Dear UWC Friends,

Happy New Year! Every new year brings new resolutions and new hope. I trust this newsletter finds you in good health and happiness. It has been a very busy year for our members. We are now over 400 strong and love the camaraderie and friendships we have forged over the years.

I joined the UWC in 2001, when my husband moved to Penn State as Department Head of Computer Science and Engineering. I have loved exploring the various groups. I am a member of diverse groups and have been a member of the board for many years. I have explored arts, quilting and more! These groups have members who are so talented and are always looking forward to helping out members who show an interest in their area of expertise. Today, if I love hiking, art, cooking and walking among others, I can give thanks to the coordinators who bring joy to each group. I have enjoyed knowing members from other groups who I now call my friends. I always look forward to the annual Holiday Lunch that Fun with Food picks. I also know my limitations and have yet to try out the biking group. This is what makes our UWC special and so dear to my heart. I always hope that a new member experiences the various groups of her liking and explores other groups.

We have enjoyed meeting so many friends at our Annual Fall Reception. You can find more information inside about the scholarship recipients we got to meet and admire. Thank you to Shari Erickson for joining us at the Reception and for a wonderful year as Honorary President.

Professor Barbara Rolls explained Volumetrics to new and continuing members at our Fall New Members event, and we got to sample recipes from her book. I would like to thank Carla Roser-Jones and Sarah Jensen for organizing a health-oriented program and for providing the delectable snacks.

I would like to thank Joanne Bennett and Janice Keay, along with Sally Mahan and Cheri Harte who assisted, for a spectacular trip to Baltimore. So many new places to visit and so many treasures are unearthed in our Fall trips to various spots close to home. The shopping trip organized by Joanne and Janice was also a big hit. Lots of shopping and eating went on!

We are looking forward to the Mid-Winter Event on January 18 at the Lewis Katz Building and the Spring New Member event on March 21 where we will learn about the Olympics from our very own Elizabeth “Betz” Hanley. I hope to see many of you at these events.

I am looking forward to meeting many of you in the upcoming events. Please do come and talk to the board members. We would like to meet you; if you are new, we would like to introduce you to the group or the community: WE ARE...PENN STATE!

Mytri Acharya
UWC President, 2012-2013
Join us for an informative program on the 2012 London Olympic Games, entitled “Third Time’s a Charm,” and enjoy a traditional afternoon English Tea. Our speaker, Elizabeth “Betz” Hanley, is past president of the University Women’s Club, PSU Associate Professor Emerita of Kinesiology, and founder of the PSU International Dance Ensemble. In 1977, the U.S. Olympic Committee selected Betz as a delegate to the International Olympic Academy (IOA). Her expertise in dance resulted in a series of invitations to Olympic Games from 1978 to 2004 where she worked as a dance workshop coordinator. Betz has also been a guest lecturer at the IOA and has taught History of the Olympic Games at Penn State. The discussion will be assisted by technology engineer Janice Keay. A social time and optional dance workshop will follow the presentation.

We will gather in the Bennett Pierce Living Center which is located on the first floor of Henderson Building off the lobby of Henderson's main entrance. PLEASE NOTE: the main entrance has stairs but no ramp. The disability accessible entrance is at the rear of Henderson Building. This is the ground floor level and there is an elevator here which will take you to the first floor and the entrance to the Bennett Pierce Living Center. If parking at the Hub Parking Deck, it is suggested that you exit the parking deck on the ground level and walk in front of the Hub Building to arrive at the rear accessible entrance to Henderson Building. Please inform us if you desire accommodations. All members, new and long-time, are encouraged to attend.

Let us know if you can join us by calling or emailing Carla Roser-Jones (carla.roserjones@gmail.com; 237-8646);) or Sarah Jensen (Sjensen648@gmail.com; 466-6750).
The Penn State University Women’s Club invites you to the Annual Mid-Winter Event

“Legal Issues in Marcellus Shale Development”
by Professor Ross H. Pifer
&
Tour of the Lewis Katz Building

Friday, January 18, 2013
Lewis Katz Building, 9:30 – 11:45 a.m.

