

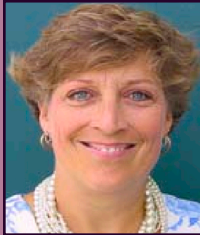
WPF *orum* NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S PEN

Brenda Morris



Can you believe Fall is here? The summer has flown by hasn't it? I hope each of you had a wonderful summer with time for a vacation with your family. My family had a first this year with the four of us going on vacation with the girlfriends included. It was a great week!

Fall for the Morris family means Appalachian State Football. If you have been closed up in a closet the past three years, then you may not know that the Mountaineers are the reigning national football champions. I will be glad to share with you how mighty the Mountaineers are. I was at the Michigan game last year where we beat Michigan and will be headed to Baton Rouge, Louisiana Labor Day weekend to hopefully see them beat LSU. GO APPS!!!

Your WPF Board is hard at work. We meet monthly for 1 and 1/2 hours to make this organization the exemplary organization that it is. The board this year has made many important decisions that I discuss in this monthly newsletter article. We have taken action on many of the items brought up at small group dinner's last year. Last month's monthly meeting is an example of this. Enticing new, young members (In my mind, I still think I fall in this category) with interesting topics was often brought up last year. A big thanks to Donna Reichman, Joyce Richman, and Sue Kennedy for the panel discussion on "executive coaching." Hopefully this topic gave some guidance to some of our younger members as well as our seasoned members.

Beverley Gass has agreed to chair a website committee along with Katrina Soloman and Sandy Doyle Jones. This committee will ensure that the website is up-to-date, the addition of member photos, and perhaps a blog component. This is an important task so be patient with this committee. Good things often take time.

A new marketing brochure is being developed and Patty Aiken is spearheading that effort. We will be using the same WPF logo but updating the "look" and information. We will share this marketing flyer with our new members as well as give it to those professional women that we would like to ask into look into joining WPF.

I have asked Beverly Williams and Sarah Shoffner to serve on the nomination committee for our 2009 slate of officers. If you are interested in serving on the board, please let one of us know soon.

As you can see YOUR WPF Board is hard at work. Please let us know if you have concerns, suggestions, and just nice things to tell us.

GO MOUNTAINEERS (sorry)!!!

September Meeting

Wed., Sept. 10 @ 11:30am

The Painted Plate

2001 N. Church St,
Greensboro, NC

Cost

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

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

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MEET DR. NADIA CECH!

Judy Piper - Programs

Dr. Nadja Cech is an Associate professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at the University of North Carolina Greensboro. She holds a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Southern Oregon University and a PhD from the University of New Mexico. Dr. Cech spent her childhood running barefoot on a medicinal herb farm at the foot of the Siskiyou Mountains in southern Oregon. It is perhaps surprising that this beginning would lead to a career as a chemist. However, in her role as a faculty member at the University of North Carolina Greensboro, Dr. Cech has been able to return to her roots, applying her expertise as a chemist to study medicinal plants.

Her research focuses on developing plant based treatments for diseases such as drug resistant bacterial infections and cancer. "A major goal of our research is to investigate the scientific basis for herbal remedies, with the goal of informing the public about safe and effective ways to use plants to treat disease," says Dr. Cech. Since her appointment to the UNCG faculty in 2001, Dr. Cech has been awarded over \$1 million in grant support. Consistent with UNCG's mission as a student centered research university, the projects supported by these grants are conducted with significant student involvement, particularly from undergraduates. As many as 5 undergraduate students each work in Dr. Cech's research laboratory each semester, gaining valuable training that makes them more competitive in the workforce or for advanced degrees.

Importantly, many of these young scientists are women; in the past 7 years she has trained 37 students in her research laboratory, 70% of whom were females. According to Dr. Cech, who is expecting her second child in January, "It is truly an honor to work with so many future professional women. Through our interactions, I hope that they not only learn important scientific skills, but also observe that it is possible to be successful in the diverse roles of scientist, teacher and mother." We are thrilled to have Dr. Cech at UNCG inspiring young minds through excellent teaching and critical, relevant research....and are pleased to be able to share her story with WPF.

WPF BOARD TRIVIA

What board member went to college to major in music/piano? She took piano lessons for 15 years and participated in the EMF Piano competitions when she was about 11 or 12 yrs old?

