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Women's Club Newsletter



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UBWC Board -2023-2024

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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 UB 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

Happy New Year! It seems as though it was just September when we started this year's events with the Fall Luncheon. Now, right around the corner, is the Wine Pairing Dinner which is our largest fund raiser. If you have never attended one of our Wine Pairing Dinners, you don't know what you are missing. The food is gourmet, the wines are selected by an experienced sommelier and the basket raffles have wonderful gifts for future enjoyment. We raise approximately 50% of the scholarship money for the year at this event. Your participation is greatly appreciated. It is not too late to get your reservations in. It is January 20 at the Fairdale Banquet Center. Join me for a New Year's toast. February brings in another event that is quite popular. Our annual Chinese Banquet will be taking place February 25 at the Golden Duck Restaurant. It is a 12 course Asian delight. I'm looking forward to seeing both established members as well as new members at both events.

Beth Kaderabeck, President

It's that time of the year to consider your involvement on the Board for 2024-2025

Any UBWC member who is interested in attaining a position on our Board, when or if an opening becomes available, should contact our Nominating Chair, JULIE COHAN at 716-430-6026 or e-mail mgtcohan@buffalo.edu for consideration.

The Nominating Committee will be convening shortly.



UBWC ACTIVITY GROUPS

CO-CHAIRS: Ann Rudin (716-689-7804) and Vicki Pappas (812) 361-9500

BOOKS:

Meets 2nd Monday from 1:00 - 3:00
 Canterbury Woods Clubhouse
 CAROLYN GIAMBRA 716-863-8945
 LOIS KELLY 716-649-8015
 (VIA Zoom) 2nd Tuesday
 PAULA SALAMONE 716-479-1088

DOMINOES/MEXICAN TRAIN

Meets 2nd Friday from 1:00- 4:00
 MARYANN "PO" JUMPER 716-435-3412
 CLAUDIA REEVES 716-633-6637

BRIDGE FLIGHT

Bridge times are arranged by players
 NANCY DENEEN 716-835-2101

SMALL GROUP DINING

Days and places vary
 VICKI PAPPAS 812-361-9500

FRENCH CONVERSATION

Meets 1st Monday at 2:00 PM at member's homes
 Members are asked to speak in French only
 JEAN JAIN 716-633-5932

MAH JONGG

Wednesdays from 1:00 to 4:00
 BETH KADERABECK 716-689-0883

NEEDLEWORK

Meets 3rd Thursday at 1:00 PM at member's homes
 Light refreshments will be served.
 SUSAN D'ANGELO 716-908-2370

EVENTS & MOVIES

Dates and places vary
 BARBARA MINER 716-810-9205

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK 1	2:00 PM FRENCH CONVERSATION Member's Home (2:00 PM)		MAH JONGG 1:00-4:00 Temple Shir Shalom		
WEEK 2	BOOKS Canterbury Woods Clubhouse (1:00 PM)	BOOK Via Zoom 1:00 PM	MAH JONGG 1:00-4:00 Temple Shir Shalom	MOVIE GROUP	DOMINOES MEXICAN TRAIN (1:00-4:00 PM) Temple Shir Shalom
WEEK 3	BRIDGE Inter/Advanced (10:00 A.M)		MAH JONGG 1:00-4:00 Temple Shir Shalom	NEEDLEWORK Member's Homes Light Refreshments (1:00 PM)	
WEEK 4			MAH JONGG 1:00-4:00 Temple Shir Shalom		

UBWC Activity Groups for 2023-24

BOOKS:

The Book Group meets monthly on 2nd Mondays, September–May, at the Canterbury Woods Club House from 1:00–2:30 pm. Books are selected for the coming year by the group in May. After refreshments, a member leads the book discussion. A Zoom option is available the following Tuesday from 1:15–2:30 pm.

Contact: Carolyn Giambra (716-863-8945), Lois Kelly (716-649-8015), Paula Salamone (716-479-1088)

BRIDGE FLIGHT

Flight Bridge is an easy and flexible way to play bridge as a foursome. Just get a partner and sign up as a team. You'll receive a list of the teams and how many games to play during the year once the signups are complete. Bridge time and hosts are arranged by the players. New bridge players are welcome.

