

# WPF *orum* NEWS

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## PRESIDENT'S PEN

by *Patty Aiken*



Are you ready for “March Madness”?! As I am writing this article, I am trying not to concentrate too hard on the Duke/Wake basketball game..which lead me to relate March Madness to March at WPF!

Ok, well, I am an ACC fan (more so football than basketball as many of you close to me know) but this month is a great month for many things, including happenings for WPF.

Our March meeting is focused on WPF Membership. And we have some great things planned for everyone.

One of the most common recommendations from the Small Group Dinners was to revive the “4-Minute” Special which I described last month. We are going to have this presentation this month and what better choice than Candace Cummings, the recipient of this year’s prestigious Athena Award. This award was presented to her at the Greensboro Partnership annual dinner a few weeks ago in front of probably 700 attendees—a huge crowd! For those WPF members in the audience, when she was introduced, we were so proud of her and after she talks to us, I am sure you will agree that she is very deserving.

Another very important item on our March agenda is that we will be introducing our newest members of WPF. Once again, you will be impressed with the quality of these women and what they have accomplished. We continue to have such great new members come to us through the current memberships’ referrals and recommendations. New, vibrant, involved members are what keep us alive and kicking—new friends to be made, new opportunities in our careers, new ideas to help our organization continue to keep up with the changing times. Welcome, new members. We hope you will enjoy being a part of WPF and that we meet your expectations. I reach out to each of you to become involved in our activities and events—that is the best way to get to know your fellow members and really benefit from your membership.

Brenda Morris, our Past President, will do a “fun” ice breaker at the beginning of our meeting to try to mix us up a bit. We will do this kind of exercise a few times during the year—we all know the reason—some like it and some do not—but, it’s a good thing to do regardless. Getting out of our comfort zones is not always what we want to do. As this relates to our membership month, the one thing that is extremely critical to our newest members is that they need you! While we encourage involvement, we can help start that process. Remember their introductions and seek them out at future meetings—say hello, learn more about them, even if it’s brief. (Stand in the buffet line and chat while getting your food.) Introduce yourselves and invite them to sit with you at the lunch meeting. If you lead a Special Interest Group, get their email addresses and include them in on your communications.

### March Meeting

Wed., March. 11 @ 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

March 18, 11:30am - 1:00pm @ Mid Carolina Bank Conference Room

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## April NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

March 20, 12:00 noon  
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And, last, but certainly not least, we will provide a follow up report on the results of Ar-tista! At this writing, it has not yet come to be, but there are lots of WPF sisters working hard to make it happen for us all!

Wow...Lots happening...

I look forward to seeing all of you in March. Go Tigers! (sorry!)

## DINING OUT

*Kris Landrum*

Our Dining Out event for March will be at Liberty Oak Restaurant, 100 W. Washington St., on March 25th at 6:30. Liberty Oak has been a popular Greensboro restaurant for many years, ranked in 2004 as one of Southern Living magazine's top food finds from across the region. It continues to be a favorite for many of us. It also meets our requirements for this year as a locally owned restaurant with reasonably priced food. Although you can order an expensive meal at Liberty Oak, it also offers many salad, sandwich, and lower-priced entrées. If you haven't tried Liberty Oak, this is a chance to do so in fun company! Laura Burton is our hostess for March. Please email her at [Laura.Burton@smithmoorelaw.com](mailto:Laura.Burton@smithmoorelaw.com) by the end of the day on Monday, March 23rd., if you would like to join us for our March outing.

## MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS! *by Maureen Hartigan*

WPF is pleased to announce that we have four new members that will be introduced at our March meeting. Please make them feel welcome. On Thursday April 21, 2009 from 6- 8PM, we will be having our new member social from 6-9 at Allen Tate Realty 619 Green Valley Road on Thursday April 21, 2009. Please email me at [imagolady@aol.com](mailto:imagolady@aol.com) so that we know that you will be attending.

### Luanne Arrington

Luanne Arrington is Vice President of Sales for Highland Capital. She is a CLU and Life insurance broker. She wants to participate on many levels in WPF and plug in to help wherever she is needed. She loves the charitable groups that help around the world and is actively involved in World Vision and in Samaritan's Purse. She is also involved with causes to stop human trafficking.

Luanne spends time going to festivals with her musician husband and driving car-pools to boy scouts and camp outs with her son. She is interested in other cultures and has lived in Iran.

### Miriam Barkley

Miriam Barkley is the Director of Web Communications at UNCG and has over 30 years in the communications profession. She is skilled in writing, proofreading, publication production and web consultation. Sarah Shoffner, one of her sponsors, speaks of her "dry wit and sense of humor", always a refreshing combination. Her husband, Tim Barkley, retired from UNCG and is a musician, photographer, and real estate broker. They have two cats, Miles and Mona. Most recent adventure: Iceland!

## Janice Lanier

A single mom of an active 4-year old, Janice juggles a successful career with active involvement in our community. She is the epitome of high energy, dedication and enthusiasm. A longtime employee of Evonik Stockhausen, Inc., Janice has served as their Human Resources Manager for over 9 years, responsible for compensation, benefits, and employee relations. She has taken the time to become deeply involved in service to Greensboro, participating in Leadership Greensboro, Other Voices, Moses Cone Community Health Foundation, United Way, and Guilford Education Alliance, naming only a few of her volunteer efforts.

A strong believer in women helping women, encouraging and helping each other reach their potential, Janice indicates that WPF is the first such organization she has seen to fulfill that very belief. There is no doubt that she will pull her weight in our wonderful organization. Kate Weaver, one of her sponsors, said about her, “Janice Lanier believes in and demonstrates the importance of blending inclusiveness and community in her professional and personal endeavors.” Welcome Janice to our membership!

