



November Meeting
Wednesday, November 13
11:00am - 2:00pm
Starmount Country Club

MEETING RSVP



WPF President, Erica Parker

The Importance of Choosing Ourselves

Dear WPF Sisters,

As the President of WPF, I wanted to share a personal experience that underscores the importance of choosing ourselves, especially in the midst of our busy lives.

Last week was incredibly hectic for me. Between my responsibilities at the bank, attending a conference for my asphalt repair and maintenance business, caring for my mom, and supporting two kids in college, I was stretched thin. On top of all this, I had been eagerly anticipating my homecoming, an event I haven't missed in over a decade.

However, as the time for homecoming approached, I realized that my body and soul were exhausted. Despite my excitement to reunite with old classmates, I knew I needed rest more than anything. So, I made the difficult decision to skip homecoming and instead escape to the beach for a much-needed restful weekend.

Instead of the usual crowds and football, I found solace in the simple act of sitting on the beach and wiggling my toes in the sand. This choice to prioritize my well-being allowed me to return feeling well-rested, at peace, and genuinely happy.

I am grateful for choosing me, and I encourage each of you to remember the importance of self-care. In our roles as professionals, caregivers, and leaders, it's easy to put ourselves last. But taking time to recharge is essential for our overall health and effectiveness.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful Thanksgiving! Take a moment to focus on the true meaning of the holiday and not get too caught up in the hustle and bustle. Enjoy your time together, and be thankful for the moments shared.

Thank you for being part of this wonderful organization. Let's continue to support each other in making choices that nurture our well-being.

Shine Bright!!

Erica

Special Interest Groups

Upcoming Events

WPF Member Directory

WPF Facebook Page

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, November 8

November Meeting

November 13, 2024 11:00 - 2:00pm

Starmount Forest Country Club

It's time for our annual Holiday Bazaar!!

Wednesday, November 13, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Join Us for lunch & shopping! Invite a Friend!

Come ready to shop! 22 vendors offering art, gifts, accessories, jewelry, fashion, and tasty indulgences.

Please note: Most vendors will not accept checks, please plan accordingly to have cash, card or an electronic form of payment.

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

[Purchase your Raffle tickets here](#)

Many Thanks to Our Sponsors

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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 November?

- Fondue Trio – Lobster Fondue, Beer Cheese Fondue, Chorizo Manchengo Fondue, served with Assorted Breads & Wine & Herb Poached Whole Baby Potatoes.
- Mediterranean Display – Roasted Garlic Hummus, Baba Ghanoush & Tabbouleh with Pita Chips, Marinated Zucchini, Asparagus, Eggplant, Dolmas & Mixed Olives
- Vegan Stuffed Squash: Acorn squash stuffed with quinoa, cranberries, and herbs, topped with a balsamic reduction.
- Flounder Roulade with Wilted Spinach, Ricotta and Sun-Dried Tomatoes with a Lemon Cream Sauce.
- Assorted Bite Sized Desserts: Berries & Cream Shooters, Mini Apple Pie Tarts, Vegan coconut macaroon.

NEWS & UPDATES

WPF ANNUAL HOLIDAY BRUNCH

Sunday, December 8, 2024 at 11:00 am

Print Works Bistro (702 Green Valley Road)

Join host Laura Burton for this annual event. This always books up fast, so register ASAP! RSVP via the following link:

<https://forms.gle/3JUXWwPbYhk1SdNV9>

Questions: Laura Burton at lburton@foxrothschild.com



WPF Foundation News

From Chandra Hackenbruch

WPF Foundation President

Greetings!

In case you missed it, at October's meeting we introduced recipients of The Margaret Ann Wilkes Award and Scholarship. These recipients are students taking a major in the Department of Consumer, Apparel and Retail Studies at UNCG. In the past, the Foundation normally would recognize the recipients at our May meeting but we found that oftentimes the students would not be around since at that time of the year students are involved with graduation activities, finals or have returned home. Therefore, we have started to recognize these amazing students as soon as we can after they have been awarded in the Fall.

The Foundation is pleased to recognize and congratulate the following ladies for their outstanding achievements!



