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## *Are You...*

- ▶ ready for Girl's Night Out? To ensure a "good time," see this month's quote below.
- ▶ in need of restocking your freezer with those yummy Butterbraids? (see [page 3](#) for how to order them).
- ▶ going to continue to be a NMWC member? You know you want to!!! So, please pay your \$35 dues for next year, and let us know what you're thinking by filling out the survey.

## *Did You...*

attend the fabulous "Over the TableTop" event?

If you weren't able to get there, check out some of the creative, award-winning entries featured on the pages of this issue.



*If you obey all the rules,  
you miss all the fun.*

*~ Katherine Hepburn*

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# PRESIDENT'S LETTER

*Spring is in the air...*

*and that means it's time for us to wrap things up for this club year.*



First, however, congratulations go to Starr and her committee for the fantastic "Over the Tabletop" event. Girls, y'all outdid yourselves. The tables were truly unbelievable. Plus, I hear there is money, money, and more money!!!

Now, have you filled out the survey? Please do. Tell us what you want out of the club. Tell us your ideas. Tell us how we can be better.

At the April meeting, there will be a sheet for you to fill out any info changes you have (addresses, phone numbers, emails, etc.). You will also be asked to choose what you want to serve on for next year – **Membership, Fund Raising, or Communications**. Plus, you will be asked to sign up for a Department – **Arts, Community Affairs, Conservation, Education or International Affairs** (these are pretty painless, so sign up for more if you wish).

Also, it's time to pay dues for next year. Please plan to pay your \$35 at the April or May meeting. Yes, we are always asking for money, it's just what we do!!!

As the sun begins to shine and the weather warms up, take time for yourself and live life to its fullest. Remember, you have to take care of yourself so you can care for others.

See y'all in April.

~ Denise



## Spring Makeover

What perfect timing! It's the season of renewal...so why not a new you!!!

Caleb Wilson from Estée Lauder at Dillard's will be joining us at both of our April meetings (Tuesday night, 4/6 & Wednesday, 4/7).

He will talk to us about our beautiful selves, offer tips and tools of the trade, answer our questions, and seek out a volunteer for an "ambush makeover."



*The most beautiful face in the world?  
It's yours!*

*~ Estée Lauder*

## Butterbraids

We will be taking Butterbraid orders at the April meetings. Order forms will be on the tables and you can order then or take one home to get orders from friends and neighbors.

For new members, Butterbraids are frozen fruit pastry coffee cakes much like an Apple Strudel. There are a variety of fruit flavors and also a Bavarian Creme that's delicious. They cost \$12 each.

Carolyn Crawford is coordinating this fundraiser, and can answer any questions you may have. All orders must get to her by April 21.



# Departments

## COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Thank you again to everyone who donated blood at our March meeting. The Community Blood Bank received 27 pints of blood. These donations saved 81 lives and supplied 162 pounds of food to the Double Harvest Food Bank. The \$25 Black Lion gift certificate was awarded to NorthStone resident, Lois Forti.

In April (on Tuesdays and Thursdays), we will carry on the tradition of supplying meals to the families of individuals at the Levine & Dickson Hospice House. All volunteer slots have been filled. If you wish to be on the substitution list, please let me know.

### Angels & Sparrows Update

We continue to volunteer each month at the Angels & Sparrows Soup Kitchen.

Sandy Tilley has asked us to help with the summer sandwich program again this year. Last year, we put together lunch bags (200) for a summer school program. It starts in June and goes for approximately 10 weeks.

This year Sandy has asked if we could provide enough help for two days per week. Peggy Liles will be heading up one of the two days, so contact her if you're interested. **We still need someone to head up and coordinate the volunteers for the second day.**

There was an overwhelming response of volunteers from our club last summer. And, as always, I'm sure Sandy can count on us to be there for her!

### FYI on upcoming fundraisers for NMWC-supported organizations

*Angels and Sparrows* will be having its first annual fundraiser on Friday, June 18th, at the Ranson House in Huntersville. Tickets will be limited. Pricing and details will follow in weekly updates. Raffle tickets for a brand new car (Ford) or a vacation package will be sold in advance.

