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PRESIDENTS PEN

by *Patty Aiken*



Welcome to September!

September at WPF is a very special month. It's our month for introducing our new members at our meeting on September 9. We continue to be proud of our members and there are no exceptions in this group of wonderful women. They are as follows: Cyndy Hayworth (Junior Achievement), Betsy Goforth (Goforth Travel), Mary "Catherine" Chauvin (Rim Tapas Restaurant), and two returning members, Nikki Kober (Express Employment Professionals) and Charlotte Hamlin (retired). The board and committee members had an opportunity to meet everyone at the New Member Orientation and now, everyone will have the same chance two times in September.... at our meeting this month and also at the New Member Social. Katrina Solomon is our gracious hostess for this event on Tuesday, September 22 starting at 5:30 pm at Katrina's home...details to follow. Please make a special effort to welcome everyone and come to the Social...what a wonderful way to get to know the members on a more personal level as well as, of course, getting to visit with your other WPF "buddies". We have encouraged this newest group to become involved in our organization on whatever level is comfortable for them but we also strongly suggested that getting into one of our committees, small groups, etc will truly provide a great benefit from their membership! So, if you are on a committee or active in a particular small group, be sure to talk about your experience with our new members...always helpful to hear from a good source!

We have two more great items on our agenda for the September meeting. First, Dee Todd, our 2nd Vice President, will deliver the "4-Minute Special". Dee has been a WPF member for 18 years and the last time she presented a "4-Minute Special" was 17 years ago... so you can see, she faces a challenge to do this in 4 minutes! Well, we may give her 5 or so! Nonetheless, we are looking forward to hearing from Dee.

Katrina Solomon and Matilda Kirby-Smith will show us the latest updates on our new WPF website and you will find that we are getting better and better! These updates are going to be things that you need to know in order to navigate, update, and use our website more effectively.

Well, after much harassment from Mebane at the August meeting :-) ...we now have the number of hostesses we need for our Small Group Dinners! Thanks to all who have volunteered to open up their houses to us. It's a really fun time so be on the lookout for more communication coming your way.

Again, always many things going on. As the song goes..."See you in September!...."

September Meeting

Wed., Sept. 9 @ 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

September 16, 11:30am - 1:00pm @ Mid Carolina Bank Conference Room

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AWARD WINNING AUTHOR, QUINN DALTON, WILL BE OUR SPEAKER WEDNESDAY, OCT. 8

*Submitted by Rose Lindsay Pfaff, Chair
WPF Books and Arts*



Our Books and Arts Special Interest Group is so pleased that Quinn Dalton will be the speaker for the WPF luncheon on **October 8th**. Rose Pfaff, Chair, and many of the members attended the Book Lover's Conference last year and heard Quinn and her publisher speak on this very special occasion. Many of our members read her book "Stories From the Afterlife", and that book and others were available for purchase that evening. The members of Books and Arts who attended thought that Quinn was such an effective speaker that they asked Rose to follow-up and see if she could book Quinn for a WPF luncheon meeting so that all members would have an opportunity to hear Quinn.

Quinn Dalton is the author of several books including **HIGH STRUNG: A NOVEL**, and **BULLETPROOF GIRL**, a collection of short stories, and **STORIES FROM THE AFTERLIFE**. She has been named one of the top 20 people who have left their mark on the Triad Arts & Entertainment scene. Her work background is fascinating....having been a waiter, bartender, fundraiser, teacher, and freelance writer. Quinn says that all of these jobs continue to be a good source of material for her as an author. Her work has appeared in anthologies such as **Sex and Sensibility**, **American Girls out on the Town**, and in a variety of literary magazines.

Quinn's topic for us will be "The Role of Stories in our Lives". She has said, "As busy, practical tough-minded people living and working in a challenging world, we often forget how much we rely on stories- the ones we read, tell, and write to connect with others, to explore our own human souls, and to learn about the world. The act of reading and writing stories has particular power. It takes us outside of ourselves. It makes us pay attention."

Please join us to hear this outstanding speaker and author.

MEET OUR NEW (and some returning) MEMBERS!

