



October Meeting
Wednesday, October 9
12:30pm - 1:30pm
Starmount Country Club

MEETING RSVP



WPF President, Erica Parker

Happy October WPF,

As the crisp air of autumn settles in, I find myself reflecting on the simple yet profound joys that bring us together. One such joy is the experience of gathering around a firepit—a tradition that transcends generations and fosters connection, warmth, and camaraderie. I had the pleasure of experiencing this joy recently as several WPF members gathered for our annual summer trip to Blowing Rock.

There is something magical about the flickering flames that draw us in, inviting us to share stories, laughter, and moments of reflection. The firepit serves as a gathering place where we can escape the hustle and bustle of our daily lives, allowing us to connect not only with each other but also with ourselves. It is in these moments that we can truly appreciate the strength and resilience of our community.

As members of WPF, we understand the importance of support and encouragement. Sitting around a firepit provides a unique opportunity to share our journeys, celebrate our achievements, and discuss the challenges we face in our personal and professional lives. The warmth of the fire mirrors the warmth of our relationships, reminding us that we are not

alone in our endeavors.

I encourage each of you to take the time to gather with friends, family, or fellow members around a firepit this season. Whether it's roasting marshmallows, sharing a favorite book, or simply enjoying the quiet moments together, these gatherings can reignite our spirits and strengthen our bonds.

Let us embrace the joy of connection and the beauty of shared experiences. I look forward to hearing your stories and reflections from your firepit gatherings.

Shine Bright!!

Erica



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ACTIVE & ACTIVE RETIRED RSVP ONLY
if you can NOT attend

EMERITUS & SUPPORTING MEMBERS
RSVP to attend

BRINGING A GUEST
RSVP with your guest's name & employer

Guest fee \$30, cash, check, or PayPal at the door

RSVP by Noon
Friday, September 6

October Meeting

October 9, 2024 12:30 - 1:30PM

Starmount Forest Country Club

Chief John Thompson joined the Greensboro Police Department in October 2003 coming here from Asheboro Police Department. He has served in myriad of roles in the department including all ranks in Patrol up to Patrol Bureau Chief, Vice Narcotics, Resource Management and Research and Planning. He is a member of North Carolina Police Executives Association, International Association of Chiefs of Police(IACP), Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) and American Society of Evidence Based Policing (ASEBP).

Chief Thompson has a Master's in Business Administration (MBA) from Pfeiffer University and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management and Bachelor of Arts Degree in Justice and Policy Studies from Guilford College. He also graduated with Honors from Southern Police Institute, Administrative Officers Course.



Chief John Thompson Greensboro Police Department

Chief Thompson has a depth of knowledge of the issues facing police departments from across the nation and an understanding of the value of community trust. He has a reputation for combining innovative policing strategies, community engagement, and non-profit partners to address complex problems. He strives to understand the needs of the members of the department and to balance that against political and community cries for action.

Happily married with fraternal twins, a son and daughter, John enjoys his family life. He grew up in a large family with 8 siblings. He enjoys traveling and learning about other cultures.

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WPF is committed to supporting and endorsing equal opportunities for all people without regard to race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability or genetics.

Greeters and 4 minute Specials

Please consider being a greeter or sharing a 4 min special for an upcoming membership meeting this year.

Greeters: Arrive to the monthly meeting of your choice around 11:50am. Sherry will provide you the purple greeter sash. Grab your nametag, stand near one of the entry doors and welcome your fellow WPF sisters. [SIGN UP HERE](#)

4 Min Special: If you have never done one please consider signing up for one of the dates available. This is a chance for you to tell us about you, not just your work but what makes you-you! This year 4 min specials will be given after the program and we ask that you try to keep them to a few short min. Not comfortable speaking to the group? No problem, write a 4 min special to go in a newsletter.

Email Marleegfoster@gmail.com with your 4 min special for a newsletter and we will include it during this year.

What's for lunch in October?

- Caesar salad bar with sides of parmesan, croutons and Caesar dressing
- Scratch made all beef meatballs simmered in a Sangiovese pomodoro sauce
- Olive oil and herbed penne
- Grilled zucchini and yellow squash
- Garlic bread
- Fresh cut fruit display
- Limoncello glazed pound cake

NEWS & UPDATES

WPF Small Group Gatherings It's time for our FALL Small Group Gatherings!