## Julie Lapham

Julie Lapham, Ph.D. From Polymer Synthesis (with patents in flame retardants and permanent press) to meditation teacher (at Presbyterian Church of the Covenant). From grass roots political organizer (NOW-ERA campaign) to nonprofit administrator (Common Cause Virginia) Julie has been exposed to a variety of experiences and loves every one of them. She currently spends most of her time consulting to non-profits on issues of governance.

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## WPF GRANTS UPDATE *by Beverly Gass*

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The WPF Grants committee is inviting selected non-profit organizations to apply for grants this year. The Committee decided that one of the best ways to achieve its objective of making an “impact” toward Nurturing Young Girls to be Tomorrow’s Leaders might be to fund projects already in progress – especially projects from organizations with whom WPF has a relationship and/or history.

In previous years when grants were made, the announcement of their availability has been broadcast widely. In 2008, we had requests for over \$64,000 from Guilford County non-profits for the \$9,000 available. We decided that we were setting up unrealistic expectations among the organizations causing them to spend time on preparing applications with little chance of being funded. Many applications last year only tangentially related to our goal. In this economy and with our continuing belief in the value of nurturing girls to be leaders, we decided that we would try a more focused approach.

thanks so much,

Beverly Gass

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

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*Announcing the new special interest group:*

## **WhINE DIVAS (a group uncorked)**

Want to learn more about wine language? experience wonderful scent/taste/finish? focus on country-specific or varietal-specific choices? figure out wine-food pairings? take a road trip to our local Yadkin Valley wineries? find a great patio sipper just in time for summer?

Join this new group as we learn from each other (and an occasional expert) and try out some new wines. The host of each meeting will take care of purchasing the wine and snack so you just need to show up. We will divide the cost among the attendees at the start of the meeting and you will have a notes and rating sheet to take home. Our goal is affordable wines (usually between \$12-30?). At this time, we plan to meet the last day of the month, so the days of the week will vary.

To join the **WhINE DIVAS**... you must sign up for the group, plan to attend 6-8 times per year, and enjoy learning about and tasting new wines. Interested? send an email to [sdoylejones@bellsouth.net](mailto:sdoylejones@bellsouth.net) to get on the invitation list. You can even help with planning our focus themes or offer to hostess a tasting.

\*\*\* We will launch the first wine tasting on **March 30th @5:30-7:00 pm at the home of Sandy Doyle-Jones**. We will be taking "a taste trip" to Italy. Then on April 30th, we will head to Donna Riechmann's home for a sip of South America. Future themes include "Cookout cabs+ patio sippers", those "great Australians" (and we can include Hugh Jackman if he'll attend), French delights, Food pairings, dessert night, and much more.

Reservations are required so we are sure to have enough wine, glasses, and space. JOIN US, you wonderful SISTER SIPPERS!

**The Vine Planters** (co-chairs): Donna Riechmann and Sandy Doyle-Jones



## The Artista Team Rocks!

By the time you read this, Artista: Art by Women for Girls, will be over and so many of you who worked so hard to make it successful will be justly proud - and relieved. At this writing, we don't know the outcome; How many people came? How much art was sold? How will the event impact WPF, the Foundation's grant cycle, overall awareness or the ability to attract donations?

What I do know is that WPF has the greatest team of effective women that I've ever had the pleasure to work with. Every one pitched in and contributed their time and talent to create an inaugural event that would be successful. Every one was totally committed to showcasing local women's art, providing a venue for its sale and adding to the endowment that allows us to fund programs that support leadership for girls.

So, before we even know the outcome, we celebrate all of you who made Artista possible!

- Anne Willson and Nancy Radtke, co-chairs extraordinaire (and now event planners and TV spokespeople as well.)
- Maureen Hartigan and Patty Aiken, presidents of the Foundation and WPF respectively who had faith and held our hands.
- Mebane Ham, Joni Moffitt, Meryl Mullane, Geary Potter, Donna Reichmann and yours truly who comprised the Publicity Committee and got the event and our organization media coverage in the News & Record, WFMY, Fox 8, TV14, Simon 98.7, lots of websites and Go Triad among other communications. Gloria Thompson deserves our thanks too, for including so many announcements in NOS to get us all to the event.
- Bonnie Ferguson, owner of Quality Printing who donated the printing of 2,000 printed invitation postcards.
- Sandy Doyle-Jones, for securing our door prize, creating our Facebook page and creating a display of the Foundations' work to solicit donations.
- Liz Summers for helping organize the art show itself.
- Jeanie Duncan for arranging for WPF to have the perfect location of the atrium of the Cultural Arts Center.
- Ruth Wooten and Pat Price for unraveling the financial aspects that baffled the rest of us.
- Katrina Solomon and Mebane Ham for helping with catering and wine.
- Kyleen Jones, Sarah Shoffner and Beverly Williams for decorations.
- Martha Peddrick who organized sales at the event, taking ticket money and art sale money and distributing payments to artists, assisted by Kris Landrumll and Carol Matznick.
- Kathy Lambeth, formerly with the News & Record, who was initially inspired to bring skirt! in as media sponsor and, even though she isn't working there anymore, came on the 26th to help us during the event.
- And super thanks to Nora Shoptaw, editor of Greensboro skirt! and Nicole Murn, Sales Manager. They provided the ticket purchase capability on their website, logo design, the ad design and ads in skirt! and in the News and Record worth thousands of dollars. And Nora was a delightful speaker for our January meeting.

It is easy to see that this was truly a group effort – and everyone is not listed here, including those who worked at the event itself! All of you who emailed the invitation to your friends and colleagues are also warmly thanked. What a team WPF is!! What a privilege to be able to help the girls in our community have the opportunity to develop their leadership skills because of a grant from our Foundation.