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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

I hope no one had any mishaps on the 15th day of March. The Ides of March, the 15th, was once a time to settle accounts and linked to prophecies of misfortune thanks to Caesar and Shakespeare.

Czar Nicholas II Abdicates His Throne, 1917

Czar Nicholas II of Russia signs his abdication papers, ending a 304-year-old royal dynasty and ushering in Bolshevik rule. He and his family are taken captive and, in July 1918, executed before a firing squad.

Assassination of Julius Caesar, 44 B.C.

Conspirators led by Marcus Junius Brutus stab dictator-for-life Julius Caesar to death before the Roman Senate. Caesar was 55.

The good news is that bad things happen on every day not just the 15th. We don't have to worry about stepping on cracks, walking under a ladder or seeing a black cat. Let's hope one saying is true, "In like a lion and out like lamb".

Monica Laliberte was charming, informative and so was the Black Labrador. I have sent the information and forms to my family because our granddaughter will turn 18 in July. I don't know if they are aware of the situation but I didn't want to take a chance. "Powerless Parent" was really an eye opener.

PARAPROSDOKIAN: When tempted to fight fire with fire, remember that the Fire Department usually uses water.

See you at the meeting. -- *Doris Wernsman*

Program – Weather Permitting -- Elizabeth Gardener, Meteorologist and WRAL Weather Reporter

"Weather Permitting" -- Let's all pray for good weather for the day of our March 16 meeting so our speaker doesn't have to cancel, because she's always "on call." If anyone's job is weather dependent, it is that of meteorologist and WRAL veteran "stormtracker" and forecaster Elizabeth Gardener. A Raleigh native who's lived in Colorado, California and Washington State, she is happy to be back in Raleigh where she has worked for WRAL now for "more years than she'd like to admit." She's the friendly face we've come to trust when the threat of bad weather looms. She'll discuss why she chose this career path, why her favorite storms are

hurricanes and snowstorms (yes, please explain!) and what it's like to be heading to work or be at work when everyone else is in a panic, headed to the grocery store or seeking shelter.

You'll want to bring a guest. Hope everyone can come and bring a friend to hear about this exciting program. – *Jackie Wynne*

Fundraiser for Carol Caldwell Scholarship – Thursday, April 20

Ok, ladies, make sure you have your purses full of money and a big deposit in your checking account!

Because.....Thursday, April 20 will be a day you will get to bid on some of the most unique items available at one time.

1. NCSU items representing the following will be on a table for you to select and take home if your bid is high enough. A few of the items are: NCSU Arts Performance, dinners at amazing restaurants, beach vacations, golf package, NCSU football experience second to none, NCSU Arboretum membership and plants, six-month membership to the NCSU State Club on Centennial Campus, treasures from the NCSU Wolfpack Club, and much, much more.
2. Remember, we will also have tables for you to donate your personal, very valuable items for others to purchase. **Please bring these items to our March 16 meeting so they can be priced and ready for sale ahead of time.** If they are not sold, you may take them home and those items left will be donated to a worthy thrift shop if you prefer.
3. Also, and very important....your baked items. Please bring them to our meeting on April 20 by 9:30 am. They will need to be priced and placed on a table for sale before our meeting begins.

Since we will have two tables in the front lobby, I expect members of the other clubs meeting on that day and others who come for lunch or tennis will be able to take advantage of our sale. Small packages of cookies or other treats (4-6 per package) may appeal to those just passing through and unable to resist our treats. Please label your baked goods with the type of “sweet”, “savory”, “cake”, “jellies”, “jams” or “pickles” and be sure to include the recipe. This is the time to “show off” your cooking skills.

One last reminder....there will be a very special prize for the member who brings the most guests. Please start calling your friends and inviting them now. This prize is something you will want to take home! – *Lou Mitchell*

A Note from the Reservations Committee

We have been having problems with some lunch reservations arriving late. If you put your check in the mail on Thursday or Friday before the deadline, please call or email either Sharon Ayers (919-852-1888) or I (919-851-8575) so that we can be sure you are added in the total reservation count and get your preferred entrée. The mail is slow and sometimes checks mailed on Friday are not received until the Wednesday before our meeting or on the Thursday of the meeting. We do not want anyone left out because of something out of our control.