We also want to extend a special thank you to our many members for offering to host these events. We could not do this without you!

If you have questions about your sign-up, please contact your hostess directly.

We hope you enjoy your time together!

SIGN UP HERE

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

From Laura Burton, Membership Committee Chair

Thanks to all WPF Sisters who took the initiative to meet our 14 new WPF sisters at our New Member Social in September—we had a great turnout! If you haven't yet, please get to know these interesting women. And a big thank you to the 42 members who served as sponsors and co-sponsors to share the love for WPF sisterhood.

Although the June 1 deadline for the 2025 class seems far away, some of you are already looking to start the application process for your prospective new members. Requirements for sponsorship and membership can be found on the website. Please contact me if you have any questions about membership: lburton@foxrothschild.com or 336-337-1942.

BAZAAR NEWS

From Jasmine Beard, Bazaar Committee Chair

The Bazaar is almost here!!!!

We still have room for three more Swag Bag Sponsorships - click the link below to sign up!

[Swag Bag Sponsorship](#)

WPF Bazaar Raffle Tickets (We will hold your tickets until the Bazaar for you)

[Purchase your Raffle tickets here](#)

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Bazaar in November!



WPF Foundation News

From Chandra Hackenbruch

WPF Foundation President

Greetings!

I am excited to announce that the Foundation Grant Application cycle is now open! As a reminder the grant cycle application is October 1, 2024 to January 31, 2025. Please spread the word now to any organization in Guilford County that runs programming for women and girls and encourage them to apply. You can find the application by [clicking here](#).

The grant press release will be published soon to alert the public to the application cycle. We look forward to being able to award another amazing group of grant recipients this cycle to encourage and enable more impactful work in our community. If you have any questions about the grant cycle, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or any of our WPF Board members.

None of this would be possible without the support of our membership. To all of you who gave this year so far, we recognize YOU this month! Your contributions now and in the past have allowed us to provide over \$350K in grants to organizations that align with our mission to empower Women and Girls!

- Corinne Auman
- Miriam Barkley
- Laura Stroupe Barrier
- Elaine Brune
- Andrea Bunn
- Laura Burton
- Christine Byrd
- Nancy Calkins
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- Carol Rauch
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- Anne Smith
- Marjorie Streck
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- Ernestine Taylor
- Jennifer Thomas
- Kim Trone
- Melanie Tuttle
- Pat Vedder
- Susan Watson
- Penny Whiteheart
- Jeri Whitfield
- Erika Wilhite

- Lorri Yaskiewicz
- Ann Zuraw

Now for even more exciting news! We have secured all sponsorship levels for our Rock the Night Away Fundraising event to support the foundation! The identity of our sponsors will be published soon. Please see event details below.

Regards,
Chandra Hackenbruch

Save The Date!!
ROCK THE NIGHT AWAY
Sunday, November 17th
5 – 8 pm
The Flat Iron

Tickets on sale soon and there will only be a limited amount, so be sure to purchase as soon as they go on sale!

The night features music by High Cotton (with WPF member **Lisa Hazlett**), **Molly McGinn & Kate Musselwhite** and the band Taboo Sue (with WPF members **Frenesa Hall** and **Christina Rama**). Plus tasty treats provided by Kibi's Crazy Casseroles – WPF member **Valda Ford's** food truck.



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SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

BOOKS AND ARTS

Saturday, October 12
9:00am - 12:00pm
Downtown Greenway Walking Tour
Contact: Nancy Radtke
nancy.radtke@allentate.com

Sign up below and let Nancy Radtke know once you've signed up!

<http://tinyurl.com/DGWalkTours>

The Tour Details:

Join us as we share a wealth of information about the greenway, Greensboro's history, surrounding neighborhoods, public art installations, environmental stewardship, economic impact, and more!

Each tour will take approximately 3 hours to complete the 4-mile loop of the Downtown Greenway, and will start and finish in **LoFi Park located at 500 N. Eugene Street at 9:00 AM**. We ask that you do not use the parking lots of nearby businesses, out of respect for their customers and business needs.