(Answer on page 4)

DINING OUT

Kris Landrum

Our next Dining Out event will take place at Margaritas Grill, 221 S. Elm Street, on Wednesday, September 24th at 6:30. Margaritas Grill is a new restaurant for downtown Greensboro, opening in May, 2007. It offers Latin American dining, serving Mexican and Cuban Cuisine. Meryl Mullane is our hostess for the month. Please contact Meryl at Meryl@MulanePR.com before the end of the day on Monday, September 22nd, to reserve your spot for another fun evening!

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Renee Boles - Membership Chair

The membership committee is thrilled announce that we have 11 new members joining WPF! They are exceptional women who we feel will fit in well with our WPF sisters. They will be formerly introduced to you at the September meeting, but in the meantime, here is a brief introduction of each of them.

Jeanne Blaisdell is the President/Owner of Self Double Door Collections. Jeanne is an independent consultant for a line of women's clothing (Etcetera), line of pearl jewelry (Love the Pearls) and children's stationary line (Tagums). Jeanne has a Bachelor of Arts in Communications from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Jeanne is actively involved with the community. She was the Co-Chair of the 2008 Women Against MS Luncheon, a member of the 2008 Heart Association Gala Committee, a member of the Family Services of the Piedmont Oyster Roast Committee and Co-Chair of the Ways & Means and Parent Member for the Scholarship Endowment Campaign for Guilford Day School. Jeanne's sponsors are Lucy Wellmaker, Jolaine Lanier and Laura Burton.

Lisa Cooke is the Owner/Art Director of Progressions Salon & Spa. Lisa has been in the beauty industry for 37 years and a business owner for 22 years. Lisa opened her first salon in 1986 and now has expanded her business to include a spa as well as hair and nail care services. Lisa hosted a silent auction benefit in the fall of 2007 for the Women's Professional Forum Foundation raising over \$10,000.00 for the Foundation. Lisa's sponsors are Sue Kennedy, Ruth Wooten and Gloria Thompson.

Beth Barr is a senior vice president and trust officer for Wachovia Investments. She is a wealth manager. Beth moved to Greensboro from Winston Salem in 1994. She sponsors describes herself as a woman that is full of enthusiasm. Beth is a Meredith College alum and is active in their alumni association. She is also a director in her Kiwanis Club. Beth wants to help promote WPF's creditability, advocacy and visibility. Beth's sponsors are Marjorie Streck, Jeri De Lugin, and Lucy Wellmaker.

Denise Turner brings youth and vitality to our group. She is the VP for Governmental affairs for the Greensboro Partnership. This means that she is a lobbyist. Prior to taking this job she was Brand Miller's campaign strategist. Beth is a graduate of George Mason University. She is very active in our community. She is the incoming chair of the Future Fund Steering Committee, a United Arts Council Board member, a Historical Museum board member and a board member of Family Services. She is also on the UNCG board of visitors. Her sponsors are Theresa Vincent, Kate Weaver and Polly Sizemore.

Cindy Farrand is Vice President/Administrator at The Women's Hospital of Greensboro. She has been in the field of healthcare for over 20 years. Cindy has an E.M.B.A. from The College of William and Mary along with a M.S. in Public Health/Health Policy & Administration from UNC, Chapel Hill and a B.S. in Radiologic Technology, Concentration in Management from The Medical University of South Carolina. Cindy moved to Greensboro 3 years ago. Cindy's primary sponsors are Denny Kelly, Lydia Whitley and Lynne Smith.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

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WPF Board Trivia answer: Patty Aiken

Christine McCuen is an Ophthalmologist at Greensboro Ophthalmology Associates where she performs eye exams and eye surgery on eyes and eyelids. She has been a physician since 2002. Christine earned her undergraduate education at Villanova University and her graduate degree from University of Pittsburgh. Christine's primary sponsors are Maureen Hartigan, Beverly Williams and Anna Fesmire.

Catharyn Nosek is the owner of Belvedere Properties LLC. Cathy is a licensed real estate broker in several states, and managing properties for investors is a significant component of her company's business. She graduated from the University of Maryland and worked as an auditor for Deloitte Haskins & Sells in her prior career. Cathy has lived in Greensboro for fourteen years. Her sponsors are Judy Garner, Vicki Honeycutt, and Lynn Smith.

Jane Knick Lawrence is Director of Development at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, in the School of Human Environmental Sciences. After working for several Fortune 500 companies, Jane changed career paths and pursued a Bachelor's degree at UNCG. She later began working at the university and is now responsible for raising funds for scholarships, professorships, and numerous faculty programs. Her sponsors are Sarah Shoffner, Susan Larson, and Judy Piper.