Contact: Nancy Deneen (716-835-2101)

DOMINOES (Mexican Train)

We currently play this version of Dominoes on 2nd Fridays at Congregation Shir Shalom from 1:00–4:00 pm.

Players receive an invitation the weekend before and play for 25¢ a round; lowest score wins \$1.00!

Contact: Po Jumper (716-435-3412) or Claudia Reeves (716-998-1239)

FRENCH CONVERSATION

French Conversation occurs on 1st Mondays from 2:00–4:00 pm at Canterbury Woods in the Trafalgar Building's private dining room. We have refreshments, speak in French, read aloud, and translate a reading.

Contact: Jean Jain (716-633-5932)

MAH JONGG

Players meet every Wednesday from 1:00 – 4:00 pm at Congregation Shir Shalom on Sheridan Drive. This group welcomes experienced players, but if you'd like to learn, we can connect you with a teacher. It usually takes 4-6 lessons to be a confident player. You're welcome to visit if you'd like to learn.

Contact: Beth Kaderabeck (716-689-0883)

MOVIES

The Movies Group meets monthly on 2nd Thursday afternoons. Following the movie, we'll meet to discuss the film at a late lunch/early dinner or a coffee/pastry shop. We'll have an initial meeting in September to schedule members to take turns choosing the movies.

Contact: Barbara Miner (716-810-9205)

NEEDLEWORK

The Needlework Group meets monthly on 3rd Thursdays in members' homes. We focus on all kinds of needlework: knitting, crochet, needlepoint, and mending. If you want to learn or improve your technique, we can help you. Beginners are welcome!

Contact: Susan D'Angelo (716-908-2370)

SMALL GROUP DINING OUT

Members are assigned to one of the yearly groups of about 8 diners each. Each group sets their own monthly dinner dates and also decides which restaurants they'd like to experience. It's a chance to explore different local restaurants, enjoy great UBWC company, and make some new friends!

Contact: Vicki Pappas (812-361-9500)

SPECIAL EVENTS

This group offers 3-4 all-day excursions each year. All UBWC members receive invitations via email and the Newsletter. Examples of past events are trips to Letchworth Park/Glen Iris Inn and Hurd Orchard in Holly.

Contact: Barbara Miner (716-810-9205)

*Want to know more about these groups or suggest new ones? Contact our Activity Coordinators:
Vicki Pappas (812-361-9500) or Ann Rudin (716-689-7804)*

2023-2024 Calendar of Event

January 20-Saturday-----6:00pm-10:00pm

DINNER AND WINE TASTING (Italian cuisine/wines)

Fairdale Banquet Center, 672 Wehrle Dr. Amherst, NY 14226

Chairs: Debra Berger, Betty Schaertel, Luella Kenny

Basket Raffle Committee: Gloria O'Neill, Jill Lucci

February 25 – Sunday-----6:00pm-9:00pm

CHINESE BANQUET

Golden Duck Restaurant, 1840 Maple Rd., Williamsville, NY, 14221

Chairs: Jean Jain, Ann Rudin

April 13- Saturday-----11:00am-2:30pm

ELECTION MEETING LUNCHEON

Samuel's Grande Manor, 8750 Main St., Williamsville, 14221

Chairs :Carmella Hanley, Mary Lou Mancuso

May 18- Saturday-----11:00am-2:30pm

SPRING LUNCHEON & OFFICER INSTALLATION

Russell's Steak, Chops & More, 6675 Transit Rd. Williamsville, 14221

Chairs: Jane Meka, Betty Schaertel

Canva Workshop #2

Our Canva/Avery Design Workshop in November was so successful, we wanted to continue our learning! For those who missed it, we will present a PowerPoint designed by our first presenters to review the highlights of Canva. For those who came but would like a refresher, you are also invited to become more familiar with the program and design techniques.

Jennifer Gogos, friend of Vicki Pappas, will also present tips for creating well-designed flyers, announcements, invitations, etc. How to use fonts, color, spacing, and visuals most effectively.

