Dear Members and Friends,

How wonderful it is to be enjoying the warmer weather and sunshine as we welcome in spring. While my year as president of the Penn State University Women’s Club draws to a close, I want to thank you for your support and for this extraordinary opportunity to serve our club. Please join me and our board for the Spring Luncheon and Business Meeting on Thursday, April 28, at 11:30AM. in the Nittany Lion Inn Ballroom. We hope you enjoy the special “Taste of Broadway” buffet and our speaker, Suzanne Elder, Associate Professor of Costume Technology/Design in the School of Theatre.

Something new for next year: the Board has approved a dues increase from $25 to $30 for the 2016-2017 year. It will have been nine years since our last increase, and while we have worked very hard to minimize our expenses, our costs have risen in many areas.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Molly Barron for serving as our Honorary President. I also want to thank our extraordinary all-volunteer Board without whom our club could not operate. Join me in thanking Jeanne Weber and Pat Williams for organizing this year’s exciting programs. Sally Mahan and Bev Mullen welcomed our new members with an intimate afternoon tea and entertained them as well as other members with an inspiring spring new member event.

Thanks also to Laurel Zydney who continues to publish our outstanding newsletter; Lianne Groshel and Jane Stanton who work diligently to deliver it to our members; Charlene Harrison and Kay Kustanbauter who are committed to growing our scholarship endowment of which we are so proud; our most capable secretary Betz Hanley who keeps our minutes; past president Joanne Bennett for providing moral support; Mariana Degeratu who jumped in and learned the art of maintaining our website which you should be sure to visit; Janice Keay for organizing our fall reception and who will excel as the UWC president next year.

Joanne Rodgers can be credited for getting two more new interest groups up and running to help meet the demand of our membership for another book group and wine tasting group. Bobbie Muscarella stepped in to help in the acknowledgment of our interest group leaders. A special thanks to Michele Thomas who is retiring this year from her role as Treasurer.

There are so many others who contribute so much to our club in the way of leading interest groups, planning trips, and making countless other contributions that it is impossible for me to acknowledge all of them here. Be sure to thank them as you take part in the activities that they organize.

Volunteer leaders are the key to our club’s success whether serving on the board, leading interest groups or serving on various committees throughout the year. If you have never served in one of these capacities, please consider doing so. Your participation is essential to our continued success and I guarantee that you will find it to be a very rewarding experience.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who make the Penn State University Women’s Club such an incredible organization.

Warm regards,

Cindy Petrick, 2015-2016 UWC President
Interested UWC members are invited to join the UWC knitters on April 29, 2016 as we finish our regular meeting schedule for the year with a field trip to Tamarack Farm in Spring Mills, a local farm that has been raising Icelandic, Tunis, and natural-colored Merino sheep for over a decade and sells wool and a variety of other products at local and regional markets. Please contact Sally Mahan (sallymahan@comcast.net, 867-2184) for details.

Why Do We Give? By Charlene Harrison, UWC Scholarship VP

University Women’s Club members have supported an emergency loan fund, then an annually funded scholarship, and now an endowed scholarship fund for 25 years, maybe longer. Why do we give? The reasons are many, but some of them are:

✦ To make it possible for another woman to obtain a college education
✦ To pay it forward. We received a scholarship and now strive to make it possible for another woman to receive a scholarship too
✦ To make it possible for Penn State to educate women who have financial need in the face of ever increasing higher education costs
✦ To support the ideals of an organization in which we hold membership
✦ To support something important to us whether it be a community service, a profession, an institution, an ideal, or an objective
✦ To honor someone or to memorialize someone who was important to us.

Before listing those who have contributed since the last newsletter, I’d like to acknowledge a recent donation from Lurene Frantz, past UWC president. She made her donation in memory of Mable Buskirk, Jody Bland, Peter Bennett and Karol Pitts. Karol Pitts was a devotee of the New York trips, which Lurene and her committee members organize. Marylou, a past UWC president, and Peter Bennett played a noteworthy role in endowing the present UWC Scholarship. Jody Bland was a loyal, long-time member of the club and other organizations supportive of women. And Mabel Buskirk was, to cite Lurene, a classy University Women’s Club past president!

