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Winter/Spring 2021

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Monthly Programs



March 1 Framework 2.0, A Strong Foundation for Ohio State's Physical Campus Carolyn M. Verga, OSU Director of Facility Planning

Did you know the OSU campus is divided into different planning areas, e.g., West Campus Innovation District, Waterman Farm, Academic Core, and more? At our March meeting we will see and learn about all of them as Carolyn takes us through each area and discusses the current state

and future plans for each one, all from the comfort of ZOOM. Discover what the future holds for favorite and familiar campus haunts as well as places you didn't know existed or are waiting to exist. Time and change will surely show.

Carolyn Verga has served as the Director of Facility Planning at OSU for nine years. She previously headed the team that developed Framework 2.0, the university's plan for expansion and renovation, and has been involved in subsequent plans for campus-wide development. She also serves on the Board of the Higher Education Facility Managers Alliance for Big Ten universities.

Martha Miller, Program Committee



April 5 Building a More Sustainable and Resilient Future for All Kate Bartter, Executive Director of The Sustainability Institute at OSU

Today, our planet's life-support systems are rapidly transforming. Population growth, resource consumption, environmental degradation and climate change are telling us that we need to make changes to ensure a more sustainable and resilient future for the generations to come. The Sustainability Institute at Ohio State was launched in January of 2019 with the goal of helping Ohio State bring sustainable solutions out of the university and into the world.

The Sustainability Institute is co-led by Kate Bartter, Executive Director, and Dr. Elena Irwin, Faculty Director, Kate and Elena are on a mission to help Ohio State meet this growing challenge, often described as a series of interconnected "wicked problems." Kate will share some of the many ways Ohio State is advancing toward its goal to be a world leader in sustainability. She'll provide examples of the groundbreaking research going on across campus: ways we are giving students more opportunities to learn and practice sustainability both inside and outside of the classroom; efforts to help Ohio State sustainably manage its own significant consumption of resources such as energy and water; and the University's commitment to growing engagement and partnerships, both locally and globally.

Kate Bartter joined The Ohio State University in March of 2007, after a nearly 20-year career in state government, including serving as the Chief Policy Advisor to Governor Bob Taft. She's had a lifelong passion for the environment and is grateful to work for an institution that has such a strong commitment to doing its part to create a more just and sustainable world.

Barbara Failing, Program Committee

A Historical Perspective on UWC Luncheons



This tea service was purchased in 1965 for just under \$1000.

There is a saying that a procedure that has happened three times will become the new tradition. This appears to be the case with some of our current practices with regard to our monthly luncheons. In earlier days, the University Women's Club used to meet for teas, and then as our membership grew, a luncheon was added in the fall (November) and in the spring (May). There was no meeting in October, but the Club did have a January tea.

The teas persisted off and on until the early 80's and began around 2 PM. They were held at the Faculty Club (hence our beautiful silver plated tea service which was purchased in our early days); the two annual luncheons were held in the Ohio Union.

Later, an October meeting was added and all meetings moved to the Faculty Club and became luncheon meetings, with some exceptions for an evening or weekend meeting at varying times.

The January meetings were often held on a Saturday or Sunday and could feature a brunch and a walk.

Antoinette Beynen, Historian

The Big Show



Behold Dotty Willis in her cheerleading jacket with the "Block O," proving that all these years later she can still do a "split!" Go Dotty!

It took a village and the village became a team.

We hope the January Diversion brought smiles and a gleam.

UWC is beyond compare
Friendship and kindness we do share.

As a group we care.
And we do it with flair!

"Donnatella Cavallini" AKA Donna Cavell

The Fashion Extravaganza was pure joy
OH BOY OH BOY OH BOY.

Our models deserve a tremendous THANKS
They are number one in the ranks!!!

The committee was hard-working
The ideas just kept perking.

Zoom, Zoom, Zoom Jane
She'll go down in guru fame.



Sandy Glasner modeled COVID outfits for each time of day. Here braids and a stylish fascinator have replaced her morning curlers as she is ready to go out on the town in her living room. Don't miss the pyjama bottoms creeping out below her fancy dress top!

President's Letter



Appraising the New Year

Your Executive Board continues to Zoom along very capably, providing UWC a solid foundation of normalcy for this year.

A new OSU President, Kristina Johnson, and her spouse, Veronica, have settled in and firmly grasped the reins of the university we love.

A divisive election is in the past.

A raging pandemic has touched us in many ways and a vaccine is giving us hope to meet in person sometime later this year.

