Dear Members,

Spring is on its way! The mini-blizzard that just blew in ~ and out ~ is now gone, and the bright blue sky outside my window brings a welcome relief as I write this note to you. Warmer weather will soon be here, along with our 62nd Annual Spring Luncheon! Do plan to join us on Tuesday, May 10, at 11:30 a.m. at the Nittany Lion Inn. Enjoy “meeting and greeting” time with old and new friends prior to a noon lunch buffet. Our program, “Keep It Simple ~ Look Fabulous In No Time!” with Pat Williams and Christine Johnson will commence at 1:00 p.m. and will offer a fascinating hour of “something for everyone!” Our annual business meeting will follow directly afterward, so plan to stay for the installation of our new president, Charlene Harrison. Look for the response form enclosed to clip and return by April 25.

It has been a busy winter for the UWC! Our Mid-Winter event with speaker Kim Tait (Tait Farms), was successful despite the bad weather, and nearly all Interest Groups managed to hold their meetings throughout the long, cold winter as well. The advent of spring was ushered in with a trip to the Penn State Bakery (New Member event) at the end of March, followed by our annual New York City trip in mid-April, and all the Interest Group activities that continue to make our club so dynamic!

When I accepted the president’s gavel from Michelle Yen at last year’s Spring Luncheon, I noted two goals for my presidency: increased visibility for our club and the establishment of an endowed UWC scholarship. At this time, I can announce that we are literally dollars away from our goal of $50,000 for the Penn State UWC Scholarship Endowment ~ thanks to the dedicated work of Charlene Harrison and her committee. Papers have been signed, certificate received, and I am hoping to announce the achievement of this goal at the Spring Luncheon. Increased visibility of our club will continue to be my goal as Past President next year.

Sincere thanks to my UWC Board for making my presidency a rewarding and exciting year! The hard work, dedication, and commitment to UWC by each board member made my job one that makes me proud to have been elected by you, the members. I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to serve as your president, learned so much from my board members, and delighted in meeting more of you this year through the various trips and interest groups. Our Honorary President, Dr. Sandra Spanier, also deserves a special thank you for her continued support of our club, and I look forward to having her with us once again at our Annual Spring Luncheon.

Once again, many thanks for a great year!

Elizabeth ‘Betz’ Hanley
UWC President 2010-2011
You are cordially invited to the
Penn State University Women's Club
62nd Annual Spring Luncheon & Business Meeting

Tuesday, May 10, 2011
Nittany Lion Inn

11:30 a.m. Social Time
Enjoy meeting with your fellow members!

12 noon Luncheon Buffet
Includes vegetarian, chicken, and fish dishes plus appetizers, side dishes and dessert.

1:00 p.m. Program
KEEP IT SIMPLE -- Look Fabulous in No Time!
Following the program, we will have election and installation of officers.

RSVP by APRIL 25 using form enclosed.

The UWC Scholarship Endowment
Members of both the University Women’s Club (UWC) Board and the Scholarship Committee continue to work toward establishing the UWC Endowed Scholarship. We are close to having the $50,000 in pledges and donations needed to endow a Penn State University scholarship, but we aren’t quite there.

Needing some reinvigoration for the effort, I contacted this year’s scholarship recipients to learn what receiving our scholarships has meant to them. Look for updates elsewhere in this newsletter from April Brumbaugh Ripka, our undergraduate scholarship recipient, and Cathy Thomas, our graduate scholarship recipient. Their stories demonstrate the impact of our efforts and the importance of what we seek to do.

By endowing this scholarship, we will help women graduate earlier than anticipated, so they can move ahead using their hard-won education to benefit their families and communities. We are the “unseen others” cheering these women on. This is why we are engaged in this effort!

On the Membership Application Form enclosed in this newsletter, you have the opportunity to indicate your new or ongoing support of the UWC Endowed Scholarship effort. Thank you very much for your support through a pledge or an annual donation!

Charlene Harrison, Endowment Committee Chair
At their March meeting, members of the Literary Supper Group held a baby shower for member Carolina Chamecki and gave her copies of their favorite children’s books.

Members Chandra Bose and Shirley Wormley with author Michael Weinreb.

Spring New Member Event
Executive Pastry Chef Heather Luse led a tour of the Penn State Bakery and gave a cake decorating demonstration to an interested group of newcomers, long-time, and future members.

“Decorating this is a piece of cake!”

Suppers For Eight Interest Group
Members of Dinners For 8 enjoyed a cozy and cheerful dinner at the lovely home of Donald and Cindy Koss. 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.
62nd Annual Spring Luncheon and Meeting

Program: “Keep It Simple”

Tuesday, May 10, 2011

See details inside!
RSVP by 4/25.

Your 2011-2012 Membership Form is enclosed.
How to start an interest group!

Many members find that belonging to one of our interest groups is one of the most fun, informative, and rewarding aspects of the University Women’s Club. Do you have an idea for an interest group based on a hobby or interest you’d enjoy sharing with other members? To get a group started, you’ll need to spread the word to find out if there are enough members to establish a group. Establishing an Interest Group requires that you have a coordinator (to keep record of members and meetings and relay information) and at least 10 dues-paying UWC members. For more information about starting a group, please contact Lida Ouwehand (234-0143, lida@ouwehands.com) or Sally Mahan (867-2184, sallymahan@comcast.com).

