



# NIKI News BPW Newsletter

HENDERSON BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB, INC.

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### Monthly Meeting Dates:

- March 17, 2016
- April 21, 2016
- May 19, 2016
- June - TBD

*Henderson BPW is looking for new members to join our club. Membership is open to men as well as women, and current employment is not required. Bring a friend or friends to a meeting so they can see what BPW is all about.*

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Next Meeting Date: February 18, 2016

Time: 6:30 pm

Place: Maria Parham Medical Center

Cost: \$12.00 Members

**Foundation Board Room**

\$7.00 Guests

## Our Guest Speaker



### “Farmer’s Market Coming Attractions”

Please join us in welcoming our guest speaker Tracy Madigan, Director of the Vance Co. Farmer’s Market. She will share information with our group about the farmer’s market and what to expect in the near future.

## President’s Comments

*As we continue to move further into 2016, the time has come to ask for volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee. This group will be targeted with preparing a slate of proposed officers for the 2016-17 year. Officer elections will take place in April and installation of officers in May. Please let me know if you are interested in serving in this capacity.*

*I also want to thank our members for their kindness once again for donating so many needed items to the Vance County Animal Shelter. As always, I am thankful to be a part of such a wonderful group of people willing to share in every way. Thanks, Marsha*

## February Birthdays

*There are no birthdays in February!*



## Upcoming Events

State Officer Candidate Applications Deadline - March 1, 2016

International Women’s Day - March 8, 2016

Spring Board of Director’s Meeting - March 12, 2016

Equal Pay Day - April 12, 2016

Women’s Advocacy Day 2016 in Raleigh w/NCWU rescheduled - April 21, 2016

Career Woman of the Year Submission Deadline - May 1, 2016

Tar Heel Woman Deadline - March 21, 2016

Tar Heel Woman Published - March 28, 2016





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## News & Announcements



The January 21, 2016 meeting of the Henderson Business and Professional Women's Club was held in the Maria Parham Medical Center Boardroom. Following an invocation by Donna Stearns and a generous buffet dinner, the club heard a presentation " Four-Legged & Homeless: What's a Dog (or Cat) to Do?" by Frankie Nobles, Director, Vance County Animal Shelter. Earlier in the day, approximately 100 people had attended the ground-breaking ceremony for a new shelter. As Mr. Nobles shared, the new space is much needed. The current building of 2,000 sq ft, which is cramped and over extended, will be replaced with a 8,700 sq ft facility which will be equipped to more humanely house and serve displaced animals. Nobles shared information regarding changes that have been implemented to improve adoption rates, assist pet owners with spaying and neutering programs, vaccinations, address rabies suppression and animal cruelty. Feral cats remain a challenge. Thanks to private organizations, many adoptable animals are saved by fostering families and movement to adopted homes in other states. The five member staff at the shelter is appreciative of local volunteers who assist with pets, visitors, paperwork and phones. There is always a need for pet loving volunteers at the shelter.

At the conclusion of the program club members presented a cash donation to the shelter and helped load Mr. Nobles' vehicle with donated articles including dog and cat food, toys, towels, blankets and other items needed at the shelter.

Picture caption: BPW Vice-President,, Dianne White and Speaker Frankie Nobles, Director of the Vance County Animal Shelter .

## Kudos Korner

*Kudos to Marty Smith for her idea to create the Henderson BPW Membership Profiles. She's done a great job at gathering data on each member and allowing us to share them through the newsletter!*

### Great reasons to join BPW!

Impact	Leadership	Personal Connections	Networking	Visibility
Career Advancement	Advocacy	Helping Others	Resources	

## Upcoming Guest Speakers & Programs

Thursday, March 17, 2016  
**"Advocating for the Elderly"**  
 Kimberly Hawkins, Regional Long Term Care Ombudsman  
 Kerr-Tar COG Area Agency on Aging

Thursday, April 21, 2016  
**"Housing Trends in Our Region"**  
 Jenny Hester, Prim Development

Thursday, May 19, 2016  
 Installation of Officers  
 Marsha Riibner-Cady,  
 BPW-NC President

BPW/NC Annual State Convention  
 June 23-26, 2016  
 Marriott Research Triangle Park  
 Durham, NC  
 More details on the BPW/NC Website

June - TBD  
 Planning Meeting

# Membership Profiles



Name: Val Short

Length of Membership: 3 years

Business/Profession: Currently, Executive Director Non-Profit Grant Making Foundation; Hospital Administration.

Hometown: Swansboro

School(s): Swansboro High School; UNC-G, UNC Chapel Hill (Journalism); UNC Chapel Hill MA Public Health.

Family: Husband, Tony (Retired) Daughter Anna (lawyer) to be married in April; Son Adam (wife Amanda), Planning Director, Kinston.

Community Involvement: HBPW; Henderson Vance Chamber of Commerce Ambassador; Warren County Chamber Board; Women for Vance; Grantees' programs; Vestry Board; Hand bell choir.

Hobbies: Photography; music; reading; piano; cooking.

BPW Activities: HBPW President-Elect, program chair; State Public Relations Chair, 2015 Career Woman of the Year 2013.

When I think of BPW: It was my introduction to the community. I wanted a way to connect with professional women. It is a welcoming community of women, with diverse backgrounds and perspectives, but with a lot in common. A nice group of women who have welcomed me.



Name: Twanna Jones

Length of Membership: 1 year

Business/Profession: Public Service Director, Chief Professional Officer ACTS of Henderson

Hometown: Wake Forest

School(s): Liberty University, Lynchburg, Virginia

Family: Husband, two children. A son in the Navy, daughter at home.

Community Involvement: HBPW; United Way; American Red Cross; American Heart Association; Relay for Life; Homeless Outreach (Raleigh); Henderson-Vance Chamber of Commerce Board.

Hobbies: Family Time, Reading, Hiking. "Love Revolution"- simple acts to bring smiles.

BPW Activities: Local meetings, WEE Conference attendance, State Conference in Greensboro.

When I think of BPW: Friendship, support and ways to network. Like family as well as friends and a support system. You learn from every meeting. It builds community, lifts spirits and encourages you to go to the next level and to continue to grow.