



WOMEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

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UBWC Board-2019-2020

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 Ways & Means-Kim O'Donnell
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 Yearbook-Maryann "Po" Jumper
 Co-Chair-Patricia Pokracki

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The U.B. Women's Club is a non-profit service organization to the University at Buffalo and its community. Its members participate in educational and charitable activities which directly sponsor the Grace Capen Academic Awards in the Spring semester. Membership in U.B. Women's Club is open to women who have a commitment to the University and the purpose of the Women's Club.

President's Message

The year 2020 will go down in history as a period when the whole world was attacked by a coronavirus pandemic that changed all of our lives in more ways than we could've imagined. We remained steadfast in following restrictive safety guidelines and made necessary adjustments while being filled with optimism that the virus would be gone soon. These unpredictable times have made us grateful to have members like you that we can depend on for the continued support that has kept U.B. Women's Club so strong for the past 75 years.

Although the pandemic continues to prevent us from holding our annual fundraising events, we're looking forward to enjoy socializing again in a safe and comfortable environment. Until then, we greatly appreciate any donations made to the Grace Capen Awards Fund, since we are unable to raise those funds through our traditional efforts at this time.

Some of our Activity Groups require social distancing, but we will keep you informed as to when they can resume. Our *Mah Jongg & Mah Jongg Too* groups have combined into one group for now and will play online every Thursday. Please contact Kim O'Donnell at 939-2288 to join. Members are invited by e-mails from Judie Champlin to enjoy any of the various adventures offered by the Gourmet Techniques and Art N' Lunch Groups (with usual COVID restrictions). If you have questions regarding any of our activity groups, please contact the Activity's Chairwomen listed on the Activity Calendar in the Newsletter.

Our Newsletter will continue to keep us connected by providing you with club news, updates on resumed activities and events, and more throughout the year by e-mail to the majority of our membership and will be mailed only to members who do not have e-mail.

In the meantime, stay safe and enjoy the best changes we are lucky enough to have in our WNY area that are coming soon ... nature's beautiful colors of Fall.

LINDA LEE SCIORTINO

General Meeting Minutes Available

The official minutes of our General Meetings (Holiday Luncheon, Election Luncheon, and Installation Luncheon) are available to all members upon request from the Recording Secretary, Sue Busch. email: sbusch526@roadrunner.com

ACTIVITY GROUPS CALENDAR AND DESCRIPTIONS
CO-CHAIRS: Barbara Miner (810-9205) and Patricia Smith (834-0231)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK 1	BRIDGE Inter/Advanced (10:00 AM @ Bob Evans Niagara Falls Blvd.) FRENCH CONVERSATION Member's Home (2:00 PM)			LADIES SMALL GROUP DINING OUT 6:30 PM Groups of 12 Dine @ Various Local Restaurants	
WEEK 2	BOOKS Canterbury Woods Clubhouse (1:00 PM)	MAH JONGG & MAH JONGG TOO Zoom Play online <i>Every Thursday</i> (1:00 PM)		GOURMET TECHNIQUES Location (TBA by email) (11:00- 2:30 PM)	DOMINOES MEXICAN TRAIN Meets at Congregation Shir Shalom (1:00-4:00 PM)
WEEK 3	BRIDGE Inter/Advanced (10:00 A.M @ Bob Evans Niagara Falls Blvd.)			NEEDLEWORK Member's Homes Light Refreshments (1 PM)	
WEEK 4		MOVIES Times Varies (TBA by email)			ART N LUNCH TBA by email)

ART N LUNCH:

Meets last Friday of every month
Announcements will be emailed
JUDIE CHAMPLIN 633-4008

BOOKS:

[ON HOLD]

Meets 2nd Monday from 1:00 - 3:00 PM
Canterbury Woods Clubhouse
CAROLYN GIAMBRA 863-8945

BRIDGE (Adv/Inter):

[ON HOLD]

1st and 3rd Mondays from 10:00 AM- 3:00 PM
@ Bob Evans, Niagara Falls Blvd, Amherst
DONNA GUBALA 440-8690

BRIDGE FLIGHT:

Bridge times are arranged by players
Playing online
NANCY DENEEN 835-2101

DOMINOES/MEXICAN TRAIN:

[ON HOLD]

Meets 2nd Friday from 1:00- 4:00
at Congregation Shir Shalom
MARYANN "PO" JUMPER 435-3412
LINDA LEE SCIORTINO 832-9476

