Dear Members and Friends,

A beautiful day capped the March 16 new member visit to Café Laura and the South Gym of Rec Hall where participants heard from Dr. Kristine Clark, sports nutritionist for student athletes. This event, co-hosted by new member officers Janet Kretchmar and Carla Roser-Jones, attracted 48 UWC members.

Attention now turns to the club’s April trip to New York City, which provides an opportunity to visit NYC in style and see a couple plays, and the spring luncheon, scheduled for Monday, April 30. Joanne Bennett and Jane Ireland, our program officers, have invited Dr. Joyce Robinson, curator at the Palmer Museum of Art, to be our luncheon’s featured speaker. And they have encouraged the artists among us to submit art that will appear around the Nittany Lion Inn Ballrooms (see next page).

The UWC interest groups (IGs) continue to be the focal point for many of us. I recently spent an afternoon in the University Archives unearthing their history. The first yearbook held in the Archives is the 1953-54 issue. It lists these Faculty Women’s Club IGs: Book and Play Review; Bridge; French, German, and Spanish Foreign Language Conversation; Jewelry Making; Music Appreciation; Painting; Physical Recreation, and Rug Making. The Newcomers Club listed its IGs as Book Exchange, Bridge, and Sewing Conversation. So we approach the 59th anniversary of several IGs which continue to this day. Others have metamorphosed such as the Sewing Conversation IG, which became Tongue and Thimble; then Tongue, Thimble, and Things; and today’s Needlework IG.

The Bowling IG started in 1954 and Home and Garden in 1956 as Newcomers Club IGs. The Antique Study IG, first mentioned in the 1962-63 yearbook, will celebrate its 50th anniversary in the fall. First mentioned in the 1973-74 yearbook, the Hiking IG, one of our largest groups, will celebrate its 39th year in the fall. Thanks are sent to Sally Mahan and Bobbie Muscarella for their IG leadership.

As I conclude the year as board president and scholarship chair, I also thank Betz Hanley and Mytri Acharya, past president and president elect respectively, for their contributions. Cindy Petrick prepared timely and comprehensive board minutes. Laurel Zydney created this year’s newsletters, Janice Keay and Pat Williams sent them to you. Diane Kesidis and Carrie Koch continued to handle our treasury and member services. Doing double duty, Janice Keay enhanced both content and navigation of the club’s Website. Several committees have done outstanding work and our members have supported a vital UWC. Thank you!

Charlene Harrison, D.Ed.
UWC President, 2011-2012
Calling all crafters, artists, creators... share your art with the rest of us! We are looking for a wide variety of art that shows how many ways art is important in our lives. Please consider sharing some of your creations as part of a gallery at the Spring Luncheon. Contact Joanne Bennett at jmmbennett4@comcast.net or 231-1853 by April 20 to contribute.

Nominating Committee Report

Honorary President: Shari Erickson
President: Mytri Acharya
President-Elect: Bobbie Muscarella
Past President: Charlene Harrison

Program VP: Joanne Bennett
Asst. Program VP: Janice Keay
New Member VP: Carla Roser-Jones
Asst. New Member VP: Sarah Jensen
Treasurer: Diane Kesidis
Asst. Treasurer/Member Services: Carrie Koch
Corresponding Secretary: Pat Williams
Asst. Corresponding Secretary: Mariana Degeratu
Interest Groups Director: Lida Ouwehand
Asst. Interest Groups Director: Teddy Nicholas
Newsletter Editor: Laurel Zydney
Publicity Director/Website Editor: Janice Keay
Recording Secretary: Elizabeth Hanley
Scholarship Advisor: Charlene Harrison

Thank you to the Nominating Committee of Mytri Acharya, Andrea Cotner, Falene Hamilton, Maureen Moses, Carla Roser-Jones, and Jeanne Weber.

The slate of officers for 2012-2013 will be voted on at the Annual Meeting on April 30.
You are cordially invited
to the 63rd Annual UWC Spring Luncheon and Meeting

Monday, April 30, 2012
Nittany Lion Inn
Doors open 11:30 A.M. Buffet Lunch at Noon
Parking at Nittany Parking Deck

The Importance of Art in Our Lives
Guest speaker: Dr. Joyce Robinson, Curator, Palmer Museum
Featuring a display of artwork by members of the University Women’s Club.

RSVP by APRIL 20 using the form on last page.

In Our Thoughts

Condolences were sent to Cheri Harte and to Olga Gray on the loss of their husbands and to Pam McDonough on the loss of her son.

We note with sadness the passing of former UWC President Jean Toombs. Condolences were sent to her husband.

Congratulations to UWC Web Genius Janice Keay on her retirement from Penn State! Best wishes and safe travels to former UWC President Ann Larson as she relocates.

Get Well Wishes were sent to Dotty Rigby and Marilyn Gouran after recent surgeries.

If you know of a club member who has reached a milestone, received an award, suffered a loss, is ill or recovering from surgery, or otherwise should be remembered, please contact Betz Hanley, UWC Past President, at 238-8124 or by e-mail at eah3@psu.edu. Betz will send a note or card on behalf of the club. After May 1st, please pass along the information to Charlene Harrison, who will be the new Past President, at (814) 237-6723 or by email to chh1@psu.edu.
Around the Club...

Fun with Food, March 8, Penn State Room

Watching the chef demonstrate how to make cherries jubilee. Cherry Blossom Festival was the theme as it was 100th anniversary of Japan's donation of over 2000 cherry trees to United State for the Washington Mall.

 Literary
 Supper Club, January 18
 Several Interest Groups provide opportunity to read and socialize.

