restaurant, which may account for her fabulous cooking hobby. Professionally, she landed in New York City with Ralph Lauren. Throughout her career, which included work with brands like Rough Hewn, Joe Boxer and Francoise Girbaud, she continued to spend about half her time in the fashion-forward City. In fact, Peggy Ward credits Peggy Wilkes with showing her how to shop for clothes in NY. If you've ever been shopping in the City with Peggy Ward, you know what a great teacher she must have been!

Upon her death, Peggy Wilkes' husband, young son and friends wanted to establish a scholarship that would be a lasting memorial to her love of fashion of mentoring students in the industry. They raised \$35,000 that would annually provide \$500 for the Margaret Ann Wilkes Textile Products Marketing Senior Award and \$1,500 for the Margaret Ann Wilkes Textile Products Scholarship.

After administering the fund for several years, the WPF Foundation transferred those responsibilities to the Human Environmental Sciences Foundation managed by the UNCG Investment Fund, Inc. Every year the Chair of the Department of Textile Products Design and Marketing and some of the faculty choose the re-

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ipients based on criteria such as grade point average, financial need and leadership ability. The winners are announced each year at WPF's May meeting. You may remember hearing from '08 winner Jennifer McMasters this spring. She is a remarkable young woman whose budding career in fashion will benefit from her Margaret Ann Wilkes award.

All of the recipients – past, present and future, of the WPF Foundation awards in Peggy Wilkes' memory, are part of nurturing girls to be tomorrow's leaders. In Peggy Ward's own words, "Peggy was such a positive, accomplished and giving professional, and I am so glad that her legacy continues through these scholarships."

WOMEN'S PROFESSIONAL FORUM FOUNDATION



OCTOBER 2008 NEWSLETTER HONOR ROLL

The Women's Professional Forum Foundation would like to thank all of you who so graciously contributed to the Foundation's mission since the September newsletter was published:

Who's Who

Beth Barr	In Honor of Rachel Barr, her mother
Lynn Bresko	In Honor of Judy Piper
Linda Carlisle	In Memory of Ron Ball
Cathy Nosek	In Memory of June Chiodi, her mother

Power Partners

Cindy Farrand	In Honor of Jessica Bateman-Glassman, her mother
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Future Shapers

Jeanne P. Duncan	
Geary Potter	In Memory of her three sisters, Mildred, Dottie, and Betty
Joyce E. Richman	
Lynn Ritchy	
Diane Rumley	In Honor of Irene Feldhaus, her mother
Karen R. Savage	In Honor of Sandy Doyle-Jones
Paula Sinozich	

Friends of the Future

Jeanne Blairsdell	
Jane Cockman	In Memory of Louise Moore, her mother
Kathi K. Dubel	
Laura Hunt	In Honor of Nelle Craft Hayes, her mother
Christine McCuen	
Katrina Solomon	