

January 2018

NEW BERN WOMAN'S CLUB

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President's Message

A New Year is traditionally the time to review the past year and decide what to do differently in the next year; a new start. In looking back at my last year, I pat myself on the back for all the things I did get done, lots of cleaning out and downsizing, family visits, moving my Mom in with me (sigh), but alas, I did not get the house sold. Still working on that. Our Club also can pat itself on the back for its many accomplishments, including our defederation vote and our success with the Holly & Ivy Homes Tour, the gifts we have given to schools and to the children of our community, and our scholarship awards. We are indeed living up to our mission and ideals. As we look forward we see some changes coming. We are revising our Constitution and By-Laws. This important work will be accomplished early in the year. Our Departments will continue their hands-on work, and deciding if changes need to be made. We will not be sitting still. I think it is an exciting time for us. I hope you will continue to offer your input, and to "dig in and do".

This is also a time to remember our sisters that we have lost this year. We will miss them. Let us continue to say prayers for them and their families

Have you asked a friend to join us lately? Let's spread the news about the Club and our goals. Make a resolution

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Meals on Wheels

You ladies sure know how to fill up a calendar! Thank you, and please remember that when schools are closed for inclement weather, no deliveries are made.

Gratefully yours, Paula

January

Substitute: Jean Horrell

Pembroke

8 – Emily Helling & Joan Campbell

22 – Vickie White & Rebecca Fenn

James City

11 – Liz Maravelas & Paula Lindsay

Reflections for the Month

Every January, we get excited about the chance to start again. Whether the previous year was full of successes and happiness or tragedy and sorrow, we look forward to doing better in the new year. As Oswald Chambers said, "Faith never knows where it is being led, but it loves and knows the One who is leading."

Marilyn Ontiveros

Meeting Reminder

Our next general meeting is Thursday, January 4th, 11:00am, at the New Bern Golf & Country Club.

LUNCH MENU

Davis Cup Salad

Creamy Tomato Bisque

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 30th. 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. For those of you who paid forward September to December, a check is due for January. You are welcome to add on through May as the May luncheon will be the same price as the other months, \$15. Have a wonderful and safe Holiday.

Thanks, D' Stone

Speaker's Corner

The program for December was relaxing and enjoyable exchanging Christmas ornaments with one another and having time to get to know some of the new ladies.

At the January meeting we will have Ruth Waters from the Rivertowne Players, speaking to us about the youth talent at the theater. Ruth has been a member of the New Bern Theater for many years and she is well known in our community.

Liz Maravelas

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this year to ask a friend or neighbor to take a look at us.

Busy times ahead. Wishing you all a Great New Year!

Marcy Riordan

Membership

Sandra McKinney was a guest of Jeannine Billingsley at our December meeting. She is interested in becoming a member. During the Holly & Ivy Tour, a lady also expressed interest in joining our Club. An application has been sent to her and hopefully she will be able to attend our meeting in January.

Sadly, two of our members have recently passed away – Tess Luper and Libby Koplner.

Please continue to invite a guest/s to our Club so they can see what an outstanding Club we have. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season.

Vickie White

Home Life

The Home Life Department met for lunch at the Country Club on December 19th. We had a wonderful time, sharing Christmas traditions and life stories. The January meeting will be at 5:30pm at the Country Club on January 18th. All are welcome but we'll need a head count. Just let me know if you are planning to attend.

Susan Lucas
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Even with the dismal weather, the 2017 Holly & Ivy was a huge success. I received so many compliments on the variety of historic homes we had on the tour and, of course, everyone loved each cookie they received from the Gingerbread House!

Below are the preliminary results:

- *The Club sold 337 tickets. Revenue from members and at the door – \$2135.
 - *Bank of the Arts expected revenue- \$1328
 - *Harris Teeter Glen sales -\$930
 - *Harris Teeter Waterscape sales – \$375
 - *Card and raffle sales - \$220
- Total expected revenue - \$4800-\$5000

Winner of the Snowman Raffle was Carla Cheesebrugh of New Bern. She was so excited and told me she has never won anything before and loved the Homes Tour.

I would like to personally thank each docent who volunteered for the Holly & Ivy. You are the backbone of the Tour. You personally talked to the folks walking through and made each one of them feel welcome. And a huge shout out to and grateful for our Holly & Ivy Team. I hope each of you consider being a part of the team again next year.

Wishing everyone a blessed and joyful holiday season filled with love, family and friends.

Sharon Kenny, Chairman
Holly & Ivy Homes Tour

Treasurer's Report

I will be traveling and unable to attend the January meeting, so the next Treasurer's report will be presented to membership on February 1st. The club's budget for 2018 will be reviewed by the Executive Board on February 1st as well.

If you would like a receipt for your 2018 dues payment of \$45 made in 2017, please send an email request, including your name and address (in a format that will allow for cut and paste into the receipt letter) to me during January. The email address is: chrisandrob@suddenlink.net. Receipt letters requested by email will be delivered at the February meeting. If you need a receipt sooner than that, please send your request, including a self-addressed, stamped envelope, to the club's P.O. Box 308, New Bern, NC 28563.

May your New Year be prosperous!
Chris Skrotzky, Treasurer

Guardian ad Litem

I would like to thank the ladies who purchased gifts for the children this year. We had 47 children this year and every child received a beautiful wrapped package from you. This makes me proud to belong to such a wonderful club that supports our local community with open arms. As you heard from Gail Horne, of the Guardian ad Litem program, her words could not express to us what we do for the children of Craven County. Again, thank you.

Liz Maravelas

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 January's 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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Continuing Education

The Education Department will meet on Wednesday, January 10th at 10:30am, at New Bern Country Club. Our guest speaker will be Tom Smith, Director of Craven County Hospice. This should be a very informative meeting and we welcome all who would like to join us.

A great big "Thank You" to all who donated books in December for the children of the Coastal Women's Shelter. I took three good sized boxes full of books and I know the children greatly appreciated them.

Jeaninne Billingsley

Public Relations/Website

No report this month.

Kathy Fannin

Arts

The holidays are over and all of us are back to work. This month I would like to discuss the future of Arts. We will be meeting in the Sun Room right after our General Meeting.

Liz Maravelas

Public Issues

On Tuesday, December 19th, Public Issues met for our Christmas lunch at La Casetta. Our next meeting will be at 11:30am, Tuesday, January 16th, at Paula's Restaurant.

Sandra Rawlings