Thank you. – *Kathryn Bartley*

Powerless Parents

As you may recall from our February program, Monica Laliberte told us about a website we should check out if we have children/grandchildren that are 18 years of age. Here is a direct link to the story:

<http://www.wral.com/son-in-coma-mother-shocked-to-find-she-had-little-say-in-his-medical-care/15062774/>

You'll find the links to the forms both in the body of the story and to the side of it when you are on the WRAL.com page. – *Jackie Wynne*

Reminder -- 2017-18 NC State University Woman's Club Membership Renewal

It is that time of year again that we start thinking about a new club year that will begin in September 2017. Please print and complete the renewal form that is attached to this newsletter and bring it along with your membership dues of \$30.00 to our March meeting. **You do not need to fill out the details of address, phone, etc. unless that information has changed.** Please pay close attention to the information asking for "email, postal or none needed" preferences of monthly newsletters and meeting reminders. **If you are a new member, we will need all of your information filled out along with a photo.**

Please also take a serious look at the different committees that keep our club operating smoothly. Only members can serve on these committees and that means if you don't volunteer to serve, committees may not be able to fulfill their duties. We need all of our members to pitch in and work to make the club stronger. Each of you have great ideas and are quite capable to help the committees function. Consider volunteering for at least one committee. As the committees are formed for the new fiscal year, you will be notified if you are needed to serve on an additional committee. -- *Dora Cornwell, 2nd Vice President, Membership (2017-18)*

Announcements

Meeting Date and Time – Thursday, March 16 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*

Memorial Service – Chuck Cooper, Hazel Cooper's Husband

A memorial service for Chuck will be held on Saturday, March 11 at the First Presbyterian Church at 1:00 pm. I'm sure Hazel would love to see you since she and Chuck moved to New Mexico more than a year ago.

Former Member -- Ella Apple

Ella passed away on February 19 at the Hospice House in Burlington. The funeral service will be held at the Twin Lakes May-Foley Chapel on Sunday, February 26, 2017 at 2:00 pm. A reception will follow at the adjoining Pepper Tree Café. As many of you may recall, Ella was a member of our club for many, many years until she moved to Burlington.

Hostesses for March 2017

Our hostesses for March are Pat Grady, Chair, Sue Danielson, Mary Liner and Frances Smith. 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 March!

Lunch Reservations—Due by Friday, March 10, 2017

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 **Cobb Salad OR Tilapia w/Mango Sauce**. Included are Fresh Green Beans, Roasted Yukon Mashed Potatoes and a Fresh Fruit Salad. Water, tea, coffee, rolls and butter are also included.

Member _____

Entrée Selection _____

Guest _____

Guest _____

Entrée Selection _____

Entrée Selection _____

Other special needs (i.e. space for wheelchair at table, vegetarian entrée, etc.):

Reminder: If you're mailing your check/reservation on Thursday or Friday of the deadline, please contact Sharon Ayers by either calling her at 919-852-1888 or email her at ayers5fam@hotmail.com with your reservation as well as lunch entrée preference.

MINUTES
NC State University Woman's Club
February 16, 2017

Doris Wernsman welcomed everyone to the February meeting. The meeting was well attended. Anne Porter provided the invocation.

The Hostess Committee for February were:

Anne Porter, Chair Annette Harrell
Maggie Martin Mary Lou Eycke

The tables were beautifully set with a Valentine's theme. Crisp red napkins and lovely bud vases added the perfect touch.

There were many old and new guests at the February meeting:

Annette Harrell -- Belle Fite
Nell Patty -- Dick Patty
Helen McGee -- Susan Colby

Announcements

1. Doris circulated a brief questionnaire regarding the interest of members in having a May picnic. Results of the survey will determine if and when the Club will have a picnic this year.
2. Lou Mitchell updated the members on plans for the April auction. Lou has spent considerable time and effort gathering items for the auction. Everyone should try to bring a friend or two to this meeting. The individual that brings the most guests will win a prize. Members were asked to bring items that they wished to donate to the March meeting. Also, please bring your cash to pay for your purchases in April.

Baked items are also welcome for the auction. If you decide to bring baked items, please wrap them in small packages with your name and perhaps the recipe on it. If you decide to donate baked items, they need to be brought to the University Club and given to Lou by 9:30 am that morning. Lou, thanks for all of your time and effort to make the auction a success to benefit the scholarship fund.

3. Sharon Ayers advised the members that Christopher & Banks will be hosting a fashion show on March 11 at 2:00 pm at the Cary Towne Center store. If you attend you will receive a 20% off coupon. If you are willing to "model" you will receive a 40% off coupon.

Program

WRAL-TV 5 On Your Side's Monica Laliberte shared with the Club highlights and advice from her 33 years in the broadcast news industry. Monica discussed the latest scams that we should all be aware of and also her Emmy nominated story on "Powerless Parents" and the legal hurdles a family encountered when their 18-year old "adult" son was injured and were powerless to direct his medical treatment without his consent. It is something for all of us that have "adult" children to consider. Monica also has all of the necessary legal forms on the WRAL website.

Monica also shared with us her passion of her involvement in Canine Companions for Independence. It was truly interesting listening to Monica.

The meeting was adjourned by Doris Wernsman.

Georgina Werner, Secretary