

March 2016 NEW BERN WOMAN'S CLUB



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President's Message

March will be "coming in like a lion" with our third Precious Purses Drive set to kick off the week of March 12th. Chairwomen D' Stone and Holly Prafke, along with their committee, are hard at work on the details which are included with this newsletter. We are also looking forward to hosting the young women from the Boys and Girls Club's SMART Girls Program at a **Mother Daughter Tea scheduled for** Friday, May 13th. I would ask all members to note the date and plan to support these young women and their mothers at a fun event. A committee is being formed and details will be in the April Newsletter. Any member interested in being on the committee should contact me ASAP.

We have added 4 new members the last couple of months - welcome Vicki, Andi, Jane and Mimi - but our membership is down from this time last year. If you have friends or neighbors who you think would be interested in NBWC, please invite them to attend a meeting. As the old saying goes, "the more the merrier".

We have committees hard at work on both our April and May meetings so expect some fun surprises ahead. Try to stay warm and think spring! Cheers, Kathy



2016 Budget Vote at the March Meeting

We will be voting on the 2016 Proposed

Budget in March. Copies of the proposed budget will be send out with the newsletter to all members. It will also be available on the website www.newsbernwomansclub.com under Treasurer's Report and a copy will be on each of the tables at the March meeting. This year's budget is slightly larger than the last several years with each CSP now allotted \$900. Thanks to a very successful Holly and Ivy, we were able to put \$5,000 in reserve. As previously, we will award three scholarships of \$1,000 to area students and the total anticipated general club expenses will be approximately \$4,000. The biggest club expenses are our storage unit rental and liability insurance. Please review the budget when you receive it. Questions should be directed to our Treasurer, Liz Maravelas.

Meeting Reminder

Our next general meeting is Thursday, March 3rd, 11:00am, at the New Bern Golf & Country Club.

Lunch Menu

Chicken with raspberry and creamy brie sauce. Green beans and garlic whipped potatoes
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 February 27th. 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

March's Speaker

The Farmer's Market is one of New Bern's favorite weekend stops. Would you like to know how it works, what's new, and if they're staying where they are? Joe Hunt, President of the Farmers Market Board of Directors, will answer all those questions and more. Please join us and bring your curiosity!

Marcy Riordan



I'd like to express my appreciation to all the members for their support and love while going through such a difficult time. Hope to be back soon! Betty Jane Bonapartian

NBWC Precious Purses Drive March 12-March 19, 2016

Drop-off boxes will be in place between February 27 – March 5^{th.} <u>Location</u> <u>Coordinator</u> Havelock......Holly Prafke

Fairfield Harbor

POA (Homes).....Joan Campbell

Janet MacClaren

Greenbrier CC......Peggy Call
Carolina Colors.....Paula Lindsay
Taberna CC.....Ann Harmon

Pat Donnelly

Poor Charlies

Flea Market.....Holly Prafke

Helping Hands

Boutique.....Paula Lindsay

Trent Woods

Hardware.....Vickie White

Vickie Jones

Drop off boxes should be picked up at least twice-a-week. Please ask your contacts at your locations to call you when the boxes are full. The purses should be checked to ensure contents are appropriate; questionable purses should be set aside. Please bring your donations to the Coastal Woman's Shelter, 1333 S. Glenburnie Rd. (252) 638-4509.

The publicity for the drive will be in the Sun Journal on March 2nd and March 9th and in local publications the first two weeks in March. President Fannin and Susan Lucas will be guest speakers on our local TV station as soon as a date is set.

Posters will be available at the March 3rd General Meeting and on our website,

www.newbernwomansclub.com. Please contact me with any questions regarding the drive.

D' Stone, Chair Holly Prafke, 252-633-2640 Co-Chair dstone6@gmail.com

Welcome to our Newest Members



Mimi Watrous and Jane Schmidt



Andi Reese

PUBLIC ISSUES:

No report this month.

Sandra Rawlings

EDUCATION:

Continuing Education met on February 10th at the NB Library. We had a wonderful meeting as we finalized plans for this year's "Sallie Southall Cotten" Scholarship. This \$1,000 scholarship is open to all high school seniors who meet the application criteria. The scholarship will be presented at our General Meeting on May 5th. Information can be found on our website. Our next meeting will be March 9th.

Jean Horrell

Reflections for the Month

"Every charitable act is a stepping stone toward heaven".

Author - Henry Ward Beecher Shared by Mary Lynne Desmond

Membership

With March around the corner, spring can't be far behind. We will have two guests joining us: Jeaninne Billingsley, who recently retired, will join us for our March meeting and luncheon. We will also welcome Ellen McNaught, sponsored by Iris Jones. Please stop by and say "Hello". Let's continue to share the camaraderie and charitable giving that our club is known for. Happy St. Patrick's Day!.

Joan Campbell

ARTS:

The ARTS CSP will not have a meeting in March.

Liz Maravelas

HOME LIFE:

Our meeting was held February 18th, as always the third Thursday of the month. We enjoyed Fried Chicken and a bit of socializing. After dessert, our speaker was Karen Hacker, **Commander of the Disabled** American Veterans Chapter in New Bern. She gave us a little history class on the DAV and talked about the van that transports over a 1,000 veterans a year to medical appointments. Karen spoke about the spouses and children that have also been helped by the DAV. It's great to know that New Bern veterans are receiving help. Our next meeting is March 17th.

Holly Prafke

Meals on Wheels

Many thanks to all of our volunteers! At March's meeting I will have signup sheets for the months of April and May, so please bring your calendars. New members are invited to ride with an experienced member. Please see our schedule for March below. So happy to have new faces!

Paula Lindsay MARCH

Pembroke

14th - Barbara Shively & Martha Faw 28th - Emily Helling & Rebecca Fenn James City

10th -Francine Gamble & Vickie White



Sunshine Committee No report this month

<u>Treasurer's Report</u>
No report this month

It's on the Web!

This is YOUR website and I look forward to receiving photos, text, 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

Annual GFWC-NC Convention

The annual convention will be held this year at the Atlantic Beach Double Tree by Hilton Hotel on April 27-30, 2016. Since we are within easy driving distance of the venue, I assume that we will be requested to assist in some way. As more information becomes available, I will inform the club but, for now, keep the dates in mind.

Kathy