 Book And Play,
 January 23

 Book and Play Interest Group members with Dr. Susan M. Squier, Brill Professor of Women’s Studies and English.

 Would you enjoy golfing with other UWC members? We don’t have a Golf Interest Group, but interested members who have some golf experience can call Connie McLaughlin at 231-0685 for information.

Suppers For Eight holiday party at the Centre Furnace Mansion

Suppers For Eight Interest Group

Members meet in groups of 8 in individual homes four times a year. There are also 3 whole-group events. Participants sign up in pairs.
Welcome new members!

Karen Lesch
Betty Macdonald
Deborah Meszaros
Lynne Verity

Spring New Member Event

Mid-winter Program: Cruising on Sunshine

After enjoying lunch together at Cafe Laura, members walked to Rec Hall where they laughed and learned as Dr. Kris Clark presented a lively program and shared great ideas for integrating exercise and healthy eating patterns into daily life.

Program VP Joanne Bennett and Asst. Program VP Jane Ireland with speaker Cynthia Berger who shared tales and pictures from her year cruising American waterways in a solar-powered boat.

Time will fly!

The UWC Fall Reception will be Tuesday, September 4, 2012. Look for more details plus news of upcoming trips and special events in the August Newsletter.

Mark your calendar today for our Fall Reception. See you on September 4!
On July 5, 2001, the University Women’s Club (UWC) Scholarship was established. It was annually funded, which meant that members’ contributions during the year determined the amount of any scholarship awarded. One year after founding, there were enough donations to award one scholarship! By summer 2003, UWC member support was strong enough to award two scholarships, a practice that continues. In summer 2009, inspired by a trip to the annual meeting of the Big 10 University Women’s Club, a UWC committee began investigating what was involved in endowing our scholarship. The committee held several coffees in spring 2010 to spread the word and get initial pledges for half of the $50,000 required to create an endowed scholarship. By December 2010, we had reached the $25,000 pledge threshold that triggered the creation of an endowed scholarship document. As of March 15, 2012, $31,111.28 in cash is in the UWC Endowed Scholarship fund! We plan to continue awarding annually-funded scholarships until we have $50,000 cash in the endowment and can make awards from interest generated by the endowment. Eighteen women have benefitted from 21 separate scholarship awards since the UWC established its first scholarship. Recipients are returning adult female students who are excellent undergrad or graduate students, have financial need, work full-time at the University, and are studying part-time. Often part-time students feel like they are progressing at a snail’s pace toward their degrees. Nevertheless several UWC scholarship recipients have received their degrees or are making solid progress toward their goals.

Join us in celebrating the achievements of our scholarship recipients!

Tina Barr Ishler and Kelly Griffith are the 2011-12 UWC Scholarships recipients.

Tina reported a wonderful fall semester: she got married on October 28 and her fall Grade Point Average (GPA) got her Dean’s List recognition. She and her husband took a delayed honeymoon over spring break.

Kelly took time out from baking a rainbow cake for her daughter’s fourth birthday party to report that she passed her candidacy exams in January and is now a Ph.D. candidate. She did well academically in the fall and worked on a research project with her advisor; they are submitting papers for publication.

April Ripka (2010-11) is almost half way toward completing her B.S. in Organization Leadership and still carries a 4.0 GPA! She also is one class away from completing a certificate in research administration.

Kristie Kalvin (2008-09) will graduate in May with a B.A. in Communication Arts and Sciences and a minor in Women’s Studies. She recently was accepted into the Counselor Education master’s degree program and plans to begin part-time graduate study.

Karen Walker Schall (2008-09 and 2009-10) graduated with her master’s degree in May 2010 from the College of Education’s College Student Affairs Program and works in Student Affairs.

Whether you’ve made a pledge, donate annually, or plan to donate, please take a moment to celebrate the successes of our scholarship recipients. To continue our collective good work, please make another donation or pledge payment using the 2012-2013 Membership Application on the facing page.

Thank you all!
Name _______________________________ Telephone # ____________________

Names of guests: _____________________________________________________________

☐ PLEASE CHECK HERE IF YOU OR YOUR GUEST WILL NEED ASSISTANCE GETTING LUNCH FROM THE BUFFET LINE.

Enclosed: $ ______________ ( $20 per person; check* made payable to University Women’s Club)

PLEASE RESPOND BY APRIL 20. Send this form and check* to:
Diane Kesidis, 692 Tanager Drive, State College PA 16803

*You may return Luncheon Reservation and Membership Application together and pay with one check made out to University Women’s Club.

2012-2013 UWC Membership Application

Name _______________________________

☐ I am a returning member AND all information in last year’s directory is the same.
☐ I am a new member OR ☐ my contact information has changed since last year.

PSU affiliation: Self___ Spouse___ Spouse’s name (optional) ________________________________

Other (please explain) ________________________________

Street Address ______________________________ City, State, Zip ______________________________

Preferred contact phone # ______________________________ E-mail ______________________________

Your contact information is included in our directory unless you check here. _______.

☐ Enclosed is a $25 check* for my 2012-2013 dues (payable to University Women’s Club).

OR

☐ Enclosed is a check* for $ _______: $25 dues PLUS $____ scholarship donation.
(Payable to University Women’s Club -- scholarship donation will not be tax-deductible.)

Scholarship Donation / Endowment Pledge

☐ Enclosed is a check for $____ for a tax-deductible scholarship donation (payable to Penn State).
For your scholarship donation to be tax deductible, you must use a separate check made out to Penn State.

☐ I would like to pledge $____ per year for 5 years to build the UWC Scholarship Endowment.
I will pay my pledge with ____check or ____payroll deduction. (Pledge form will be mailed to you.)

Please mail completed form with check(s)* to:
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