Dear Members,

What a busy and exciting Fall this has been! Our trip to Harrisburg was an academic as well as a visual and epicurean delight. Thank you to Sally Mahan and Jeanne Weber for putting the trip together. In addition, there were several Interest Group trips. The Speaking of Art group enjoyed an overnight stay in Pittsburgh, where they visited the Carnegie, Frick, and Andy Warhol Museums. The Antiques Club visited a special exhibit of costumes from Downton Abbey at the Winterthur Museum in Wilmington, Delaware. Many thanks go to the Interest Group leaders for organizing these events. Finally, our Fall New Member program was given by Dr. Sarah Rich, Professor of Art at PSU. She explored the art of Andy Warhol and his contemporaries. It was an enjoyable as well as an informational afternoon. Thank you to Dotty Ford and Marcia Heitzmann for arranging this event.

Our yearly Directory arrived at your doorstep last month. Thank you to Lianne Groshel and Michele Thomas as well as to the many others who helped in its making. Make sure you keep the Directory handy both for telephone and address references and for the 2015-2016 Membership Application and Scholarship Donation forms which are located on the last pages to use for mailing over the summer.

The Mid-Winter event will be held on January 16, 2015, at 10:00 AM. It will take place at the Palmer Museum and will feature Dr. Joyce Robinson, Curator and Affiliate Associate of Art History at Penn State. Joyce will speak about a new contemporary show titled “Song of Myself: Curatorial Musings on Contemporary Art.” The Spring “New Member” event, April 11, 2015, will be at Café Laura. Brunch will be served for a small fee, and Associate Professor Dr. Bart Bartlett, will speak to us about the Hospitality Management Program at Penn State. We also look forward to our yearly New York/Broadway show trip, taking place on April 21-22. Always a much anticipated event! Other events to look for this Spring include a trip to New York sponsored by the Garden Club, a trip to Lancaster with the Quilting group, and of course, our annual Spring Luncheon, to be held on April 30, 2015, at The Nittany Lion Inn. Please keep these events on your calendar and make sure you sign up.

Thank you all for your generous donations to our Scholarship Fund. We are so grateful for your support. It’s a wonderful way to give back to our university and our students. Learn about this year’s scholarship recipients in this newsletter.

Lastly, and not of least importance, is a sincere wish from myself, as well as all of the Board members, for a happy, safe, and prosperous holiday season and New Year. May all of your dreams come true!

Sincerely,

Joanne Bennett
UWC President, 2014-2015
The Times They Are a-Changin' – UWC Bylaws Under Review

Last spring a committee was formed to review our Constitution and Bylaws which had not been thoroughly reviewed for several years. The Bylaws committee members are Joanne Bennett, Cindy Petrick, Charlene Harrison, Betz Hanley, Jeannne Weber and Janice Keay. This group worked hard during the spring months and has continued the effort throughout the summer and fall.

The Committee’s initial goal was to modify the Bylaws to specifically include Scholarship as one of the goals of our club. This goal was accomplished last April when the modified Mission Statement was approved by majority vote of the club membership at the Spring Luncheon.

During Bylaws Committee discussions, several other areas were identified where change is warranted. At the Executive Board meeting in November, these ideas, the reasoning and recommendations were presented to the Board, which approved proceeding with a comprehensive review leading to proposed amendments. The Committee is now in the process of modifying the Bylaws to reflect this thinking and hopes to present the amended Bylaws for a vote at the Annual Spring Luncheon and Business Meeting on April 30, 2015.

The Bylaws Committee has focused its attention on the areas of Scholarship, Membership, and Communication, to reflect the changing needs and interests of our membership and the changing role that Communication plays in our lives.

**Scholarship** - With Scholarship now being one of the stated goals in our Mission Statement, the current Ad Hoc Scholarship Advisor position will be changed to Scholarship Vice President to reflect the importance of this position to our mission of Scholarship. In addition, a position of Development Coordinator will be added to assist the Scholarship Vice President and to address fundraising issues related to maintaining or increasing our ability to provide scholarships.

**Membership** - In order to more easily attract new members and then to keep them, the Committee would like to see an increased focus on membership issues in general, rather than just focusing on getting new members. Our membership is changing; the times are changing; and some new ways of doing things should be considered. Changing the New Member Vice President and New Member Assistant Vice President positions to Membership VP and Assistant VP will allow for and emphasize this new direction.

