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Kris Landrum

Welcome To All Our New WPF Members!

Years ago (how many is not relevant here!), when I was in high school, we had several service clubs in which membership was by invitation only. In hindsight, I can't remember what service projects these clubs sponsored, although I'm sure that there were many, but the clubs were also, I think, thinly disguised social organizations. The process to be invited to join the girls' clubs was loosely modeled after sorority rushes. There were a series of parties which prospective members attended in order to meet and be met by current members and then there was one fateful night when club members made their choices of new members and went to each new member's home to extend a personal invitation and to gather all of these lucky girls for a celebratory party.

As survivors of high school, all of us can remember how important it was to "belong," to be part of the "in" group. My high school persona was that of a studious, quiet girl, involved in orchestra and the school paper and various academically oriented groups. I had good friends, but I wasn't part of an "in" group. However, at these "rush" parties, I was suddenly made to feel important by all of the



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September Meeting

Wed., September 14 @12:30
The Painted Plate
2001 N. Church St.
Greensboro

Cost

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

Reservations

Please contact Carol Matznick, 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 reservation is a membership requirement.

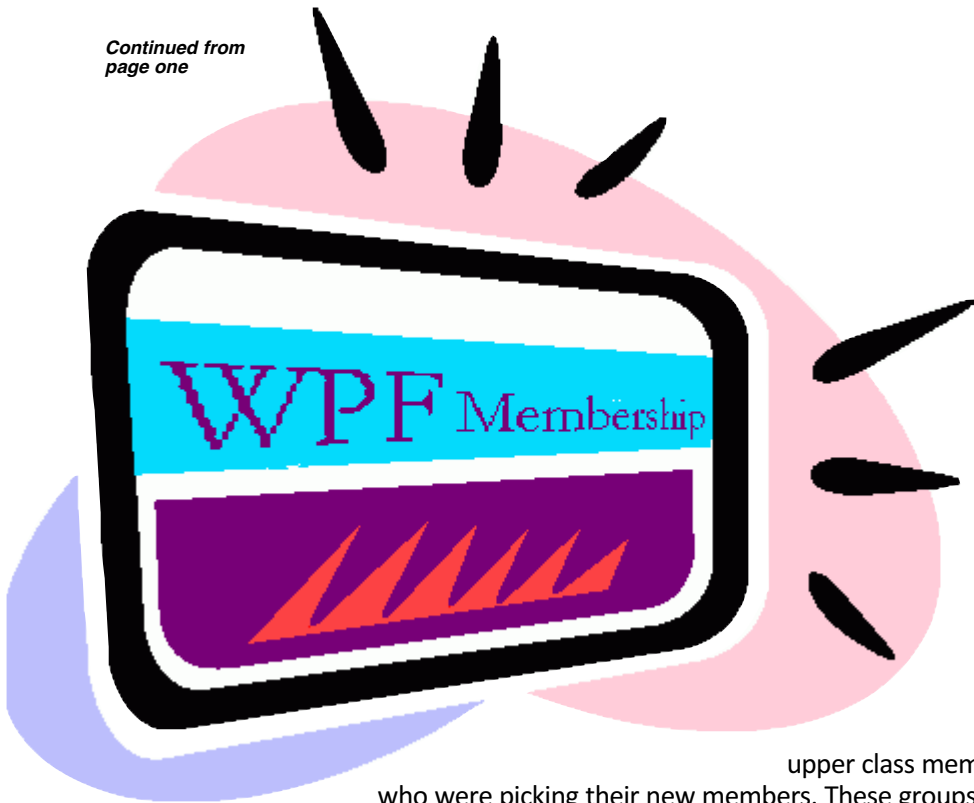
Important Dates To Remember

September 14 - Next Meeting

September 20 - Board Meeting, Tuggle Duggins & Meschan PA,
100 N. Greene St., 12pm - 1pm

September 23 - October Newsletter deadline

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upper class members who were picking their new members. These groups were sisterhoods! If I were picked as a new member, my life would change dramatically! I would have numerous new friends, many of them older girls whom I admired, and the success of my high school career would be assured. I couldn't imagine anything that would be more devastating to my life than to be sitting at home on the night of initiation and never hear a knock on the door.

Lo and behold, I was one of the lucky girls picked for the club of my choice! And guess what? My life didn't suddenly change. I didn't immediately have 30 new and close friends. The sisterhood I had anticipated didn't materialize, and I felt that the whole hype that accompanied this process was somewhat fraudulent. Don't get me wrong. My high school experience, in general, was a good and happy one. However, when I went to college, I dropped out of sorority rush because it was too reminiscent of this high school experience, and I cynically pooh-pooed the whole "sisterhood" thing.

This memory always comes back to me when we welcome a new group of members to WPF. Our September meeting will be devoted to the introduction of 11 new members. Many of us have met these women as they have attended their three required luncheons. We have enthusiastically endorsed WPF as an organization that they will love, as an organization which will support them in their lives and careers, as an organization that we frequently refer to as a "sisterhood."