Saturday, January 27, 2024

10:00 AM -12:30

Room 310 in the Silverman Library of Capen Hall

Tribute Fund-Jane Meka - Chair

Please consider making a donation to our Grace Capen Fund. You can donate the funds in memory of a loved one or a special gift for someone who attended the University. The gift could be for someone who just needs to be remembered in a special and unique way. Thank you to those members who have donated in the past. Contact Jane Meka at (716)836-6414 or at mathmeka@aol.com to make a donation.

. Carey Dowling, Jessica and Michael Poulin, Lee Baker, Dorothy Deavers, Carolyn Gierke and Sue Busch have donated in memory of Connie Rao. Jean Jain has made a donation in memory of Barbara Paganelli. Thank you to all for your generous donations.

Marcia Sickau, Community Outreach Chai and UBWC/BFWC Liaison

Sending kudos out to the many UBWC members who contributed new children's PJ's or made a monetary donation to the Community Outreach Project held in November & December 2023. Your money enabled me to shop for PJ's and socks. Over 200 pairs of PJs warmed homeless and underprivileged, foster and refugee children residing in our communities from the Southtowns to the Suburbs as well as within the City of Buffalo.

The following locations were visited prior to the holidays to deliver the kid's PJs: BOLO - Bread of Life Outreach Center in Colden NY serving underprivileged families living in the southern towns within Erie Co., Corner Stone Manor - a women's and children's facility within City Mission; Evangel Assembly of God a food pantry in Williamsville serving families in the Williamsville, Clarence, Amherst, and Akron area; Holy Cross Warming shelter on Niagara St. in Buffalo; Mother Thresa Home for unwed mothers with babies on Stanislaus St., East Buffalo; Harvest House, a children's ministry at 175 Jefferson Ave., Buffalo; Our Lady of Hope on Greenwood Place, serving many refugee children; and Our Lady of Victory Elementary school in Lackawanna that many foster children attend.

Your generosity was greatly appreciated and please know that through our collective efforts, we were able to put a smile on the faces of over 200+ children for the holidays ranging in age from infants up through middle school age.

Book Club

Coordinators: Carolyn Giambra, 716-863-8945, Lois Kelly, 716-649-8015 Meetings are on the second Monday of the month at Canterbury Woods Chelsea Clubhouse, 671 Downing Lane, off Ayer Road, Williamsville.

Refreshments at 1 pm, discussion at 1:30 pm.

Zoom meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month at 1 pm. Coordinator: Paula Salamone, 716-479-1088.



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| February 12, 13 | <u>Born a Crime</u> by Trevor Noah
Discussion Leader: Janet Zehr
Hostesses: Marianne Boccabella and friend |
| March 11, 12 | <u>Look for Me There</u> by Luke Russert
Discussion Leader: Terri Cohen
Hostesses: Pam Pollock and Lesley Kearney |
| April 8, 9 | <u>Hurricane Lizards and Plastic Squid</u> by Thor Hanson
Discussion Leader: Francie Marzec
Hostesses: Mickey Hice and Jane Olsen |
| May 13, 14 | Planning Meeting Facilitators: Carolyn Giambra, Lois Kelly, Paula Salamone
Hostesses: Beth Kaderabeck and friend |



This is excerpt from our UBWC web site that our president . Beth Kaderabeck , wrote in September.

In addition to luncheons and activity groups, another way to get involved is to consider being part of the Executive Board. In order to make this organization run smoothly we have a 33 member board. Most of the positions require a small amount of your time but are vital to our operations. This year we welcome nine new members to the board. We will start recruiting new members this month for next year to fill outgoing positions. I've been on the board for about 10 years moving from a minor position at first to President this year. It's been a wonderful experience. I have made friends with some of the most energetic, caring and creative women in Buffalo..

Memories of the Holiday Luncheon, December, 2023



UBWC Eileen Kuczmariski, Treasurer
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Williamsville, NY 14221-4129



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List of New Members

Chinese Banquet Reservation Form

Election Slate

Election Meeting & Ladies Tea Luncheon Reservation Form

Donation Request Letter for Election Meeting & Ladies Tea Luncheon