In the face of all this, we are busily supporting women's scholarships and those in need in our community environs.

We have proven that caring for each other keeps us positive and positively empowered.

My best to you, because you are the best, in this New Year.

Cynthia

Health & Wellness Interest Group

Each of the Health and Wellness Zoom meetings in October and December had over 20 members attending. The Aging Skin was presented by a nurse practitioner faculty member from the OSU College of Nursing. She gave excellent advice on how to prevent and monitor for dry skin and itching, wrinkles, age spots, skin tags and skin cancers. Information about the differences in cosmetic and therapeutic moisturizers, body lotions versus creams, emollients, humectants, and methods of applying moisturizer provided us with a deeper understanding of what we should be looking for when purchasing skin care products.

An OSU physician in the Department of Infectious Diseases spoke in December on The Truths & Myths of Vaccines. In addition to the mRNA COVID 19 vaccine that we all are hopefully receiving now, she also discussed the schedule of vaccines older adults should be getting for: pneumonia; shingles, varicella or Herpes Zoster; and influenza/flu. She also shed light on the differences between live attenuated and inactivated vaccines, as well as contraindications for taking vaccines.

The final two meetings for Health & Wellness will also be on Zoom. On March 17, the OSU Medical Center's Consumer Health Librarian will speak and demonstrate How to Evaluate the Content of Websites for Accurate and Credible Health Information. In April, on the 21st, an educator from the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging will discuss Fall Prevention. Please let me know if you would like to receive the flier with registration information for these upcoming events.

Sandy Cornett, Chair, Health & Wellness Interest Group

Baby Blankets and Comfort Shawls Meet Needs



So far this year, Yarns and Stitches has made the following donations:

- 6 comfort shawls and 4 hats to The James Cancer Center
- 4 baby blankets to Project Linus
- 9 baby blankets to Nationwide Children's Hospital

Our group was so happy to receive this message from a pediatrician at Nationwide: "Please thank your group for knitting these blankets. I can tell you that the families always appreciate these blankets, especially in the baby ICUs where they will most likely go. I always wondered where they come from and now I know."

Thank you to our amazing members.

Najma Shamsi, Chair, Yarns and Stitches

Hospital Clothing Drive - A Great Success!

Thanks to all the members who participated in our December/January service opportunity. This project served psychiatric patients at OSU Harding Hospital who are often admitted during an emergency crisis and bring no clothing or personal items with them, nor have family to help them. The UWC collaborated with the Executive Director of PLAN, an advocacy group for those with mental illness, and with the Social Work Department at Harding.

Our donations were summarized by the Director as “a very successful drive with approximately \$200 worth of gift cards for the social workers to select what is needed for the clients, as well as, 2 SUV’s full of gently used clothing, brand new clothing, new/full sized hygiene products, and shoes ... Thank you for your support and we could not have done this without The University Women’s Club!”

Thanks to our UWC members for making a difference in the lives of others!

Sandy Cornett, Chair, Service Committee

Toymakers Stay the Course



Toymakers started 2020 like every other year with meetings in February and March. After the lockdown in March, we “waited” like most people for everything to return to normal in a few weeks. After it became clear that wasn’t going to happen, Toymakers sprang into action -- first sewing masks (over 3,500) for groups that experienced shortages, i.e. hospitals and nursing homes. Then we started discussing how we could move forward to make toys.

We broke up into groups that were sewing, stuffing and finishing all our toys, with members dropping off toys to members, in their various stages of completion and then picking them up, like a moving assembly line.

As a result, we were able to distribute 323 toys to the agencies we routinely provide for each year. To say the agencies were “thrilled” to receive toys in 2020 would be an understatement. We finished the year in December with a Zoom party -- yes, a party--as anytime Toymakers get together, it is a wonderful time of camaraderie. We look forward to continuing our sewing from home in 2021 until we can meet together.

Lisa McCurdy, Chair, Toymakers

Buckeye Bargains - now located at 53 W. 11th Ave.

Buckeye Bargains was able to be open six Wednesdays in 2020 at its new location before closing down in mid-November when the county went purple. Those six days saw brisk sales with the return of some regular customers plus many students who just happened to see the sign. And then those students returned and brought their friends. Word of mouth advertising is the best!

We’re calling 2021 “Phase 2 of Buckeye Bargains” and are looking forward to moving to a more normal routine. In an effort to serve the OSU community (especially students) we are accepting BuckID debit cards, changing our hours to be more conducive to students’ schedules and increasing marketing. We are also doing more off-site sales through *Everything But The House* and *Facebook Marketplace*.