Despite my high school experience, I wholeheartedly believe that WPF is all of these things. My expectations of WPF have always been fulfilled, but not all of our new members have said the same. On occasion, we have been accused of being clique-ish, of being exclusive instead of inclusive, and I think none of us wants that to be our reputation. In our defense, we love to see each other at the monthly meetings. Some friendships are of twenty-plus years' duration. Time is short and sometimes the monthly meeting is our only contact. Gathering and visiting time is limited, and there are so many friends that we want to talk to that we overlook those women that we don't really know.

At our September meeting we will be sitting at random tables, each with a new member and sponsor. Please take this opportunity to get to know the new member and also those members at your table that you might not have spent time with before. Before the meeting, look back at the August newsletter and read about these fantastic women who are joining us. As we're gathering, look for the blue tags designating new members and make them feel welcome. Try to include them in your conversations. Introduce them to your friends. Let's live up to our hype!

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And in conclusion to my sermon, I say unto new members, "Welcome," but "Cut us some slack!" The relationships that you've observed and admired come from years of interaction and shared experiences. Looking back, I suspect that my high school disappointment was partly because I expected the members of the club to come to me, to form an instant bond without any real effort on my part. When I joined WPF, I needed this group more than it needed me. I got involved in nearly every activity we had to offer, and my reward has been friendships with a number of incredible women. We're really delighted that you're joining us! However, if we only see you and talk to you for a couple of minutes each month, we're probably not going to get to know you very well, and you're going to miss the best that WPF has to offer.

The opportunities for both new and old members to "get involved" are numerous. Just check out the announcements in this newsletter! Small Group Dinners are coming up, Dining Out has something happening every month, Salon and Whine Divas meet regularly, the New Member Social is on the horizon, and Health and Wellness is sponsoring a group for the 5K Walk/Run in October. I hope to see lots of old and new members at many of these events! WPF really can be a sisterhood if you take advantage of all it has to offer! [WPF](#)

DATES
TO
REMEMBER
IN
SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 2011

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5 LABOR Day	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 WPF Meeting	15 Salon	16	17
18	19	20 WPF Board Meeting	21	22 New Member Orientation	23 October Newsletter Deadline	24
25	26	27	28 Dining Out	29	30	

Membership Dates

Kate Weaver

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Pizza, Policies and Procedures for New Members, Committee Chairs, Special Interest Group Chairs, and the Board of Directors, Thursday, September 22 at 6 PM at the home of Laura Barrier.

NEW MEMBER SOCIAL

Please Save the Date for a little fun and good cheer to toast the New Members and their coming WPF Year! Thursday, October 6 at 6:30 PM at the home of Jeanie Duncan. [WPF](#)

New Member Orientation

September 22, 2011
6:00 pm

Home of
Laura Barrier

New Member Social

October 6, 2011
6:30 pm

Home of
Jeanie Duncan

2011 WPF HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Lynn Ritchy

Oops! We gave you the wrong date for the Holiday Bazaar in our last newsletter!

It is November 9 (NOT November 8), on

Wednesday and, as always, takes the place of our November meeting. We are now compiling names of member and non-member vendors who are interested in participating in this year's WPF Holiday Bazaar. Member tables are \$10 and non-member tables are \$35. If you are interested, please contact or email one of the following; Lynn Ritchy at LRAPP@bellsouth.net, Christine McCuen at christinemccuen@hotmail.com, Anna Fesmire at afesmire@bellsouth.net, Nikki Kober at nikki.kober@expresspros.com.

Any door prizes donated by anyone will be greatly appreciated and will benefit our foundation. [WPF](#)

**HOLIDAY
BAZAAR**

Holiday Bazaar

November 9, 2011
11:30 am - 1:30 pm

WPF Special Interest Groups

Anything Goes
Madge Megliola
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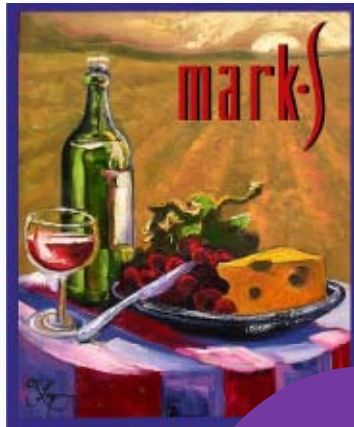
Dining Out

Janice Lanier

Save the date! You don't want to miss this special treat. On Wednesday, September 28th we will have dinner at Mark's Restaurant at 616 Dolley Madison Avenue. Mark's is the newest venture of Chef Mark Freedman (formerly of Mark's on Westover and Level 2). Mark's advertises itself as the restaurant "Where friends come to enjoy the art of food."

