



December 12, 2017

To All Women of the USWCA,

It is my pleasure to call you to the 2018 USWCA Winter Meeting. The meeting will be held in Durham, NC at the DoubleTree, February 12 – 15, 2018. Complimentary transportation to the hotel is available from Raleigh-Durham International Airport. Call the hotel at 919-941-6000 after you pick up your checked bags.

A block of rooms is reserved under a **group code WCA**, with a rate of \$124 plus applicable taxes. You may make a reservation through the link on the USWCA website or by calling 919-941-6000. The link is active until 1/15/18. If making a reservation after 1/15/18, please email Carla Puahi directly at Carla.Puahi@Hilton.com to get the USWCA rate.

USWCA Meeting Registration will be available beginning at 11:00 am on Monday, February 12th in the pre-function area off the lobby. Committee meetings will begin on Monday afternoon. The President's Dinner is going to be a buffet at the hotel 6:30 – 8:30pm. The Triangle Curling Club members do not have the resources to home-host the dinner. There are a few meetings scheduled in the evening following the dinner and the Hospitality Room will be open after the dinner.

A full day of meetings is planned for Tuesday. We have made plans for a Representatives' Dutch Treat Lunch 11:30 – 1:30 on Tuesday for those not attending meetings over the lunch hour. A box lunch is available for order for those who will be attending meetings during lunchtime. The hotel has a restaurant as well. The meeting schedule will help you when deciding what best suits your needs for lunch choices.

A dinner for all attendees is scheduled Tuesday evening at Mez, an upscale Mexican restaurant about ½ mile from the hotel. It is a very walkable distance. There will also be a van and volunteer drivers for those interested. The Board of Director's Meeting will start at 9:00 am on Wednesday morning with a break for lunch at 12:30. We will reconvene at 1:30 pm to conclude the meeting if necessary.

The 70th Annual USWCA National Bonspiel, "Goin' to Carolina" begins with the Kit Party and Opening Ceremonies at the Triangle Curling Club Wednesday evening. If you are not curling in the bonspiel and are interested in being a timer for the games, please contact Lea Franklin, uswca2018@gmail.com.

The USWCA Annual Meeting will be held at the Bonspiel Banquet Thursday night at the DoubleTree. The participants of the USWCA Senior Friendship Tour will be selected during the meeting.

My planning committee and I look forward to welcoming you to North Carolina! If you are unable to attend, make sure you fill out the proxy form found on the website. Send your proxy form in with your vote clearly stated to Elaine Ritchie, USWCA Secretary or give your proxy to another Representative to vote for you. Better still, find someone from your club who would be willing to come to the meeting and check out the USWCA in your place. Just let Elaine Ritchie know.

The deadline for the DoubleTree Room Reservations is 1/15/18 and the deadline for receipt of the completed Reservation and Information Form is 1/12/18. Send the Reservation and Information Form with payment to Meeting Coordinator, PJ Feinson by the deadline.

I look forward to seeing you for the fall meetings. Please contact myself, Elaine, or PJ if we can help you in any way.

With Very Warm Regards,

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