Paula Pile - Membership Chari

A hearty WPF welcome goes out to:

Catherine Chauvin. With an undergraduate degree in Middle School Education and a Master of Business Administration in the Management of Information Systems, Catherine traveled a circuitous route to become current owner and operator of Rim Tapas & Fine Wine Bar. An extremely energetic professional with multifarious talents, she epitomizes WPF. Catherine stated at the New Member Orientation that she decided to apply for membership, not because of the WPF members, but because she heard the young women who spoke about their lives being enriched as a result of the efforts of the WPF Foundation. With her experience and enthusiasm, Catherine will probably counsel members on raising their adolescent children, fix our computers, chair the Foundation, all while serving fine food and drink. Wild Women (of the Mountains) and W(h)ine Divas, rejoice - Catherine has arrived!

Betsy Goforth is the owner of Goforth Travel, a travel agency with a geographical market mainly in the Triad and Triangle, but with clients across the U.S. Betsy's career has ranged from laboratory researcher to accountant to travel consultant. In 2002 she launched her own company, and she thrives on being a business owner focused on customer satisfaction. As Anna Fesmire, one of her sponsors says, "How appropriate for someone named Goforth to "go forth" and help others do the same!"

Cyndy Hayworth has been President of Junior Achievement of Central NC, Inc. since 2002 where she increased funding of this non-profit from -\$12,000 to an amazing \$50,000 in just 3 years. Her role is to oversee staff and volunteers while she interacts with the Board of Directors and manages a budget of \$250,000. Junior Achievement bridges Education and Corporate worlds, and it is obvious that Cyndy has done well in this endeavor even before she assumed the Presidency of JA. This high energy enthusiastic woman was honored in 2000 as Volunteer of the Year for putting in over 500 hours of volunteer service to the Guilford County Schools! She also serves her community as commissioner on the Greensboro Zoning Commission, a position that requires sound judgment, knowledge of zoning laws, and a significant time commitment.

Charlotte Hamlin is returning to WPF again as an emeritus member. She missed us so much that she decided to return. Charlotte was a dean at the University of Pennsylvania for many years and then came to Greensboro where she was in charge of their adult student program for many years. Charlotte spends her retirement playing bridge, hanging out with her friends and being a paid storyteller. Her story telling has taken her all over the US.

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Nikki Kober is a returning Member to WPF. She was a member before she was one of the owners of Biz Life Magazine. She left us when she took over the Winston Salem Market and joined the Winston Salem Women's forum. (She says she likes our group better). She has been married for 47 years to her HS sweetheart. She is now with Express Employment Professionals where she specializes in placing sales people. Nikki enjoys volunteering and is active in her church. She looks forward to becoming an active member of WPF.

Join your WPF friends at our **new member social on Sept. 22, 2009** at the Fisher Park home of Katrina Solomon. This is your chance to enjoy wine have some good food and the company of our new WPF members. We will gather from 5:30-7:30 at 401 West Bessemer Ave. Please RSVP to imagolady@aol.com to let us know you'll attend.

DINING OUT

by Kris Landrum

For the month of September, our Dining Out group will be revisiting Bert's Seafood Grille, an old favorite of the group, on Wednesday, September 30th, at 6:30 p.m. Bert's Seafood Grille is located at 4608 W. Market Street in Greensboro. In two previous visits, Bert's received the following ratings from our group, on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being excellent: quality-4.9; variety-4.9; presentation-4.6; service-4.7; value-4.5; atmosphere-4.4. Join us this month and tell us what you think! Ashley Wigglesworth is our hostess for the month. If you want to attend, please email Ashley at ashley@trifiadv.com by the end of the day on Monday, September 28th.



WPF BOOKS AND ARTS HAS A SPECIAL EVENING

On Thursday evening, July 30, 2009 at 6:00pm, members and guests of Books and Arts of the Women's Professional Forum gathered in a beautiful room on the upper level of Bistro Sophia Restaurant for dinner and a presentation by Rose Lindsay Pfaff, Chair of Books and Arts, about the Eastern Music Festival Concerto Winners, the performers for that evening, the compositions they were performing, a history of their instrument, the composers of the concertos, and a brief history of the Eastern Music Festival. In the dining room there were beautiful visuals placed on easels of the composers, the EMF, the student performers, and instruments they would be playing.