Thank you to these additional members who donated since the last newsletter: Mariana Degeratu, Sarah Jensen, Kay Kustanbauter, and Veronica Samborsky.
Dues for the 2016-2017 year will be $30. The Secretary will be at the Fall Reception to receive your dues payment; please pay your dues by October 1, 2016 to ensure your name is included in the directory. Your membership dues help fund club communication and activities. Members of the University Women's Club receive a directory of members and three newsletters a year and can choose to participate in a wide variety of programs, trips, and interest groups.

Invite a friend to join the UWC!

Two recent past UWC Presidents will be relocating this summer. The Club thanks them for their years of service and commitment and wishes them well in their new locations.

Sally Mahan (2006-2007) will be moving to Massachusetts with her husband Gerry who is retiring.

Mytri Acharya (2012-2013) is moving to Indiana with her husband Raj who has been appointed Dean of the School of Informatics and Computing at Indiana University, Bloomington.

Please update your membership directory.

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Attention Group Leaders!

Looking forward into the next UWC year, we need a response from ALL interest group leaders regarding whether there are ANY changes in your groups. This would include, but is not limited to, changes in name of group, leader name(s) and contact information, and meeting time and location. If you have a topic or theme for your first meeting of the 2016-17 year, please include that information.

Please contact us before June 1st to assure we are able to update our records!

Joanne Rodgers
rodgersjk@gmail.com, 238-3196

Bobbie Muscarella
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The UWC Garden Group helped the Charity Ball committee make Penn State Ball Rooms a magical setting.

The UWC Hikers enjoy a different hike every Wednesday.

The UWC Book Discussion group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at members’ homes at 1:30PM. At our May meeting we offer suggestions of titles to read and vote for the books that we will read for the September through April discussion sessions. Membership requirements include the willingness to either host one meeting or report on one book per year.

On behalf of the UWC, Betz Hanley sent each of these members a card expressing friendship and well-wishes.

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 at 238-8124 or by e-mail at eah3@psu.edu. Betz will send a note on behalf of the club.

In Our Thoughts

Mary Lou Bennett
Linda Gardner
Janice Keay
Kay Kustanbauter
Alyce Ritti
Sarah Jensen
Linda Wilson
Sue Henning

UWC member Kay Kustanbauter’s presentation on the history of ladies’ hats suits the Fun With Food group to a (high) T.

Members of the German Interest Group wish Inge Miller “Alles Gute zum Geburtstag” on her birthday.

November, 2015

February, 2016
Meet The UWC Board and Proposed Slate for 2016-2017

Joanne Bennett, the nominee for Treasurer, has held the positions of Program VP and President for the UWC. Her Accounting background includes employment with SFC, a local Accounting office, and with Fidelity Investments, both in their Accounting Area as well as their Foreign Trading area. Other interests include volunteering as a Docent at the Palmer Museum of Art, membership in AAUW where she was the Treasurer, watercolor, and grand-ma-ing — the last of which is her favorite.

Mariana Degeratu, appointed as Website Editor, is grateful to UWC for helping her to enjoy her love for reading, arts, and nature. She has been an active member of two UWC Book clubs, Speaking of Arts, and the Hiking group for many years. She has also previously served as Corresponding Secretary and believes that volunteering is key to keeping the UWC Club a rewarding experience.

Karen Eklund, the nominee for Program Assistant VP, has been a member since 2001. She has previously served on the Board as the Membership VP (formerly Newcomers) and President the year our club hosted the Big Ten Conference. Karen has a MS in Education and a BS in Anthropology/ Psychology. She taught elementary through college classes before retiring from Penn State in 2013. Karen has held leadership roles in her church including VP of Programs for the women’s organization. Karen is a member of the UWC Garden Club, Antiques Study Group, and the Wine Club.

Pat Garthe, the nominee for Interest Group Assistant VP, recently retired and is rejoining the volunteer world. She is a long time resident of Huntingdon County having moved there in 1978. Pat was born and raised in West Orange, New Jersey and holds a BS in Business Management from Fairleigh Dickinson University. She is currently enjoying being an active grandparent to her two best buddies who keep her young at heart! Some of her interests are hiking, piano, gardening and reading.