Buckeye Bargains is looking for additional volunteers. The new house at 53 W. 11th Ave. is big and needs are many. We need Tuesday workers for setup, Wednesday workers for sales, and other workers for pricing. If you are concerned about social-distancing we have tasks that can be done in isolated areas.

Donations of all kinds are being accepted on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings on the back porch of the shop. Pickups can be arranged by contacting Cathy Ballenger (cballen7277@gmail.com) or Mary Gustafson (mlgustafson@sbcglobal.net). Thanks for all your support of our efforts. The raffle during the January Diversion raised an additional \$600 for scholarships!

Mary Gustafson, Chair



University Women's Club Membership Form 2021-2022

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Email _____

Note: by providing your email you are giving the club permission to contact you electronically.

Please indicate if this is an address, email, home or cell phone number change.

Dues:	Member	\$ 35.00	_____ new	_____ renewal
	50-year member	\$ 0.00		_____ renewal

Please renew by June 15. Memberships received after July 15 will not appear in the Gray Book. Memberships must be current for participation in Club events, activities, and Interest Groups.

Donations:	The UWC of Ohio State Scholarship Fund	\$ _____
	Marjorie K. Fawcett Scholarship	\$ _____
	Nina Weigel Music Scholarship	\$ _____
	UWC General Fund	\$ _____

I am interested in joining the following Interest Groups:

I am interested in helping with the _____ Interest Group

I am interested in serving on the _____ Committee

I am interested in volunteering with Buckeye Bargains _____

How did you learn about UWC? _____

Make checks payable to University Women's Club and send to Beth Vannata, Membership Treasurer, 3251 Scioto Bluff Avenue, Dublin, OH 43017 or join online at <https://uwcohiostate.com>

2021-2022 Membership Renewal

As in years past, our goal is for all Membership Renewals to be paid by June 15th. Please show your support for our UWC Community by renewing. It's so important that we pull together and stay in touch during these difficult times. Our monthly luncheons and some of our Interest Groups are now meeting safely and remotely on Zoom.

You have 2 options for renewing:

First Option

Pay online by visiting the UWC website at <https://uwcohiostate.com/>. Beginning in late March, we will be using a new Membership Renewal system through the web site. Prior to that you will have been sent a temporary log in and password to access the software. We will be sending out updated instructions as we hope to go live by mid March. The process will be secure and very easy to use. We hope you give it a try. Look for updates in the future.

Second Option

Complete the paper Membership Renewal form included in this Newsletter. Be sure to indicate any changes to your contact information. Return the form plus your check to Beth Vannata, Membership Treasurer, 3251 Scioto Bluff Avenue, Dublin, OH 43017 (new address as of February 1, 2021).

Keep in mind, Membership Renewals received after July 15 will not appear in the Gray Book and Memberships must be current for participation in Club events, activities, and Interest Groups.

Past Presidents

Thank you for your service. The Club is stronger and wiser for your care and commitment.

2019...Carol Rachfal	1998...Barbara Bouton *
2018...Lynda Sirk	1997...Dianne McKenzie
2017...Miriam Utter	1996...Bonnie Stevens
2016...Sandra Cornett	1995...Ann Hayes
2015...Tricia Herban	1994...Ann Syndor
2014...Janet Mount-Campbell	1993...Kim Hille
2013...Constance Oulanoff	1992...Manel Tuovinen
2012...Antoinette Beynen	1991...Kristine Aldemir
2011...Patricia Herold	1990...Valaree Kennedy
2010...Marba Wojcicki	1989...Carol Roth
2009...Sue Clark	1988...Marie Peters *
2008...Anne Lapidus	1987...Jackie Merchant
2007...Ruth Anderson	1986...Joyce St. Pierre
2006...Elizabeth Shaudys *	1985...Juanita Harrison *
2005...Myrna Mumm *	1984...Millie Kristoffersen *
2004...Patricia Worthington *	1983...Marolyn Halverson *
2003...Dorothy Driskell	1982...Alma Howe *
2002...Virginia Gauthier	1981...Jean Gregory *
2001...Riek Oldenquist	1980...Gerry Willke
2000...Willa Sisson	
1999...Bette Dare	

* A star indicates that the person is deceased.

