Dear Members and Friends,

Reflecting on Thanksgiving, the University Women’s Club is grateful for many things. First, we are over 400 members strong and have welcomed many new members in addition to our continuing members. The UWC Board appreciates greatly that 60 of you completed the Every Member Survey, which was distributed via the fall newsletter and fall reception. You provided helpful feedback and suggested future trip destinations, possible interest groups (IGs), and names of potential speakers.

Hats off to the women who have assumed responsibility for leading our interest groups and planning special events! Space limitations permit mention of a few. The Knitting and Crochet IG actually began its year with each member knitting a hat! Cooking for Fun, our newest IG, is underway and joins our other food-focused IGs. A shout out goes to Janet Kretchmar and Carla Roser-Jones who arranged for almost 60 of us to visit the Blue Band facility. We are grateful to Ann Larson and Sally Mahan who hosted the fall trip to Fallingwater and Kentuck Knob for 42 members and guests.

For the second year, Ann coordinated the UWC tree at the Festival of Trees. Embracing the theme “Everything Old Is New Again,” she had us gluing, painting, and putting sparkles on snowflakes made from recycled paper towel and toilet paper rolls. Because Ann and her husband will move to Tennessee next spring, we encourage interested volunteers to step forward. Please contact any Board member to say you’d like to head an IG or special event or serve on the Board.

Given our shared connections to Penn State, I would be remiss in not acknowledging the early November grand jury presentment that triggered a media maelstrom and tumult at the University and in town. Whether you have shed tears over happenings, watched with alarm as thousands of students massed in town streets, asked yourself what would I have done had I sat in any number of seats, or ached over the ways in which our University and town have been portrayed, it has been an extraordinarily difficult time. Though exceedingly painful, we are engaged in a process of finding a new way forward.

As I conclude this message, UWC Board members join me in thanking Dr. Sandy Spanier for her service as the Club’s Honorary President and her many contributions. We also welcome Shari Erickson, a Club member and past trip leader, as our new Honorary President.

Gratefully,

Charlene Harrison, D.Ed.
UWC President, 2011-2012
The Penn State University Women's Club invites you to the Annual Mid-Winter Event “Cruising on Sunshine” Friday, January 20, 2011 Outreach Building Lobby, 1:30 PM

We are most fortunate to welcome Cynthia Berger from WPSU as our guest speaker for our January program. This event will be held in the Outreach Building Lobby, at 100 Innovation Blvd., State College, at 1:30, January 20th. Cynthia will present her adventures as she and her husband sailed 6,500 miles last year on their 19th century style canal boat named Dragonfly. The couple departed from Macedon, NY, and began a marathon circumnavigation of the eastern United States and Canada examining nature's ecosystems and environmental sustainability. Parking is available at the building or across the street at the Penn Stater.

Reception will follow the program. Please join us for refreshments and fun as we escape the winter chills "Cruising on Sunshine."

We will be joined by the spouses of the University Trustees.

RSVP by January 10
Joanne Bennett (231-1853; jmbennett4@comcast.net) or Jane Ireland (777-4203; irelandjane@aol.com)
March is National Nutrition Month. Join us for lunch and a special program presented by Dr. Kristine Clark, Director of Sports Nutrition for Penn State’s Athletic Department.

Members will enjoy lunch at Café Laura beginning at 11:30 AM. Both lunch expenses and parking which exceeds two hours will be the responsibility of each member. Parking is available in the Nittany Parking deck adjacent to the Nittany Lion Inn. Following lunch we will walk to Rec Hall for a presentation by Dr. Kristine Clark, Director of Sport Nutrition for Penn State University’s Athletic Department and Assistant Professor of Nutrition. We will gather in Room 155A at 1:00 PM. The topic is “Women’s Nutrition: Fitness For Life.” Dr. Clark will include remarks about her role with athletes at Penn State.

Space is limited. Please make a reservation by contacting either Janet Kretchmar (237-2192) jkretchmar_298@comcast.net, or Carla Roser-Jones (237-8646) Carla.roserjones@gmail.com.
Janice Keay, Mytri Acharya, Ann Larson, and Karen Hirsch gather round the tree. A special Thank You to former UWC President Ann Larson for spearheading this project. Best wishes as you relocate to Tennessee, Ann!

After making lovely decorations out of recycled materials for this year’s Festival of Trees, members Janice Keay, Mytri Acharya, Ann Larson, and Karen Hirsch gather round the tree. A special Thank You to former UWC President Ann Larson for spearheading this project. Best wishes as you relocate to Tennessee, Ann!

Members of the Art Interest Group display their work. Look for information about the Spring Luncheon and Art Show on the back cover!

Members of the newest Interest Group, Cooking For Fun, enjoying the Greek meal they had fun cooking.

The Literary Supper groups shares an evening of great food and conversation.

The UWC Bowlers strike it rich sharing their friendship in their spare time....

UWC Gardening Interest Group members gathered to make beautiful fall arrangements.
**UWC Scholarship Fund Updates**

Members attending the Fall Reception had the opportunity to meet both recipients of the Club’s 2011-2012 annual scholarships. Dr. Sandy Spanier first introduced Tina L. Barr, our undergraduate scholarship recipient. Tina graduated from South Hills Business School in 1997 with an associate degree in Business, Management and Marketing. As of spring 2012, she will become a Penn State junior where she is studying Organizational Leadership toward her Bachelor of Science degree. A single mother for fourteen years, Tina’s oldest son just obtained his master’s degree, which is also Tina’s long-term goal; she lost her middle son in a car accident four years ago; and her youngest son recently graduated from technical school. Tina began her University employment in the Division of Undergraduate Studies, and has worked in the Bursar’s Office for about four and a half years.