Also in the area of membership, the Board and the Bylaws Committee feel that it is time to adjust the requirements for eligibility to join the UWC. We recognize that there are many community members who have an emotional connection to Penn State and an interest in supporting the University and its students even though they do not have a familial connection or a job related connection. The Bylaws already have a formal process to allow a woman to request membership when she has no direct connection to Penn State. Removing the strict eligibility requirements will allow these women to become members much more easily and to perhaps feel more welcome.

**Communications** – The world of communication has made rapid advances in recent years and the UWC is behind the times. We do have a wonderful Newsletter and a functional Website, but there is no mechanism for publicity about our club or its activities to non-members, and there is no way to communicate interactively with the current members. Changing the position of Publicity Director to Communications Vice President and adding a position of Communications Vice President will combine a number of current Board functions under one position and help us to be a more viable club by using some of the newer communications technologies that are available.

By relaxing our membership eligibility requirements and increasing our focus in areas of Scholarship, Membership, and Communications, the Board is looking to the future of the University Women’s Club, hoping to help it grow and become an ever more important part of the Penn State Community.

Watch for a further update on the Bylaws changes, including the amended Bylaws themselves, in the Spring 2015 Newsletter and be prepared to register your vote at the Annual Spring Luncheon and Business Meeting on April 30, 2015. In the meantime, if you have any comments, suggestions or concerns or are interested in participating in any of these changing areas of focus, please contact any member of the Executive Committee or the Bylaws Committee.
The Mid–Winter Event will be from 10 AM until NOON on Friday, January 16, 2015, in the Lipcon Auditorium at The Palmer Museum of Art on Curtin Road.

**Song of Myself**  
January 13–May 10, 2015

The program will start with a business meeting at 10 AM followed by a presentation at 10:30 AM by Joyce Robinson, Curator, on a new contemporary show titled “Song of Myself: Curatorial Musings on Contemporary Art”. The title is from Walt Whitman’s celebratory paean to American democracy. Joyce will discuss her role as curator of this exhibition, drawn from the permanent collection and featuring work by many of the individual voices that have contributed to the increasingly pluralistic, culturally heterogeneous art world of the last two decades. After questions, members are invited to tour the exhibition with Palmer Museum docents.

The museum opens at 10 AM. Because of the tight schedule, we will not be serving refreshments at this meeting. Au Bon Pain is next door, between the museum and Zoller Gallery, for those wishing to have coffee beforehand. Café Laura is nearby for those wanting to stay and have lunch on their own. Parking is available at the Nittany Lion Inn Parking Deck for a small fee.

**MARCH 12 Quilt Show Trip**  
The Quilting Interest Group invites all members and friends to join us for a trip to the Lancaster Spring Quilt Shows on Thursday, March 12, 2014. Details are being finalized. Besides the two Lancaster quilt shows, we may also include a stop at Kitchen Kettle Village where 40 specialty shops include more fabric. We will leave from the Weis parking lot on Martin Street, exact time to be determined, and return about 8pm. Cost will be approximately $50.

For information or to reserve a space, contact Cindy Alley, 237-5276 (4alleys@comcast.net) or Suzanne Kerlin, 237-5271 (Suziekerlin@gmail.com)
Because the University Women’s Club (UWC) Endowed Scholarship was activated midway through the 2013-2014 year, the club was able to award one scholarship for summer 2014 in addition to its usual two scholarships for the 2014-2015 academic year. Recipients of our scholarships are female Penn State employees who also are adult learners with both high financial need and grade point averages. You will learn about the three UWC scholarship recipients in the paragraphs that follow.

For a moment imagine having a full-time job teaching science in a York middle school, a job that you love; being married to a man who’s comfortable in his full-time job; living in your own home; and raising twin daughters. Now imagine selling your home, relocating your family to State College, having your husband look for a job, and beginning doctoral study yourself. Alicia McDyre, our graduate student scholarship recipient for Summer 2014, and her family did just that!

Alicia, an undergraduate biology major, also earned master’s degrees in biology from Shippensburg and in Curriculum and Instruction from Penn State Harrisburg while teaching middle school students. On Saturday, August 16, 2014, Alicia received her doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction with an emphasis in science education and a Women’s Studies minor. She has continued her employment in Penn State’s College of Education in a non-tenure track position working with teachers and soon-to-be teachers.

Joanne Nash is the oldest of six children. She grew up locally, graduated in 1989 from State High and went to work. At age 19, Joanne became a single parent to a daughter and decided that she needed more education. She enrolled at South Hills and completed a two-semester office professional certificate by Summer 1992. Joanne became an intern at Penn State, then took a full-time position in Undergraduate Education with Student Support Services. In the ensuing years, she’s worked in the Trio Training Institute and Upward Bound Math and Science.