Photo by Marcy McHenry

Rose Pfaff at the display of the two instruments performed that evening — the piano and the violin.

The members and guests applauded the presentation by Rose and presented her with an exquisite card of appreciation in which they had written their own special thank you notes to her. The dinner was wonderful. Everyone enjoyed the Bistro Sophia Prix Fixe menu that was prepared and served so beautifully. Not only were the staff so helpful to Rose with her display for her presentation but they impressed all of the members and guests with the kind of service that made such a memorable evening.

After the dinner, the members and guests attended the Concerto Competition Winners' Concert for Thursday Evening in Dana Auditorium at Guilford College. All members and guests had reserved group seating. Everyone enjoyed the concert, and they celebrated the thirteenth season that Rose has made these presentations to Books and Arts.



Photo by Marcy McHenry

Rose shows a visual of Franz Liszt to demonstrate his later years as a composer and pianist.



Photo by Marcy McHenry

Rose hands EMF reserved seating tickets to members as they arrive.



Photo by Marcy McHenry

Members and guests enjoy the meal and the presentation.

UNCG CENTER FOR YOUTH, FAMILY, AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS: GRADUATES FOSTER GIRLS TO BE TOMORROW'S LEADERS

A fun and moving graduation ceremony was held on Tuesday, August 18 at the Greensboro Central Library. Foundation Board members Beverley Gass, Dee Todd and Denny Kelly attended to applaud the girls and the program's leadership. All of them expressed deep appreciation for the WPF Foundation grant that made the program's second year possible.

In its second year, the Girl's Leadership program hired a graduate of last year's leadership training, Princess Black. Princess, a senior at Southeast High School, co-led the group this summer along with an adult leader. Princess spoke at our May lunch meeting and described the power of the program for her and the other students. Princess as a peer-leader, brought a unique perspective to the group and served as an inspiration and role model for those interested in bettering their lives.

The Girl's Leadership Development Program for girls in the foster care system took place this summer at UNCG's Center for Youth, Family and Community Partnerships (CYFCP) over the course of six Saturdays, beginning on July 11th and ending on August 15, 2009. The program was specifically tailored for girls who have a shared experience in the foster care system with the hope of providing a safe place for girls to come into their own voices as leaders. The program was funded by a grant awarded by The Women's Professional Forum, and aimed to nurture the existing leadership qualities and resiliencies of teenage girls currently involved in the foster care system by encouraging them to become leaders of tomorrow. Participants included: Nadia Sabalsa, Ericka Holt, Tiesha Ingram, Tatyana Bethel, Paradise Stevenson, Naomi Cagle, Aliyah Adams and Precious Thornhill.

This year, eight girls participated in the series, which covered the following topics: Telling Your Story as a Road to Leadership; Dealing with Drama (Conflict Resolution); Building Self-Confidence, Self-Esteem and Body Image; How to Successfully Advocate for Yourself and Others; Cultural Diversity & Leadership; and Job Skills and How to Create Your Own Networks of Support. Several community organizations partnered to successfully deliver these topics, including Jean Workman from the Guilford County Public Health Department, Catina Galloway from Alcohol & Drug Services (ADS), Mary Connor Hill and Teens Taking Action from Planned Parenthood, our own Dee Todd from NC A&T State University, Win Win Resolutions, Julia Charles and the Greensboro Cultural Arts Center.

Program Director, Kelly Graves, Ph.D., was introduced to WPF when she received the initial grant for this program in 2008. She liked what she saw and is now a candidate for WPF



From left to right: Nadia Sabalsa, Ericka Holt, Naomi Cagle, Tiesha Ingram, Nedra Cox, and Princess Black (not pictured: Tatyana Bethel, Paradise Stevenson, Aliyah Adams. Precious Thornhill)

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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

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Maureen F. Hartigan	In Memory of her Mother
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