Because of an evening class, Kelly M. Griffith, our graduate student scholar, arrived later in the reception. Kelly works in East Halls as a Residence Life staff member and is pursuing her doctorate in Education Theory and Policy. She earned both a bachelor’s and a master’s degree from Edinboro University of PA before coming to Penn State. Kelly is a first generation college student who is a single mother of an energetic three-year old girl named Mikayla. Kelly’s goals are to take her candidacy exam in January and to finish coursework by May 2013; her career goal is to pursue a tenure-track faculty position. Her dissertation will focus on a new education policy, the Common Core State Standards Initiative, and its implementation.

In early November, the University Women’s Club Endowed Scholarship had over $27,400 in cash and over $53,100 in cash and pledges. As both Tina and Kelly each noted, receiving our $1,500 scholarships was extraordinarily meaningful and very helpful financially. Members of the UWC Scholarship Committee send their heartfelt appreciation to all of our donors!

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*and the ladies who went on the Fallingwater/Kentuck Knob trip and donated surplus funds from the trip.*

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You can now view this newsletter along with updated pictures, schedules, and other club information at our updated website. Last week, an e-mail with a link to the newsletter was sent to all members who had requested electronic notice rather than a mailed newsletter. **PLEASE E-MAIL DIANE KESISIDS (dkesisids@yahoo.com) IF YOU WANT TO RECEIVE FUTURE ISSUES OF THE NEWSLETTER ONLINE!**
In Our Thoughts

Condolences to Rosemary Zoumas, Ruth Park, and Helen Schroeder on the death of their husbands; Pat Garthe on the death of her mother; and Judy Trask on the death of her mother-in-law. We also sent condolences to club member Kae Spoerl after a fire in her home.

Get well wishes to Marilyn Gouran, Marty Snider, Maureen Moses, Beverly Divany, Stevie White, and Barbara Nedwick who had surgeries; to Falene Hamilton, Sue Stevenson, and Jean Forster who had eye surgeries; and to Irene MacConnell-Davinroy following her heart attack. We also went a note expressing our concern to Bobbie Muscarella regarding her husband’s illness.

Congratulations to Janice Keay on the birth of a granddaughter!

We note with sadness the death of long-time members Peggy Larson and Virginia Althouse.

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 on behalf of the club.

www.personal.psu.edu/org/uwc/

The UWC website is up and running and faster than ever. It contains many photographs and links to club and interest group activities that have taken place over the last few months, as well as information and contacts for upcoming events. If you haven’t signed on lately, at www.personal.psu.edu/org/uwc/, please give it another try. Be sure to provide your feedback to any board member or to the webmaster.

If you have ideas for how we can improve the website to better serve the needs of our members, or if you have any photographs or information on recent or upcoming events that you would like to share by means of the website, please e-mail the pictures and information to uwcwebmaster@psu.edu. It should appear on the website within a day or two!!!
CALL FOR UWC BOARD NOMINATIONS!

Do you know someone who would enjoy working with a group of fun, caring, involved women? Or who is looking for a way to share her talents and interests with others?

Maybe that person is a new member, or someone who’s been a UWC member for years. Maybe that someone is you! Please consider serving the UWC as a member of the board or nominating someone for a position!

The UWC Nominating Committee will be meeting in February to choose a slate of candidates for elected officers to next year’s Executive Board – 2012-2013. For more information about our officers, please refer to pages 68-71 in the 2010-11 Membership Directory. Any current member is eligible! To learn more about what’s involved, or if you are interested in being considered or nominating someone for a position, please contact President-elect Mytri Acharya, Committee Chair (308-2875, mytriacharya@gmail.com) by February 1, 2012.

The Internet URL address for the UWC Website that was printed on the back cover of the UWC Directory is incorrect. The correct address is: www.personal.psu.edu/org/uwc/

Please take a moment to note the change on your Directory for future reference.

Please change the following officer information:
• Recording Secretary: Cindy Petrick
• Corresponding Secretary: Janice Keay
• VP for Programs: Joanne Bennett, 374 Cogan Circle, State College, 16801 (231-1853; jmbennett4@comcast.net)

Please change these member addresses:
• Janette Deihl's address should be Haymaker Circle, not what was printed.
• New address for Cathryn Epp: 500 E. Marylyn Dr. #K-176, State College, 16801.

On Thursday, September 22, 2011, fifty-nine members gathered in the lobby of The Blue Band Building at Penn State University for a presentation featuring the history and highlights of The Blue Band, and a tour of the new facility. Dr. Richard Bundy was our host. Buttons, bumper stickers and Blue Band bags were generously offered as gifts. Following the presentation, members gathered at the Berkey Creamery for an ice cream social. The event was interesting, entertaining, and informative – a very special opportunity!
It's not too early to mark your calendars for April 30th! Join us as the University Women’s Club holds our annual meeting at the Nittany Lion Inn. Besides a wonderful luncheon, we will welcome Joyce Robinson, curator of the Palmer Museum of Art, as our guest speaker. She will bring humor and enthusiasm to our understanding and appreciation of art as she speaks about "The Importance of Art in Our Lives."

As a special treat, we’ll be asking some of our interest groups to exhibit their works at a mini art show, which will be displayed around the room that day. Don’t miss this fun way to appreciate art!

Look for details and an invitation in the Spring Newsletter.