Dear Friends

What a winter it has been! Punxsutawney Phil did not see his shadow this year and we all rejoiced that daffodils and good weather would be in our future. Poor Phil, little did he realize how wrong he would be. March 25, 2013, the school district declared a snow day. But my weather forecasters have assured me that we will be welcoming Spring and Summer soon!

Join us for a fun filled Spring Luncheon on April 29 where we will be donning our Kentucky Derby hats to listen to Pam Hayes-Houldin, after which we will conduct our normal business including electing our new UWC Board. Bobbie Muscarella will be a wonderful President.

How quickly time passes. The past year has been very exciting for me. I am very grateful to our various Interest Groups and Committees who make our UWC so interesting. I loved getting to know many more of you. I enjoyed all the trips organized by our very competent Board. I am looking forward to our NYC trip.

I would like to thank Shari Erickson for being our Honorary President. Charlene Harrison proudly tells me that our members continue to donate and fulfill their pledges so we are getting closer and closer to fully funding our UWC Scholarship Endowment. No words are enough to thank Charlene for taking care of the scholarships and coordinating with Penn State. Thank you also to Charlene for Past President duties well performed. Thanks also to: Betz Hanley for keeping Minutes of our Board meetings meticulously; Joanne Bennet and Janice Keay for all the wonderful programs arranged; Carla Roser-Jones and Sarah Jensen for introducing new members and giving them a chance to explore all that Penn State has to offer; Pat Williams and Mariana Degeratu without whom our newsletters would never arrive on time; Lida Ouwehand and Teddy Nicholas, Interest Group Directors, who have been wonderful to work with; Laurel Zydney for the Newsletters and all the delightful artwork; Janice Keay for putting them online and keeping our website updated -the website is such a treasure trove of information!

For many years, we’ve sent our membership checks to Diane Kesidis, and Carrie Koch has compiled our directory. As our Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer/Member Services respectively, they have helped the club run smoothly. Many thanks to Diane and Carrie for over 20 years of combined service to UWC!

It has been an honor serving as your President. Thank you.

Mytri Acharya, MBA
UWC President, 2012-2013

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Nominating Committee Report for 2013-2014

Honorary President: Shari Erickson
President: Bobbie Muscarella
President-Elect: Joanne Bennett
Past President: Mytri Acharya
Program VP: Janice Keay
Asst. Program VP: Lida Ouwehand
New Member VP: Sarah Jensen
Asst. New Member VP: Dotty Ford
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Asst. Treasurer/Member Services: Lianne Groshel
Recording Secretary: Elizabeth Hanley
Corresponding Secretary: Mariana Degeratu
Asst. Corresponding Secretary: B.J. Rhodes
Interest Groups Director: Teddy Nicholas
Asst. Interest Groups Director: Pat Williams
Newsletter Editor*: Laurel Zydney
Publicity Director/Website*: Editor: Janice Keay
Scholarship Advisor*: Charlene Harrison

*These positions are appointed by the President.

I want to thank our nominating committee, Jeanne Weber, Sarah Jensen, Chandra Bose, Maureen Moses for their assistance in identifying and contacting our candidates. I am very pleased and secure in knowing that we have a strong team selected to lead our group during next year. The slate of officers for 2013-2014 will be voted on at the Annual Meeting on April 29.

Bobbie Muscarella, President-Elect
Chair of 2013-2014 Nominating Committee

2013-2014 Membership Dues Information

We are simplifying the process of paying your UWC dues! You may have noticed that the last page in your Directory is now a tear-out membership form. By using this form you will have a clear indicator of whether you have already paid. If the form is not there, you are up-to-date! We will be collecting dues from current members, using the tear-out form, in the Fall. As always, you will have the option to bring your payment to the Fall Reception or send it by mail ahead of time. A reminder and mailing details will be sent in the Fall newsletter. You do not need to pay dues this Spring, even if that is when you traditionally have been paying. The Directory will be printed each Fall as usual and the deadline for dues to be paid in order to be included remains October 1st.

Your Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer look forward to seeing you as you arrive at the Spring Luncheon on April 29th and will be happy to accept your scholarship contributions. There will be membership forms available that day as well for ladies wishing to pay and join the UWC as new members. Invite a friend!

www.personal.psu.edu/org/uwc
Check our website for pictures, schedules, and other club news!
PSU Women's Club Scholarships Update

Ongoing Scholarship Success! Last spring’s scholarship article chronicled the success of several of our scholarship recipients over time. This year it's time to describe the University Women's Club's success with its scholarships!

• Our history began on July 5, 2001 with the establishment of the annually-funded UWC Scholarship. This is one of the few scholarships benefitting part-time students, a category of students ignored by most established scholarships.

