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NEW BERN WOMAN'S CLUB

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President's Message

AAAHH the Holidays! Here again already. No matter how well I plan, I am always behind in things to do or presents to get or things to make. I hope you all are better at this than I am. This year at Thanksgiving I cooked a turkey for the first time in 35 years. My husband and boys always cooked the bird, while I had fun making the other stuff. I'll let you know at the meeting how well I did. My mom, nephew, and assorted friends will taste test. They will also taste test the cookie recipe I am using for the Holly & Ivy cookie house. Are yours baked yet? If you are having two dozen baked for you, don't forget to bring your money for Barbara at the meeting. We are in good shape for the event, and again my thanks to all of you for making this happen. You all know the money will be well used. If you have not yet paid for your Holly & Ivy tickets, you can pay Anne Harman in December.

The By-Laws revision is in the works, and I think you will be happy with the result. No drastic changes, just bringing them in line with what we are now doing. We will be revising the dues next year to make everything simpler and to save us some money since we no longer pay GFWC. Look for the report in January. Special thanks to Susan Lucas, Margaret Raynor, and Chris Skrotsky for their efforts on this.

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Reminder List for December

- 2018 Dues (\$45)
- Holly & Ivy ticket money (\$30)
- Wrapped Guardian ad Litem gift
- Children's books for Coastal Women's Shelter
- Ornament to exchange
- Cookie money (\$14)
- All checks payable to NBWC

Meals on Wheels

Thank you, dear Ladies, for the tireless service to our community. Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated by so many! We'll have the signup sheet, for January through March, at our next meeting. Please be sure to bring your calendars.

Gratefully yours, Paula Lindsay

December

Substitute: Mimi Watrous

Pembroke

11 – Emily Helling & Paula Lindsay

James City

14 – Rebecca Fenn & Peggy Call

Meeting Reminder

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

LUNCH MENU

Roast Beef with

Mashed Potatoes & Green Beans

Your check for \$15.00, made out to NBWC, needs to be sent or delivered to D' Stone at: 115 Canebrake Drive, New Bern, NC 28562 by December 2nd. Please notify D' if you will be attending **ONLY** the meeting so we can ensure there are enough tables set for everyone. Phone 252-633-2640 or dstoned6@gmail.com.

Guardian ad Litem

Please remember to bring your gift to the December meeting. It needs to be wrapped and the child's number **MUST** be on the package since this is the only way they know who the gift goes to. I would like to thank all the ladies who took the time to purchase gifts for the children who are so unfortunate.

Liz Maravelas

Holly & Ivy Tickets

A big thank you to those who have paid. For those who have not had the opportunity, make checks out to NBWC for \$30 and bring to the December 7th meeting. Those not coming to the meeting can mail checks to me at:

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Our meeting in December will be a fun social event. Bring an ornament to exchange if you would like. Any extra ornaments will be taken to RCS. Also, the Education Department (a hint there about changes coming) will collect any new or gently used children's books for the Coastal Woman's Shelter. Please bring your Holiday Cheer with you to the meeting as well. I may need cheering up about my deadlines.

Happy Holidays, Marcy

Membership

Last month, Linda Cummings and Nancy Teubert resigned from the club. Nancy and her husband travel quite a lot so she has been unable to attend several of our meetings during the year. Linda has commitments with several different organizations. We are looking forward to the induction of Joanne Straight into our membership in January. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to consider visiting with us at our general club meeting. I have application forms for anyone you know who would like to be a part of such a community-oriented club.

Vickie White

Arts – CSP

There will be no meeting in December. We will meet again in January 2018. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy & Healthy New Year

Liz Marvelas

Public Issues – CSP

No report this month.

Sandra Rawlings



Speaker's Corner

We will not have a program this month, just a social gathering. I hope everyone enjoyed our program in November with Mary Merrill talking and showing us about floral arrangements. Congratulations to Kathy Fortenbaugh and Dolores Raynor for winning the door prizes. The winner of the floral arrangement raffle was Chris Skrotsky.

Liz Marvelas

Reflections for the Month

"The best gifts come from the heart, not the store".

Author: Sarah Dessen

Shared by: Marilyn Ontiveros

Holly & Ivy Cookie Drop-off

On the Tour morning, please drop off your cookies to the Cookie House, 717 Pollock Street, from 8:30am to 10:30am. There will be two very handsome male cookie runners to receive them so that you won't have to get out of your car.

Barbara Shively

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103 Appenzell Lane
New Bern, NC 28562
All payments are due by December 15th so I can close out the books.
Thank you, Anne Harman

Treasurer's Report

Your dues for 2018 are now due. There have been board level discussions but no final recommendation on a change to the dues amount. Any future change in dues will require a vote of the membership. Dues are unchanged at \$45. Please make your check payable to NBWC and give it to Chris Skrotsky at the December meeting. The final date for dues payment is Monday, December 11th, which allows time for budget preparation. Dues may also be sent to the club's post office box:

NBWC

P.O. Box 308

New Bern, NC 28563

Chris Skrotsky

Continuing Education - CSP

Continuing Education will meet on Wednesday, December 13th, 11:30am, at the home of Jeaninne Billingsley for a Christmas celebration. We will honor Dre" Nix of the Boys and Girls Club with a check for \$300 for the club's current needs. Carolyn Ward, Financial Aid Advisor of Craven Community College will be honored with a check for \$300 for the Financial Aid Emergency Fund. Also, a quick reminder that we will be accepting new or gently used children's books for the Coastal Women's Shelter, at the December 7th general meeting. The children's books can be on any topic. They will be distributed to the children prior to Christmas. Please join us in contributing to this very worthy cause.

Jeaninne Billingsley

Home Life - CSP

Home Life met on November 16th, with Stanley Kite as our guest speaker. He is Director of Emergency Services for Craven County and spoke about the need for a training facility for fire, police and EMS personnel. Our next meeting will be December 19th, 11:30am, at a place TBD. Please note this change from our regular dinner schedule. If you would like to attend, please let Susan Lucas know. This will be our holiday meeting!

Susan Lucas

Public Relations/Website

Congratulations to Chris Skrotsky, who won the beautiful arrangement donated by Mary Merrill from Harris Teeter and raffled off at the November meeting. Proceeds of \$160 from the raffle were donated to the New Bern Boys & Girls Club to support their annual Family Christmas Party. On behalf of the Advisory Board of the New Bern Boys & Girls Club, I would like to thank the New Bern Woman's Club for their continued support of our kids and our community.

Kathy Fannin



Pictured L to R: Chris Skrotsky & Mary Merrill

Sunshine Committee

Remember to email or call the Sunshine Committee with information about members who could use a cheerful note or some extra help during a trying time. Also, don't forget to let the Sunshine Committee know about a happy event too!

Please take a moment before the next meeting to sign up at the registration table to assist the efforts of the Sunshine Committee. There is always a need for people to send cards or help with a meal. Thank you for assisting your sisters of the NBWC.

Frances Foley

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