



Happy
Holidays!

December 2015

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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

HO! HO! HO! I can't believe that Christmas will soon be here and I have requested for Raleigh to have a white Christmas for one day only. My house has enjoyed being decorated with greenery, nutcrackers, poinsettias, lights and the TREE. I have informed my daughter that I am not buying her new ornaments this year because I can't resist buying several new ones for me. The Christmas Shop sucks me in every year when I start shopping for her ornaments. The past five years I have said "no more trees" and once again the tree is in place. I still have presents to buy and wrap so my unwanted tree will look wanted. Planning and preparing dinner for Christmas has become a challenge for me to organize the preparation along with opening presents. However, when all is done and I see their happy faces, it is gratifying so I will continue until I am unable to do so.

Joshua and Zen from our November meeting were fantastic. It was a treat to observe the handler and his partner. He was handsome and so well behaved that I need one (a dog). I thoroughly enjoyed meeting Donnie Harrison, and now I know why he keeps getting reelected as Wake County Sherriff.

A wonderful program has been planned for this December, and I know that everyone will leave with the Christmas spirit. Please bring a friend that might want to join our lovely group. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone! Also, wish all of you a safe and wonderful holiday season.

"Paraprosdokian" -- "Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car". -- *Doris Wernsman*

Program – Special Holiday Music

Singers: The Oakwood Waits. Our program will begin at 12:30 pm instead of 12:15 pm as in the past.

Student Health Funding Proposal -- Sponsored by The NCSU Woman's Club

The Executive Board of the NC State University Woman's Club unanimously approved funding this new project. The Board does not have to have full membership approval to appropriate spending from the money market reserve, but we certainly would like all members to embrace this new program. As presented at the November meeting, our club has the opportunity to help sponsor another new initiative that will benefit NC State students interested in the biosciences and/or health careers. It is very exciting to have the opportunity to support another new program -- like last year's NCSU WC's donation of start-up funds for the Student Emergency Fund. The Board hopes that all members will enthusiastically agree that this is a wise investment of our Club's resources. If you have any questions, please email mermaidannie@gmail.com. – *Annie Porter, Treasurer*

Carol Caldwell Scholarship Endowment

Once again, we thank you for your continuous support for the Carol Caldwell Scholarship Endowment. The following balance of the fund reflects your ardent support:

Beginning Balance	\$141,414.31
Contributions	2,317.00
Investment Gains	12,652.30
Spending Withdrawal	(4,300.00)
Assessments	(1,160.00)
Ending Balance	\$150,923.61

This year's scholarship recipient, Jessica Barton, has expressed her appreciation in her letter to the Woman's Club. In her words, "The scholarship allowed me the opportunity to focus on my studies in leadership in the public sector last year and it will be a wonderful help this year. This will alleviate some pressure of balancing a family, work and school. The scholarship not only helps this coming up school year but makes it possible for better job attainment in the future by finishing my degree." While we congratulate Jessica on getting this award, we thank you for helping her pursue her dreams.

The fund awaits your tax-deductible contribution before the year-end for this worthy cause. Checks should be made payable to NC State University Foundation with "Carol Caldwell Endowment Gift-680609" in the memo line. You may give me the check at our December meeting or mail to my home address (6728 Pointe Vista Circle, Raleigh, NC 27615), and I will be glad to deliver the checks to the campus.

Also, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Eunice Toussaint who already has contributed a generous amount to the fund. No check is too small for this worthy cause. Let us keep up the legacy. YOUR SUPPORT IS CRITICAL. Thank you again. -- *Sharda Sawhney, Chair-Scholarship Committee*

Announcements

Meeting Date and Time – Thursday, December 17 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 12:30 pm (yes, 12:30 pm).

Deadline -- Newsletter Articles

Newsletter articles for the next month are due to Helen Crane at each of our monthly meetings. This standard deadline should help all of us remember to have our articles ready for the coming month. Your cooperation in meeting these deadlines is appreciated. -- *Helen Crane Helen_Crane@ncsu.edu*

Hostesses for December

Our hostesses for December are Ann Frazier and Betsy Meldau, Co-Chairs, Peggy Chilton, Joy Frauson and Susan Hunter. Thank you for volunteering to serve as hostesses this month.

New Member

Welcome to Jan Christensen! Jan has visited with us several times and now we celebrate her official membership. Jan is retired from NCSU Extension where she served as a Senior Editor in Extension Communications. She was a willing and talented team member on many productions of Extension Communications, and we look forward to her participation with the NCSU Woman's Club. Jan can be reached as follows:

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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 for assistance.