FRENCH CONVERSATION

[ON HOLD]

Meets 1st Monday at 2:00 PM at member's homes
Members are asked to speak in French only
MIMI SWADOS 839-2483
JEAN JAIN 633-5932

GOURMET TECHNIQUES

(COOKING DEMO/LUNCH)

Meets 2nd Thursday of every month
Announcements will be e-mailed
JUDIE CHAMPLIN 633-400
LINDA EATON 854-356
DEBRA BERGER 691-0279

LADIES SMALL GROUP DINING OUT

Meets 1st Thursday at 6:00 PM at Local Restaurants
KATHY O'DONNELL 636-1878

[ON HOLD]

MAJ-JONGG & MAJ-JONGG TOO COMBINED

Zoom Play every Thursday from 1:00 to 4:00pm
KIM O'DONNELL 939-2288
BETH KADERABECK 689-0883

MOVIES

[ON HOLD]

Meets 4th Tuesday, times vary
E-mail will be sent each month
DONNA KOZINSKI 675-6197

NEEDLEWORK

Meets 3rd Thursday at 1:00 PM at member's home
Light refreshments will be served
LONA ALLENDORFER 688-1734
SUSAN D'ANGELO 689-5752

NEW ACTIVITY: ZOOM BOOK CLUB

During this time of Covid 19 some of us have missed our UBWC Book Club meetings. The idea of trying to create a temporary option utilizing zoom has been suggested. This idea would only exist as a **temporary** measure until we can meet again in person under the leadership of Carolyn Giambra. While Carolyn does not feel comfortable organizing this endeavor, several of us have volunteered to pursue this. Let us explain how this would work.

First, you need to be able to receive the Zoom invitation by computer, ipad, tablet or cell phone. Second, you need to sign up for the upcoming meeting (so we know to send you an online invitation). Third, you will get an email with a list of discussion questions as a confirmation for zooming. Fourth, on the designated day - the second Monday of the month - you will join the zoom meeting. There will be a combination of large group and small break out rooms for book discussion. We will stick to the same time schedule with 20-30 minutes to socialize before the discussion starts.

So far there are two of us willing to give this a try: Beth Kaderabeck as discussion leader and Taunya Abaya as the technical organizer to set up the zoom workings. Two women is not enough to get this project started. Ideally, we would like 2-3 more volunteers to join the committee. I think **THE BOOK WOMAN OF TROUBLESOME CREEK** by Kim Michele Richardson would be a good book to start us with but I do not feel comfortable selecting all the books and leading all the discussions.

Needless to say, we need to find out how much interest there is in joining a Zoom Book Club and also **we need a few more women to volunteer to be on the planning committee.** If this idea interests you, please email Beth Kaderabeck at bkaderabeck@msn.com to let me know if you want to be a committee member/participant or just a participant. If we get enough volunteers we should be able to start in November.

I look forward to hearing from some of you,
Beth Kaderabeck



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Community Services

Patricia Butler, Andrea Borgioli, Co-Chairs

Volunteers are urgently needed in Erie and Niagara Counties to help deliver meals to our community's homebound older adults and those living with disabilities. If interested please contact feedmorewny.org/volunteer.

Buffalo Federation of Women's Clubs

Marcia Sickau, Chair

FYI – For the new UBWC members and as a reminder to returning members, please note: you are automatically a member of the Buffalo Federation of Women's Clubs, if you are a paid member of UB Women's Clubs. What that basically means: you are free to attend any of the BFWC events offered during the year. Unfortunately due to the unusual circumstances we are faced with during this pandemic, there are no Buffalo Federation of Women's Clubs events planned.

Mah Jongg Group

Kim O'Donnell 939-2288

Beth Kaderabeck 689-0883

The Mah Jongg groups have combined to form one group. For now, we are meeting on Zoom every Thursday at 12:30 for chat time. At 1 pm, we begin to play online together in small groups (while staying on Zoom so that we can talk) using a Mah Jongg game website (there is a small fee to play on the website). Experienced new players are welcome to join us. Please give Kim or Beth a call for more information

Membership

Ethel Enserro

Ellie Grieco

The membership drive is underway. There is still time to renew your membership. If you cannot find your renewal form download one from the website or contact Ethel at Ethelegnserro@me.com.