Stein Mart and *Dignity U Wear* are also holding their first fundraiser. "Dancing with Dignity" will be held April 30, 2010 from 7:30 - 11:00 PM at the Havana Social Club in Cornelius. Tickets are \$50 and include heavy hors d'oeuvres and 2 drink tickets. There will be music, dancing, and entertainment, as well as silent and live auctions. Larry Sprinkle, the weatherman, will be doing the live auction. Tickets can be purchased at any Stein Mart store.

~ Barbara Napodano (heyNap@bellsouth.net, 704-655-8681)



# Departments (cont'd)

## CONSERVATION

On Friday, March 12th, Lu Ann Driscoll and I worked at the Mooresville Y on what is to be Hope Park. We were paired with an older gentleman, J.C., who showed us the ins and outs of cutting, drilling and securing the bottom rung of a fenced sitting area. I think I know why the bottom rung was left. No one else wanted to crawl around in the dirt and clay to get the job done! Needless to say that didn't stop Lu Ann and I. We completed the job and even managed to learn a little something from J.C.

I want to thank Lu Ann again for volunteering to work with me on this project. It really was great being part of the volunteers who are bringing the park to life.

### Springtime Thoughts on Veggie Planting

It is time to rake up the garden beds and get to the garden store to choose what vegetables will be going into your cool weather garden.

There are the standbys – spinach, leaf lettuce, and peas. This year, why not think about trying some mesclun (baby lettuce), beets, cabbage, carrots, onions, brussels sprouts, and broccoli.

Some of your crops should be planted every 10 days or 2 weeks to insure a constant supply until the hot weather arrives. If you lack garden space, consider planting in large pots.

There is nothing better than planning dinner based on what is ready to harvest from your own garden.

## ENJOY!

~ Kris Horvath (kris17carolina@aol.com, 704-660-7757)

## EDUCATION

### *We're So Excited!!!*

The scholarship applications are coming in and Department members will meet soon to pick eight women who will then be interviewed by Gina Story, Marge McConnell and me.

At the May meeting, we will present our 2010 Scholarship recipients to all of you. What a wonderful way to end our year – awarding four deserving women \$2,000 each so they can continue their educations and better their lives!

~ Denise Linerode (dmltml@roadrunner.com, 704-948-6544)



# Departments (cont'd)

## INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

For the months of **April and May** we will be collecting tangible items for Double Harvest. Below is a wish list of desperately needed items that will be collected, sorted and delivered to Metrolina Greenhouses by Department members. We will be assisting Double Harvest/Metrolina in putting together "family packs" consisting of the items listed. Please bring your donations to the general and nighttime meetings and drop in our "Hope for Haiti" boxes.



**Thanks to Dianne and her team of new members, we do not need any more T-shirts. They found someone who donated 100,000 shirts! WOW and thank you!!**

### "Hope for Haiti" Wish List

#### Hospital:

Tylenol	Ibuprofen	Neosporin
Ace bandages	Sterile pads	Band-aids
Sheet sets for single beds		

#### Villages:

Bulk Food: Rice, Beans, etc (**NO** Canned Goods, please)  
Ziploc bags  
Candy for children (no chocolate)

#### School:

Notebook paper	Pencils
Construction paper	Crayons

#### Clothing:

Any men's, women's or children's clothing (except T-shirts)  
No shorts for the adults  
Boys love the mesh gym short  
Nothing bigger than size large for adults  
Shoes: Crocks & Flip Flops (No Shoes with heels)  
Socks  
Underwear  
Bras

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

- New Clothing/shoes if possible
- All tags to be removed from the clothing and clothing needs to be folded
- No hangers
- If possible, pack everything in med. size boxes and mark them

Thank you again for your generous support of Double Harvest and the International Committee.

~ Gina Story (jgatjstory@roadrunner.com, 704-992-6221)

# Of Special Interest



## NMWC @ Night

Tuesday, April 6  
6:00 – 7:30 PM

We meet at Positano's (Birkdale).  
Dutch treat.

RSVP: NMWC@gmail.com



## PARTY BRIDGE

Wednesday, April 21  
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Join us for fun ... at Dianne Kolenski's.

10349 Linksland Drive, H'ville

RSVP: dk.nc@hotmail.com, 704-948-7694

## The Book Club



## BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, April 28  
10:30 AM – Noon

This month's book is The Help by Kathryn Stockett. We will be meeting at Sue Keener's.

15915 Lavenham Road, H'ville

RSVP: nvrhome331@aol.com, 704-948-1644



*Member of the...*