New and Renewing Members

New Members

Sheila Campbell

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Interest Groups: Art, Cosmopolitan, Day Trippers,
Garden, Genealogy, Gourmet, International Dining,
Literature, Music, Mystery Book Club, Toy Makers

Amber Notter

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Wine Tasting

Alexandria Shishoff

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Cosmopolitan, Day Trippers, Garden, Genealogy,
International Dining, Literature, Wine Tasting

Tanya Stockman

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Interest Groups: Antiques, Garden, Genealogy,
Health & Wellness

Margo Woelfel

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Interest Groups: Active Adventurers, Cosmopolitan, Day
Trippers, Genealogy, Health & Wellness, Music,
Mystery Book Club

Renewing Member

Hetty L. Bing

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Corrections and Changes

Corrections

Judy Gaiser's email is missing the l in gmail. It should read: edwardgaiser7@gmail.com.

Jane Mikolajcik's email address is mjmikol1@wowway.com. Please note that a 1 follows the l and in the *Gray Book*, it looks like two Ls.

Judy Nasar's email is: jgnasar@wowway.com.

Pat Worthington's listing as past president should indicate that she is deceased.

Changes

Dorothy "Dee" Himes CM50

3477 Africa Rd.
Galena, OH 43021
Phone: 740-548-7707 (h)
Email: KA8IWB@outlook.com

Note about Dee Himes:

Her mailing address and email address are her daughter's. Laura Perone has instructed that she receive all mail and email correspondence. Dee has actually moved, but to a smaller unit in the same complex after her husband Frank passed away. If anyone absolutely needs to know the address, I do have that on record. Madeleine Shaw, Database Manager

Moves

Harriet McBride

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Recent New Member Introductions

Dr. Sheila Campbell

Dr. Campbell grew up in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and lived in St. Louis MO, Birmingham, AL and Ann Arbor, MI before moving to Springfield, Ohio in 1986. It was then that Sheila became Chief Dietician at OSU. She was recruited from OSU hospital to join R&D at Ross Labs (now Abbott Nutrition), and obtained her Ph.D. from OSU's College of Education in Organization Theory and Education. Sheila was the dietitian and nutritionist on one of the first bone marrow transplant teams in the early 80s. When Sheila moved to Ross Labs/Abbott, she loved working with and educating industry professionals about nutritional manipulation which could help many, such as nursing home populations.

Sheila has a daughter in Westerville and two sisters who live with their husbands in Minnesota. She loves cooking and baking and met UWC's Barbara House through that common interest. She uses this talent to cook meals for Faith Mission, as well as making afghan blankets. She also loves cats and in addition to her own, regularly fosters kittens until they find their forever homes. Her interests are broad and she'll be exploring the Art, Cosmopolitan, Day Trippers, Garden, Genealogy, Gourmet, International Dining, Literature, Music, and Mystery Book Club interest groups. Moreover, she is considering volunteering with the Toy Makers and Buckeye Bargains.

Alexandria Shishoff

Alexandria grew up in the Beaver Creek area of Dayton and now lives in Columbus, not far from Buckeye Bargains. In fact, Alexandria became aware of the UWC through Buckeye Bargains. While she already has a degree in Anthro-Biology from Wright State, where she met her husband, she is now working on two additional degrees at OSU: Biology with a Pre-Health specialization, and Ecology, Evolution and Organismal Biology. Alexandria works for Creative Living, a residential home for those with physical disabilities, and she also does higher education tutoring.

Alexandria's family remains in the Dayton area where her father teaches and her mother and sister work at Wright Patterson. Alexandria volunteers with Heart to Heart in Grandview, and before COVID-19, she volunteered at a domestic violence shelter in Xenia. Alexandria also has experience with fundraising as treasurer at her former alma mater. She loves gardening and is very interested in the book club. She will also be exploring the Active Adventurers, Antiques, Art, Cosmopolitan, Day Trippers, Garden, Genealogy, International Dining, Literature, and Wine Tasting interest groups. In addition, I think we will be welcoming Alexandria to the team of volunteers at Buckeye Bargains very soon!

Tanya Sockman

Although Tanya grew up in Fredericktown, she lived in Worthington for 20 years and now lives 10 miles north of Centerburg, Ohio, where she can be close to her parents. Tanya's two sisters live near her and a brother is in California. Her son is a student at OSU and still lives in the Columbus/Worthington area. Tanya studied accounting at Florida State and was an accountant for many years. Then she switched careers, starting her own business. She's now been an entrepreneur for 28 years and Tanya's Cleaning Company has hundreds of clients and a team of people work for her. Because the company's clients include many doctors, and specifically oncologists, she provides cleaning services for many women and young moms, in particular, who are going through the difficulty of cancer treatments.

