

Women's Club

NEWSLETTER



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

Jo Holcomb, Guthrie Theater dramaturg, will entertain at Annual Meeting and Luncheon on May 14

A special treat awaits us at our Annual Meeting program this year, where Jo Holcomb will entertain and enlighten us with accounts of her experiences as the librarian and senior dramaturg at the Guthrie Theater.



And, what is a dramaturg? A dramaturg is a literary advisor or editor in a theater, opera, or film company who researches, selects, adapts, edits, and interprets scripts and libretti, and does public relations work. Jo says it is the job every English major is dying to have.

Jo is a 23-year veteran of the Guthrie where she has worked on 75 Guthrie productions. Her assignments include literary, historical, and cultural research of plays and authors, editing, and interpreting scripts. Verifying and authenticating the material, she works with her theater

colleagues in selecting plays for upcoming seasons. She says her job is “to create a world for the actors to feel immersed in.”

Jo will give us a peek into areas of the theater world that are usually out of view. Her stories are funny and eye-opening. Ask her how *South Pacific* came to be a story about anti-Asian prejudice so soon after World War II, or how *West Side Story* was originally “East Side Story.” Please join us on May 14 for our Annual Meeting and Luncheon, and for this this wonderful glimpse “backstage.”

At our April meeting, U of M Engineers Without Borders chapter President Uma Ventata (rt) and her professional mentors, Missy Gettel and Laura Amundson, astonished us with the stories of their award-winning volunteer work in providing sustainable water sources for communities in many parts of the world.



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Meeting ~ At a Glance

Tuesday, May 14

Annual Meeting and Election
10:30 a.m.

Luncheon and Program
begins at Noon

Program Speaker

Jo Holcomb, librarian
and senior dramaturg, Guthrie Theater
“Stories Behind the Scenes”

Location

Town and Country Club
300 Mississippi River Blvd. North,
St. Paul

Menu

Asian-inspired salad with teriyaki chicken
Assorted rolls and butter
Assorted mini desserts
Raspberry sorbet
Coffee and tea

Request vegetarian, gluten-free, and
dairy-free options with reservation.

Cost: \$27

Observe Reservation Deadline: Monday, May 6, 2019

Please send in the reservation form you
will find in your 2018–19 Membership
Directory or on the UMWC website.
Make your check payable to UMWC.
Reservations
must be received by the deadline.

Questions? Call Carol Cantrell

President's Message

Spring is finally making itself known here in the city and it is quite a relief to most of us. It seems this winter has been especially long but on the other hand, I can hardly believe that we are now preparing for our Annual Meeting and my time as your president-elect and then as your president is coming to an end. I must say, it has been a very exciting and fulfilling experience, and a wonderful opportunity to do new things and meet new friends.

So many members, officers, committee chairs, and section leaders have come forward to make this year truly successful. Several have stepped in at the nick of time, and outside of their traditional roles, to get things done successfully. A special thanks to each of them.

I also thank Ginny Hanson, and everyone who contributes articles, for another year of outstanding newsletters. Marian Champlin and her committee have done another wonderful job of fundraising, and Georgia Nygaard and her Scholarship Committee are getting ready to disperse those scholarship funds. They have a busy summer ahead.

Thank you so much to Mary Abuan and Kathi Treston for keeping our meeting minutes, and to Pat Luhmann for not only keeping our accounts, but also for her financial planning expertise. I am so proud of how Carol Cantrell and Georgia Heisserer have

taken the Program Vice Presidency in hand and done it so successfully. I also want to mention the work of Dorothy and Fred Waltz for doing so much with signage and publications, and Nancy Myers for keeping track of member records as well as Lou Nelson and her Membership Committee for their recruiting work.

And one other group has been working behind the scenes. Millie Woodbury, Marian Champlin, Ginny Hanson, and Dorothy Waltz have been hard at work, overcoming obstacles and getting ready to develop our new website so it can be running by fall. Oh, there are so many of you who have made this year go so well, and everyone has made my job easier. If I have not mentioned you, please understand that I have not forgotten and am grateful for your help.