Our dear, long time member of UBWC and parliamentarian, Gloria Werblow, has recently relocated to Cary NC to be with her daughters. She would love to keep in contact with her friends in UBWC and Buffalo. Her snail mail address is 279 Joshua Glen Lane, Cary NC 27519-8764. Her email and cell phone numbers are the same: carillon1@aol.com and (716) 308-4405. Hopefully, when times return to normal and UBWC resumes its events, Gloria might be able to join us at one of our activities. Until then, send her a card or give her a call.

Kim O'Donnell (939-2288) and
Pam Lojacono (689-4726)
Ways & Means, co-chairs

Throughout the year, we will continue with our RADA sales fundraiser. So far, the Club has received a little over \$100 from these sales. RADA gives us 40% of sales, which is a great incentive. We will occasionally send out a reminder to order, along with some recipes, just so that it stays on your mind. Thanks to those of you who already placed an order. I hope that you are enjoying using your new things. Here is the website if you want to place an order:

<https://radafundraising.com?rfsn=3805236.66e2>

We plan to continue to look for other fundraisers that might interest you. We will try to send out information for a different fundraiser each month. We need to continue to raise money this year to fund our Grace Capen Awards that we give out to students each spring. Please participate in the ones that interest you. We will give you ordering information along with information about what percentage the club will receive. We will try to choose things that would make good gifts, first with the holidays approaching soon and then with Mother's Day, graduations, and weddings happening in the spring.

We look forward to trying to create appealing fundraisers. Please give us feedback on those you love and those that don't work out so great. And let us know if you have an idea for us to try.

WNY has eight COVID-19 rapid testing sites available. Contact 1-833-697-8764.

Our club is grateful to all those who give of their energy and expertise to lead us. After we proposed the slate last Spring, we had to make a few changes. We wish to thank Sharon Sangiacomo for serving as Vice President for the last two years. Sharon was unable to continue in the position of President this year due to family needs, and we want her to know we are so grateful for all the years she has served on our Executive Board in several positions. We also thank Linda Sciortino for her willingness to step up and lead us for the third consecutive year as she mentors one of our newest members, VP Taunya Abaya. Lastly, Past President, Jean Jain, filled another open position, Member-at-Large, when that vacancy was created because Linda stayed on as President.

As we missed the Election Meeting and Installation Luncheon due to the pandemic, this year started slowly with us trying to figure out how to proceed. In a Zoom board meeting in August, we decided to hold a Zoom Installation of our 2020-2021 officers on the evening of September 21st. Thank you to all the members who joined the meeting. We appreciate your support.

At this time, it is our honor to present your duly installed officers for UB Women's Club for 2020-2021:

President: Linda Lee Sciortino
Vice President: Taunya Abaya
Treasurer; Eileen Kuczmarski
Recording Secretary: Susan Busch
Corresponding Secretary: Karen Gerken
Members At Large:
Susan D'Angelo
Jean Jain
Vicki Pappas

Julia Cohan and Connie Rao
Nominating Co-Chairs



Did You Know?

UB Student Emergency Funds are supported in part by the UB Fund for Student Life and by individual donors and private foundations.

Unanticipated circumstances can prevent students from continuing their education and achieving academic success. UB has two unique resources to connect students to emergency funding. Student emergency funds at the University at Buffalo seek to award grants to eligible students who are experiencing an unforeseen hardship that could impact their ability to remain enrolled in school. Temporary financial assistance is available for immediate and current emergency situations. Examples of qualifying emergency situations include:

- Death in the family
 - Victim of a crime or accident
 - Loss of property or income
 - Unanticipated educational expenses (beyond tuition)

The student emergency funds are designated to offset short-term financial need and are not intended to replace or supplement financial aid or scholarship. *All situations are unique and will be evaluated carefully and confidentially. Information can be found at*

<http://www.buffalo.edu/studentlife/help/emergency/emergency-funds.html>

Summer events

Two club activities continued their events this summer with great success. Thank you to Judie Champlin for keeping the Art n Lunch group going. We had very interesting and exciting outings-here is just a sampling...

U Pick Lavender outing followed by dinner at the "Wilson Boat House Restaurant, a guided wine tasting & pairing with chocolate, a wonderful guided tour of the Women's Voting Memorabilia at Keenan Center in Lockport. and a golfing tournament...miniature style, with a fabulous picnic lunch.

Kim O'Donnell facilitated zoom Maj Jongg games every Thursday afternoon keeping a running score sheet to surprise the participants with the grand winner - Sheila Long. The "competition" continues, again on zoom, -see the information under the Maj Jongg article. The Maj Jongg Too group met in a park just to chat, every Monday morning (socially distancing). Facilitated by Beth Kaderabek.