With her daughter out of high school and her boss’s encouragement, Joanne began her Penn State study in Fall 2010 with a Bi Sci class. Now the first administrative assistant in the new Eberly College of Science’s Millennium Scholars Program, Joanne is four courses from receiving her associate degree in Letters, Arts, and Sciences.

Cynthia Biek is an assistant director in the Office for Student Orientation and Transition Programs and a master’s degree candidate in Higher Education. She began course work in Fall 2012 as a nondegree student and maintains a 4.0 GPA while working full time and being a single mother to three children. Her daughter is a junior at Penn State and plays in the Blue Band while her two sons are in high school.

Thank you to all scholarship donors!

Have a say in what types of events the University Women’s Club offers!

Serve on the UWC Board.
Spring “New Member” Event*
April 11, 2015      11:30 AM

Registration deadline March 15.

On Saturday, April 11, we will be having a student planned, prepared and served brunch by the Student Catering Club in Café Laura. Following the brunch there will be a talk on the School of Hospitality Management by Professor Bart Bartlett. The event will be held in the newly renovated Café Laura! Parking is available across the street in the Nittany Lion Inn parking deck.

The Café holds up to 120 people, so reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. All members, new and established, and their guests, are welcome to join us. The cost of each brunch is $15. The students do not get paid and there is no fee for the use of the facility for us.

Your check for $15 per person should be sent to Dotty Ford, 203 Grace Court, State College, PA 16801. Checks must be received NO LATER than March 15.

Checks should be made out to the University Women’s Club. For any questions, please call Dotty at 237-4157. We look forward to having brunch with our new members!

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Get to know some really wonderful women!
Serve on the UWC Board.
Call For Nominations!
As called for in our Bylaws, a Nominating Committee has been formed to put together a slate of officers for 2015-2016. From the Fall Trip to the Annual Meeting and Luncheon, with many activities in between, many hands make light work when it comes to the wide variety of programs and events the UWC offers! If you are interested in serving on the Board, or if you would like to suggest a member for a particular position, please contact one of the committee members listed below by mid-February. Next year’s officers will be elected at the Annual Meeting on April 30th.

Cindy Petrick (cpetrick@verizon.net 667-2278)
Marcia Heitzmann (marciaheitzmann@gmail.com 237-4069)
Chandra Bose (cbose54@hotmail.com 237-1711)
Falene Hamilton (falene@ceinetworks.com 238-5695)
Sarah Jensen (sjensen648@gmail.com 466-6750)

What a great opportunity!

Welcome New Member!
Please add to your directory:

Bernadette Jermusyk
281 Treetops Drive
State College PA 16801
862-9309, bbjermusyk@gmail.com

DIRECTORY CHANGES
There was some incorrect and omitted information in the 2014-2015 Directory. Please make these corrections to your directory:

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News from the Gardening Interest Group

TRIP To NYC on May 19, 2015
The Gardening IG New York trip will include the New York Botanical Garden, Wave Hill, and the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, with a choice to include the Brooklyn Museum of Art. Many special treats such as a tea and private garden tours are included. Guests who are not club members are welcome.

Mary McLaughlin (908-930-5029, marymmcl@aol.com)
Diane Farr (814-466-7850, dmaxineF122@hotmail.com)
Elizabeth Hanley (814- 238-8124, eah3@psu.edu)

The Gardening Interest Group met in November at the Daniel Vaugh Design shop to learn the many trade secrets to better and longer lasting flower arrangements with Daniel Vaugh.

The pictures are a testament to his creativity.
German Interest Group members Marie Draguns, Heide Castleman, and Irmgard Lee at the Fall UWC Reception in September.

The German IG started the 2014/15 season with a hearty Oktoberfest Lunch. At their November meeting, members talked about the Fall of the Berlin Wall 25 years ago.

SPEAKING OF ART Interest Group

Every journey begins with a step — especially for the women of the UWC Hiking Interest Group!

Channeling their inner Warhol!
University Women’s Club
1357 Vineyard Haven
State College, PA 16803

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UPCOMING UWC PROGRAMS

Enjoy an Interest Group Trip!
(open to all as space-available; see enclosed information)

Trip to Lancaster Quilt Show
March 12, 2015

Trip to NYC Gardens
May 19, 2015

Mid-Winter Event
January 16, 10 AM

UWC Board Nominations welcome!
Please contact Nominating Committee by mid-February.
See details inside and seize the opportunity!

“New Member” Event
April 11, RSVP by March 15

New York City Trip
April 21-22, 2015

SPRING LUNCHEON & Annual Meeting
April 30, 2015
More information in next newsletter.

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