

The University Women's Club of The Ohio State University

125 Years of Service

March 2019



UWC
125 1895
2020
celebration!

Get your party clothes ready...because the University Women's Club is celebrating 125-years as one of the longest serving philanthropic organizations at Ohio State!

The UWC Executive Committee approved the creation of the "125-year Celebration Committee" made of dedicated members who are planning special celebratory activities and events for the entire 2019-2020 year.

At the top of this column is a special logo designed by a UWC member that will be used when highlighting news, activities and fun for our 125-year history commemoration...so keep a look out for it!

The monthly newsletter and website will also keep members updated on the festivities through out the year...

Time to get our party on!

Time & Change Strategic Plan Overview presented by Gail B. Marsh

The UWC is delighted to host Gail B. Marsh, Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer; The Ohio State and The Ohio State Wexner Medical Center (OSUWMC); President, Ohio State Health, Inc; and President, Ohio State Health Network. Ms. Marsh, appointed to the VP & CSO role 2018, leads major strategic initiatives, strategic planning and implementation, and a comprehensive Strategy Management Office. Marsh will present to the UWC membership a summary of the university's 7-year plan, "Time & Change Strategic Plan" to the UWC membership.

Women's professional growth has always been a priority for Marsh and she's been widely recognized for identifying talent and advancing careers of many individuals. She founded the Women's Leadership Connection at OSUWMC which aligns professional growth opportunities with the values of the university. She was instrumental in the development of the Spirit of Women Park on the OSU campus and is involved in the OSU Fisher College of Business MBA mentor program. In 2017 she was recognized as an Ohio State Glassbreaker and received a Distinguished Alumni Award from the College of Public Health. In 2014 she joined a bi-partisan congressional Women's Fly-in to The White House to discuss issues impacting women and minorities. These are but a few of her many impressive accomplishments.



A lifelong Buckeye, Ms. Marsh graduated from The Ohio State University with a bachelor's degree in Health Information Management and a master's degree in Healthcare Business Administration. Following 18 years in hospital operations, she moved to the Medical Center corporate level overseeing strategy, outreach, and business development across all three mission areas, as well as in the Health System, The James/Comprehensive Cancer Center, College of Medicine and OSU Physician enterprise.

Luncheon Details

Monday, March 4 at the Ohio State University Faculty Club
Registration begins at 10:30; Lunch at 11:30 AM, Program at 12:30 PM



President's Post

With the cold winter weather dragging on into March, we could all use a little motivation to keep going. Whether it's our work projects, travel, friendships, or personal endeavors, sometimes that little extra push of encouragement is all you need. For me, it's marking March 17 on my calendar. In other words, spring.

February was our month of love. We showed our appreciation to 27 UWC members who have passed the milestone of 50-years of continuous membership. In March we continue to show our gratitude by saluting UWC Past Presidents who have provided essential guidance to the UWC.

In March you will begin to receive reports from member-volunteers who are working on each of the

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Hospitality Notes

Will you be attending the UWC March Luncheon?

All luncheons will be held in the Faculty Club's Main Dining Room upstairs where there is plenty of room for guests, so please feel free to invite a friend—or two.

**Deadline for your reservation is noon
Wednesday, February 27, 2019.**

Late reservations will only be accepted if you submit your request to the VP for Hospitality and if the dining room has not reached capacity. Your name will be added to the Wait List if the dining room is at capacity.

In the past, we have had members without reservations—or payment—attend the monthly luncheon.

If you arrive and have no paid reservation, you will be asked to wait until all other guests have been accommodated. If space becomes available, you will be advised by the VP for Hospitality and you must submit payment to the Faculty Club prior to being seated.

Use your *Gray Book's* lunch RSVP form *and* include a check for \$16.00 payable to the **OSU Faculty Club**.

Mail Form to:

OSU Faculty Club
181 S. Oval Dr.
Columbus, OH 43210

Housekeeping Details:

-Faculty Club members can fax reservations to 614.292.1144
-Please notify the Faculty Club at 614.292.2262 w/any dietary restrictions

—Dotty Willis
2nd Vice President, Hospitality Chair

Lunch Menu for March 4

Buttermilk Fried Chicken & Black Pepper
Gravy, Chive Whipped Potatoes,
Green Beans followed by
Warm Brownie Sundae w/Chocolate Sauce
for dessert

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11 initiatives listed in the February newsletter. We have nearly 20 members, not office-holders, who have stepped up to contribute their time and talents to these various projects. What would we do without them? The first report from the Ad Hoc Finance Committee is in this newsletter. Much time, thought, and research is going into their work so please read it carefully and watch for future updates. The Ad Hoc 125-Celebration Committee constituted at the most recent Executive Committee meeting, will craft a calendar of events and activities all focused on appropriately recognizing this momentous accomplishment. Their updates will always be accompanied by the 125-Year logo you see here and you will know it means celebrate! (See logo on front page.)