• Members' donations to the scholarship fund supported the award of one scholarship in 2002. UWC member support was so strong that two scholarships have been awarded annually since 2003. Not only have we gone from awarding one to awarding two scholarships annually, we also have increased the award amount as students' educational costs have risen.

• On December 16, 2010, Past President Elizabeth “Betz” Hanley signed the document to establish the UWC Endowed Scholarship given that a small number of members had pledged to donate $25,000 over a five-year period. Since that time club members’ contributions have supported the annually-funded scholarships while also accruing cash in the endowment account.

• Twenty women have benefitted from 23 separate scholarship awards since the UWC awarded its first scholarship.

As of March 4, 2013, we had $4,082 in the annually-funded account with $1,500 allocated for the spring 2013 awards to our current scholarship recipients and $2,582 for our to-be-named 2013-2014 scholarship recipients. Further, we had $39,777.28 in our endowed scholarship account which will not be activated until the cash amount reaches the $50,000 endowment level.

We look forward to hosting both Elisabeth Deangelo-Tucker and Donna Ann Hawbaker, our current scholarship recipients, at our spring luncheon. And we close by calling on our members to continue their support of these much appreciated scholarships whether through annual donations or through fulfillment of their pledges. **To benefit from a tax-deductible donation:** make your check payable to Penn State. Please mail your check(s) to Diane Kesidis, 692 Tanager Drive, State College, PA 16803. (You also may increase the amount of your annual membership dues check beyond the dues amount of $25. However, you only receive a tax deduction if your donation amount is made out to Penn State.) You will find a form for donations as part of the membership form included in your directory.

With sincere appreciation for your ongoing generosity which has contributed to our story of scholarship success!

Dr. Charlene H. Harrison, Immediate Past President and Scholarship Adviser

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**Did you know?** You can make your contributions to the scholarship fund by payroll transfer. Thank you to Lori Tyworth-Ebert and Marilyn Gouran who donate to this way.

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INVITE a friend, a neighbor, a prospective member to the Spring luncheon on April 29!

Mark your calendar today for our Fall Reception. See you on September 3!

See details on last page.
In Our Thoughts

Congratulations were sent to Fabiana Spires and her husband on the birth of their daughter Isabella. Both Falene Hamilton and Suzanne Kerlin celebrated the birth of a grand daughter, Clair Ellen Hamilton. Suzanne also celebrated the birth of another grandchild, Dashiell K. Ker-Morris.

Get well wishes were sent to Donna Ann Hawbaker, our current undergraduate scholarship recipient, following surgery in January. Members who also received get well cards and are recovering from surgery are Dot Colton, Dottie Pelick, and Martha Thompson. Board member Carla Roser-Jones’s mother is recovering from surgery at Hershey Medical Center.

Condolences were sent to Cathryn Epp, Lillian McKeel, and Bernice Mentzer on the passing of their husbands, Dotty Rigby on the passing of her daughter-in-law, Diana Brenizer on the passing of her father-in-law, and Marilyn Furry on the passing of a family member.

Former club member Janet Grimes, who had moved to Cary, N.C., passed away in February; a sympathy card was sent to her family.

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, (814) 237-6723 or by email to chh1@psu.edu. Charlene will send a note or card on behalf of the club. After May 1st, please pass along the information to Mytri Acharya, who will be the new Past President, at 814-308-2875 or by email to mytriacharya@gmail.com.

New Members Event, March 2013

Many newer and longer-time members enjoyed a proper English Tea and Betz Hanley’s program on the 2012 Olympics, followed by Folk Dancing.
Snapshots

We’re all on...

New York City, here we come!

Planning details for the New York Trip

Never too many cooks in the kitchen!

Food, Friends, and Pageturners.

Literary Supper Club

Cooking with Friends Group

UWC members with some golfing experience: please call Connie McLaughlin at 231-0685 if you are interested in golfing with other UWC members.

Speaking of Art Interest Group

Getting to the art of the matter...
The Antiques Study Group

Studying coverlets at St. Vincent's College in Ligonier.

A Presentation on PA German Frakturs given by Robert Conrad.

Learning about Daguerreotypes, Ambrotypes, and Tintypes from George and Anne Moellenbrock.

Fun With Food Interest Group

Bell Manor Tea House, March 2013
Reservation Form for Annual Spring Luncheon on April 29, 2013

Name ____________________________________________  Telephone Number _________________
(as you would like it to appear on the name tag)

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 18.  Send this form and check to:
Diane Kesidis, 692 Tanager Drive, State College PA 16803
APRIL 29, 2013

64th Annual Spring Luncheon and Meeting

RSVP today Please respond by 4/18 using form on back.

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 2013 when the next newsletter will be mailed, please send your new address to Diane Kesidis, 692 Tanager Drive, State College PA 16803, or email Diane at dkesidis@yahoo.com.