Legal issues surrounding the extraction of natural gas from the Marcellus Shale formation are at the forefront of public dialogue in Pennsylvania today. Depending upon one’s individual perspective and interests, Marcellus Shale natural gas drilling connotes thoughts of regional economic development, energy independence, personal wealth, fractured landscapes, or polluted waters. Despite its high profile, Marcellus Shale gas extraction has a practical history that is barely five years old. Although the developmental activities for these processes remain in their relative infancy, Pennsylvania courts and policymakers already have addressed several legal issues of great importance to the Commonwealth. This presentation will review the background of this resource development in Pennsylvania and discuss the many legal issues that have been raised in the short history of Marcellus extraction.

Ross H. Pifer is a Clinical Professor of Law and Director of the Agricultural Law Resource and Reference Center at The Penn State Dickinson School of Law. The Agricultural Law Center is a collaboration between Penn State Law, the Penn State College of Agricultural Sciences, and the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. Professor Pifer also serves as Director of the Rural Economic Development Clinic at Penn State Law and, in the classroom, teaches courses on Oil and Gas Law and Agricultural Law. He has given numerous presentations throughout Pennsylvania and across the United States on various topics to audiences consisting of landowners, attorneys, judges, governmental officials, academics, and the general public.

Following Professor Pifer’s presentation Colleen Toomey, Associate Dean for Policy, Planning and Strategic Relations and other Law School Administrators will lead us on a tour of the 114,000 square-foot, award-winning Lewis Katz Building, completed in 2008.

RSVP by Friday January 11
Janice Keay (876-0370; jms32@psu.edu)
Joanne Bennett (231-1853; jmbennett4@comcast.net)

Parking is available for $1/hour at the East Parking Deck on Bigler Road, about 2 blocks away. Or notify us by January 11 if you would like to order an Event Parking Pass for $3 that will allow you to park in the Orange Parking lot directly behind the Lewis Katz Building.

PLEASE NOTE: We are NOT allowed to park at the Arboretum for this event.
We are saddened by the passing of Joan Luckie, a past president of the University Women’s Club (UWC). A sympathy card was sent to members of her family. Condolences also were sent to Heather Ricker-Gilbert on the passing of her mother, Virginia Dale Ricker, who was active in many community groups including the UWC, and to Lynne Verity on the passing of Bill Verity, her husband and a talented IT professional at the university prior to his retirement.

Get well wishes were sent to Suzanne Dudley Hoffa, who is recovering from multiple surgeries, and to Diane Senn, who is recovering from parathyroid surgery.

With the passing of Andrea Cotner, I sent condolences to her husband and family. She will be missed by many and especially by our Gardening Interest Group members. I also sent a thinking-of-you card to Janet Phillips who is experiencing some heart-related issues.

Congratulations to Leah Brasseur on the birth of her first grandchild!

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 Charlene Harrison, UWC Past President, at 237-6723 or by email at chh1@psu.edu. Charlene will send a note or card on behalf of the club.

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increasing educational costs.

Thank you for supporting these returning adult female students!

Scholarships not only is a vote of confidence in their academic pursuits but also helps them meet their ever-increasing educational costs. As Donna and Elisabeth commented, our support of them through these scholarship account from which we award two $1,500 scholarships each year. We also have a balance of $38,225.28 in our endowment account and are making slow but steady progress toward the $50,000 needed to fully fund the endowment. As both Donna and Elisabeth commented, our support of them through these scholarships not only is a vote of confidence in their academic pursuits but it also helps them meet their ever-increasing educational costs. Thank you for supporting these returning adult female students!

