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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

Roses and hugs for Valentine's Day from me to you. We will begin to have nice weather in another six-to-eight weeks, and I am looking forward to spring even if I do have to clean windows. North Carolina is the state we chose to make our home and what a good choice. We enjoy all the seasons, mild winters, spring flowers, fall colors, mountains, the ocean and lovely people. Did you notice that I didn't mention the long summers, but I have read that humidity is nature's moisturizer cream for our skin. What a lovely place to live.

I had a rectangular shaped box under the tree with my name and I had a sinking feeling that it might be an iPhone. Earl mentioned buying one for me in the fall and I informed him that my flip phone was all I needed. He never listens to me, and yes, the box contained an iPhone and his comment was "this will give you something to play with over the winter". The man doesn't even keep his cell phone turned on because it's for his use only. The phone is smarter than I am, and I will be reading the dummy book for eons.

Mr. Derek Smith did a wonderful presentation at our January meeting, and I appreciated his handouts. I have never put a sticker on any car so this will be a first for me. Every time I came back to the table, he would pull my chair out for me..... I just love southern gentlemen.

I am looking forward to the program this month so I can learn more about Raleigh. This will help me to be more informed as a tour guide when I have guests. I hope to see you at our February meeting.

Reminder, we need to nominate someone or a volunteer to serve as our 2016-17 1st Vice President (Programs). If you have a nomination, or if you would like to volunteer for this position, please notify our Nominating Committee.

Paraprofessional: "Whenever I fill out an application, in the part that says, 'in case of emergency, notify:' I put DOCTOR." -- *Doris Wernsman*

Program –Everything You Didn't Know About Raleigh

Speaker: Ernest Dollar, Director, City of Raleigh Museum

Carol Caldwell Scholarship Endowment

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the supporters of the Carol Caldwell Scholarship Endowment for making this program a great success. We can be very proud that the supporters of the Carol Caldwell Scholarship have continued support by making their donations. I was told by the Office of Advancement

Services that due to stock market fluctuations the balance in the account as of September 30, 2015 was \$147,728.36, down from \$150,923.61 as of June 30, 2015.

Spending budget for student scholarships next year will be \$4,420.00 up by \$120.00 from \$4,300.00. The year-end balance in the account has not been reflected so far.

Ms Jessica Barton was the recipient of the scholarship this year. We have invited Jessica to join us for lunch in April. I am happy to say that she will be able to come. There are many hard working, ambitious students like Jessica who are aspiring for scholarships. Let us help them realize their dreams. No amount is too small and it is never too late to send your support. Let us make a difference in someone's life.

Contributors for this year are Eunice Toussaint, Doris Wernsman, and me. Thank you. -- *Sharda Sawhney, Chair, Scholarship Committee*

Courtesies Committee

As Courtesies Chairman, I am depending upon the membership to help keep me aware of those who are ill or have passed. Happily, last year I only needed to write five condolence letters and one to someone ill. Thus far this year, I have not written a single letter. This may be a good year. My concern is that I am missing situations that necessitate a letter. If you know of someone ill or a death, please notify me. Thank you. -- *Sory Bowers Chair, Courtesies Committee*

Announcements

Meeting Date and Time – Thursday, February 18, 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.

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 February 2016

Our hostesses for February are Ann Collins, Chair, Maryann Bitzer, Jean Bowen, Maggie Martin and Eunice Toussaint. 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 February!

Reminder – Weather

If for some unforeseen snow, ice or inclement weather, please follow the guidelines of the Wake County School System. That means, if the Wake County schools are closed or closing on our meeting date, we will not plan to meet as scheduled. We will also inform you regarding a possible refund for your reservation fee. The University Club will make that decision and we will not know anything until after the “snow day”. Your patience will be appreciated until we can have that discussion with the University Club.

Lunch Reservations—Due by Friday, February 12, 2016

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).

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 **Chicken Marsala OR Pecan Crusted Pork Cutlet** with Baked Potato, Collard Greens and Fresh Fruit Salad. Water, tea, coffee, rolls and butter are 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
January 19, 2016

The North Carolina State University Woman's Club met at 11:30 am on Thursday, January 21, 2016 at the University Club with 37 members and guests in attendance. President Doris Wernsman opened the meeting with announcements. She thanked the hostesses for the lovely winter decorations. The hostesses were Chris Cammarene-Wessel, Sharon Ayers, Linda Roberson, and Helen McGee. We had one guest today – Beverly Watson attended with Dora Cornwell. We also have a new member – Phoebe Kot.

There were several announcements:

- Sory Bowers, Courtesies Committee, reminded everyone to let her know when condolence or get well cards are needed.
- Sharda Sawhney gave a report on the Carol Caldwell Scholarship. In June 2015, the total in the account was \$150,923. The most recent total available is September 2015 at \$147,728. Our scholarship amount is \$4,420 and the scholarship recipient was Jessica Barton who will be attending our April meeting.
- Aileen Pressley gave the Nominating Committee Report. Representatives of her committee are Betsy Meldau and Jane Stuart. The slate of officers proposed for 2016-17 is as follows: President – Doris Wernsman, 1st Vice President (Programs) – open, 2nd Vice President (Membership) – Dora Cornwell, Secretary – Georgina Werner, Treasurer – Chris Cammarene-Wessel.

Sharon Ayers gave the invocation.

Ann Frazier introduced our speaker. Mr. Derek Smith is an Environmental Engineer with the Roadside Unit with the NC Department of Transportation. He has a Master's of Science degree from NC State. He has served as the Director of the NC Wildflower Program for 25 years.

Derek gave us a great overview of the NC Wildflower Program. NCDOT has 14 divisions in the state. Each division has a roadside department conducting program implementation and agronomics. Most of the work is completed in October and July each year. They work on roadsides, at interchanges, and at the rest areas. In the past, the right-of-way areas were only mowed. Then they implemented the NC Wildflower Program. There are many color combinations that are used and we regularly use 26 species that like full sun. The soil conditions vary throughout the state so different species like sandy soil as opposed to those plants that prefer clay soil. They also try to use drought tolerant plants. The plantings are done as meadow plantings, mass plantings, striped beds, and special designs. The breast cancer ribbon and military support ribbon designs have appeared at the large intersection of I-95 and I-40. NC native plants are also used. An example is a 5-acre plot in front of a rest area in Wilkes County that has all natural and native NC plants and you can explore the space on walking paths. It takes 7,000 one-gallon daylilies to plant one acre. There is a prison in NC that is growing 200,000 to 300,000 daylilies each year. Yellow and orange colors are used most often because they can be seen at a distance. Some areas can be double cropped with daffodils blooming in the spring and daylilies blooming later in the year. It takes 8,000 daffodil bulbs to plant one acre. Red poppies have been requested to be planted along the I-95 corridor in 2018 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of World War 1. The Roadside Unit is also now in charge of litter pickup. Please do your best not to litter. We have a huge Adopt-A-Highway Program which also helps with cleanup.

The meeting was adjourned by Doris Wernsman. -- *Helen McGee, Secretary*