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"To unite NC State University women in common interests and to promote the welfare and advancement of the University"

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Message from President

It's a lovely time of the year in Raleigh and unfortunately the pollen is just around the corner. I have many outside chores to do, and will enjoy working in the lovely weather with or without pollen. An early spring and lovely weather for March or any month is welcomed.

April Fool's Day was a favorite time when I was growing up, trying to trick my peers and parents. April 1st is known as the day of trickery back to the middle ages. I found a list of the top 100 hoax and the top winner is the Spaghetti Hoax. In 1957 on April 1st the BBC news show broadcasted in a three-minute segment about a bumper spaghetti crop in Switzerland due to a mild winter and the disappearance of the spaghetti weevil. A highly respected news anchor played a video showing a Swiss family harvesting spaghetti off spaghetti trees. The segment concluded with the assurance that "For those who love this dish there's nothing like real, homegrown spaghetti." Hundreds of people called wanting to grow their own. Their answer was "Put a sprig in a tin of tomato sauce and hope for the best." CNN agreed it was the best hoax of all times.

This not a hoax....I have enjoyed serving as your President due to everyone donating their time and knowledge. I hope next year will be just as enjoyable for all of us. Don't forget you can call or e-mail me with suggestions or tell me that I am off base. Thank you for the honor.

Mayor Nancy McFarland was a pleasant surprise as a speaker and her admirable goals for the city. I thoroughly enjoyed meeting her and discovering that she was sincere in resolving our issues. Our Fashion Show is scheduled for next month so please plan to come and bring a guest.

Information about our May 2016 picnic will be e-mailed and mailed requesting your attendance/check. Please plan to come. Lou and I are looking forward to a casual evening.

"Paraproisdokian" "I always take life with a grain of salt. Plus a slice of lemon, and a shot of tequila -- *Doris Wernsman*

Program – April 2016, Fashion Show

Out with the dark heavy winter colors and in with the light happy spring colors. Christopher and Banks (Cary Towne Center) is graciously giving of their time and clothing line to showcase their offerings for spring and summer. Store Manager, Patty Link, will provide the commentary and will be available for any questions you may have about the selections that will be modeled. Christopher and Banks carry sizes for misses, petite, and women. It is a line of clothing that makes casual and semi-dress occasions fun to dress for appropriately.

The models will be from our membership, and we thank them in advance for their time and energy that they are giving to make the occasion special for us. Plan to be with us for our April meeting and invite a friend(s) to join you and then you can plan a shopping trip to purchase your must have items! -- *Ann Frazier*

2016-2017 NCSU Woman's Club Membership

Renewal forms for membership are now being accepted for 2016-17. Please complete the attached form and mail it with your dues (\$30.00) to Dora Cornwell, our new Membership Chair, 5317 Deep Valley Run, Raleigh, NC 27606. It would be most helpful if membership renewals are submitted by **April 1, 2016**. As you fill out the form, please give consideration to checking at least one committee that you would be willing to serve on. The club needs your input and leadership to be a viable and thriving organization. You have the ability to be an asset for the club and it needs you. Our president will use the volunteer list to organize the committees for the next year. Several committees will be working May through June to prepare their input for the yearbook. SO... Fill out the renewal form and write your check for the dues and send it on its way. -- *Ann Frazier, Chair Membership*

Recommended Change to Constitution

The Constitution Committee would like to recommend the following Amendment, to be voted upon at the April 2016 meeting:

Article IX – Nominating Committee and Elections

A. Nominating Committee

1. The immediate Past President shall serve as chairman...[same as existing]
2. **If a President serves more than one term, the immediate Past President may decline subsequent terms as Nominating Committee Chairman. In this case, the President shall select a replacement chairman who shall appoint the committee as described above.**
3. The committee shall present a slate of nominees...[same as existing Article IX, Section A.2.]

-- **Chris Cammarene-Wessell, Chair, Constitution Committee**

Carol Caldwell Scholarship Endowment Award

I am pleased to say that this is the month we have been waiting to meet Jessica Barton - recipient of our 2015-16 Carol Caldwell Scholarship Endowment Award. Please come to the meeting and hear Jessica speak about her experiences and dreams.

