



# NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY WOMAN'S CLUB

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

## NEWSLETTER February 2012

BE MY VALENTINE!

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### Message from President Vivian Hughes

*Happy Valentine's Day!* I hope you didn't miss our January meeting. Even though A.C. Snow was sick and couldn't join us, Nancy did a great job filling in for her husband. Someone said, "It's wonderful hearing his words in her voice," and I agree. She took us from smiles to near tears as she shared stories from the past. We wish good health to A.C., and thank Nancy for sharing time with us.



The nominating committee has been hard at work seeking leaders for our club's coming year. You may have been asked to serve as an executive officer, committee chairman or committee member. When you say, "Yes," you accept the challenge to "promote the welfare" of NC State as we, the members, remain united...in common interests." Thank you!

This month we will be treated to a discussion of the wonderful world of nature by Dr. Meg Lowman from the NC Museum of Natural Sciences. At my last visit to the museum this past fall, I learned that the unusual rocks I picked up at the Grand Canyon should have been left there!

### NCSU Woman's Club February 16, 2012 Meeting 11:30 a.m. ~ University Club's University Room



**Program:** Canopy Ecology and the Rain Forests -- Meg Lowman, Director, Nature Research Center, North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences (<http://naturesearch.org/>)  
**Hostesses:** Joan Robertson, Evangeline Getzen and Geneva Humphries  
**Reservations Due:** February 10, 2012 to Evangeline Getzen at 2009 Banbury Rd., Raleigh NC 27608.

Cancellations should be phoned in to Evangeline Getzen at 919-782-5101 (or email [evgetzen@bellsouth.net](mailto:evgetzen@bellsouth.net)) by February 13 for refund. No refunds for cancellations later than that date.

### RESERVATION FORM

Lunch Cost: **\$15 per person. Checks payable to: NCSU Woman's Club.** Reservations (with payment) must be received by **Friday, February 10, 2012.**  
Mail to: Evangeline Getzen at 2009 Banbury Rd., Raleigh NC 27608.

Number of Reservations \_\_\_\_\_ Member Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s) Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Total Lunch Payment Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Please make your checks payable to NCSU Woman's Club.**

Ideas for future programs: \_\_\_\_\_

Contacts for these programs: Names/Phones \_\_\_\_\_

## 2012-13 NC State University Woman's Club Officer Nominees

President: Jackie Wynne  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Wilma Caldwell\*  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Ann Frazier  
3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Presidents: Chris Cammarene-Wessel, Jane Doby  
Secretary: Carolyn Bunn  
Treasurer: Mary Liner

We will present the slate of nominees to the members for voting in March. Officers will be installed in April.

\*Wilma has new contact information: 138 Wee Loch Dr., Cary NC 27511; 919-377-2200.

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**Important note: "Getting to The Point" We will be touring the new Chancellor's Residence after our April 19, 2012 lunch meeting. We'll leave from the University Club by 1:00 p.m. and drive to Centennial Campus. We can arrange carpools for those who'd prefer not to drive alone.**

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### Carol Erskine Caldwell

Some of us remember Carol Caldwell. But many don't really know who she was and the important role she played in the history of NC State University. Currently on display in the circulation lobby of D.H. Hill Library is an exhibit honoring the life of former NC State Chancellor John Tyler Caldwell (1959-1975). The exhibit explores Caldwell's life through photographs and documents and includes a video montage of former student's reflection of the former chancellor.



While designing the exhibit, researchers relied upon documents from the John Tyler Caldwell Papers, 1893-1995 (<http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/findingaids/mc00037>). The documents revealed that Mrs. Carol Erskine Caldwell, his second wife and the "first lady" of NC State, was an invaluable source of support for Caldwell during his tenure as chancellor. Mrs. Caldwell graduated from Northwestern University with a Master's in English and taught in the public school system for about 15 years.

As the chancellor's wife, Mrs. Caldwell was often responsible for hosting social events and fundraisers and frequently appeared by Chancellor Caldwell's side at campus events. In 1973, Mrs. Caldwell described her responsibilities as the chancellor's wife in an interview with the *Attractor, Technician's* magazine of the arts. "It's almost a full-time job being married to the chancellor of a large University," Mrs. Caldwell explained, "but it's one I enjoy immensely." When Dr. and Mrs. John Caldwell married in 1963, both were widowed, with six children between them from previous marriages. Mrs. Caldwell explained, "At the time I was teaching English, raising my two children and had even built a house. I was happy and my life was settled, and then to my surprise I met John...now my life is different -- but it's better." Mrs. Caldwell found her responsibility as an entertainer and host very rewarding. "We do a considerable amount of it [entertaining] in the course of the year -- mostly the informal kind. There's nothing Dr. Caldwell likes better, for instance, than picking up students on campus and bringing them home for supper."

Mrs. Caldwell was involved in many organizations, including the North Carolina State University Woman's Club and the League of Women Voters. Mrs. Caldwell explained, "The Chancellor's job is so very large, covering every avenue of the University. I would not be content if I weren't ready to help him. But that doesn't mean I don't believe in women's rights!" As a member of the League of Women Voters, she lobbied the public school system, often "looking for other solutions than just a training school for the truant, delinquent or neglected child." Dr. and Mrs. Caldwell enjoyed bike riding and gardening as a family. They also enjoyed the benefits of living at the Chancellor's Residence, particularly the ability to interact with students because of its close proximity to campus.

For more information about the Caldwells, please visit the Libraries' website at <http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/specialcollections/>. Story above, by CHASS graduate student Samantha Rich, is from the website.

### Carol Caldwell Scholarship Endowment Report from Anne Porter

When you review your estate plan, please remember that a will bequest or other planned gift is an easy but very important way to support this worthy endowment. NC State has several outstanding planned giving personnel, who would be happy to talk with you – a free, confidential, no obligation service! (Call Anne Porter for their contact information anytime.)

Our raffles and your donations help build the scholarship so that we may continue to impact women's lives in perpetuity. Tax-deductible contributions may be sent to Anne at Campus Box 7522, Raleigh NC 27695. Please make checks payable to "NC State University Foundation," with a notation in the memo line, "Carol Caldwell Scholarship."