Looking forward to seeing you in December!

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Lunch Reservations—Due by Friday, December 11, 2015

Reservations (with payment) must be received by Kathryn Bartley (3400 Birk Bluff Court, Cary, NC 27518-8224). 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).

Also, if for some reason you have to pay at the door, please have your check ready. If paying by cash, you should have the exact cash amount ready as we do not have money at our registration table to make change.

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 **Pork Tenderloin with Roasted Garlic OR Grilled Salmon** with Buttered New Potatoes, Broccoli, Caesar Salad. Water, tea, coffee, rolls and butter included.

Member _____

Entrée Selection _____

Guest _____

Entrée Selection _____

Guest _____

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
November 19, 2015

The North Carolina State University Woman's Club met at 11:30am on Thursday, November 19, 2015 at the University Club with 50 members and guests in attendance. President Doris Wernsman opened the meeting with announcements. She thanked the hostesses for the lovely autumn decorations. The hostesses were Nancy Devine, Barbara Dickey, Mary Lou Eycke, Aileen Pressley, and Sharda Sawhney. We had two guests today – Pheobe Kat attended with Chris Wessel and Jan Christensen attended with Nadine Tope.

There were several announcements for the club. Please send a check in with your RSVP. If this is not possible, bring a check or EXACT change to the registration table. Anne Porter gave a report about the new initiative we have been asked to sponsor at Student Health Services. Last year's sponsorship of the Student Emergency Fund has been very well received. This year's request would be the seed money for a Clinical Program where students interested in Healthcare careers could help in the center much like an internship. The budget request is \$4,668.00. We would appreciate enthusiastic member support when we take a vote in December 2015. We received a thank you letter from Jessica Barton who was this year's scholarship winner. She thanked us for the investment in the future for her and her family and the money was a "delightful encouragement" to finish her education. The scholarship she received was for \$4,300.00. The Carol Caldwell Endowed Scholarship fund contains just over \$159,000.00. Anne Porter reported that we have \$3,627.50 in regular checking and \$10,654.10 in Money Market. Mary Lou Eycke gave the invocation.

As part of our program, Lou Mitchell introduced John Maxfield. John is a former Wake County deputy and now serves as legal counsel for the Wake County Sheriff's office. John said he has served under three Wake County sheriffs and that Donnie Harrison is the best. Mr. Harrison served in the Highway Patrol, was a successful businessman, then was elected, re-elected, and will be running again for Wake County sheriff.

Sheriff Donnie Harrison said that he loves his job. He has been in the business for 48 years. He re-introduced John Maxfield who helps him with legal issues and introduced John Dee Jones who was his executive assistant. He said he grew up poor in Beargrass (Martin County), NC. Ever since he was a little boy, he wanted to be a State Trooper. When he turned 21, he began school for being a State Highway Patrolman. During his time in the SHP, he also was a high school and college basketball referee. He has travelled with governors and presidents. He retired from the SHP and shortly after that he was talked into running for Wake County Sheriff. The Sheriff's department has almost 1,000 employees with 376 sworn and 500 in detention, and currently there are 1,200 prisoners. When he started there was one K9 and it had been a hobby of his since 1988. Now there are 11 handlers and 12 dogs who find people, evidence, and drugs. There is one cadaver dog who can find bodies underground or in water. The dogs scratch aggressively when they catch the odor of drugs. The handler will have them "sit" near evidence so as not to destroy it for forensics. Joshua Williams was the dog handler who joined us. He has been a deputy for 10 years and in the K9 Unit for four years. "Zen" is a multipurpose German Shepherd who can sniff out 5 drug odors including two types of cocaine, heroin, meth, and marijuana. Recently, the dog found a knife in a large open field after one hour of searching that turned out to be a murder weapon. Once things are found, the dog is rewarded with a favorite hard rubber chew toy called a Kong. Zen is trained to recognize voice and hand signals. Joshua said that with the correct command, it is "game on" and Zen goes to work. The obedience training is important because if the dog has been sent to bite an assailant/escapee, the handler needs to be able to stop him instantaneously if the situation changes. The dogs are trained 3-5 months and the handler may take a little longer to learn the ropes.

Sheriff Harrison asked that we show as much support for our law enforcement as possible because they have been taking a lot of heat lately. Please say "Thank You" at each opportunity. It is prudent to always comply with law enforcement officers. The respect level for officers is worse than it's ever been. The silent majority needs to speak up and encourage these folks as they pursue a challenging career. -- **Helen McGee, Secretary**