

Women's Club

NEWSLETTER



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA WOMEN'S CLUB  Educational, cultural, recreational, and leadership opportunities for all ages

Conversation with a Woman Leader

Kathleen O'Brien speaks on the storied lives of women in city government

Kathleen O'Brien, long-time independent scholar and community activist, will lead our Conversation Luncheon on Tuesday, February 6, with her talk, "Women in City Government." Kathleen has recently completed an oral history project in which she interviewed 65 women from 30 Minnesota cities across the political spectrum who had served as a mayor or city council member during the period from 1970 to 2000.



Relating her findings about why these women ran for office, what hurdles they faced, and how their public service has made a difference, she will use excerpts from her interviews — lots of good stories.

Kathleen's revealing research, including digital interviews, transcripts and campaign materials, is archived with the Minnesota Historical Society.

No stranger to elective office, Kathleen served on the Minneapolis City Council from 1982 through 1989. She is retired vice president of the University of Minnesota for University Services and a former city coordinator for Minneapolis. She currently serves on St. Catherine's Board of Trustees and on the Advisory Board of the Humphrey School of the University of Minnesota. A member of UMWC, she supports our work on behalf of undergraduate women.

Invite a friend to join you on February 6, and come prepared to be both challenged and entertained!

Mark your calendars now for the 26th Annual Member Art Show, March 2 – April 5

Our 26th Annual Art Show will be on exhibit from March 2 through April 5, 2018 at Becketwood in Minneapolis. Every year we await this artistic display of talent from our Art Section artists — watercolor paintings, calligraphy, acrylic paintings, drawings, photography, and more.

Members and guests are invited to the **opening reception on Friday, March 2** from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Each artist will describe what motivated her creations. For questions, please call Jane LaFroth, 651-636-9218, or Carol Lowe, 612-869-7949.

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Meeting ~ At a Glance

Conversation with a Woman Leader
Noon, Tuesday, February 6

Speaker:

Kathleen O'Brien

"Women in City Government"

Location

Becketwood
4300 West River Parkway, Minneapolis

Parking

Limited parking is available in the south lot or along the entrance road. Carpool if possible. Becketwood office phone: 612-746-1025

Menu

Apple-butternut squash soup,
Duck with citrus-maple sauce,
Wild rice with almonds,
Steamed green beans with Greek seasonings, rolls and butter.
Assorted cookies
Coffee, tea, milk

Cost: \$20

Observe the Reservation Deadline:
by Monday, January 29

Please send in the reservation form from the back of your 2017–18 Membership Directory or from the UMWC website along with your check payable to UMWC.

Questions?

Call Jane LaFroth, 651-636-9218



President's Message

Happy New Year!

I hope that you have had a very enjoyable holiday season and are looking forward to the new year.

Two events since the last newsletter were very successful. A record attendance of 116 members attended the Conversations with a Woman Leader luncheon in November to hear Dr. Rebecca Shlafer talk about her research on the impact of incarceration on families. Thank you to everyone who brought generous donations of yarn to support Dr. Shlafer's "Project Teddy Bear." Once again, Jason Brenny, Becketwood's chef, provided a beautiful and sumptuous lunch.

This year's Annual Holiday Tea and Hospital Benefit on December 12 was a huge success with 111 members and guests attending. We always feel privileged to be invited to Eastcliff for the holidays. Although we missed seeing our honorary president and hostess, Karen Kaler, who was needed on a business trip with her husband, Tracy Moos, former U of M first lady and honorary UMWC member, graciously stood in for her.

Tracy entertained us with delightful stories of the seven years she lived in the house (1967–1974). She shared with us how unprepared she felt for the amount of entertaining expected of her and Malcolm. Listening to her stories, we could almost hear the rooms echoing with the sounds of their active children.

We enjoyed a wide array of hors d'oeuvres and sweets as we socialized with old and new friends. Many

thanks to Marilyn Olson for coordinating the event, to Janet Graves and Ruth Jones for entertaining us with holiday music, and to Pam Hudson for a bit of Eastcliff history. Pam was perfectly suited to share the history, having been Karen Kaler's assistant for a number of years. Thanks to all of you for your donations of \$684 as well as gifts for adults and toys for children who will be hospitalized at the U of M Medical Center over the holidays.

I hope that you will enjoy the programs that are planned for the remainder of the year, and I invite you to reopen the Directory of programs and select an activity or two of interest to you. This year we have a number of particularly fascinating programs scheduled. All sections are open to members throughout the year.

I will soon be appointing the Nominating Committee to recruit new UMWC officers for the coming year. If a member of the committee contacts you about taking on one of these offices, please give it serious consideration. Sharing in a leadership role is a great way to be involved in the work of the club.

I look forward to seeing you at our Conversations Luncheon on February 6 to hear Kathleen O'Brien, retired vice president for University Services, who will talk on "Women in Minnesota City Government." Remember to submit your reservations before the deadline, Jan. 29.

