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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

WOW. The Wine Pairing Dinner was a great success. The food and complementary wines were outstanding. There were over 100 raffles. This event is truly the high point of our fundraising season. It is also the most challenging event to coordinate. There are so many people to thank that I cannot list them here. Please see the article inside this newsletter and the next time you see some of these women please thank them for their help. Our fund-raising season is not over yet. Don't forget the Chinese Banquet coming up on February 25. More details are in this newsletter.

Beth Kaderabeck, President

(editor's note-We all wish our president a speedy recovery from her recent surgery.)

Eras Bechakas, our VP, expresses so beautifully comments about the Wine Tasting Dinner that I am sharing with all. (E.K editor)

From: "Eras Bechakas"

To: "Debra Berger", "Betty Ann Schaertel"

Sent: Sunday January 21, 2024, 1:26:03PM

Subject: Wine event

Dear Superstars,

I am in awe of last night's event. It was the first year since I joined the UBWC that I was able to attend ... and now I truly know what I've been missing. You ran it like a "well-oiled machine"! No detail escaped you : the setup, incredible basket display and system to deliver to winners, a flawless reservation system (and a very labor intensive one),brief wine introductions, etc. I especially wish to congratulate you on the innovative menu.-fun, different, well presented, and delicious. My goodness, what more can I say?! Except please keep creating these events as long as possible. They are too unique and oh so much appreciated by us all. Hope you are all basking in the glory of another winner! With much gratitude,
Eras.

PS. Please thank your committee members on my behalf!

Please see more about the dinner in this newsletter page 6,

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 |
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| 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 | | |

*Welcome all new members. Join an activity group.
 Participate in one of the coming special events.*

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

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

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.

Co-ordinator: Paula Salamone, 716-479-1088.

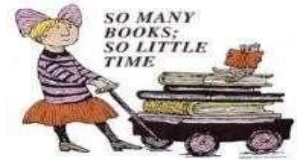
March 11, 12 Look for Me There by Luke Russert

Discussion Leader: Terri Cohen

Hostesses: Pam Pollock and Lesley Kearney

April 8, 9

Planning ahead: The April 8 meeting is canceled because of a conflict with the solar eclipse. The book planned for that month, Hurricane Lizards and Plastic Squid by Thor Hanson, will be added to next year's calendar



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May 13, 14

Planning Meeting Facilitators: Carolyn Giambra, Lois Kelly, Paula Salamone

Hostesses: Beth Kaderabeck and friend

Movie Club



The movie group is having a meetup on Sat February 17 at the 1:00 show at AC Maple Ridge. The movie is Bob Marley One Love. If you plan on attending, please let me know which seat you have chosen so we can sit together. After the movie we can go to lunch/dinner/snack to discuss the movie. Hope to see you there.

Barbara Minor, shaynajewel@yahoo.com

716 444-9556

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 donate.

Checks are made out to U. B. Women's Club.

Donations for the past few months are as follows: In memory of Marisa Mihich donations are from Linda and Dennis McKernan, Ann Rudin, Julia Cohan, Rose Budnick, Loreen Mershimmer, Celeste Bernacki, Joseph Levine and Martha Bednarz. Donations for Barbara Paganelli are from Ann Rudin and Julia Cohan. Thank you to all for your generosity.



CHINESE DINNER
Golden Duck Restaurant
1840 Maple Road, Williamsville, NY 14221
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024
DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM

COST IS \$48 PER PERSON (INCLUDES \$7 DONATION TO THE GRACE CAPEN AWARDS)

BANQUET MENU
Chicken Vegetable Soup
Vegetable Spring Rolls
Peking Duck
Moo Shu Duck
Double Vegetable Delight (Sauteed Green Beans & Eggplant with Garlic Sauce)
Shrimp with Walnuts
Pineapple Beef
House Fried Rice (no shrimp)
Fresh Fruit Platter
Flaming Volcano Delight
Cash Bar Available: Beer, Fine Wine, and Cocktails

The Women's Club of the University at Buffalo would like to express our appreciation to Chris and Marlee Mu and the Mu Family for their excellent presentation and cooperation to the success of our wonderful banquet this evening. We also thank our guests for your support.
There will be a Split Club Raffle.

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE PREPAID BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2024

Member Name _____ Phone _____
Guest Name(s) _____
(Additional Names on separate sheet)
Number Attending _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Checks payable to UB Women's Club and mailed by **February 16, 2024**
Mail to Jean Jain, 79 Chaumont Drive, Williamsville, NY 14221
Any questions, call Jean (716-633-5932) or Ann Rudin (716-689-7804)

Our annual Dinner and Wine Pairing event was held on January 20th at The Fairdale, featuring Italian cuisine and wines. It was a most enjoyable evening with a strong turn-out and raised significant monies for our Grace Capen Academic Awards. The food was delicious and wonderfully paired with fine wines. There was an impressive selection of raffle items and great prizes for the sweepstakes drawings, thanks to our hard-working Basket Committee: Gloria O'Neill, Jill Lucci, and Susan Busch.

