



# WOMEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## UBWC Board-2020-2021

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Ways & Means-Kim O'Donnell  
Co-Chair-Pam Lojacomio  
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*

To help relieve the stress and fear of contracting the coronavirus, many of us seek **Peace, Courage** and **Wisdom** to get us through. We found some *peace*, when we learned how to accept the things we cannot change; then we gained *courage* when we adapted to a "new normal" way of living by following restrictive safety guidelines, wearing masks, sanitizing everything and social distancing; and we utilized our *wisdom* to find innovative ways to change the way we communicate, socialize, teach, shop and live, as we remain confident in knowing that a trusted cure for this virus will be available to all of us soon.

We are all missing our traditional fundraising events throughout this long pandemic, so again I wish to send sincere thanks to all of YOU who have made whatever donations you could to support the Grace W. Capen Awards fund and for your helpful Holiday Plant Sale purchases.

**BEST WISHES FOR HOLIDAYS FILLED WITH LOVE AND PEACE  
THAT WILL CARRY THROUGH A MUCH CALMER, SAFER, AND  
HEALTHIER NEW YEAR AHEAD!!**

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](mailto: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) On Zoom	Books On Zoom		GOURMET TECHNIQUES Location(TBA by email) (11:00- 2:30 PM)  MAH JONGG Zoom Play online (12:30-4:00 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, times vary  
E-mail will be sent each month  
DONNA KOZINSKI 675-6197

**NEEDLEWORK**

Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

The UBWC Zoom Book Club is up until we can get back to our traditional gatherings under the leadership of Carolyn Giambra. The response from a call for participants was so great that two sessions are now happening to keep each gathering small for discussion. There are currently 24 members and the group will be capped at no more than 30. Each member will sign up for either the second Monday of the month or the second Tuesday. Both groups will read the same book and discussion will be led by the same person each day. There is still room for 7 more to join. If interested contact Beth Kaderabeck at 689-0883 or [bkaderabeck@msn.com](mailto:bkaderabeck@msn.com).

You may be interested in our book choices and would like to know what we have picked to read. Here is the list:

(An excellent adaptation of the book premiered on HBO last month and will be shown several more times so check your listings.)

1/10 *The Splendid And The Vile*, by Erik Larson

Discussion leader: Maureen Millane

2/8 *Book of Lost Friends*, by Lisa Wingat

Discussion leader: Susan Busch

3/8 *The Good Lord Bird*, by James McBride

Discussion leader: Taunya Abaya

4/12 *The Jane Austen Society*, by Natalie Jenner

Discussion leader: Sheila Long

5/10 Planning Meeting for 2021-22 - hopefully in person-will keep you all posted.



## **Community Services**

Patricia Butler, Andrea Borgioli, Co-Chairs

UBWC's MaJ Jongg Group should be commended for stepping up to the plate when they heard of a local family of 3 teenagers struggling to make ends meet. A fund raiser spear-headed by Kim O'Donnell to raise money for needed supplies has been well received by the women in the Maj Jongg group. If you would like to know more about this or donate, please contact Kim at 939-2288. These women definitely deserve recognition for the wonderful community service they are providing.

Happy Holidays to you  
and your family.

## **Buffalo Federation of Women's Clubs**

Dear Members of UB Woman's Club:

I am sending a sincere thank you to the many UB Women's Club members who embraced the BFWC November Community Outreach Project. The diaper drive was very well received. I will continue to collect diapers for the next 2 months in addition to the new charity and item being collected for December and January.

The next BFWC Community Outreach Project that we will be collecting is *NEW SOCKS*. FYI, socks are the least donated clothing item yet the most needed item by homeless individuals ...especially in our Buffalo NY area winters!

I will be at the following 2 locations collecting socks of any type in both December and January. Please note that entire families can find themselves without adequate housing and must rely on homeless and warming shelters especially now with the upcoming winter of Covid. I will be accepting NEW WARM socks (men's, women's, children's and infant sizes) on the following days at the following locations:

Wednesday, DECEMBER 9<sup>th</sup> – 12 noon to 1:00 pm – I will be parked at entrance of the Center for Tomorrow, North Campus of UB.; or Wednesday, DECEMBER 16<sup>th</sup> – 12 noon to 1:00 pm Road, corner of Sheridan and Harlem in Snyder NY.

Tuesday, JANUARY 12<sup>th</sup> – 12 noon to 1 pm – I will be parked at entrance of the Center for Tomorrow, North Campus of UB.; or Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> – 12noon to 1 pm - I will be parked in the Sheridan Harlem Plaza, facing Harlem Road, corner of Sheridan and Harlem in Snyder NY.