Wishing you a very healthy and happy 2018,
— Millie Woodbury, President

Board Meeting February 6

The Board will meet at Becketwood in the Windsor Room on February 6 at 10 a.m. All members are welcome at our general board meetings. Officers and Section Chairs: please email your reports to Mary Abuan, Recording Secretary, prior to the meeting.

GO PAPERLESS!

If you would like to receive the UMWC newsletter by email only, please contact Nancy Myers. Each newsletter the club does not have to send through regular mail will save our treasury 75 cents.

UMWC website updates

When you are talking with friends about the club, and you want to direct them to more information, tell them about our website, www.umwc.umn.edu. Check out the new features, photos (you might be in some), and information.

Welcome to new members of UMWC

Please welcome 23 new members who have joined us since the last newsletter. When you see them at meetings, please greet them and help with introductions.

Corriene Anderson, Judy Arnold, Maryellen Baumann, Kathy Callinan, Liz Cross, Sheila Fishman, Mary Elizabeth Glaeser, Brenda Himrich, Sandra Kay Hirsch, Catherine Holtzclaw, Pamela Hudson, Susan Lomanno, Diane Martin, Barbara Metz, Wende O'Brien, Vida Peterson, Dianne Potter, Bonita Praver, Susan Ryan, Karen Sturm, Joyce Tester, Darlene Wegner, Karen Wehner, Susan Ziel.

For contact information for new members and current changes in the Directory, contact Nancy Myers.

Hikers brave all types of weather



Hikers' Section Update: Forty-three hikers attended the Hikers Holiday Party on December 11 at Becketwood. A hardy lot, many ventured out for a snowy walk on the West River Road trail. In December the members voted to contribute \$300 to the Scholarship Fund from their treasury. Way to go hikers!

— Lynne Benz, Hikers Section Chair

Planning for spring: Your ideas are needed in creating events for new members

The UMWC has always appreciated new members for the vitality and enthusiasm they bring to the Club. Without new members we would not have so much access to new and diverse ideas and spirit.

As a welcome to new members and to introduce them to the history and activities of the UMWC, Karen Kaler has hosted the New Member Welcome Coffee in September for the past two years. Both of these events were well attended and so well received that we have decided to plan more events for new members again in the spring.

We are looking to all of you for your ideas and participation to make these gatherings interesting and welcoming to our new members. Please contact the chair of the Membership Committee, Lou Nelson, or President Elect Maggie Hoover. We would like to hear from you.

— Maggie Hoover, President Elect

Gifts to the scholarship fund honor and remember friends and loved ones.

It is a lovely gesture to make a gift to the UMWC Scholarship Fund in memory or in honor of a friend or relative. If you would like to make such a gift, mail your check, payable to UMWC Scholarship/Memorial Fund, along with your wishes for acknowledgements to Treasurer Pat Luhmann, 525 Eastwood Crt, Eagan, MN 55123.

No gift to the scholarship fund is too small

Is my small scholarship gift important? You'd better believe it is! At the heart of our Scholarship Program are the hundreds, yes, hundreds of small gifts. It's the participation that counts! Your gift— of any amount— bonds you to the UMWC mission of providing scholarships to young women needing financial help with their U of M educations. You become part of the supportive team, and you can take personal pride in every scholarship that is awarded.

So please, do support the UMWC scholarship program at your own comfort level. If you have mislaid the mailing you received in November, remember there is a donation form in the front of your Directory and on the website.

Wouldn't it be wonderful to have 100 percent participation behind this great cause? **You** can make that happen.

— Marian Champlin, Vice President for Fundraising

Memorial Gifts to the Scholarship Fund

From October 1 to December 4, 2017

Memorial gifts in remembrance of

Flossie Caldwell by Susan Liu,
and by Joanne Weckwerth

Russell Hamilton by Cherie Hamilton

Glenn & Martha Champlin by Marian & Keith Champlin

Keith Johnson by UMWC

Dorothy Hopp by UMWC

We say "Good bye" to another past president

Many years ago, in 1973–1974, Dorothy Hopp led the UMWC as its dynamic and involved president. When the club celebrated its centennial year in 2011, she was pressed



into action again. With a flair for interior design and exquisite clothing, she was a natural to help with UMWC's 100th Anniversary Over-the-Decades Style Show at the Campus Club. She furnished the bulk of the period clothing from her own saved wardrobe. The show was a smash hit, and it is still fondly remembered.

This remarkable lady amazed doctors and set records when she recovered from back surgery at age 99 and from a small stroke at 100. Dorothy died on November 21st, 2017, not long after her 101st birthday.

