

## PRESS RELEASE

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## Paying It Forward

Spring was in full bloom at the Executive Mansion for The Woman's Club of Raleigh inaugural Garden Tea Party. All proceeds of the event go to the Grant and Scholarship Programs awarded by the Club. A total of 125 members and friends mingled on the grounds and first floor of the elegant, historic building while enjoying the music of our two music Scholarship recipients Anna McLeod and Jonathan Ross.

The heart of the event was an inspiring story told by Ms. Sharyn Alvarez, a winner of the mature woman's Nell Barker Scholarship from The Woman's Club of Raleigh on May 12, 1993, while a young, single mother of two small children. Subsequently, she got her degree and had a successful, 30-year career in the U.S. Government. At the event, Ms. Alvarez, presented a personal donation to The Woman's Club of Raleigh president, Penny Lauricella, to help continue the valuable work of changing lives for those in need. The Woman's Club of Raleigh supports many grassroots community programs and non-profit organizations in the Wake County community.

Our very special thanks to David Robinson and his staff for their superb presentation and attention to our guests.

Photos Attached, courtesy of F. Ordonez:

- 1. Event Attendees, with event Chairperson, Yocasta Bianconi, center.
- 2. Anna McLeod and Jonathan Ross
- 3. Check Presentation, with members of the Oxford Woman's Club, Penny Lauricella, center front and Sharyn Alvarez, center back
- 4. Sharyn Alvarez

## About Us:

The Woman's Club of Raleigh, a 501(c)(3) registered charity, has been serving the Raleigh community through volunteerism since 1904. We volunteer, fundraise, and donate for the charitable, educational, cultural, and common good. We promote the welfare of others by volunteering with our hearts and hands to make the community a better place to live and work.



Photo#1



Photo#2



Photo#3



Photo#4