

# WPF *orum* NEWS

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## PRESIDENTS PEN - GREETINGS EVERYONE!

*Patty Aiken*



Hi Everyone:

Hope this newsletter finds you doing well and enjoying your Summer. I just cannot believe that August is upon us. When I think of August, other than normally being hotter than “you-know-what” (and now that I am over 50—it’s really hotter than it used to be, isn’t it?), I think about school starting back up (more traffic), vacations completed and preparing ourselves to settle in again to our more normal routines—not sure that I know normal yet—but that is the feeling I get regardless of the actual!

This comment may be a bit premature, but when August rolls around, it makes me look forward to the Fall, which is my favorite season. Our state is absolutely beautiful during those months. The weather turns great, the foliage has its fiery glow, football season starts (go TIGERS—sorry—had to throw that in!). For WPF, our great Fall event is our Small Group Dinners. We begin having these throughout October and many generous members volunteer to host these dinners at their homes. The Directors at Large on our Board, Mebane Ham and Ashley Wigglesworth, coordinate this event. If you would like to be a hostess, please be sure to let them know—they are in the planning stages now. You **DO NOT HAVE TO COOK** to be a hostess—everyone helps. For our newest members, these gatherings are a great way to get to know your fellow WPF sisters. We gather in relatively small groups (about 10 – 12 usually) for a great meal, lots of socializing, and giving feedback on a couple of topics which are communicated to your board for improvements in our organization. We will send more information later on but want to get this on the radar! Again, if you would like to be a hostess, please make them aware.

I mentioned briefly at our July meeting that we are looking for a few volunteers to form an Ad Hoc Committee to help steer our Website activities. Please do not let this request scare you! All we need are a few great members to provide creative ideas, communicate back to the board on any recommendations for changes, and work with Matilda Kirby-Smith (our webmaster) should she need guidance. You do not have to have any web design experience to participate...just willing to commit a little bit of time to help keep continuity in our website now that we have elevated it’s status! If you have an interest, please let me ([patty.aiken@homeinstead.com](mailto:patty.aiken@homeinstead.com)) or Katrina Solomon ([katrina@orgstepbystep.com](mailto:katrina@orgstepbystep.com)) know.

Our August programs are going to be extra special. First, Miriam Barkley, one of our newer members, will provide us with her “4 Minute Special”—I just love these! We are looking forward to getting to know Miriam better! Our regular program presentation will be delivered by Melanie Soles (our own WPF member!). Linda Carlisle (another WPF member), who was appointed by Governor Perdue as Secretary of the Department of Cultural Resources, appointed Melanie to be the Legislative Liaison for the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources. Her presentation will be “Cultural Resources-North Carolina’s Treasure Chest”. We are honored to have an opportunity for Melanie to come speak with us about the Department, it’s programs, and

### August Meeting

Wed., August 12 @ 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](mailto: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

August 19, 11:30am - 1:00pm @ Mid Carolina Bank Conference Room

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## SEPT. NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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her new responsibilities in Raleigh.

Again, remember, we start the programs at Noon sharp! So, please try to arrive early enough to make it through the buffet on time. Thanks to all of you who really did a great job in helping us start on time at the July meeting..we needed all we could get!

See you on August 12!

## 4 MINUTE SPECIALS

*by Ashley Wigglesworth*

We've been bringing back a fun way to get to know each other a little better with our 4-minute special. We have had several people present their 4-minute specials at the meetings (most recently Laura Burton) and starting this month, we are also including 4-minute specials in the newsletter. If you are interested in speaking or writing a 4-minute special, please contact Ashley Wigglesworth at [Ashley@trifiadv.com](mailto:Ashley@trifiadv.com). Please remember, 4-minute specials are about your personal and professional journey, not a "pitch" for your business.

## UPCOMING WPF MEETINGS *Judy Garner - Programs*

Please mark your calendars!!

**August 12** – Melanie Soles - Legislative Liaison for the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources

**September 10** – New member introductions and web site overview

**October 8** – Quinn Dalton – Author

**November 11** – Holiday Bazaar

**December 9** – WPF Business Meeting

## It's Small Group Dinner Time!!

*by Mebane Ham*

What is a Small Group Dinner you ask? Well, it's a gathering of WPFers, in a small group dinner format, held usually in September and October. It's a great way for us to connect, discuss, and have some fun. Most dinners have between 8 and 15 participants with the host offering some type of main dish. Everyone else brings a side and drink of choice. We are looking for some members to host these dinners. *I personally find the hardest part of hosting to be cleaning the house, my main dish usually comes from Marias!* Please consider opening your home for a Small Group Dinner. Just email me at [mebane@lycos.com](mailto:mebane@lycos.com) and let me know you're interested. If you have a date in last September or October in mind, let me know that too. Many thanks and look forward to hearing from you!

## THE DIGITS OF MY LIFE *4 Minute Special* by Katrina Solomon

I was born in February of 1950, so it's always been easy for me to remember how old I am, or was. For example, in 1968, when I graduated from high school, I was 18; when I got married in 1975, I was 25. When my daughter was born in 1988, I was 38. When I was divorced in 1995, I was 45. And now, although it's hard to admit, it's 2009 and I am 59.