Did you know that you can make a contribution to the Grace Capen Award Fund for a special occasion, to honor someone, or as a remembrance? Acknowledgements will be sent to both the donor and the recipient. For more information, contact Jane Meka at 836-6414 or mathmeka@aol.com. Since April, 2020, we have had several generous donations. Donations were made in memory of Carol Greiner by Constance Umland, Ardis Stewart, and Jean Jain and in memory of Lorelei (Lolly) Ketter by Jean Jain and Ann Rudin.

A hearty thank you goes out to these women for their donations to our Grace Capen Fund which helps further the education of our well deserving students.

Buffalo Federation of Women's Clubs ~

Marcia Sickau, Liaison

The Buffalo Federation of Women's Club's Annual Scholarship Tea, which is held each November with Buffalo State College and the University at Buffalo will not be held this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Holiday Luncheon Cancellation ~

We regret to inform you that with the unpredictable resurgence of the COVID-19 virus, our Holiday Luncheon at Banchetti's which had been scheduled for Friday, December 4, 2020 has been cancelled. We will miss getting together and enjoying our vendor shopping this year, but hope you stay safe so you can enjoy the holiday season!

Corona Precautions on the Lighter Side

I went to the bathroom at a restaurant,
I washed my hands,
Opened the door with my elbow,
Raised the toilet seat with my foot,
Switched on the water faucet with a tissue,
Opened the bathroom door to leave with my elbow,
And when I returned to my table
I realized ... I forgot to pull up my pants !!!

HOLIDAY PLANT SALE

**It's time for our 2020 Holiday Plant Sale
Due to the Covid=19 virus the Holiday luncheon
is cancelled,
therefore we are selling vouchers for you to take to
the nursery and pick out your plants or wreaths.**



**Nursery is:
Northtown Garden Center
2125 Sheridan Drive, Tonawanda**

***All proceeds benefit the Grace Capen Award.
25% of total purchase of vouchers are tax deductible.***

**Vouchers are \$10 each
Deadline is November 23
The nursery is open as it is considered essential.**

We will mail the vouchers to you.

**Send this form along with your check made payable to UB Women's Club
to:**

**Ellie Grieco
18 Brookins Green
Orchard Park, NY, 14127**



**If you have questions please contact Ellie Grieco at 662 2045 or
Beth Hornung at 662 5545**

Name_____

Phone_____ **# of vouchers**_____

Total \$ amount of order_____

UBWC PROGRAM CALENDAR FOR 2020-2021

August ~ NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

Cancelled due to COVID-19 Pandemic

September ~ FALL LUNCHEON

Cancelled due to COVID-19 Pandemic

November ~ INTERNATIONAL FEAST

Cancelled due to COVID-19 Pandemic

November ~ BUFFALO FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS SCHOLARSHIP TEA

Chair: Buffalo Federation of Women's Clubs

Cancelled due to COVID-19 Pandemic

December 4, 2020 – Friday

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Banchetti by Rizzo's, 550 N. French Road, Amherst. NY

Co-Chairs: Linda Lee Sciortino, Kathleen Cwiklinski

Cancelled due to COVID-19 Pandemic

Holiday Plant Sale: [By Vouchers Only]

Co-Chairs: Beth Hornung, Ellie Grieco

February 6, 2021 -- Saturday ~ TBD

DINNER & WINE TASTING

Fairdale Banquet Center, 672 Wehrle Drive, Amherst. NY

Co-Chairs: Luella Kenny, Debra Berger, Betty Schaertel

Tentative until further notice due to COVID-19 Pandemic

March ~ CHINESE BANQUET

Golden Duck Restaurant

Co-Chairs: Maryalice Pellicci, Kathleen Cwiklinski

Tentative until further notice due to COVID-19 Pandemic

April ~ ELECTION MEETING LUNCHEON

Tentative until further notice due to COVID-19 Pandemic

May ~ SPRING LUNCHEON & OFFICERS INSTALLATION

Russell's Steaks, Chops & More, 6675 Transit Road, Williamsville, NY

Co-Chairs: Jane Meka, Betty Schaertel

Tentative until further notice due to COVID-19 Pandemic

Spring Flower Sale: [By Vouchers Only]

Co-Chairs: Betty Schaertel, Ethel Enserro