Scholarship Recipient Updates

April B. Ripka
(Undergraduate Scholarship Recipient)

Last semester, I completed LER 136, “Race, Gender, and Employment” and ECON 002/102, “Introductory Microeconomic Analysis and Policy,” and maintained my 4.0 cumulative GPA. I managed to earn maybe a 3.3 in being a new wife and new homeowner, but my husband grades on a scale and still gave me an honorary A+. Earlier this month, I was awarded the 2011 Penn State Research and Graduate School Staff Appreciation “Staff Diversity – Fostering A Welcoming Climate” award and, later this month, I will receive the Pennsylvania State University President Sparks Award. This semester I am completing ECON 104, “Introductory Macroeconomic Analysis and Policy” and SOC 035, “Sociology of Aging.” Receiving the UWC Scholarship gives me the financial opportunity to take summer courses either this summer or next. The recognition associated with being a scholarship recipient has been an inspirational and rewarding experience. I intend to keep this experience in mind throughout my education in terms of knowing that others, even “unseen” others, believe in my educational efforts. I also intend to keep this experience in mind throughout my life in terms of remembering how honored I feel to be the recipient of others giving back and remembering to “pay it forward” whenever and however possible.

Cathy Thomas
(Graduate Scholarship Recipient)

I took six credits in the fall and am currently taking six credits. In the fall I especially enjoyed Instructional Design 415 and was able to attend the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) conference in Las Vegas in November where I did a presentation. This spring has been more of a challenge. I am taking EDPSY 400 and statistics is not my best subject. So far I am holding a “B” average, but I’m also holding my breath because I have two more tests to go. I am collaborating with Dr. Mary Beth Morrison on an article, which we hope to publish before the end of the year. I would like to take this opportunity to again thank club members for the scholarship. In examining my program of study I found that I only need 21 credits to complete the course requirements for my degree. The money I was able to save this year, due to your generous scholarship, will permit me to take all 21 credits during the 2011/2012 school year (six credits this summer, six credits in the fall, and nine credits in the spring). My target graduation date is spring 2013. Thank you; your generosity has made a difference.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR ADDRESS ON YOUR MAILING LABEL. The post office charges us a fee for every undeliverable or forwarded piece of mail. If the information on your mailing label is incorrect, incomplete, or is going to change before August, 2011, when the next newsletter will be mailed, please use this form to correct or change your information. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Kesidis at dkesidis@yahoo.com or 238-1516.
In Our Thoughts

Congratulations to Pat Hock on the birth of twin grandchildren and to Diana Brenizer on the birth of her granddaughter.

Since our last Newsletter, Notes of Sympathy were sent to Chandra Bose on the death of her mother and to Howard Pickering on the death of his wife, Alice McFeatters-Pickering.

Get Well Wishes were sent to Cathryn Epp for her hand surgery, to Diana Brenizer for her surgery, to June Clarke for her hospital stay, and to Dorothy Pelick for her husband’s illness.

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 Michelle Yen, UWC Past President, at 814-867-3475 mtyyen@gmail.com. Michelle will send a note or card on behalf of the club. After May 11th, please send the information to Betz Hanley, who will be the new Past President, at eah3@psu.edu or 814-238-8124.

Welcome to new members Lisa Benson and Angie Levis.

Thank you to the Nominating Committee of Falene Hamilton, Pat Kelly, Janet Kretchmar, Jeanne Weber, and Charlene Harrison. The slate of officers for 2011-2012 will be voted on at the Annual Meeting on May 10.

Nominating Committee Report

President – Charlene Harrison
President-Elect – Mytri Acharya
Programs Vice President - Leah Brasseur (until August)
Assistant Programs Vice President – Joanne Bennett
New Member Vice President – Janet Kretchmar
Assistant New Member Vice President – Carla Roser-Jones
Recording Secretary – Cindy Petrick
Corresponding Secretary – Janice Keay
Assistant Corresponding Secretary – Pat Williams
Interest Groups Director – Sally Mahan
Assistant Interest Groups Director – Bobbie Muscarella
Treasurer – Diane Kesidis
Assistant Treasurer/Member Services – Carrie Koch

Appointed positions announced: Newsletter Editor – Laurel Zydney
Scholarship Advisor – Charlene Harrison

for contributions to our Scholarship Endowment Fund since the last newsletter: Lisa Benson, Lori Ebert, Joan Ferguson, Marilyn Gouran, Elizabeth Hanley, Sally Mahan, Teddy Nicholas. Read updates from our Scholarship recipients on reverse side!

THANK YOU!
2011 - 2012 UWC Membership Application Form

Name ________________________________ Telephone Number ________________________________

☐ 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 ________________________________

Directory: Your contact information is included in our directory unless you check here. ______

2011 - 2012 UWC Dues and Scholarship Donations

☐ Enclosed is a $25 check payable to University Women’s Club for my 2011/2012 dues.

☐ Enclosed is a check for $____ payable to Penn State for a tax-deductible donation to the endowment.

☐ I prefer to write one check for dues and scholarship donation. Enclosed is a check for $____ payable to University Women’s Club -- not tax-deductible.

☐ I would like to pledge $____ per year for 5 years to build the UWC Scholarship Endowment Fund.

Please mail completed form with check(s) to:
Diane Kesidis, 692 Tanager Drive, State College PA 16803

Reservation Form for Annual Spring Luncheon on May 10, 2011

Name __________________________________________ Telephone Number __________________________

(as you would like it to appear on the name tag)

Names of guests: ________________________________________________________________

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

Please respond by April 25. Send this form and check to:
Leah Brasseur, 220 Miller Lane, Boalsburg PA 16827

Please clip and return by APRIL 25 to Leah Brasseur.