Next year will be a year of significant change as we will be losing our Honorary President, Karen Kaler. We hope to be successful in interesting the new First Lady of the State, Gwen Walz, to be an honorary member.

I know that this club will go on to adapt and achieve ever more greatness with our incoming leadership. And I have so much confidence that we will grow in our work, our interests, and our diversity. I am so proud of the University of Minnesota Women's Club; I have been proud to be your president.

Sincerely,
Maggie Hoover, President

Nominating Committee selects slate of officers to fill 2019–20 leadership positions

The Nominating Committee has completed its work for the upcoming program year. The following candidates have been selected to stand for election by members at the Annual Meeting on May 14.

President-elect: Georgia Heisserer; Vice President for Programs: Barbara Cady; Vice President for Fundraising: Marian Champlin; Scholarship Committee Chair: Georgia Nygaard; Membership Chair: Joy Chaput; Recording Secretary: Bonnie Marten; Treasurer: Sandy Gale; Records and Dues Officer: Nancy Myers.

The Nominating Committee also assisted our leadership in selecting the following candidates to fill appointive positions for the upcoming year: Auditor: Joan Mitchell; Corresponding Secretary: Marian Champlin; Historian: Peggy Tang.

Special thanks to the Nominating Committee members who assisted with this work: Marian Champlin, Nominating Committee cochair; and members Mary Abuan, Kathi Treston, and Millie Woodbury.

Above all, thanks to these great candidates for their willingness to serve. Thank them when you see them—and let them know of your willingness to help them in their work for our club.

— Ruth Jones, Nominating Committee Chair

Annual reports due June 1

All officers, committee chairs, and section chairs should submit their annual reports electronically to Bonnie Marten, Historian, and to Mary Abuan, Secretary, by June 1. Also, all job descriptions should be updated as appropriate and sent to Barbara Swadburg and Bonnie Marten electronically before the Joint Meeting on June 4.

Meet President-elect Barbara Swadburg, UMWC's president-to-be, 2019–2020

In 1969, I was newly married and moved into our first house on Fulham St. in Lauderdale. One of my neighbors and a new friend was Marion Raup, a faculty wife and a very committed member of the University of Minnesota Women's Club. She spoke enthusiastically of the friendships she had made in the club and of the philanthropic work they did. I remember thinking I would never be



allowed to join such a prestigious organization. Fast forward 50 years, and here I am.

The organization that she so loved has changed with the times but remains steadfast and true to its goal of helping women grow through leadership and volunteerism. The work that we do to generate financial support for young women in undergraduate collegiate programs has had a positive,

lasting, effect on the lives of hundreds of scholarship recipients. I am proud to be a part of this wonderful tradition of women helping women.

After graduating from Hamline University, I became a kindergarten teacher. During my tenure in the St. Paul schools I worked with teams that introduced new ideas such as busing to achieve educational equity, mainstreaming special need students into regular classrooms, and introducing hot lunch programs for all students.

In 1979 a new career opportunity came about, created by government-mandated affirmative action programs. An advertisement appeared in the New York Times seeking minority franchises for the Burger King Cooperation. That advertisement changed my career path. My family and I decided that I should answer that ad. And so I began a successful and rewarding 32-year career, as one of the few female franchise owner/operators in the Burger King system. Back in those days a woman was not only an oddity but definitely a minority in the American business world.

My time as a Burger King franchise owner took me places and exposed me to leadership opportunities I hadn't previously considered possible. I had the honor to be elected to several boards of nationally, wholly owned subsidiaries of The Burger King Corporation, and its franchise community. At that time, I was, of course, the first and only woman board member. Being first was an honor, but not always an easy position. Thankfully, times have changed.

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Board ratifies a new policy to provide honorary student memberships

At the April 2 board meeting, members were enthusiastic about creating an official student membership. After hearing that several students were interested in knowing more about us, the board members felt we should encourage our student scholarship recipients' participation in our organization. In a unanimous board vote, Student Membership was proposed and ratified. This UMWC honorary membership will currently be established as a new policy and eventually may become part of the UMWC bylaws.