At our March luncheon, the Nominating Committee will share with us the product of their work in the form of a UWC slate of officers for the 2019–2020 year. Sandy Cornett, Nominating Committee Chair, will introduce the slate to members. Nomination of members who are not on the slate but would like to be considered is welcomed from the floor at that time. We thank the committee for its gift of time and commitment in putting the leadership in place for the upcoming year.

In the words of Charles Dickens...

"It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot, and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade."

So, March on.

-Lynda Sirk

March is Women's History Month

March 1—March 31, 2019

To find out the history and the creation of a women's history month, go to www.womenshistorymonth.gov and explore the website. You will find interesting facts, pictures and more as well as events and activities happening around the US.



*The UWC was an early trend setter by
celebrating women since 1895!*

50-Year Members

Every March the UWC likes to recognize our 50 year members! These women have maintained their membership over the past 50 years and are committed to our mission of providing scholarships for those in need. Please take a moment to congratulate the following:

| Member/Year Joined | Member /Year Joined | Member/Year Joined | Member/Year Joined |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Ruth J. Anderson, 1965/66 | Normagene Cornwell, 1963/64 | Jackie Merchant, 1966/67 | Elizabeth Rockwell, 1954/55 |
| Sandra R. Byers, 1963/64 | Virginia Gauthier, 1962/63 | Jane Mikolajcik, 1960/61 | Arma Schmidt, 1962/63 |
| Dorothy M. Cameron, 1962/63 | Betty Glower, 1963/64 | Ann Mirels, 1968/69 | Elizabeth T Shaudys, 1953/54 |
| Elaine Clark, 1962/63 | Sarah Hahn, 1966/67 | Carol Nostestine, 1961/62 | Joyce St. Pierre, 1964/65 |
| Edith W. Cole, 1964/65 | Dorothy "Dee" Himes, 1956/57 | Rita O'Brien, 1961/62 | Geraldine P. "Gerry" Willke, 1965/66 |
| Barbara Bidwell Gray Coombs, 1965/66 | Beverly Kaplan | Riek Oldenquist, 1961/62 | Marcile Woelfel, 1948/49 |
| Patricia Corbato, 1965/66 | Barbara B. Lach, 1963/64 | Louise Ouimet, 1965/66 | |

Welcome New Members

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Interest Groups: Active Adventurers

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Member Condolences

Nancy Stewart, 1936-2018

Our sincerest sympathies go out to Nancy's husband of 55 years David, her friends and family. Nancy passed away May 2, 2018

Dr. James Cornett, DDS

Our heartfelt condolences to Sandy Cornett on the recent passing of her husband, , January 8, 2019 holding hands with his wife and daughter, the way he wanted it.

Member Updates

Members with New or Changed Information:

- Rita O'Brien email change osu1fan2000@gmail.com
- Karen Dertinger - 7721 Birch Ln., Dublin 43016
- Carol Williams - 2770 Scioto Station Dr., Columbus 43204
- Lu Ray - 6000 Riverside Dr., Apt A-463, Dublin 43017

History of the UWC, 1940s & 50s

The UWC saw outstanding growth and development over the first (almost) 50 years. Outlined below are the highlights:

- Between 1895 and 1943, the UWC changed its constitution and by-laws 21 times.

The 1940s rapidly changed the UWC:

- In 1941, the UWC had 525 members. To help with the war effort, a production center in Pomerene Hall was set up, staffed five days a week with UWC members who sewed and knitted. One-hundred dollar scholarships were established for refugee women students and for American women students.
- In 1944, Toymakers stuffed 140 toys for University hospital patients, and fifty toys were sent to Bundles for Britain Association. The social hour of the May meeting honored Mrs. Frank J. Lausche, wife of Ohio's new governor.
- In 1945, the UWC consisted of 462 members and 91 honorary members. Interest groups numbered 11. The Book of Remembrance was created.
- In 1946, UWC programs included a town meeting on the subject, "What Can We Expect of the Moscow Conference?" and a discussion about the topic, "Atomic Energy and its Influence on the Citizens of Tomorrow."
- In 1947 Dues were raised to \$2.00 per year and \$3.00 in 1948.
- In 1949, dues were lowered to \$2.50 per year, with Newcomers charged \$1.25 for their first year in the UWC.

