

UWC ANNUAL REPORT

3RD VICE PRESIDENT

MAY 14, 2019

1. The new UWC Yearly Summary Form included a section on volunteer activities. The addition of the Service Committee has negated the need for this column so Interest Group Volunteer information will be sent to Sandy Cornett, the new Chair.

2. The most significant change to Interest Groups this year was dividing the Interest Group Fair into two sections six months apart. IG Chairs then again voted to change this format. This year three to four IG Chairs will stand with their signage and sign-up sheets beside the lobby registration table before each luncheon to explain their passions and recruit members.

3. IG Chairs will continue to sport their IG Title on their name tag to promote conversation and questions. In this way, recruiting will occur all year. Janet Mount Campbell's husband Clark conceived and constructed new stable stands for our IG signage, an appreciated gift of volunteerism. Janet has volunteered to work on an attractive design for the titles.

4. IG Chairs worked hard to engage members and also complied with meetings and submitting Summary and Treasury documents. Still needed are 12 Summary Reports and 15 Treasury Forms. They are to be submitted by May 30th to the 3rd VP. IG Member lists need to be sent to Dawn Costin.

5. In preparation for an overview segment at the joint Board Meeting May 20th, Interest Group Chairs were asked to send a title slide and pictures and 8 to 12 have done so, giving us a synopsis of our IGs. Our thanks to Lynda for her support.

- Most IGs have no dues but a few collect between \$1 to \$21 dollars a year to support programming. International Dining has a budget of \$180 yearly and Cosmopolitan and Antiques about \$200.
- Toymakers has been given \$300 yearly for supplies. This year it will flow automatically into Toymakers Huntington Bank Account.
- IG membership varies from 8(1st Tuesday bridge) to 23 members. Others have between 35 and 44, with one at 66. Usually there are more on the list than come.
- Most gained 2 to 4 members with 3 others at 15 to 21.
- Most lost 2 to 3 members. We continue to mourn Nancy Stewart, a stalwart Antiquer.

6. Several groups had helpful recommendations:

- Call members each month to remind of meetings
- Hold meetings at various times/levels of difficulty
- Hold only three activities to limit time constraints
- Meet through the summer
- Keep an expanded mailing list so different members may come
- Consider inviting other Interest Groups to join your group to enhance attendance and develop new members
- Change meeting dates and times to increase attendance.

7. Three Interest Groups were teetering on the brink but only one failed to attract a Chair. This was Crowns, Clothing and Couture. 30 attended the last, Medieval Fashion. Several interesting ideas were floated needing only coordination, so it seems that this IG may re-group at some point. We start next year with 25 active IGs who have 10 new Chairs and 6 new Co-Chairs. They will be able to select the luncheon at which they wish to serve the IG Table at the Joint Board Meeting. No prospective Interest Groups were proposed.

8. Interest Group Chairs and members are already being recruited to help with our 125th Anniversary Celebration which illustrates the amazing depth and breadth of the talent of these remarkable women.

I thank them profusely for their dedication and perseverance through this year. They are the beating pulse of UWC.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Woodbeck