The April Fashion Show is a great time to celebrate women, and it's also the perfect time to make your gift to support the Carol Caldwell Scholarship Endowment. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support over the years. We all know how critical our gifts are for the future growth of the scholarship program. You may bring the check to me or mail it to my home address. Checks should be made payable to the NC State University Foundation with "Carol Caldwell Endowment #680609" in the memo line. It is also possible to give on line through the "giving.ncsu.edu" website. (Simply click the "Give Now" button, select, "I would like to give to a fund not listed here." In the box, you should type in "Carol Caldwell Scholarship Endowment -680609" and then enter the gift amount). This information will direct the gift planning department to put the funds in the endowment's principal account.

This year's donors to the CCSE will be recognized at our May meeting. I am pleased to say that I have received one more contribution since my last report. I would like to thank Julie G. McVay for her check. Thank you! -- *Sharda Sawhney and Anne Porter*

Programs Committee for 2016-17

Ladies, are you looking forward to another year of interesting programs or is the expectation of a delicious lunch all that it takes to get you to the NC State University Woman's Club meetings? If you think that the

monthly program matters, then by all means contact me or another member of the Programs Committee and let us know the kind of programs you have enjoyed in the past and what ideas you have for next year.

Please email me (jackiewynne@msn.com) or call me (919) 880-1569. I will be enlisting members for the Programs Committee in the next couple of weeks, and hopefully we can hold our first meeting before the end of April. I am still living in Greenville so chairing this committee from a distance means I'm counting on your assistance! Thank you. -- *Jackie Wynne, Chair, Programs Committee for 2016-17*

Announcements

Meeting Date and Time – Thursday, April 21, 2016 at 11:30 am.

Our meeting will convene at 11:30 am, lunch will be served at 11:45 am and our program will begin at 12:15 pm. These times have been changed for the 2015-16 year unless noted otherwise.

Hostesses for April 2016

Our hostesses for April are Vivian Hughes, Chair, Helen Crane, Geneva Humphries, Jane Mullahey and Georgina Werner. Thank you for volunteering to serve as hostesses this month.

Do you need a ride?

Please don't let the lack of transportation be your excuse for missing out. We have members who are happy and eager to help. Please call Grace Hodgson [919-781-2983](tel:919-781-2983) for assistance. Hope to see you in April!

Lunch Reservations—Due by Friday, April 15, 2016

Reservations (with payment) must be received by Kathryn Bartley (3400 Birk Bluff Court, Cary, NC 27518-8224) by April 15. *No refunds for cancellations later than due date. If you make a reservation and intend to pay at the door, but do not attend or cancel your reservation, you must still pay for your lunch(es).*

Cost: \$18.00 per person

Checks payable to: NCSU Woman's Club

Lunch will be served at 11:45 am

Number of Reservations _____

Member Name _____

Number of Guest(s) _____

Names(s) _____

Enclosed is \$ _____ (\$18.00 per person), payable to NC State University Woman's Club.

Write your entree selection(s) below for yourself and your guests from either **NCSU Trio Salad with Tuna Salad, Chicken Salad, Pasta Salad OR Pot Roast** with Sweet Potatoes, Vegetable Medley and Fresh Fruit Salad. Water, tea, coffee, rolls and butter included.

Member _____

Entrée Selection _____

Guest _____

Guest _____

Entrée Selection _____

Entrée Selection _____

Other special needs (i.e. space for wheelchair at table, vegetarian entrée, etc.) _____

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NC State University Woman's Club
March 17, 2015

The North Carolina State University Woman's Club met at 11:30 am on Thursday, March 17, 2016, at the University Club with 60 members and guests in attendance. President Doris Wernsman opened the meeting with announcements. She thanked the hostesses for the lovely St. Patrick's Day decorations. The hostesses were Sue Danielson, Mary Liner, Frances Smith, and Pat Grady. Pat also deserves special kudos for the excellent homemade cake we enjoyed for dessert. We had seven guests today: Susan Poore, guest of Kathryn Bartley; Kathy Watson, guest of Dora Cornwell; Gail Smith guest of Pat Grady; Pamela Booker, guest of Jane Mullahey; Thea Schostag, guest of Ingeborg Sagan; Dan Solomon, guest of Carolyn Solomon; and Katherine Pressley, guest of Aileen Pressley.