Elizabeth “Betz” Hanley, nominee for Secretary, has served UWC in different capacities over the years (e.g. Interest Groups Director, President, Secretary) and enjoys every UWC involvement! Betz retired from Penn State in 2004 as Associate Professor Emerita of Kinesiology after 40 years. The Penn State International Dance Ensemble, which she founded and directed from 1978-98, and her Olympic activities remain two essential parts of her life. Tennis and dance are her activities of choice!

Charlene Harrison, nominee for Scholarship VP, is a Past President of the University Women’s Club and long-time appointed Scholarship Advisor. During her Board service, the club established The University Women’s Club Endowed Scholarship and activated the endowment. In addition to the UWC, Charlene holds leadership positions in the AAUW State College Branch, P.E.O. Chapter S, and the local Mortar Board Group.

Cheri Harte, nominee for Communications Assistant VP, graduated with a BS and Masters in Education and spent her career teaching English and Journalism. When she moved here in 1998, she got involved with tennis, photography, art and the UWC. She worked as Newsletter Editor and lead Speaking of Art and Aged to Perfection; she has participated in many interest groups over the years.

Janice Keay, our incoming President, has served on the Board as Website Editor, Programs VP, Assistant Programs VP, Corresponding Secretary and Assistant Corresponding Secretary during her seven years as a UWC member. She is retired from Penn State, holds a M. Agr. in Horticulture from Penn State, and also B.S. and M.S degrees in Chemistry. She enjoys hiking, gardening, photography, and doing stained glass.

Kay Kustanbauter, Development Coordinator, worked at Penn State for 43 years and retired as the Executive Director of Penn State's Nittany Lion Club, which is the athletic department's fundraising organization. In 2013, she was chosen as Penn State's Renaissance Honoree. She is very active in the community and serves on the boards of Mount Nittany Medical Center Foundation, Centre Foundation, and Penn State's All Sports Museum. Kay enjoys organizing bus trips to New York for Broadway musicals and does fundraising game nights and sometimes high teas in her home. She grew up in Bellefonte and has lived in State College over 40 years.

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Beverly "Bev" Mullen, moving up to Membership VP, has been a resident of State College since 2007. She has a B.S. in Education and a Master's in Office Administration. After 27 years, Bev retired from TE, a global manufacturing company, where she held a management position in Corporate Finance. She is married to Gary Mullen, Professor of Mathematics; and they enjoy entertaining, travel, and relaxing at home with their beloved cats. Bev has found the UWC to be a wonderful way to meet interesting, new people and a means to support women's education.

Bobbie Muscarella, the nominee for Interest Groups VP, has been an active member of UWC for many years. She has served as President, Program VP, Recording Secretary, Interest Group Director, and Corresponding Secretary of the UWC board. An avid quilter and cook, she is Past President of the Centre Pieces Quilt Guild and is a Founder and Past President of the Nittany Valley Symphony Guild. She has an M.B.A. from the University of Oregon. She has lived in State College for 25 years.

Theodora (Teddy) Nicholas, nominee for Programs VP, moved to State College from Maryland suburbs of Washington, D.C. in June 2001 after a long career of mothering four children to adulthood. At the same time, she worked in administrative work, Salesmanship of Office Equipment, and as a Puppeteer in elementary schools. She immediately joined the UWC and has served in numerous positions on the Board, including President. She treasures all the wonderful friends she has made in her time here.

Cindy Petrick, immediate Past President, has previously served on the Board as Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary. She co-chairs Wine Divas! and the Literary Supper Club and enjoys hiking with our Hiking Group. Cindy retired from the National Wildlife Federation and has a B.S. in Art and an MBA. She also enjoys volunteering at the Food Bank and with the RSVP Pen Pal Program.

Jane Stanton, the current Communications Assistant VP, will move into the Communications VP position. Retired from teaching, she gets her “kids fix” by volunteering at the Children's Garden, Discovery Space, and the Youth Aid Panel. She also volunteers at the Food Bank.

