



# 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 January 2012

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### Message from President Vivian Hughes

Happy New Year! Do the years seem to get shorter to you as they do for me? It's not nearly as long from Christmas to Christmas as it was when I was a child! I hope the holiday season was a happy one for you and your family.



There were two highlights at our December dinner meeting. Our Carol Caldwell Scholarship recipient, Lorena Patterson, touched each of us as she shared how receiving the scholarship has impacted her life. With three children, she can still pursue her dream of a college degree with a major in International Relations and a minor in Italian. She thanked us for making that possible, giving us a real sense of satisfaction.

And, to continue making stories like Lorena's possible, Anne Porter gave everyone an opportunity to buy raffle tickets and a chance to win the two basketball tickets to the State vs. Carolina game that Debbie Yow gave us when she learned of our scholarship raffle. Tickets were bought with much anticipation and the knowledge that other worthy students will receive the scholarships in the future. Lorena drew the winning name – ANN FRAZIER! Congratulations! Enjoy the game. Go State!



Now we look forward to hearing A.C. and Nancy Snow at our January meeting. You, like me, are probably faithful readers of his N&O column and his books.

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### NCSU Woman's Club January 19, 2012 Meeting 11:30 a.m. University Club's University Room

**Program:** Stories by A.C. and Nancy Snow  
**Hostesses:** Ann Nancy Devine, Ann Collins, Ingeborg Sagan  
**Reservations Due:** January 13, 2012 to Nancy Devine

Cancellations should be phoned in to Nancy Devine (or email [ndevine@nc.rr.com](mailto:ndevine@nc.rr.com)) no later than January 16 for refund. Cancellations later than that date, ticket price must be paid in full.

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### RESERVATION FORM

Lunch Cost: **\$15 per person. Checks payable to: NCSU Woman's Club.** Reservations (with payment) must be received by **Friday, January 13, 2012.**  
Mail to: Nancy Devine, 1414 Brunson Court, Cary, NC 27511.

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.**

## Carol Caldwell Scholarship Endowment

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.)

We are proud of our recipient, Lorena Patterson, and know she will forever remember how the scholarship has impacted her life so profoundly. 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."

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### It's the Year of the...???



According to the Chinese Zodiac, the Year of 2012 is the **Year of the Dragon** (or the **Year of the Water Dragon**), which begins on January 23, 2012 and ends on February 9, 2013. The Dragon is the fifth sign of the Chinese Zodiac, which consists of 12 Animal signs. The Dragon is a creature of myth and legend. In ancient China, the celestial Dragon represents an emperor and power. Today, it is the ultimate auspicious symbol signifying success and happiness. May the celestial Dragon bring great good luck to everyone.

**2012 (MMXII)** is a leap year that started on a Sunday in the Gregorian calendar. It is the 2012th year of the Common Era (CE) and *Anno Domini* (AD) designations, the 12th year of the 3rd millennium and of the 21st century, and the 3rd of the 2010s.

The United Nations General Assembly designated 2012 as the **International Year of Cooperatives**, highlighting the contribution of cooperatives to socio-economic development, in particular recognizing their impact on poverty reduction, employment generation and social integration; it is also designated as the **International Year of Sustainable Energy for All**. And the **Year of the Bat**, for those of you who appreciate mysterious nocturnal creatures.

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### 2012 International Events

#### January

January 13 – January 22 – The first Winter Youth Olympics will be held in Innsbruck, Austria.

#### February

February 6 – Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II, marking the 60th anniversary of her accession to the thrones of the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia & New Zealand, and the 60th anniversary of her becoming Head of the Commonwealth.

#### March

March 7 – Celebration of the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of NC State University begins (to last one year).

#### May

May 12 – August 12 – The 2012 World Expo is to be held in Yeosu, South Korea.

#### June

June 6 – The second and last solar transit of Venus of the century. The next pair is predicted to occur in 2117 and 2125.

June 18 – June 23 – Turing Centenary Conference at the University of Cambridge, in honor of the mathematician, computer scientist, and cryptographer Alan Turing, the last day of the conference being the hundredth anniversary of his birth.

#### July

July 2, 1862 – The Morrill Act signed into law by President Abraham Lincoln.

July 27 – August 12 – 2012 Summer Olympics held in London.



#### August

August 6 – August 20 – Mars Science Laboratory also known as the Curiosity Rover scheduled to land on Mars.

#### December

December 21 – The Mesoamerican Long Count calendar, notably used by the pre-Columbian Mayan civilization among others, completes a "great cycle" of thirteen *b'ak'tuns* (periods of 144,000 days each) since the mythical creation date of the calendar's current era.