Yikes! How did that happen? Regardless, as I look back over the years, all I can say is "Oh, what a wonderful life I have had!"

I grew up in White Plains, NY, and didn't realize 'til years later what an incredible public school education I received, or how living so close to New York City effected my childhood [in a very positive way!]. I graduated from Miami of Ohio, and went back to the Big Apple where I worked as a studio assistant for a decorative fabrics firm, Brunschwig & Fils. There I was, an English major selecting fabric combinations for high-priced decorators! When wanderlust struck several years later, I set out for Arizona with a college friend, and driving in her silver-gray Porsche, we spent six weeks visiting just about everyone we knew along the way.

I guess it was time to grow up, because we both met our husbands while out West. She stayed in Scottsdale, while Simon and I returned East. I went to work in NYC again, this time for Romanoff Caviar Company [yumm...I would get a 7-ounce tin of Beluga for Christmas!] and later in the advertising office of Wrangler Blue Jeans [where I had to travel to this little Southern city called Greensboro for meetings]. Fast forward through living in a high rise on the Boston waterfront, moving to New Hampshire where I began my computer career, on to Florida, and finally in 1986 [I was 36!] to Greensboro. Greensboro seemed to be the kind of place where you had to have children to fit in, and since my biological clock was ticking, my husband and I obliged.

I've always been a serial kind of person – one thing at a time – and never wanted a child because I thought I wouldn't be able to do justice to a career AND a child. I continued to work for IBM until Shira was about 18 months old when the self-fulfilling prophecy kicked in and I took advantage of the opportunity to be a stay-at-home mom. Four years later, when it was time to go back to work, I opted for part-time, and finally, in 2000 [I was 50!], started Organizing Step-by-Step. By this time, I was a single parent and having my own business afforded a great luxury – the flexibility to set my own hours.

The past nine years seem to have flown by. My daughter will be a junior in college; my business has survived 9/11 and the current economic downturn; and I'm pretty sure I've found the love of my life. Not a bad way to be approaching 2010 [I'll be 60!].

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

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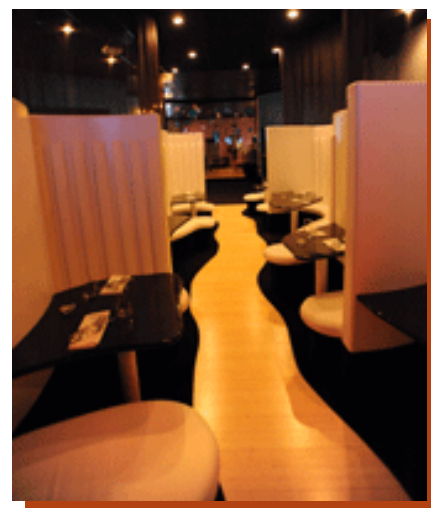
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**DINING OUT** *by Kris Landrum*

For our August Dining Out adventure, we're going to visit **MIX**, one of Greensboro's newest restaurants, located in the building previously occupied by Revival Grill at 604 Milner Drive (in the Quaker Village/Colonial Shopping Center). The date is August 26th and the time is 6:30. Carol Williams-Gilbert, our hostess, has an inside track at MIX because her daughter is the hostess there for the summer. Naturally, Carol has checked it out and gives it rave reviews! Wednesday night is their "stimulus package" night so food is 40% off and infusion martinis are \$3 off. Carol says you will love the food...salmon, tuna, steaks, chicken dishes, salads, appetizers and desserts..and prices are reasonable (highest entrée is \$14). Bring your badge or business card to get the specials. Check out the menu at [www.myspace.com/mixmartinibar](http://www.myspace.com/mixmartinibar). If you want to attend, please email Carol at [carol@leeschapelumc.com](mailto:carol@leeschapelumc.com) by the 22nd so that she can reserve a special space for us.



**Holiday Bazaar**

*by Katrina Solomon*

It's never too early to get ready for the holidays! Our Holiday Bazaar committee has been formed – Katrina Solomon, Lynn Ritchy, and Christine McCuen – and we are ready to begin gathering our list of vendors for this fun annual event. If you have something you would like sell at the Holiday Bazaar [November 11] or know someone who has something to sell, please contact one of us or email Katrina at [KatrinaSolomon@aol.com](mailto:KatrinaSolomon@aol.com) WPF Members have priority until September 9.

# FOUNDATION NEWS

## Drum Roll for the Honor Roll

*Denny Kelly*

Your WPF Foundation initiated the concept of the Honor Roll several years ago in order to recognize members who have pledged and/or made a donation to the Endowment we use to fund our grants. The Honor Roll is published periodically in this newsletter (see below) and at our meetings on a poster donated by member Bonnie Ferguson, president of Quality Printing. In addition, the ribbon attached to a WPF member's nametag signifies that the wearer has committed to make a gift to the Foundation. . Members who pledge or donate early in the year will have that ribbon to display during the entire year, which helps remind other members to make their donation or pledge.