Geary J. Potter is Advertising and Promotions Specialist at Moses Cone Health System, where she has been for eight years. She develops, initiates, maintains and monitors system-wide advertising, promotions and special projects while supervising a staff of freelancers. She is an active volunteer in several organizations in Greensboro. Geary's sponsors are Denny Kelly, Mebane Ham, and Vicki Honeycutt.

Efthemia D. Vartimidis is Clerk to Board at the Guilford County Government. Effie has been working in government her entire professional life (18 years.) She has a BA in Public Administration and a Masters Degree in Public Affairs and is a Certified Municipal Clerk and a candidate for Master Municipal Clerk. She is a native of Greensboro. Effie's primary sponsors are Bonnie K. Stellfox, Beverly Williams and Katie Alley.

Lynn Bresko is the Assistant Vice Chancellor at UNCG where she manages the operations of Central Development Office and raises funds to support the University's endowment. Lynn has lived and worked in Greensboro for 20+ years. Lynn has a BA in Communications from UNCG. Lynn's primary sponsors are Laura Pitts, Judy Piper and Susan Larson.

DINING OUT

Kris Landrum

A big THANK YOU to those members who have signed up as vendors for the WPF Holiday Bazaar [Wednesday, November 12, 11:30-1:30] and also to those members who have recommended vendors. We have some great some people, and more spots to fill! The member deadline for signing up/recommending is September 10, so PLEASE contact Katrina Solomon (KatrinaSolomon@aol.com), Lynn Ritchy (LRAPP@bellsouth.net), or Ashley Wigglesworth (Ashley@trifiadv.com) if you or someone you know wants to participate. We will also have a sign-up sheet at the September meeting. Members are FREE. Non-members are \$35.

WPF BOOKS AND ARTS HAS A WONDERFUL EVENING



Photo by Judy Hampton

Rose Pfaff makes a presentation about the Eastern Music Festival Concerto Program.



Photo by Judy Hampton

Rose graphs the music.



Photo by Judy Hampton

Rose traces the history of the instruments to be heard: the flute, the cello, and the piano.



Photo by Judy Hampton

Rose captures the attention of the members and guests.

JOIN US FOR THE WPF HOLIDAY BRUNCH

Beverly Williams

The Annual WPF Holiday Brunch is scheduled for Sunday, December 7 at the Grandover Resort. Seats are limited for this festive occasion that begins at 11:30. Simply reply to Beverly Williams to confirm your participation: bevflloydwilliams@bellsouth.net.

WPF FOUNDATION FEATURE

Many of you have joined the Honor Roll by making a donation in honor of your mother, mentor or friend. In fact, that's how the Honor Roll got its name. We invite you to tell us in an article like the one below about the woman you honor with your gift to the Foundation. We will publish them as they are received. If you haven't already, please make a gift to help us raise the money necessary to get us to our two hundred thousand dollar goal. Thanks to Meryl for this story of one of her heroes.



Kitty Green



Meryl and Kitty

By Meryl Mullane

My donation this year is in memory of my friend Kitty Green.

No one gave Kitty anything as she grew up and yet she gave to others throughout her life. As a young girl, Kitty's mother left her to be raised by a grandmother who tied her to a chair and didn't let her go outside so she'd be easier to watch.

Kitty spent much of her life giving what she never got herself. Kitty was very committed to women's issues and was a strong mentor for women.

As president of CMS in Winston-Salem, Kitty built the company from five employees to 200 and led it to become the largest coupon processing firm in the country. When Kitty and her husband were in their early 40's, they retired to the Charlottesville area where they could walk through the woods on their land – because Kitty loved being outdoors.

Although she had much business success, a happy marriage and a beautiful home, Kitty was on a quest for her true life's work. After a couple of retirement years, she found her path to fulfillment. A Wake Forest M.B.A., Kitty went back to school, earned a teaching degree and became an elementary school teacher.

Even though Kitty loved teaching, I harbored a belief she would eventually start a new school or take major steps toward solving the problems in our country's educational system. She was anything but a status quo, we've always done it this way woman. Kitty had vision and all it takes to bring a vision into reality. And she had the heart to care enough.

Always tall and slender, Kitty developed a bit of a pot belly when she turned fifty and chalked it up to middle age. But it was ovarian cancer, especially insidious because it's often advanced before presenting symptoms. Kitty fought for eighteen months to have more life to continue her passion.

At her memorial service, several of her students spoke about how Kitty made a difference in their lives, getting them to believe in themselves.

Kitty Green was a brilliant, lovely woman with the willingness to devote herself to others, especially children. Kitty didn't get the years she deserved. What a loss that she had so little time. What a gift to have had Kitty Green at all.