This initiative came about because students who received UMWC Scholarships this year expressed an interest in participating in UMWC events. At this time, the interest is primarily in our various section activities; in fact, two students are already attending the Art Section and both had entries in the March Art Show. Another student is interested in the Women's Health Section and one is contemplating joining a section later this spring. With notice of our programs, scholarship recipients may want to attend a Conversation Luncheon for a topic specific to their area of study or interest.

At this point, UMWC has outlined the following conditions for Honorary Student Membership as follows:

- Scholarship recipients will be eligible for honorary UMWC membership status upon receiving a UMWC Scholarship. Each recipient may retain honorary UMWC membership through graduation—a period of two years—as an honorary member.
- As **honorary** members, they will not pay UMWC membership dues; however, honorary members will pay the annual section fee each year of honorary membership.
- Honorary student members will be responsible for their reservations and cost to attend Conversation Luncheons.

Each year upon receiving a UMWC Scholarship, the student will receive an invitation to join the University of Minnesota Women's Club (UMWC) as an honorary member, and she will be invited to read the UMWC Newsletter on the website at (www.umwc.umn.edu).

— Georgia Nygaard, UMWC Scholarship Chair
— Marian Champlin, UMWC Fundraising Chair

Interest Section news and updates

Around the Campus invites you to join in a tour to learn about “Stroke Recovery and Research”

We invite all members, especially members of Women’s Health Issues and guests, to learn about stroke and recovery. On April 24, at 1 p.m., Around the Campus members will meet at the U’s Children’s Rehab Center to take a short lab tour and meet the robot used in research. The topic, Stroke Recovery of Arm Function Through Mind-Body Training, relates to many life issues such as caregiving, aging, and rehabilitation.

Contact Rolaine Wright by email to be included in a communication list to receive further tour details. RSVP to Fran Holmsten, 612-750-9640, holms0006@umn.edu.

Hikers Section changes location for May 24 hike

Previously scheduled for Elizabeth Fries Ellet Interpretive Trail in Eden Prairie, the hike now will be at Lone Lake Park, 5624 Shady Oak Road, Minnetonka.

Needle Arts Section asks UMWC members to bring yarn donations to support Project Teddy Bear

Needle Arts will again be collecting yarn for Project Teddy Bear at the club’s May 14 luncheon. This very worthy project supports inmates at Minnesota’s Sandstone Prison who create charming toy animals for seriously ill children at Ronald McDonald Houses. The ideal yarn for their work is Category 4 (medium) worsted weight, washable yarn. However, any yarn is welcome. Please bring your yarn donations to the Annual Meeting.

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Meet Barbara Swadburg, incoming president

As rewarding and demanding as my professional career has been, I am also very proud to have raised two children and am now enjoying the rewards of being a grandparent to three very talented and very energetic grandchildren.

My husband and I split our time between our house in St. Paul and our home on the North Shore. We enjoy cross-country skiing, hiking, traveling, and spoiling our grandkids whenever possible.

I am looking forward to working with and getting to know many of you in the year ahead. I am truly honored to be able to do my part to promote and continue the goals of the University of Minnesota Women’s Club.

Scholarship Committee—

Board votes to increase scholarship awards

At our April 2019 UMWC board meeting, members voted unanimously and enthusiastically to increase the scholarship award from the current rate of \$3,000 per scholarship to \$3,500. This change in the amount of the individual scholarships will be instituted in the fall and spring semesters for the year 2020–2021. The rationale for this increase is the escalating cost of food, housing, books, and tuition. These factors make scholarships more and more necessary and prompted raising the amount of each award.

Beginning on July 1, 2019, the donor of a One-Year Named Scholarship will need to provide \$3,500.

The UMWC Scholarship application process opened April 1, 2019, and the deadline for applying for a UMWC Scholarship is June 15, 2019. As a committee, we are eager to begin receiving and reviewing the scholarship applications for fall and spring semesters, 2019–2020. Last year, 2018–19, our committee received 85 applications.

