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NEW BERN WOMAN'S CLUB

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President's Message

Spring has Sprung! As I write this the windows are open but I suspect by the time you read this, the pine pollen will also have sprung and the windows will again be closed...oh well.

Several things are on the horizon for our club – some good and some not so good. Those of you who bothered to open the Clubwoman Magazine I forwarded on to you (they only send it out via email these days) will be aware that one of the things to be voted on at the GFWC-NC Convention in April is a dues increase of \$20. If approved, *each member of NBWC would be paying \$50 a year to belong to the Federation.* (\$35 to state and \$15 to national) and we would of course, need to raise our local dues to reflect that increase. I am making you aware of this now because if this dues increase is enacted, come next fall we will need to make some decisions about remaining a member of the Federation. More information needs to be collected and ramifications of leaving the Federation explored but I hold out little hope that the measure will be voted down at convention. Mary Lynne Desmond and Marcy Riordan will be representing the club as delegates at the convention and I greatly appreciate their willingness to attend and represent our interests.

On a more positive note, the *Precious*

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Our Club Hard at Work



Members Janet MacLaren, Joan Campbell and Mimi Watrous collected and organized over 100 bags for Precious Purses from Fairfield Harbor.

Meeting Reminder

Our next general meeting is Thursday, April 7th, 11:00am, at the New Bern Golf & Country Club.

Lunch Menu

Sliced Ham with Potato Salad and Asparagus

Your check for \$15.00, made out to NBWC, needs to be sent or delivered to Martha Faw at: 309 Lakemere Drive, New Bern, NC 28562 by April 2nd. Please notify Martha if you will be attending ONLY the meeting so we can ensure there are enough tables set for everyone. Phone 252-671-1061 or email: marthamopsy3@yahoo.com

April's Speaker

This month we celebrate - us! We have been a club for 115 years. So much has happened to women, our country, our city, and the world since we started. This month we look back at our history and our traditions. We remember and honor our past presidents. We have a chance to thank them. We will take a look at what makes us such a special group of women. What do you remember of past club achievements? Join us this month as we remember and look forward.

Marcy Riordan



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Purses collection for the Coastal Woman’s Shelter is headed for another successful drive under the direction of D Stone and her committee. We had 9 drop-off locations and a great deal of enthusiasm by the members and the community. If you missed the drive, please feel free to bring your filled purse to the April meeting and we’ll see it gets to the CWS.

The plans for the SMART Girls Tea are moving along. We have several locations in mind and should have a definite site to announce by the April meeting. Franky Waters and Jean Horrell have been hard at work finding sponsorships to cover the expenses for the girls and their mothers so the money will not come out of club expenses. The guest list has grown and we now have 30 young women between the ages of 8 – 16 who will be our guests. Please mark your calendar now for Friday, May 13th from 2 – 4 for “high tea” with these young women. It should be a great time. More information will be available at the April meeting, including a sign-up sheet. The cost of the Tea to members will be \$15.

Wishing each of you a blessed and joyous Easter.

Cheers, Kathy

In Memory

NBWC has donated \$50 to the Relay for Life in Memory of our member Beverly Costa. Two gold luminaries will be lighted on the walkway during the walk in April.

Precious Purses Update

As of Thursday, March 17th, Susan Lucas reported that 300 purses had been delivered to her office. I am sure when the final number is available we will have done very well. I would like to thank my Co-Chair, Holly Prafke and all the volunteers for their efforts, quick response and hard work in making this third Precious Purses Drive a success. As a reminder, President Fannin has requested that pictures taken during the drive be sent directly to her no later than Friday, March 25th. Volunteers, please pick up the purses boxes at the vendor locations by March 21st. Thank You notes will be sent to the vendors supporting the drive between March 21st and March 25th. Again, thanks to everyone for your help and support.

D’ Stone, Chair

ARTS:

During this month’s meeting, we will be making the centerpieces for the May meeting. Barbara Lubsen has purchased all the material. I hope everyone will be able to attend so we can get the work done. If anyone from the Club would like to join us, we welcome you! We will meet in the Sunroom right after the general meeting.

Liz Maravelas

PUBLIC ISSUES:

Public Issues met on Tuesday, March 15th at Paula’s Pizza. Discussion as to the future of the CSP was held and a lovely lunch was enjoyed. If you would like to join us next month on April 19th, please contact Shirley Elliker or me. We would be pleased to have you!

Sandra Rawlings

A Special Thank You!

As you all know, this has been a hard few weeks for my family and me. The loss of the “Old Geezer” has left us bereft. But you wonderful ladies were there for us. We want to express our deepest thanks for the cards, prayers, and the help with his wake. You are all so special. I am beyond thankful to all of you. It is an honor to be a part of such a wonderful group of strong women.

My Love to all of You.
Marcy Riordan

Membership

One of our goals for the club is to increase membership. During this year we have welcomed several new members along with new visitors. Another positive step is that we now can extend invitations to working women by providing them with an opportunity to attend Home Life evening meetings in lieu of the morning meetings. We are considering an “Open House” event in the early fall, perhaps in town, where club members would have an opportunity to share with guests the activities we engage in during the year in an informal setting, as well as provide camaraderie for current members. Please share with me any suggestions you may have. I value your ideas and look forward to hearing from you. Happy Easter to all.

Joan Campbell

Reflections for the Month

“You can’t wait for inspiration. You have to go after it with a club.”

Jack London, Author

Shared by Mary Lynne Desmond

EDUCATION:

Education met on March 9th at the NB Library. Victor Horrell presented our program, "Beginning Your Genealogy Research". Our April meeting will be held at the Craven County Community College on the 13th where we will be selecting our scholarship recipients.

Jean Horrell

It's on the Web!

This is YOUR website. Please keep sending photos, texts, and links to other sites, that can be shared with the public and/or with the members.

www.newbernwomansclub.com

The password for the "Members Only" section is [NBWC1905](#)

Kathy Fannin

HOME LIFE:

Our Home Life celebrated St. Patrick's Day with corned beef and cabbage, wore a little green and shared a poem or story about the day. Our guest speaker was very informative about Relay for Life. Erin Fox from Kinston, NC, educated us on the support and programs Relay for Life has... 'Look Good Feel Better', "Relay for Hope", "Hope Lodge", "Reach to Recovery" and "We are Here". I will have more information with me in April. We meet the 3rd Thursday of the month, 6pm, at the Country Club.

Holly Prafke

Meals on Wheels

Dear Ladies – Please see below the April Schedule. All of our new folks have been provided with volunteer applications and MoW confidentiality statements. And it's so nice to see a supportive husband participate!

Thanks, Paula Lindsay

APRIL

Pembroke

11th – Lu Hoff & Paula Lindsay

25th - Lu Hoff & Rachel Sugg

James City

14th - Jane & Charles Schmidt