For all of you who have participated in the dining out group, you know this sounds perfect for us! For those who have not participated, this would be a great time for you to come out and have good food and conversation. The fare is described as utilizing local ingredients, organic vegetables and free range meats and the setting is purported to be "an upscale casual atmosphere." If you would like to learn more about their menu, please visit their website at: www.marksrestaurantnc.com

We are looking forward to seeing you on September 28th. Kris Landrum will host us for the evening! So, if you would like to join us please contact Kris at klandrum@tuggleduggins.com WPF



Dining Out

September 28, 2011
6:30 pm

Marks Restaurant
616 Dolley Madison Ave.
Greensboro



Salon

September 15, 2011
7:00 pm

Home of
Paula Sinozich
923 Benfield Dr.
Greensboro

THE SALON SIG

Meryl Mullane

September's Salon will be on Thursday, September 15, 7 – 9 pm at the home of Paula Sinozich. Our topic will be fear, does it come from outside or within, and how does it affect us?

"From terror attacks to the war on terror, real estate bubbles to the price of oil, sexual predators to poisoned food from China, our list of fears is ever-growing. And yet, we are the safest and healthiest humans in history. Irrational fear seems to be taking over, often with tragic results. For example, in the months after 9/11, when people decided to drive instead of fly—believing they were avoiding risk—road deaths rose by more than 1,500."

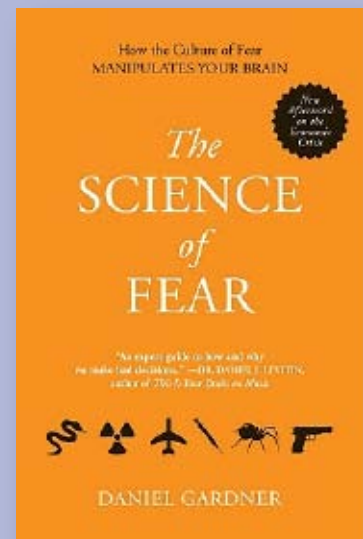
Daniel Gardener, *The Science of Fear: How the Culture of Fear Manipulates Your Brain*

Please join us. As always, we have fun and feel refreshed by talking about topics that take us away from everyday concerns. And wine and snacks help, too!

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WPF Books and Arts Has a Special Evening

On Thursday evening, July 28, 2011, members and guests of Books and Arts of the Women's Professional Forum gathered in a beautiful space at Print Works Bistro for dinner and a presentation by Rose Lindsay Pfaff, Chair of Books and Arts, about the Eastern Music Festival, its 50 Year Anniversary Season, and the difference that Sheldon Morgenstern, conductor and founder of the Festival, made in following his dream to found the Festival in Greensboro in 1961. Rose spoke of the commitment of Samuel M. LaBauer, M.D. to help in co-founding the Eastern Music Festival and the difference that this Festival has made in the lives of young musicians, guest artists, the local community and the National and International audience which has emerged during these 50 years.



The presentation by Rose was made in front of an exquisite backdrop of visuals that identified parts of the Eastern Music Festival history, the performers of the Concerto program that evening, the compositions they were performing, a history of their instruments and the composers of the concertos.



The members and guests applauded the presentation by Rose, and, as they enjoyed the dinner and the beautiful setting at Print Works Bistro, they were able to ask Rose questions of interest to everyone present.

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 Orchestra Center seating. Everyone enjoyed the concert, and they celebrated the fifteenth season that Rose has made these presentations to Books and Arts. [WPF](#)



Photos from top to bottom:

Rose Lindsay Pfaff in front of the visual display for her presentation.

Rose shows visuals of various stages of the life and music of Franz Liszt.

Rose speaks of Wynton Marsalis and Yo-Yo Ma in the success and enduring legacy of the Eastern Music Festival.

Members and guests enjoy the meal and presentation.

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WPF Foundation News

Effie Varitimidis, WPF Fundraising Chair

"A goal is a dream with a deadline." quote by Napoleon Hill

The Women's Professional Forum Foundation has pledged to maintain a strong financial framework from which we can make grants available for

"Nurturing Girls to be Tomorrow's Leaders." Through our association with the Community Foundation of Greensboro we have increased our visibility and benefited by giving back to our community.

To date half of our members have made their annual contributions. Our goal is 100% member participation!

Be sure to be a part of the WPF Giving Circle:

W - Who's Who (\$300 +)

P - Power Partners (\$200 - \$299)

F - Future Shapers (\$100 - \$199)

F - Friends of the Future (\$1 - \$99)

*based on yearly contribution

Your timely contribution is needed to help the dreams become realities for tomorrow's leaders.

Donor acknowledgements will be published in a future newsletter. [WPF](#)

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A Special Thanks!

With appreciation to Natty Green's, Plants and Answers, Opa Taverna and Progressions Salon and Spa in donating goodies for our fundraising kickoff basket in May.

Inviting New Members To The WPF Foundation Board

*Maureen Hartigan
WPF Foundation Past President
Chair, Nominating Committee, WPF Foundation*

The WPF Foundation is now preparing for next year's work and is seeking self-nominations from members who might want to serve on our board. In particular, we are interested in members who might have marketing and PR, financial, and fund-raising expertise. In general, we want members who have passion for our mission of nurturing girls to be tomorrow's leaders. If you are interested, please email me at, mfthartigan@triad.rr.com or call me at 852-5660. [WPF](#)