During our current 2-year anniversary campaign, members who gave last year AND pledged for 2009 will be sporting two ribbons to indicate this high level of support.

As a group, we are grateful and extremely proud of the all the members on the Honor Roll. The number of donor ribbons visible at our meetings is heartwarming.

So many of you have given an amount that is comfortable for you, while creating a world of opportunities for girls through the Foundation's grant selection process. Honor Roll members can consider themselves responsible for helping to educate girls on careers in public service, send girls to NCCJ's Anytown leadership experience, provide scholarships for outstanding Girl Scouts, create a nurturing program for girls in foster care and so many other life-enhancing programs for the next generation of female leadership. Our grants have supported these programs and many others over the course of the 25 years the Foundation has been in existence.

Give yourselves a hand. Thank other members who are sporting a 2009 donor ribbon on their nametag. Invite others to pledge a gift. If you haven't pledged or made a donation yet, do it right now and you'll be sporting a donor ribbon yourself at the August meeting!

# WOMEN'S PROFESSIONAL FORUM FOUNDATION



## AUGUST 2009 HONOR ROLL

**The Women's Professional Forum Foundation would like to thank all of you who so graciously pledged or contributed to the Foundation's mission during 2009**

### ***Who's Who***

Darlene Ball	In Honor of Kristin Ball and Melissa Ball
Beth Barr	In Honor of Rachel Barr
Janet Ward Black	In Honor of Fran Black Holland
Laura Burton	In Memory of Nancy Deddish her Mother and In Honor of Judith Burton her Mother-in-Law
Linda Carlisle	In Honor of Maureen Hartigan
Leslie Davis	
Sandy Doyle-Jones	In Memory of Temmie Doyle, her Mother
Jeri K. D'Lugin	In Memory of Betty Geraci
Beverley Gass	In Honor of Mildred Gass, her Mother
Maureen F. Hartigan	In Memory of her Mother
Denny Kelly	
Matilda Kirby-Smith	
Jolaine Lanier	In Honor of Ellen Wood , her Mother
Madge Megliola	In Honor of Ines Megliola, her Mother-in-law
Judy Miller	In Honor of Cyndi Tew, her Daughter
Cathy Nosek	
Pat Price	In Honor of her Daughters Katherine and Rebecca
Michele G. Smith	In Honor of her Sister, Lynette Fairlamb; In Memory of her Mother, Dorothy Glenham
Laura Stroupe Barrier	In Honor of Doris Raper her Mother and Katie Lyon her Daughter
Gloria W. Thompson	In Honor or the strong women in the next generation of her family
Melanie Tuttle	
Peggy Ward	In Honor of Lori Hendricks her Mother, and Pattie Ward Miller her Mother-in-Law
Penny Whiteheart	
Jeri L. Whitfield	
Jacqueline T. Wieland	

### ***Power Partners***

Lynn Bresko	In Honor of Judy Piper
Cindy Farrand	In Honor of Jessica Baterman-Glassman, her Mother
Anna Fesmire	In Memory of Grace Hyde her Mother and Fran Dils
Kathleen Grumblatt	
Sue Kennedy	In Memory of Ellen Ferguson her Mother
Kris Landrum	In Memory of Ann Umstead

Marcy McHenry  
Martha Peters  
Paula Pile  
Geary Potter  
Laura Pitts  
Faye Shoffner  
Sarah Shoffner  
Megan Sternberg  
Effie Varitimidis  
Dale Walker

In Memory of Angie Smith, her Grandmother

In Memory of her three Sisters, Mildred, Dottie, and Betty

In Honor of Beverly Gass

In Honor of Mary Langston

### **Future Shapers**

Becky Austin  
Nancy Calkins  
Candice Cummings  
S. Mebane Ham  
Kyleen G. Jones  
Rhonda Joyce  
Sandra Mayfield  
Brenda Morris  
Meryl Mullane  
Martha Peddrick  
Gwenda Priest  
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Donna Riechmann  
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Diane Rumley  
Karen R. Savage  
Nancy Schitz  
Terri Shelton  
Paula Sinozich  
Teresa Vincent  
Carol Williams-Gilbert  
Ruth Wooten

In Honor of Nancy Radtke, Her Sister-in-Law

In Memory of Hortense Jones Ham her Mother

In Honor of Nancy Graybeal and in Memory of Jean Jones

In Honor of her Daughter

In Honor of Edith Allen, her Mother

In Memory of Kitty Green

In Memory of her Mother, Martha Taylor

In Honor of Susan Williams her Daughter and Rebecca Richman her Daughter-in-Law

In Honor of Irene Feldhaus, her Mother

In Honor of Carol Sobeski

In Honor of Fannie Vincent, A Breast Cancer Survivor

In Memory of Martha Williams, her Mother

In Honor of her Sisters, Sue Wilkins and Griff Montgomery

### **Friends of the Future**

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Lynn Smith  
Katrina Solomon  
Liz Summers  
Ashley Wigglesworth  
Sharon Wisell

In Honor of Katherine Bender and in Memory of her Mother

In Honor of Marcia Kebel

In Honor of her Mother, Jill Prewitt

In Honor of Beverley Gass