The 1950s Interest Group and Internal Development

- In 1950, the first Bridge group was organized. That year, Toymakers placed a cart in Children's Hospital and kept it supplied with books and toys. The Literature Group accepted a membership in Ohioana.
- In 1952, Toymakers held a special party at the Juvenile Center, offering wrapped gifts for 90 children.
- In 1954, the UWC's membership totaled 676. While in past years, Newcomers were paid house calls, this year, telephoning a welcome became standard practice for the UWC. Dues were raised back to \$3.00 this year. With an awareness of the growing international nature of Ohio State University, the Cosmopolitan Club was organized this year.
- In 1956, Marjorie K. Fawcett succeeded Alma Bevis as honorary president of the UWC. University Trustees assisted with the cost of the annual Newcomers Reception.
- In 1957, The Nina Weigel Memorial Fund was established by the Music Group to provide scholarship funds each year to a woman music major. The Cosmopolitan Group entertained international educators in their homes. The Recreation Group formed, supplanting the Physical Education Group. Recreation offered swimming, bowling, golf, and tennis.

The Newcomer Reception given every fall continued to expand. In 1958, 2590 invitations were sent to faculty with an additional 125 special invitations to Trustees and other notables. Evening Bridge Group organized that year. Quite a history over two decades.

-By Sharyn Talbert
Historian

New Year, New Look at www.uwcohiostate.com

We're making progress! The Capstone students from the College of Computer Science and Engineering are on task to take us into the future. Development of our new website provides exciting new opportunities, moving the Club from static web pages to an interactive web application. This will enable each UWC member to maintain a private account, pay dues, make lunch reservations, and access a calendar of events.

The new web application will provide access to password protected areas for members to access the bylaws, our constitution, documents from Executive Committee meetings, newsletters, and a directory of the membership. All available information about your friends and club activities will be at your fingertips.

We will keep everyone apprised of the progress, and provide mentoring and support for those members who require assistance with negotiating the new site. Look for regular updates about our progress in the monthly newsletter.

-Phyllis Newman
Web Project Committee

IG News & Updates

UWC Interest Groups (IGs) are always accepting interested members...early season sign-ups do not apply. IG Chairs will welcome you at any time of the year to take part in activities. Easy to "try one on for size" by calling the chair to reserve a place. Once there, you may decide to become a 'regular.'

Stressing this point, the *Interest Group Fair* for our remaining 13 IGs will take place during our March Luncheon. Talk with our IG Chairs and their representatives, look at the inviting displays to discover why you would love to be part of the group(s). IG Chairs will be sporting nametags with their particular Interest Group, so ask all our IG Chairs why they are so dedicated to the groups they lead.

Case in point; we hope you took notice of how much fun the Active Adventurers had touring German Village while it was all decked out in shimmering lights, sparkling sounds and enticing aromas!

We'll see you at the March IG Fair!

-Cynthia Woodbeck
3rd Vice President

Buckeye Bargains

Springtime at Buckeye Bargains

Springtime is starting to creep into Buckeye Bargains even if the outside temps aren't cooperating. Displays decked with bright colors, flowers and baskets remind us that spring will soon be here. A donation of silk flowers brought spring inside and smiles on the customer faces. If you have not been to the shop lately, now is the time to come as inventory is plentiful and new merchandise is arriving daily.

Extended hours on sales days prior to Christmas were appreciated by the customers and profitable for Buckeye Bargains. We are continuing to experiment with extended hours by staying open until 5pm on the first Wednesday of every month. Other new initiatives include a Marketing Advisory Group and an off-site Buckeye Bargains garage sale.

Thank you for your support at the February luncheon sale. We will be back at the April 1st luncheon, for our third and final sale of the year – Buckeye Bargains Jewelry Sale. Your jewelry donations are always appreciated. And jewelry is often our best selling commodity.



Besides jewelry, we welcome donations of clean clothing, electronics, household goods and priceless art work. Old cell phones and metal can also be turned into scholarship dollars. Drop off contributions on Tuesday mornings or Wednesdays. You can also bring items to the luncheon or contact a volunteer to arrange for a pick up.