SMALL GROUP DINNERS ARE AROUND THE CORNER!

Your Directors at Large, Laura Burton and Faye Shoffner, wish to thank the following women who have volunteered to host this fall's Small Group Dinners: Mebane Ham, Jane Hewitt, Sandy Doyle Jones, Kyleen Jones, Kris Landrum, Jolaine Lanier, Bonnie McAlister, Madge Megliola, Pat Price, Faye Shoffner, Paula Sinozich, and Lynn Smith. Please look for an email in the near future with the date and location of your Small Group Dinner assignment. Once the groups are assigned, these ladies will be contacting you to arrange the meal and gathering. The dinners are always a lot of fun, and we hope that you will all be able to attend a dinner this year. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Burton ([378-5566](tel:378-5566) or laura.burton@smithmoorelaw.com) or Faye Shoffner ([547-2038](tel:547-2038) or fshoffner@bandt.com).



2008 HONOR ROLL

The Women's Professional Forum Foundation would like to thank all of you who so graciously contributed to the Foundation's mission to date in 2008:

Who's Who

- Darlene Ball
- Laura-Stroupe Barrier In Honor of her Mother and her Daughter
- Janet Ward Black In Honor of her Mother
- Laura Burton In Memory of her Mother; In Honor of her Mother-in-law
- Linda Carlisle In Honor of Maureen Hartigan
- Jeri D'Lugin In Memory of Betty Geraci
- Sandy Doyle-Jones In Memory of her Mother
- Beverley Gass In Honor of her Mother
- Kathleen Grumblatt
- Maureen Hartigan In Memory of her Mother
- Denny Kelly In Honor of her Mother
- Jolaine Lanier In Honor of her Mother
- Madge Megliola In Honor of her Mother-in-law
- Judy Miller In Honor of her Daughter
- Margie Motsinger
- Pat Price
- Nancy Radtke
- Jo Ann Shaw In Memory of Her Mother, Mary K. Goldbaugh
- Michele Smith In Honor of her Sister Lynette; In Memory of her Mother
- Gloria Thompson In Honor of the strong Daughters and Daughter-in-law in the next generation of her family
- Peggy Ward In Memory of Peggy Wilkes; In Honor of her Mother and her Mother-in-Law
- Dale Walker
- Jackie Wieland
- Jeri Whitfield In Honor of Lynn Gullick
- Susan Larson Williams

Power Partners

- Patty Aiken
- Anna Fesmire In Memory of her Mother and Fran Dils
- Judy Garner In Memory of her Mother; In Honor of all her WPF Sisters
- Kristin Landrum In Memory of Ann Umstead
- Bonnie McAlister In Honor of Sloan Dudley; Mollie Jones; Katie Wangelin & Nancy McAlister
- Marcy McHenry In Honor of her Grandmother
- Brenda Morris In Honor of her Mother
- Martha Peters

Laura Pitts
Nancy Schiltz
Patricia A. Vedder In Honor of her Sister

Future Shapers

Velma Speight-Buford In Honor of Dee Todd
Nancy Calkins
Lise' Cooke
Carolyn Flowers
Mebane Ham In Memory of her Mother
Rhonda Joyce
Sue Kennedy
Jane Lawrence In Honor of Sarah Shoffner
Brenda Madden In Memory of Ron Ball
Mary Magrinat In Memory of her Mother
Sandra Mayfield In Honor of her Daughter
Kelly Mitchell
Portia Mount In Memory of her Grandmother
Meryl Mullane In Memory of Kitty Green
Martha Peddrick In Memory of her Mother, Martha Taylor
Paula Pile
Judy Piper
Donna Riechmann
Lynn Ritchy
Diane Rumley In Honor of Irene Feldhaus, her Mother
Faye Shoffner
Sarah Shoffner In Memory of Sallie Pearson Moore, her Mother and Lillian Shepard Shoffner, her
Mother-In-Law
Paula Sinozich
Ernestine Taylor
Delores Todd In Memory of her Step-Daughter
Melanie Tuttle
Penny Whiteheart
Beverly Williams In Memory of her Parents
Carol Williams-Gilbert In Memory of her Mother
Ruth Wooten In Honor of her Sisters
Nora Zirps

Friends of the Future

Judith Burton In Honor of Laura Burton, her Daughter-In-Law
Mona Edwards
Martha Faw
Maureen Jarrell
Carol Matznick In Honor of her Step-Mother
Pattie Ward Miller In Honor of her Daughter-In-Law
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