Listed below are the names of members who have recently contributed to the University Women's Club annually-funded and endowed scholarships. As of mid-November, we had $2,550 in our annually-funded scholarship account from which we award two $1,500 scholarships each year. We also have a balance of $38,225.28 in our endowment account and are making slow but steady progress toward the $50,000 needed to fully fund the endowment. As both Donna and Elisabeth commented, our support of them through these scholarships not only is a vote of confidence in their academic pursuits but it also helps them meet their ever-increasing educational costs. Thank you for supporting these returning adult female students!

We thank the following women for their generous scholarship donations since the last newsletter:

Mytri Acharya
Martha B. Gallagher
Suzann Jenkins
Patricia B. Potter

Martha Adams
Linda Gardner
Sarah Jensen
Karen Pulsey

Eleanor Anderson
Gloria Geyer-Zora
Josephine "Jo" Keiser
Geetha R. Ramani

Inga M. Book
Julie Gittings
Sandra Homer Kosik
Anne Robinson

Mary Jane Brune
*Marilyn Gouran
*Cynthia Koss
Shirley Rohm

Barbara A. Burton
Joan Grant
Nilima Kumar
Gail Rosenberg

Sophia Carney
Kay Green
Olivia J. Kuo
Carla Roser-Jones

Martha Cox
Anne Gross
Kay Kustanbauer
Susan Scheetz

Donna Derdel
Willemina K. Haaijer
*Maribeth A. Hanley
Lori Tyworth-Ebert

Mary Deutsch
*Charlene H. Harrison
*Marilyn Harper
Lynne Verity

Maryann Domitrovitz
*Marilyn Gouran
*Elizabeth A. Hanley
Janet Wuest

Karen Eklund
*Marilyn Gouran
*Elizabeth A. Hanley
Mary York

Donna Erdman
*Anne Gross
*Anne Gross
Rosemary Zoumas

Diane Farr
Diane Hogg
*Elizabeth A. Hanley
Dana Jaeger

Thelma Furgerson
Olga Hooley
Julia Huina

Gloria Geyer-Zora
Lilly A. Nichols
Shirley J. Palermo

Marilin Furry
Julia Huina
Dana Jaeger
Jean Pazur

*These members have made pledges that they fulfill throughout the year. Other pledging members are:

Mary Lou Bennett
Linda Keisling
Maureen Moses
Jeanne Weber

Joelle Ferguson
Ann Larson
Teddy Nicholas
Nancy Weinreb

Lurene Frantz
Sally Mahan
Susan Oh
Michelle Yen

Patricia Hock
Linda Morrow
Sally Tucker

Marilyn Furry
Michelle Yen
**Interesting Groups!**

Wine Tasting IG members find themselves in a blind... taste test, that is.

Members of the Gardening IG learn how to showcase beautiful plants year round.

Author Sam Thompson at the Book And Play Review IG.

Close Knit friends. (Some also crochet!)

Hikers hike...then take in the scenery.

Fun with Food IG at Gigi’s.

Our website is www.personal.psu.edu/org/uwc
Check it out!
Fall Trip to Baltimore

“Signed up...”

“I want to do that, and that, and that...”

2012 Fall Reception

We shopped and shopped...

I wish we could have done... We shopped and shopped...

...and then we dropped!
ANNUAL MEETING: April 29, 2013

Don your most beautiful Kentucky Derby hat and get ready for our upcoming Spring Luncheon. On Monday, April 29th, 2013, The University Women’s Club will welcome Pam Hayes-Houldin from Horsepower Farm in Huntingdon. Pam trained at The Chefl Center for Riding for the Handicapped in Augusta, Michigan, and is a qualified Master Instructor for Therapeutic Horsemanship. She will speak to us about the equine-assisted therapeutic program that she runs to assist clients with disabilities.

Join us at 11:30 AM, April 29, 2013, at the Nittany Lion Inn for a wonderful luncheon and a fabulous day with the horses!

Look for more details and a reservation form in the Spring Newsletter.