Please arrive a few minutes before the scheduled tour start time, and be sure to wear comfortable walking attire and footwear. We recommend dressing in layers, wearing a hat or sunscreen, and bringing a water bottle. We will stop a number of times at various points of interest; however, there are NO PUBLIC RESTROOMS available along the loop.

Participants of all ages are welcome, but we ask that you leave your pets at home.

WORKING MOMS

Embur - Fire Fusion
107 Smyres Place, Greensboro
Tuesday, October 15, 12-1:30 pm
Join us for Lunch!

Moms of all ages welcome.

RSVP to Marlee Foster at marlee.foster@conehealth.com.

Working Mom's group is part support group and part resource group. We learn so much from each other and have the chance to share the trials and tribulations of being a working Mom in this day and age. There is always laughter, an empathetic ear, and sometimes a great suggestion to help you when you thought you have exhausted all possible options.

WOW - WOMEN OF WALL STREET
Investment Club

Thursday, October 17, 6:00 PM
Mt. Pisgah Church
2600 Pisgah Church Rd

Topic Meeting

The topic is "TRADITION, TRUST, and TIME." The challenges women breadwinners face embracing their financial clout will be discussed.

This meeting is open to all members of WPF. Please let President Amy Meinecke amy.meinecke@gmail.com know if you will attend.

Look forward to seeing everyone on October 17th!

SERVICE TO OTHERS
and
LADIES OF LEISURE

Thursday, October 17th, 4:00–6:00 PM
Hot Dish and Hope
First Presbyterian Church
Mullin Life Center
706 N. Greene St., Greensboro

Service to Others and Ladies of Leisure will be working together at Hot Dish and Hope. Hot Dish & Hope is an initiative by the First Presbyterian Church that offers free meals and a sense of community to those in need. Come help set the tables, greet guests, prepare plates and serve drinks.

In addition to providing meals, the program offers a measure of hope and support to guests.

RSVP to Jody Susong at jsusong@triad.rr.com if you would like to come and help.

SERVICE TO OTHERS
Special Announcement

Service to Others has been providing the opportunity for WPF sisters to serve various groups in our area for the past three years. Jody Susong and Amy Baradell started this SIG in 2022 and are ready to step down and pass the organization of this SIG to another WPF sister or sisters. Please contact [Jennifer Mencarini](#), our 2nd VP over SIG's if you are interested in leading this SIG.

WINE DIVAS



DINING OUT

Wednesday, October 30, 6:30pm
Saint Jacques @ The Burke Manor
303 Burke St, Gibsonville, NC 27249
Host: Jane Hewitt

Register to attend at <https://forms.gle/HyXjnn4haFkbBigu7>

FINANCIAL DIVAS

Wednesday, October 23, 9-10 AM
Weaver Park Center
324 W. Wendover Ave, Ste. 140
Contact: Paula McMillan, CPA, CFP®, PFS, CEPA, CDFIA®, CGMA
pmcmillan@stearnsfinancial.com

Please join us in the "O" for a discussion about the "Pros and Cons of Side Hustles – Lessons from the Trenches" led by Karen Schaede/Revolution Law Firm. Side Gigs are Great! But, let's talk about what you need to know that's often overlooked.... A huge thank you to Nancy Radtke/Allen Tate, Lydia Whitley/CBRE and Cathy Nosek/Belvedere Properties for a dynamite real estate discussion in September!... If interested in sharing with the group, please let another group member or me, Paula McMillan, know before November (when the group makes planning decisions for the upcoming year) by providing your topic title and a couple of sentences about it. Because this group loves interactive discussion, a one page handout is all that is requested when offering to share.

BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, December 3

7:00 pm

Holiday refreshments

7:30 pm

Book discussion

Host

Jane Hewitt

6 Ashton Square

Book

Bright Lights, Big Christmas

by Mary Kay Andrews

Save the Date

February 4

King, a Life

by Jonathan Eig

Reach out to Polly - 336.202.6188; pollydsizemore@gmail.com with questions.

Women's Professional Forum, PO Box 38594, Greensboro, NC 27438

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