Abbi Eaton, recipient of the senior award, is a Senior graduating this semester from the University of North Carolina Greensboro with a Bachelor's degree in Consumer, Apparel, and Retail Studies. She is a part of the Accelerated Masters Program and plan to continue her education in Greensboro in the Spring of 2025. During her time at UNCG, she has held an executive position in Alpha Chi Omega while achieving the Chancellor's list every semester. Over this past summer, she was one of 38 interns out of approximately 9,000 applicants chosen by Centric Brands for their summer internship.

Yaritzy Cardenas, a recipient of the Scholarship, is a full-time student majoring in Consumer, Apparel and Retail Studies with a concentration in Merchandising Management. She is a proud first-generation college student! With her education she hopes to work in the retail industry in a merchandising position. On campus I she is involved in Corazon Folklorico, a Latin dance club. While off campus if shes's not at work, she enjoys participating in different volunteer activities such as food banks, tutoring and more!



Here she had the opportunity to work with several different departments and compete in an internship project. Her team of 5 won the overall best and most feasible project for our idea to market and expand The Messi Store distribution line. Her future aspirations are to work in merchandising or buying within the retail industry.

In other news:

- By now you should have seen the press release announcing the grant cycle. Please continue 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 here: <https://wpforum.org/foundation/grants/>. As a reminder, the grant cycle application is October 1, 2024 to January 31, 2025.



Tickets to WPF's first musical fundraising event are on sale now!
Rock the Night Away for WPF!

Come early and feast on treats from our own Valda Ford's food truck, Kibi's Crazy Casseroles! Profits will be donated to WPF. We have three bands for your musical entertainment.

Tickets are limited so get your tickets now! Please share with your friends.

Click on the band photos in this [FLYER](#) or use this link:

<https://wpforum.org/event/rock-the-night-away-wpff-fundraiser/>

We hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

The WPF Fundraising Committee

Frenesa Hall, Amy Meinecke, Valda Ford,

Christine Byrd and Maria Hanlin

Special thanks to our sponsors!



Holiday Gifts for a Purpose!

This year we are thrilled to collaborate with Lady Barbara Pinson Artist.

Each gift ordered helps WPFF in a big way. The board asked LBP to create an exclusive design, "Soulful Sister," for our 2024 theme, "The Light We Carry." Order site-wide to benefit WPFF, as well as shop our exclusive design, "Soulful Sister".

Frenesa will have samples to show you in the lobby.

Place your order by **November 8th** - the Guaranteed Holiday Delivery Drop Dead Deadline.

As a member of WPFF, you and yours will love to shop the Lady Barbara Pinson Artist Luxury Holiday Collections.

Directions:

1. Order now using this link.
https://lbpartist.com?sca_ref=7142727.pTcUXb97pH
2. You are now on the LBPArtist.com site and can shop the entire site.
3. To Shop Exclusive "Soulful Sister" Collection
 - Click MENU - (3 horizontal lines)
 - Click Fundraiser, then WPFF
 - Enter code "SISTER" which takes members to "Soulful Sister" Collection

Place your order - The site automatically calculates and sends funds to the WPFF PayPal account.

Thank you for your continued support of the WPFF!
Sincerely,

The WPFF Board of Directors

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SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

WORKING MOMS

1808 Wine Craft & Vine

Friendly Center, Greensboro

Tuesday, November 26, 4-5 pm

Join us for Happy Hour!

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, November 21, 6:00 PM

Mt. Pisgah Church

2600 Pisgah Church Rd

The final Business Meeting of the year will be on Thursday, November 21, at 6 pm at Mt. Pisgah Church. The portfolio will be reviewed and any necessary changes made. Please plan to attend.

The Club opens to new members once a year in January, so please contact Peggy Ward at peggy.ward8@icloud.com if you have questions about the Club or are interested in joining. There will be no meeting in December. The Holiday Party will be at 6 pm on January 16 at the home of Cathy Nosek.

Many members of the WOW group will be joining those in Books and Arts for the NYC trip January 17-20.

See everyone on November 21st!

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.



SIPPIN' SISTERS
Pink Wonderland!
Tuesday, November 19th
6pm
Chandra Hackenbruch's Home
2403 Brewington Sibert Pl, Greensboro, NC 27406

Dress Code: Seasonal Pink Attire
Cost: \$25

We'll be celebrating in a pink wonderland as we kick off this holiday season with pink cocktails in pink attire!
We'll have delicious food and holiday-themed activities and walk into a Pink Wonderland!
Tis the season!