NOTE: I drive a burgundy SUV GMC Terrain....call me if you can't locate me! 472-6412 phone or text OR via email [msickau@buffalo.edu](mailto:msickau@buffalo.edu)

Monetary donations will be accepted if you prefer to send me a check made payable to Buffalo Federation of Women's Clubs. New socks will be purchased with any monies received. All socks collected will be donated to area homeless and warming shelters in Buffalo and surrounding areas.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and I look forward to hearing from you!

Marcia Sickau Liaison UB Women's Club /  
Buffalo Federation of Women's Clubs

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

## **Mah Jongg Group**

Kim O'Donnell 939-2288

Beth Kaderabek 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 and new players are welcome to join us. Please give Kim or Beth a call for more information.

## **Membership**

Ethel Enserro

Ellie Grieco

Dear UBWC members, Thank you for your support of UBWC as we are trying to launch a positive new year. Our membership to date is 397, only 64 less than last year. Listed below are renewal and new members (as of 11/21/20) who joined after the deadline for the 2020-2021 UBWC Yearbook. Also included are any changes recently made to last year's yearbook. Please print out and insert in your 2020-2021 UBWC yearbook, which you should have received by now. If any of the information is incorrect, please contact Ethel at 235-8617.

2020-2021 Yearbook changes: Email change: pg. 44: Frances Witnauer - grandmafran4547@gmail.com  
Correction: pg. 26: Irma Katz - state is KS (not MO)  
Deceased member: Myra Horowitz

### **RENEWAL**

Pat A. Barrows 4411 Purdy Road Lockport NY 14094-1020 Primary/cell: 504-7024 [pbarrows7@yahoo.com](mailto:pbarrows7@yahoo.com)

### **NEW MEMBERS**

Louise F Mruk  
921 Soledad Way  
The Villages FL  
32159-9112

Primary/Cell:510-5075  
[lfmruk@aol.com](mailto:lfmruk@aol.com)

Marcia E Whittle  
131 Parkview Drive  
Grand Island NY  
14072-2964

Primary:392-4033  
[ravenmw812@yahoo.com](mailto:ravenmw812@yahoo.com)

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](mailto:mathmeka@aol.com). Since April, 2020, we have had several generous donations.

## **Ways & Means**

Kim O'Donnell (939-2288) and

Pam Lojacono (689-4726)

Ways & Means, co-chairs

We are currently working on a plan for a fundraiser in the late winter/early spring. We are gathering legal advice and other information before we can present the idea to the membership.

In the meantime, our RADA Kitchen Store fundraiser continues. We have had reports of people being very happy with their purchases, especially the tomato knife, cheese knife, and bread knife. Many of the items they sell are quite affordable and would make excellent gifts. Remember that our club earns 40% of sales. The website is:

<https://radafundraising.com?rfsn=3805236.66e22a>

Once on the RADA website, you simply click on the name "UB Women's Club", shop, and then place your order. We would love to hear your comments on your purchases. With the holidays and winter approaching, now might be a good time to try out the soup and dip mixes.

## ***Special Recognitions***

### **A SPECIAL 100-YEAR BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!**

Congratulations and our very best wishes go to  
***U.B. Women's Club's Past President 1986-87  
and Honorary Member,  
MARIE SCHILLO***  
who celebrated her **landmark 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday**  
on November 22, 2020!

### **MEMBER RECOGNITION**

Special recognition is given to members who reach fifty and twenty-five years of membership. It gives me great pleasure to congratulate *Barbara Meenaghan* on attaining fifty years of membership in the UB Women's Club. Congratulations also to *Virginia Olszewski, Lorey Repicci and Joan Taggart* on attaining twenty-five years of membership in UB Women's Club.

Your dedication to the club is greatly appreciated.



## **UBWC PROGRAM CALENDAR FOR 2020-2021**

**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 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 Greenery Sale:** *[By Vouchers Only]*

Co-Chairs: Beth Hornung, Ellie Grieco

**February 6, 2021 -- Saturday ~ *cancelled***

**DINNER & WINE TASTING**

Fairdale Banquet Center, 672 Wehrle Drive, Amherst. NY

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

**Cancelled due to COVID-19 Pandemic**

**March ~ CHINESE BANQUET (TBD-) Watch for update in the next newsletter**

Co-Chairs: Maryalice Pellicci, Kathleen Cwiklinski

*Tentative until further notice due to COVID-19 Pandemic*

**April ~ ELECTION MEETING LUNCHEON (TBD)**

*Tentative until further notice due to COVID-19 Pandemic*

**May 15, 2021 Saturday ~ (TBD)**

**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

**Annual Dinner-Wine Pairing Event-Cancelled**

Our annual Dinner-Wine Pairing Event had been tentatively planned to occur on February 6, 2021 at the Fairdale Banquet Center. We were so hoping that the Covid-19 virus would have been under control by this time. Regrettably, we need to cancel that event. Hopefully, we'll be able to plan for that event at some later date.

*Debra Berger, Betty Schaertel, Luella Kenny*