In addition, when Tanya moved back to Centerburg, she and her husband bought 17 acres and they now have a goat farm. Consequently, Tanya enjoys helping 4H children with their goats, including their efforts at breeding them; she also volunteers with the Goat Association. More recently she has become involved in her nieces' Girl Scout troops. She also assists at a Food Bank in Sunbury and fundraises for the program through Vineyard Church.

Tanya hopes to have more time for hobbies after the COVID cleaning frenzy subsides. She has attended a Gardening interest group meeting, however, and has expressed interest in Antiques, Genealogy, Health & Wellness, Cosmopolitan and possibly Buckeye Bargains.

Annette Whittemore, New Member Introductions

Membership Works: Our New Data Management System

This Club year of COVID canceled most of our normal activities and opportunities for fellowship. Not wanting to lose touch, we developed Zoom activities, increased the use of UWC gmail (Ms UWC) and expanded our Newsletters. It became clear that we needed to consolidate our records into one data management system because currently spreadsheets that cannot be interfaced are maintained on several personal computers, a situation that puts Club information at risk.

An excellent solution is at hand

The Executive Committee has approved the purchase of **Membership Works, a data management software system that will store this valuable information in a secure, central location with appropriate daily back up.** Moreover, the software will connect to our current website.

We will move forward while maintaining current administrative procedures

- Renewing or adding members via the website using a credit card payment while continuing to also process renewals or new members via paper and check (automatically adding them to the data base!).
- Automating renewal notices and acknowledgments.
- Reserving for luncheons - once we know how they will be held next year - while also continuing the current manual process (*Gray Book* and personal check).

Members will have direct access to their information. Help to do this will be provided upon request!

- All current members will get a log in and password to access the system for updating profile information, adding pictures, and editing IG groups.
- IG chairs will be able to create group emails directly from the system.
- A current directory of all members will be readily available for the *Gray Book*.

Timeline for implementation

We will begin customizing the system in February. Communications committee members who maintain data bases will be trained so they can teach the program to those who wish to use it. By March, we hope to be ready to process renewals for the 2021-2022 Club year. We will keep you informed! This project positions your UWC for a smooth and efficient future with less work for everyone.

Sandra Glasner, Website Content Manager

Brief Update on UWC Finances

Eight months into the 2020-2021 fiscal year, UWC continues to be in sound financial condition and keeping within budget.

We have received over \$2,500 in contributions to the scholarship funds and \$380 for Buckeye Food Alliance.

We have three certificates of deposit:

\$10,300 matures 3/26/21

\$5,000 matures 10/26/21

\$5,000 matures 4/29/22

We have approximately \$10,000 in the checking account.

UWC financials and tax return are available upon request. Contact Treasurer Mary Gustafson.

Mary Gustafson, Treasurer

We Offer Condolences

These persons have meant so much to so many for so long. We recognize their lives here.

Margaret (Maggie) Broekema, a member of UWC for over 40 years.

Elizabeth Rockwell, a member of UWC for over 50 years. Elizabeth loved Buckeye Bargains and Toymakers and cherished friendships formed in those groups.

Ed Shaudys, spouse of past president and long time member Elizabeth Shaudys.

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Member Concerns

I am personally missing the camaraderie and friendship of the University Women's Club and its interest groups. I'm certain you feel the same. I continue as Member Concerns chair and, now that we're not gathering, it's more important than ever to stay connected. Falls, sickness and hospitalizations continue. If you become aware of a concern, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me. Thanks for all you do.

Priscilla Meeks, Chair, Member Concerns

Kudos



Beth Vannata - for tenaciously taking hold of the duties of Membership Treasurer and keeping the process well organized despite a move and house sale!

Vicky Kirschner - for keeping the Communications Committee humming and solidifying practices so that they are very clear to us all.

Madeline Shaw - for being a dependable voice coordinating all databases and keeping them current and relevant.

Sally Taylor - for careful pre-planning and reliable final editing and execution of all Ms UWC communiques to our membership.

Annette Whittemore - for coming on as a new member and understanding how important it is to welcome and celebrate our new members which she does steadfastly.

Priscilla Meeks - for her interest in and faithful attention in reaching out to our members who have concerns.

Robin Razor-Thompson - for helping with the 125th Committee and her attention to the Book Of Remembrance and condolence notes on behalf of the Club despite moving her family and her mother to new homes.

Constance Oulanoff - for having again served as Nominating Chair and earning our gratitude for her unflinching commitment to preserving our UWC.