RSVP no later than November 13
Hope to see you there!

[RSVP via VENMO here](#)
Or
[CASHAPP here](#)

FINANCIAL DIVAS

Wednesday, November 27, 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" to plan 2025 programming and review things to think about before yearend! If interested in sharing with the group in 2025 please attend or let another group

member or me, Paula McMillan, know before this meeting 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..... A special thank you to Karen Schaede/Revolution Law Firm for leading us through the very interesting “Pros and Cons of Side Hustles – Lessons from the Trenches” in October!

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.

BOOKS & ARTS

RUNNING OF THE BALLS

Saturday, December 14

Many of our group will participate in this annual event (with a substantial portion in the “walking” as opposed to “running” group). If you plan to be among the participants, it’s time to sign up at runningoftheballs.com (cost is \$55, runners start at 6 pm, walkers at 6:45). Beverley Gass is opening her home for gathering to watch the participants (she has a great porch on the route) or for recuperating with friends at the end. Food and wine will be involved with contributions from the group. Mark your calendar now if you’d like to take advantage of Beverley’s generosity and let Beverley know beverleygass@gmail.com that you want to be on the email list for further information. While it’s not necessary to participate in the event to be a spectator, keep in mind that parking will be an issue, and you may have to do a good bit of walking just to make it to Beverley’s!

Attention Ladies of Leisure and all WPF members!
Mark your calendars for the following events for 2024.
Then, let’s plan 2025 events in January!

Two more events remain in 2024 for the LOL SIG of Women's Professional Forum: ANY WPF member is welcome to attend. Please RSVP to retired@wpforum.org.

Thursday, November 14: Join the Ladies of Leisure for a pre-holiday road trip and lunch!

Mark your calendar and join us for a trip to the Southern Supreme Shop in Bear Creek, NC where we will take a tour and sample holiday treats.

<https://www.southernsupreme.com/mobile/>

You don't have to be a fruitcake lover to enjoy this amazing place – showcasing a variety of holiday treats and gift items. Pam Barrett, who is coordinating the event said, “One of my favorite decorations was purchased here years ago and still loved!” Lunch to follow at Mrs. Lacy's Magnolia House /Tea Room in Sanford. <https://mrslacys.com/>. We have reservations for 12-15 ladies. We will gather at Whole Foods and leave at 8:30am and return by 3pm.

PLEASE RSVP by November 4 to retired@wpforum.org.

Friday, December 6: LOL will hold its popular annual Holiday Tea at noon in the lobby area of the O. Henry Hotel, 624 Green Valley Road, Greensboro. The O. Henry has reserved room for three groups of eight (24 people) and we have requested that they be in the tea salon, next to the lobby, and the hotel will try to accommodate that. The cost will depend on the food ordered by each attendee; the Cream Tea is \$8.95 per person; the Light Afternoon Tea is \$12.95 and the O. Henry Tea is \$18.95, payable at the event. All WPF members are invited; any more than 24 will be put on a waiting list. Please register by Monday, Dec. 2 at retired@wpforum.org.

This will conclude the service of Christie Soper and Maria Hanlin as co-chairs of LOL. We thank them tremendously for the effort that they have put into this. Beverley Gass and Dawn Kane will take over as co-chairs for 2025.

Friday, January 10 at 12:30pm we will gather for lunch at Gia restaurant, 1941 New Garden Road, Greensboro to plan monthly events for 2025. Please bring your ideas for gatherings and willingness to plan one or two that you suggest. To get us started, we have already planned January (this luncheon) and Feb. 14 at 11 a.m., for a docent-led tour of Blandwood Mansion, 447 W. Washington St., former home of two-term Governor John Motley Morehead. Prices range from \$8 for groups to \$12 for individuals. The tour will be followed by lunch at a nearby restaurant. Ideas?

Please RSVP for either event to retired@wpforum.org -- by Tuesday, Jan. 7 for the Gia lunch and Monday, Feb. 10 for the Blandwood tour.

Other ideas for possible events for 2025 include flower arranging, Art in Bloom at the NC Museum of Art, Duke Gardens, wine-tastings, Thomas Day home in Milton, Julian Price house, and tour of Maple Grove Flower Farm.

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

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