Please mark your calendars for October 1, 2019, for the Fall Welcome and Scholarship Luncheon. This event will be held again at the Radisson Holiday Inn in Roseville, and it is a great opportunity to meet the young scholars, which our funds will be supporting in the coming year.

— Georgia Nygaard, Scholarship Chair

— Marian Champlin, Vice President for Fund Raising

Memorial and honor gifts to the scholarship fund Recorded from December 31, 2018, to April 8, 2019

In Remembrance gifts and memorials

For Faith Idzorek by Ingrid Lund,

by Avis Watkins,

12 Memorial Service gifts, by her request

For Janet Lund by UMWC,

by Modern Literature

For Kay Anderson by Virginia Mahlum

For Flossie Caldwell by Mary Furman

For Connie Hagen by UMWC

For Mary Otto by Georgia Heisserer

For Phyllis Scholberg by UMWC

Gifts in honor of:

Robert Burgett by Martha Arneson

Joyce Heisserer by Georgia Heisserer

Millie Woodbury, two Anonymous gifts

Congratulations, donors to the UMWC Scholarship Fund—and Hats Off to Thee!

With three months left until the end of our fiscal year, we are leaping ahead with support for the Scholarship Program. Already \$67,380 is banked with the anticipation that the income from our endowed scholarships at the University Foundation will more than double that figure.

Scholarship donors who have made gifts to the Scholarship Fund through April 1 are listed below. Gifts made to the Scholarship Fund after April 1 and before June 30 will still be put to work in funding scholarships that will be awarded this fall, and those donor names will be listed for recognition in the September–October Newsletter.

And you still have a little time to join in the celebration on May 21 when all donors will be honored at the Hats Off to Thee Tea at Becketwood. If your gift is received before the end of April, you will be invited to the fabulous tea event for ALL scholarship donors.

Every scholarship gift, of whatever amount, is needed and will make such a difference in the lives of young University women who are struggling to achieve their educational goals. Thank you.

— Marian Champlin, Vice President for Fundraising

Thank you to UMWC Scholarship Fund donors—2018–2019 campaign

Abuan, Mary	Foley, Elizabeth	Kane, Patricia	Peterson, Patricia	Ungar, Shirley
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Brown, Sally	Harper, Kathryn Carter	Marten, Bonnie	Steele, Carol	Hikers
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**What? You forgot to send your donation
for the UMWC Scholarship Fund
and you want to come celebrate at the
Hats Off to Thee Tea??
Whew! There's still time.
Donation Deadline: April 30.**

But Hurry—time's a wastin' !

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Welcome to new members of UMWC

Three women have joined us since the March–April Newsletter. When you see them at meetings, please greet them and help with introductions to others.

- Elizabeth Brady
- Helene Hedlund
- Kathleen Macosko

For contact information for new members and/or current changes to the 2018–19 Directory, please contact Nancy Myers, Records and Dues.

In Remembrance

We are sad to report the loss of another club member: **Connie Hagen** died on March 21, 2019. She had recently moved to Friendship Village in Bloomington. Her funeral was on March 30 in the Normandale Lutheran Church, Edina, Minnesota.

— Marian Champlin, Corresponding Secretary

Board meets June 4 for passing of the gavel and final reports; everyone is invited

The Joint Meeting, the last board meeting of the 2018–2019 year, will be held on Tuesday, June 4, at 10 a.m. in the Windsor Room at Becketwood. End-of-year reports are given and the gavel is officially handed to the incoming president. Everyone is encouraged to attend the meeting to see the new officers take their places. Coffee service will begin at 9:30 a.m.

All outgoing officers and section leaders should be prepared to deliver their records and official UMWC materials to incoming leaders who will be succeeding you. This ensures that your work and wisdom will be a legacy that strengthens our club.

Thank you, Maggie Hoover, President

Have a great summer!

The deadline for the September–October UMWC Newsletter is August 10, 2019.

Please submit articles or information by email to Nancy Kluver, kluver@gmail.com,
Call or email Barbara Swadburg, UMWC President,
with any questions.