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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

Wishing you all a MERRY CHRISTMAS, or HAPPY HOLIDAYS, or XMAS!

Religious organizations and some commentators, created a furor several years ago about using politically incorrect greetings. Happy Holiday was not acceptable and XMAS omitted the word Christ. The X is not shorthand for Christ, it is the Greek letter which represents the word Christ. So, now you know you can say whatever.

Summer stayed around forever and I, for one, was glad to welcome the cool weather and the colored leaves. The holidays are too close together especially when you see Christmas decorations in the stores shortly after Labor Day. I am doing my shopping online with a hot toddy in my left hand. The gifts will be dependent on my toddy.

The house is decorated with stuff (no decluttering for me), the tree is trimmed and Xmas dinner menu selected, now food shopping and preparation of the feast. I will wrap presents later and listen to Earl's "Bah Humbug."

Remember the muffin raffle and your donation to the scholarship fund.

Geralin Thomas was charming, funny, a polished and poised speaker and shared her experiences with us. Next month we will have Mark Weathington, Director at the Raulston Arboretum, and I hope he has a slide show of the gardens.

PARAPROSDOKIAN: I asked God for a bike, but I know God doesn't work that way. So I stole a bike and asked for forgiveness. -- *Doris Wernsman*

Program -- The JC Raulston Arboretum, Raleigh's Winter Wonderland

The NCSU Woman's Club is pleased to welcome Mr. Mark Weathington, Director of the JC Raulston Arboretum at NC State University.

Gardening in the south is a true four-season endeavor and NC State's JC Raulston Arboretum is the ideal place to explore the wonders of the winter garden. We'll look at how form, texture and color create a tapestry while northern gardens are buried beneath snow.

Mark is passionate in his work to connect people with plants. His career in public horticulture has also included the Norfolk Botanical Garden where he served as Director of Horticulture and the Atlanta Botanical Garden.

Mark travels extensively searching for new plants to diversify the American landscape and lecturing on a variety of topics in horticulture to further the JC Raulston Arboretum's vision of "Planning and Planting a Better World." His explorations and speaking engagements have taken him to China, Taiwan, Japan, South Korea, Ecuador, Europe, Mexico, New Zealand, and throughout the US.

Mark has recently completed "A Homeowner's Guide to Gardening in the Southeast" (publication date May 3, 2017) for Timber Press and is currently working on several other projects.

He has recently revised and updated the "Propagation Guide for Woody Plants" at the JC Raulston Arboretum and has been published in **Fine Gardening, Horticulture, Carolina Gardener, American Nurseryman, VA Gardener, and HortScience** magazines as well as **The Mid-Atlantic Gardener's Book of Lists**.

Mark lives and gardens in the shade in Raleigh, the city of oaks, with his wife and 2 boxers. – *Georgina Werner*

Carol Caldwell Scholarship – Tax Deduction

As the end of the year approaches, the Scholarship Committee hopes members will remember to donate to our **Carol Caldwell Scholarship Fund**. This club year, four donors have contributed a total of \$349. Reba Worsley made a gift in memory of our beloved member, Beverly Armstrong, and Edith Simpson has honored Reba Worsley. Eunice Toussaint and Sory Bowers have also made donations.

Please consider making a donation. Make your check payable to the **NCSU Foundation**, noting the **Carol Caldwell Scholarship Fund #680609** on the memo line and mail to Sory Bowers, 3426 Bradley Place, Raleigh, NC 27607. Doing so will make you feel wonderful!

For a bit of fun, we are planning a RAFFLE, RAFFLE !!! Tuck two crisp dollars into your pocket when you attend our December meeting for an opportunity to win a dozen delicious Morning Glory Muffins. One ticket costs \$2.00, but there will be two winners! We believe in win, win. – *Sory Bowers*

Announcements

Meeting Date and Time – Thursday, December 15 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. Our times will remain throughout the 2016-17 year unless noted otherwise.

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

Communications Committee

If you know of someone with a joy or concern that would warrant a card from our club, please tell the chair of Communication/Courtesies Committee, Barbara Dickey, dadickey@bellsouth.net or [919-846-0614](tel:919-846-0614).

Thank you – *Barbara Dickey*

Hostesses for December

Our hostesses for December are Ann Frazier and Betsy Meldau co-chairs, Peggy Chilton, Joy Frauson, Susan Hunter and Mae Marshall. Thank you, ladies, 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) for assistance. Hope to see you in December!

New Address – Jean Bowen

Jean Bowen

Arbor Acres

1250 Arbor Road

Room #727

Winston-Salem, NC 27104

Lunch Reservations—Due by Friday, December 9, 2016

Reservations (with payment) should be mailed to:

**Sharon Ayers
109 Monarch Way
Cary, NC 27518**

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
Make check payable to: NC State University 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 London Broil OR Grilled salmon, buttered new potatoes, broccoli and Caesar 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
November 17, 2016

Doris Wernsman welcomed everyone to the November meeting. The meeting was well attended by guests and existing members.

The Hostess Committee for October were:

Suester Sowell, Chair	Geneva Humphries
Fay Prost-Hoit	Aileen Pressley

Great job ladies!

There were many old and new guests at the November meeting.

Dora Cornwell - Kathy Watson
Helen Crane - Susan Matney
Suester Sowell - Judy Skaggs
Reba Worsley - Shirley Overcash

Doris opened the meeting by welcoming the members and guests. Doris enlightened all of us on the history of Thanksgiving. The first celebration was in 1621 between the Plymouth colonists and the Wampanoag Indians who shared an autumn harvest feast. Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the Celebration of Thanksgiving as a federal holiday on the last Thursday of November during the Civil War.

Ann Collins provided an update on Wilma Caldwell. Also, Jean Bowen has moved to a different facility and has a new address.

Next month Sory Bowers will be raffling off tickets to win her Morning Glory Muffins. Tickets will be \$2 each. Sale of the tickets will be used for the Carol Caldwell Scholarship Fund.

Vivian Hughes found a letter dated July 4, 1992 from former Chancellor John Caldwell and read it aloud. It was a lovely letter and was nice that the letter was found and shared with our members.

Lou Mitchell is in need of some letterhead for the NC State Woman's Club. Chris Cammarene-Wessel was gracious in agreeing to prepare a template for Lou who has offered to have a supply printed for our club's use.

Geralin Thomas, professional organizer, was the Club's speaker who presented a program on "Strategies for Sparking Joy Before Decluttering Your Home". She talked about her experiences working with individuals that needed assistance in organizing their homes or work places and those folks who have issues in letting go of items. Geralin provided some suggestions on how to deal with our possessions when it comes time to downsize or just to get organized. Geralin inspired me personally to work on the hall closet that I have been putting off going through and discarding missing gloves and putting together a box of unworn hats and scarves for donating.

The meeting was adjourned by Doris Wernsman.

Georgina Werner, Secretary