Drucie Weirauch, nominee for Membership Assistant VP, recently retired from Penn State's Institute for the Study of Adult Literacy and Goodling Institute for Research in Family Literacy, is pursuing personal volunteer opportunities as the Jewelry Gallery Curator for the Bellefonte Art Museum and at Scraps and Skeins, an organization that supports Strawberry Fields. She maintains an interest in reading, gardening, cooking, crystal/rock hunting, and hiking. While Drucie grew up in State College and has a BA and MEd from Penn State, she, her husband, and two sons lived for 25 years in Granville, OH and Murrysville, PA, returning to State College in 2000.

Pat Williams, nominated for President-Elect, is currently Program Assistant VP for the UWC and on organizing committees for Garden Club and Cooking with Friends. She has previously served as Interest Group VP and Corresponding Secretary for the UWC and is on the Board of the Center for the Performing Arts. Pat is a long time resident of Boalsburg and a PSU graduate and is currently a Stylist and manager for Worth New York.

Laurel Zydney, Newsletter Editor, was invited to the Fall Reception as a newcomer in 2002 and was hooked instantly on the many activities, wonderful women, stimulating conversations, and commitment to State College and Penn State that are part of every UWC activity. Laurel is a host of the WPSU Folk Show and likes sharing folk music so much she started hosting concerts in her home — ask her about it! She also serves on the State College Area School Board.

Thank you to outgoing UWC Board members

Lianne Groshel (Communications VP)
Sally Mahan (Membership VP)
Joanne Rodgers (Interest Group VP)
Michele Thomas (Treasurer)
Jeanne Weber (Program VP)
Meeting with William “Bill” Minter, Senior Book Conservator in the Digitization and Preservation Department at Pattee Library.

Program on German customs and vintage Christmas ornaments.

Touring the restored Rock Hill School in Linden Hall. Connie DiNunzio addressing the group and our speaker.

Spotlight on Antiques Study Interest Group

The Antiques Study Group meets monthly for programs often featuring guest speakers. Periodically they take their show on the road to historic settings.

Program on German customs and vintage Christmas ornaments.

Touring the restored Rock Hill School in Linden Hall. Connie DiNunzio addressing the group and our speaker.

Scenes seen at the 2016 UWC Mid-winter Event

Over forty UWC members turned out for the annual Mid-winter Event, a guided tour of Eisenhower auditorium. Thanks to excellent tour guides, our members left with a great appreciation for all the hard work that goes into putting on productions large and small in a building completed in 1974.
67th Annual UWC Spring Luncheon
April 28, 2016
11:30AM
Nittany Lion Inn

RSVP by April 21st! Details inside.

Save the Date!
Fall Reception
September 6, 2016
You are cordially invited to attend the
67th Annual UWC Spring Luncheon & Business Meeting

Thursday, April 28, 2016, 11:30AM
Nittany Lion Inn Ballroom

Program: "Put On Your Sunday Clothes – It's Not As Simple as it Sounds!"

Speaker: Suzanne Elder, Associate Professor of Costume Technology/Design

Many patrons of the School of Theatre productions don't realize that there is a fully functioning professional costume laboratory that creates the costumes for all of their shows and offers a BFA and MFA in Costume Design and Costume Technology.

Ms. Elder will share ins and outs of this unique and magical major course of study at Penn State by leading us through the process of costume production for last fall’s production of “Titanic.”

...featuring a special “Taste of Broadway” buffet!

Cost of Luncheon is $25 per person, tax and gratuity included. Invite a friend to join you for this fun program and delicious buffet!

Please send your reservation using the form below.

RSVP by Thursday, April 21, 2016

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

Telephone Number:_________________________________

I would like to bring a guest. Her Name is:_________________________________________

Please let us know about any food allergies you have or if you would like assistance through the buffet line.

Enclosed: $ __________  ($25 per person. Make check payable to University Women’s Club).

Reservations requested by Thursday, April 21.
Send this form and check to:
Jeanne Weber, 219 North Springwood Place, Port Matilda, PA, 16870

Please call Jeanne at 867 – 1651 if you have any questions.