**President’s Message**

Dear Ladies,

In my last message as president, I’d like to extend a warm welcome - and my thanks - to our incoming board members and president-elect, Kathy Fannin. Kathy you impressed me from the beginning as a woman of many strengths; a creative thinker who isn’t afraid of hard work; my kind of girl! All of you board members have my complete confidence and support in your upcoming term.

This term for me has been an amazing journey. It opened in the aftermath of Hurricane Irene. We immediately set about the business of meeting the needs of our community. As time went by, we continued to serve our community with ongoing and shared projects.

We proceeded to encourage young artists, endow scholarships, hold monthly birthday parties, read to children at Head Start centers, donate funds and goods to worthy organizations, and deliver Meals on Wheels. We constantly made a difference.

We had fun, too! Our Groucho glasses provided laughs and instant Halloween costumes. We dressed and portrayed Suffragettes for Ghost Walk. We served as New Bern’s quintessential hostesses at the Holly & Ivy Homes Tours. We created Christmas centerpieces, and we were entertained by a talented composer and singer as well as a skilled illusionist.

Our Sunshine Committee formed to serve the needs of members in the face of difficulty and tragedy. We lost two great ladies in the passing of Elizabeth Griffin.

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**You Are Invited to the**

New Bern Woman’s Club Final Meeting of 2013 and Picnic

Our Final Meeting will be held on Thursday May 2, 2013. This will be our annual picnic held this year at the TABERNA COUNTRY CLUB at 11 AM. The Officers for 2013-2015 will be installed. We will be having “An All American Picnic” featuring either Fried or Barbecue Chicken and all the fixings!! Hope to see you there.

**Although this is a picnic,** the Taberna Country Club has a strict “no Denim” policy so please respect this and show them that we really are “The Ladies of the Club”

Please make sure that your reservation, with choice of chicken and check get to Marcy by FRIDAY April 26th at:

Marcy Riordan
P.O. 3165
New Bern, NC 28564.

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**Urgent Request!!**

Night Wear for Coastal Women’s Shelter
If you have some gently used nightgowns, pajamas, or bathrobes that you would like to donate to the Coastal Women’s Shelter’s Safe House residents, please bring them to the May picnic. Someone from Public Issues will collect them in the Taberna parking lot following the picnic. Thank You!!

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**Betsy Strag and Aggie Derda show off their Suffragette Attire at the Federation Day Luncheon.**
and Joyce Connor. In every circumstance, you ladies responded with grace and compassion. NBWC members know that we are not alone in times of need.

Among all of our successes and trials, Precious Purses was a fitting grand finale. What a blessing that project turned out to be!

Ladies, we’ve been through a lot during the past two years. How gratifying and comforting that we faced it all together. Please accept my deepest gratitude to—and for—every one of you.

Love,

Paula

May Meals on Wheels Schedule

Frozen Meals
May 6—Pat Donnelly and Chris Cooper
May 13—Emily Helling and Barbara Lubsen
May 20—Nancy Uhland and Paula Lindsay
May 28—Rose Voss-Litke and Ellen Watson

Hot Meals
May 9—James City—Paula Lindsay and Anne Harman
May 28 Pembroke—Rachel Sugg and Aggie Derda

More Pictures from the Federation Day Luncheon

The Ladies of the Club

Mary Jo Fox

Members of our exclusive “Club within the Club” Ruth Harper Award Winners!!
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<td>At the Public Issues/International Outreach’s meeting on April 16th, it was determined that $200 will be presented to American Legion’s Post 539 in New Bern. They have a two-fold need and our monies will be earmarked to provide funds to their Service Officers Emergency Fund, through which they provide critical emergency funds to needy veterans for food, utility bills or medical needs and to help defray dinner costs for World War II veterans who will be honored at a dinner on May 8th, hosted by Post 539 and the New Bern Civitans Club. If you are traveling over the summer months, we wish you all safe travels and a good summer.</td>
<td>The Education CSP met on Wednesday April 10th at 2 PM to select the recipients of the Memorial Scholarship and the Education Scholarship. Carolyn Wynn of CCC will present the list of candidates from which the group will select the two recipients. The scholarship winners will be invited to the May meeting. The group will be bringing canned meat or beans to each meeting to help RCS. With the ever increasing need for supplying nutrition for our needy citizens who are under the care of RCS, they decided to contribute on a monthly schedule.</td>
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<td>Members of the Arts CSP met immediately following the April General Meeting on April 4th. There is nothing new to report at this time as the group takes a well-deserved summer holiday and wishes everyone a safe and productive summer!!!</td>
<td>Pat Wesson was our guest speaker at the April meeting. Pat is a member of the Beaufort Woman’s Club and chairs Public Issues. She spoke about the “Vial of Life” a National Program which saves time in the event of an emergency. As we break for the summer months, I would like to remind everyone that the Fourth of July will be the next occasion to recognize your “Howell Pal” at the Howell Center. This will be Home Life’s last meeting of the year. Our officers for the upcoming year will be Sherry Springer-Chairperson; and Denise Stone-Dinner Coordinator. Thanks to all members of Home Life who helped to make this CSP a most memorable time for me. See you at the picnic!</td>
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Community Services Programs Meetings are listed in red, A-Arts, E-Education, HL-Home Life, PI-Public Issues

**Projects**

**AF**—Art in Focus: First Saturday of month 9:30 am-noon, assist a student with an art project at Focus Therapy Services on Neuse Blvd. (ARTS-Emily Helling)

**GSH**—Good Shepherd Home: Last Friday of every month, bring cupcakes, gift items for clients’ birthday party. (PUBLIC ISSUES-Sandra Rawlings)

**MoW**—Meals on Wheels: By 9:30 am, pick up 5 frozen meals in special blue bags for each client at the Senior Center on George St. to deliver. Pickup time, delivery times and blue bags return to be documented. Submit volunteer info form to the Center. Deliveries are every Monday except holidays, when deliveries are made on Tuesdays.

**SSC**—Sallie Southall Cotten Scholarship: Interview committee will meet monthly (Education-June Boyd)

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Happy Birthday to: Karen Meyer, Ronnie Greene and Denise Stone!!