There were a few announcements.

1. Please donate to the Carol Caldwell Scholarship and always put that donation on a separate check to keep club and foundation accounting separated plus that allows you to get a tax donation receipt. This year's scholarship recipient, Jessica Barton, will be with us at our April meeting.
2. Our 2016-17 proposed budget was published in the March newsletter and distributed at each table today. Doris conducted a vote to pass the proposed 2016-17 budget. Budget was approved.
3. If you have not already submitted your Membership Renewal Form for 2016-17, please pick up a form today and select your committee preferences for next year.
4. Doris introduced our newest members who were present: Jennifer Viets with CNR Advancement, Nell Patty as a returning member, and Phoebe Kot with CALS Advancement.
5. There was enough interest in the proposed May picnic/party that it will happen at the University Club. Details will be discussed in April.

Aileen Pressley introduced the 2016-17 slate of officers as follows: President – Doris Wernsman, 1st Vice President (Programs) – Jackie Wynne, 2nd Vice President (Membership) – Dora Cornwell, Secretary – Georgina Werner, Treasurer – Chris Cammarene-Wessel. She conducted a vote and all were approved by our membership. New officers will be installed at our April 2016 meeting. Betsy Meldau gave the invocation and then we enjoyed our lunch and homemade dessert.

Lou Mitchell introduced Katherine Pressley who works in the mayor's office. Katherine told us that she is the primary greeter for phone calls and computer communications for the office of our Raleigh Mayor. She assists with problems and answers and directs people to the correct departments. She let us know that Mayor Nancy McFarlane has lived in Raleigh for 30 years. She attended the School of Pharmacy at UVA and has worked as a pharmacist. In 2002, she started MedProRX which was a full-service pharmacy to help patients with chronic illnesses get their medicine. She served two terms on the Raleigh City Council starting in 2007 and was elected mayor in 2011. She is an advocate for the community and helped secure the Dix property. She coordinates efforts in Raleigh, Wake County, RTP, and statewide to do great work for the people of Raleigh. She's a very kind and smart woman.

Mayor Nancy McFarlane told us her personal journey to becoming mayor. She wanted to make sure that we knew one of our guests today, Gail Smith, is a very valued City of Raleigh employee. Nancy is a pharmacist by trade. When they moved to Raleigh, she had a one-year old child. Once the kids started public school, she started volunteering in the school and for the PTA. She had a friend on the School Board who urged her to get more involved. So, she began working on campaigns and "harassing" county commissioners. She took on

more school volunteer positions including coaching Odyssey of the Mind. She said holding the position of President of her Homeowners Association was sometimes harder than being city mayor. Her friend told her she needed to run for office but her priority was kids and family. In 2002, she started her own business. It grew and became a comprehensive resource to help families with whatever they might need beyond medicine including filing insurance, getting a fridge if a family needed it, or perhaps locating bike helmets. She said she based it on the “Mom” model. It expanded to 22 states and had some very good managers in place. Her friend urged her to run for Raleigh City Council. When her last child was a senior in high school, she ran and won. She said she found out quickly that sometimes you need to do more research before you vote on an issue when the “no garbage disposal” ruling came down with many strong citizen reactions. Former Mayor Charles Meeker urged her to run for mayor and so did her friend. During her time as mayor, she has worked with investment in the arts, transportation and helping mold downtown residential and entertainment cooperation. The Dix property purchase has been a 10-year project and will continue on a few more years as the city collects ideas from the public and assesses the property as DHHS vacates the buildings.

In closing, she said she thinks back on that friend who would call her often to encourage her to run for office. He saw things in her that she didn’t recognize in herself. Remember, you will be surrounded by people who will see things in you that you don’t see in yourself. Absorb what they say to you. Listen to the stories of those around you because everyone has a story to tell. Nancy really liked the stories shared by residents at Springmoor when she spent time with parents. So go home and write down your story.

Doris’s final comments included an Irish blessing since it was St. Patrick’s Day and a reminder to attend and invite friends to join you for our April Fashion Show.

The meeting was adjourned by Doris Wernsman.

Helen McGee, Secretary