Please continue to help market our shop by going to our Facebook page (Buckeye Bargains Thrift Store) and sharing it with your friends. As always we are grateful for your donations and unwavering support.

—Mary Gustafson,
Ellen Leppert and Cheri Rickert
Co-chairs Buckeye Bargains

Financial Ad Hoc Committee Report Out

The Financial Ad Hoc Committee (FAHC) met on January 11, 2019 and again on February 8, 2019 with all committee members present at both meetings. The committee reviewed its given charge, UWC's current budget status, income sources, and many cogent facts. Below is an outline of the meeting's discussion.

How'd we get here??

In autumn 2018, a review was conducted of the last nine years of financial records, Executive Committee meeting minutes, and all bank records. What was discovered? The operating budget was deficit spending, in other words, we were spending more money than what we were bringing in to cover daily operational costs. As each CD matured, it was liquidated. All proceeds from Buckeye Bargains go to scholarships, none to support the operating budget. All memorial donations go to scholarships, none to the operating budget. Donations to the operating budget are rare. The only steady cash flow into the operating budget is *membership dues*.

What are the facts?

- Deficits were covered from a "reserve" originally composed comprised of certificates of deposit (CDs) set aside for specific projects like hosting the Big 10 Conference and for future financial needs.
- By summer 2018, all CDs had matured. During the nine years of records reviewed, \$10,000 (from liquidated CDs) was used to host the Big 10 Conference. Much of the rest of the CD monies were used to cover budget deficits.
- Next year (2019-2020) will be the 125th anniversary of the founding of UWC. Funds beyond the standard budget are necessary for a year of celebrating this remarkable milestone.
- Dues ARE the primary source of UWC funding and they have not increased for 19 years.

The UWC has maintained a healthy and robust university club for 125 years. The AHFC is committed to strengthening our financial footing so UWC can continue to be a thriving philanthropic organization for another 125 years.

-The Financial Ad Hoc Committee

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Executive Committee Meetings

are held the last Monday of the each month at the Old Worthington Library

Thank you to the members who have provided feedback and suggestions for the newsletter. Many of you appreciate the paper copy while many of you appreciate the e-version. We will continue to create both for the time being and will keep all informed if/when that will change. It is an honor to edit the newsletter, thank you for your support!

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March 2019, For the most current info please check your Gray Book or with your IG Chair

| <i>Monday</i> | <i>Tuesday</i> | <i>Wednesday</i> | <i>Thursday</i> | <i>Friday</i> | <i>Saturday</i> |
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| 1st Week | Bridge, First Tuesday Bunny Cooper home <i>BB Set-Up</i> | Toymakers No Activity <i>BB Open—open till 5PM</i> | Genealogy Generations, The History of America's Future 1584-2069 Mystery Book Club <i>The Temptation of Forgiveness</i> by Donna Leon | Crowns, Clothing & Couture Jennifer Brown home, Sewing & Needlework by Jennifer Brown, | |
| 2nd Week Gourmet All about Fish w/Matt Borth, St. Mark's Episcopal Church | Art Galleries Bistro, Michael Reese, curator, Hilton art collection Bridge, 2nd Tuesday Peggy Foster Home <i>BB Set-up</i> | Garden Oakland Park Nursery; Sally Promenschenkel, planner <i>BB Open</i> | Out for Dinner! Oscar's Planner: Betty Sawyers Bridge 101 Ingrid Laner Home | Day Trippers Warther Museum, Dover Ohio | International Dining Australian Menu by Barb House |
| 3rd Week Music Betty Drobny home, They Came to Play | Antiques Maggie Bailey home, "Staffordshire" <i>BB Set-Up</i> | Health & Wellness, Why We Sleep? Tour of Sleep Lab, OSU East Yarns & Stitches Jean Bermingham home Evening Drama Sarah Luckay home, Director Sue Ricca <i>BB Open</i> | Cosmopolitan Manel Tuovinen, visit "Serendip" Active Adventurers Denison Bio Reserve Trails | Literature <i>Jasmine & Journeys</i> by Najma Shamsi | Extra Notes: *Jennifer Brown is new member, her address is 343 N. West St., Westerville |
| 4th Week Lunch Bunch Out to Lunch, Anne LaPidus, planner <i>BB Set-Up</i> | Walkabouts Thompson Park, meet behind library <i>BB Set-Up</i> | Wine Tasting Kris Aldemir, planner <i>BB Open</i> | Cinema <i>Sharon Goerler, Coordinator</i> | Scribblers <i>Mim Brierley</i> | |