Meet more of your 2017–2018 UMWC Board of directors

At our May 2017 Annual Meeting, eight members were appointed to serve on the Board of Directors along with the nine elected officers, who were introduced and pictured in the November–December newsletter. These eight women do a multitude of tasks to keep your club humming. Among these duties are: planning the speakers for our general club programs; communicating thanks, get-well wish-

es, and sympathy with notes to our members; maintaining UMWC permanent records; distributing information to new members; creating and designing printed materials including the Directory, brochure, and Newsletter; determining scholarship awardees; overseeing our website; and much much more! The UMWC is most fortunate to have these leaders volunteer their time and talents.



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University of Minnesota Foundation recognizes scholarship donors and recipients

On October 19, 2017, scholarship recipients and their donors were invited to a luncheon in Memorial Hall at McNamara Alumni Center. Scholars and donors alike were celebrated for their work. Representing UMWC were Millie Woodbury, president; Marian Champlin, VP for Fundraising; Georgia Nygaard, Scholarship chair; and Ruth Jones, past president. Eight of this year's 43 UMWC scholars were in attendance. See UMWC website, www.umwc.umn.edu, for more photos and information.



Goldy was happy to attend the Scholars Luncheon to congratulate the students and their scholarship donors.

UMWC participates in U's Multi-cultural Fair

A first-time Multi-cultural Fair event was held at Coffman Union on October 17, 2017. Close to 200 students attended for the opportunity to see what various colleges and services within the University of Minnesota have to offer students. Among those various opportunities included UMWC scholarships.

UMWC was represented by Sue Nelson, Mary Johnson, Fran Holmsten, and Georgia Nygaard, who encouraged students to apply for scholarships as well as to consider joining the UMWC.

Former scholarship recipient Thuy Doan thanked us for the scholarship she received several years ago and Ruwayda Mohamed, a new 2018 scholarship recipient, sought us out to express gratitude for her scholarship. We all felt that this was a worthwhile venture and that we should participate in this fair again next year.

— Georgia Nygaard, Scholarship Committee Chair



Georgia Nygaard, Scholarship Committee chair; Fran Holmsten, and Mary Johnson, UMWC members, greet students at the University's Multi-cultural Fair in October. Thuy Doan, (far right), a former scholarship recipient, stopped by the Women's Club table to express her thanks for the scholarship she received from the UMWC many years ago.

Annual Benefit Tea attendees provide gifts for hospitalized patients over the holidays

The annual tea at the U President's family residence attracted a large number of members eager to socialize and share the cheers of the season. To brighten the holidays for patients at University Hospitals, members brought gifts for adults and toys and books for children as well as monetary donations of \$684 with which to purchase more items.

Below: Elisabeth White was happy to see the bounty of gifts she would be able to bring to the University hospital for patients hospitalized over the holidays. Thanks to all who contributed gifts, toys, and monetary donations.



Above: Bonnie Chase is first in line to deliver her check, and Dorothy Waltz is only too glad to accept the donation with which to buy gifts and toys and spread a little cheer at the University hospital.



Piano music filled the air as members and their guests chatted over tea and tasty selections from a scrumptious buffet.



Because First Lady Karen Kaler was traveling to China this year and could not be with us, Tracy Moos, former University First Lady and UMWC honorary president, welcomed all and regaled everyone with her favorite stories of living in the presidential home.

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PLACE YOUR ORDER....

Our UMWC cookbook, *Sharing Our Favorites*, is back on sale. The cookbook contains a collection—in 150 pages—of favorite recipes from our members. These can be purchased for only \$10 by placing your order with Lou Nelson. Our UMWC black Tote Bag with ladyslipper logo is also available for \$10. Cash or checks payable to the UMWC accepted. Contact Lou Nelson via phone or email and pick up your purchases at the next UMWC luncheon. All proceeds go to the Scholarship Fund.

Mark your Calendars

You won't want to miss the April 3 Conversation with a Woman Leader luncheon when our guest speaker, Lin Nelson-Mayson, director of the Goldstein Museum of Design, will speak on "Exploring the Goldstein Gallery."

Deadline for March – April Newsletter: February 18, 2018

Please submit articles in typed or electronic format. Send to Millie Woodbury, UMWC President, by mail to 1063 Lovell Lane North, Roseville, MN 55113 or by email to woodbury@umn.edu.

Yards and yards of yarn donated for Project Teddy Bear at November's meeting

Ruth Jones (center) and Carole Senty (right) presented Professor Rebecca Shlafer, our November speaker, with dozens of skeins of yarn, which UMWC members brought to contribute for her Project Teddy Bear. The yarn will be turned into crocheted toy animals by a group of incarcerated men to give to children hospitalized with cancer.



If you have yarn (category 4-medium worsted weight) that you would like to donate for "Project Teddy Bear," please bring it to the February 6 Conversation Luncheon or contact Dorothy Waltz or Carole Senty, Needle Arts Sharing coordinators.