Many thanks to all who work behind-the-scenes, as well as those who volunteer to help at the event. Finally, thanks to all who gave or secured donations. With our collective efforts, the event was a resounding success!

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

Thanks to all who donated Gift Baskets, Cash and Gift Cards & Certificates:

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| Dawn & Stan Halvorsen | Barbara Kaye | Lynn Kawi | Rosemary Mayne |
| Jill Lucci | Andrea Borgioli | Mary Soom | Maureen Wittmann |
| Debra Berger | Linda Eaton | Jean Errington | Kathleen Whieldon |
| Gloria O'Neill | Gloria Kelly | Leila Baker | Linda Palame |
| Mary Ellen Dye | Betsy Goldstein | Liz Egan | Jane Tomaszewski |
| Debb Loccke | Shelley Bernosky | Joan Taggart | Betty Kulpa |
| Jean Jain | Mary Lou de la Plante | Anita Smith | Laura Fiorotta |
| Carolyn Giambra | Maryann Po Jumper | The Wine Divas | Catherine Barthel |
| Susan Busch | Eileen Kuczarski | Crista Greenberg | Susan Ribes |
| Elaine Kellick | Kathy Macaluso | Nancy Stone | Mary Helenbrook |
| Ethel Enserro | Anna Mack | Margie Hadsell | Mary Randolph |
| Becky Burke | Melania Puius | Susan Grelick | Kathy Marando |
| Ellie Grieco | Luella Kenny | Ann Rudin | Virginia Mitchell |
| Barbara Graham | Joyce Lenda | Barbara Miner | Kathy O'Donnell |
| Claire Darstein | Dorothy Deavers | Pamela Kaminska | |
| UBWC Book Club | UBWC Mexican Train Dominos | UBWC Mah Jongg | |

& all those who donated bottles of wine

Please support the following businesses who graciously donated to this event:

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| BC Purses | Local Pizza | Ilio DiPaolo's | Russell's Steak Chops & More |
| Golden Duck | Studio 806 | Explore Buffalo | Olympic Family Restaurant |
| Anderson's | DiCamillo Bakery | Imperial Pizza | Pellicano's Marketplace |
| Dairy Queen | Genevieve's Bakery | Bodhi Lotus Salon | Olive Branch Family Restaurant |

Special thanks to:

Chairpersons: Deb Berger, Betty Schaertel, Luella Kenny

Basket Committee: Gloria O'Neill, Jill Lucci, Susan Busch

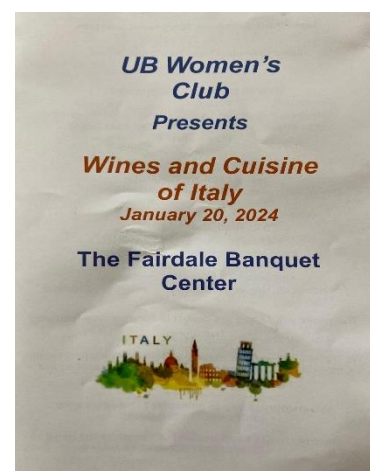
Ticket Sellers: Barb Kaye, Ethel Enserro, Jean Jain, Betty Schaertel, Jill Lucci, Gloria Kelly,


Mary Ellen Dye, Linda Eaton, Rita Bailey

Place Cards/Tags: Susan Busch

Booklets: Dawn Halvorsen

So, 14 of us served in one or more capacities on this committee, including the setting up of the room.





University at Buffalo Women's Club Luncheon and Election of Officers

Saturday, April 13, 2024

11:30 am - 2:30 pm

Samuel's Grande Manor

8750 Main Street

Williamsville, NY 14221

Cost: \$42 per person

Member Name: _____

Guest(s) Name: _____

Menu (Please select an Entrée):

Includes bread basket, sherbet, coffee and tea. Cash Bar is available.

- Entree:**
1. ___ Cobb Salad-Roasted turkey breast, fresh avocado, Roma tomato, bacon, hard boiled eggs, scallions, bleu cheese, served on mixed field greens with balsamic vinaigrette and peppercorn ranch dressing.
 2. ___ Tuscan style chicken-french style chicken breast seasoned with fresh herbs, topped with a Chardonnay butter sauce.

Please make your check payable to UB Women's Club and mail your check and this form to Mary Lou Mancuso, 40 Hidden Ridge Common, Williamsville, NY 14221 by ***Friday, April 5th.***

Any questions? Please contact Carmella Hanley (716) 481-4811 call or text.

Thank You!

Buffalo Federation of Women's Club-Marcia Sickau-UBWC liaison

Thursday February 22, 2024 General Meeting/Luncheon

Sean Patrick's Restaurant

3480 Millersport Hwy. Getzville NY

Doors open at 10:15 AM for registration.

Morning Session: 10:30 AM - General Meeting Speaker-11:00 AM Luncheon-12

**Speaker – The Hon. Penny M. Wolfgang (retired) Justice of the Erie County Supreme Court,
8th Judicial District of New York**

Her presentation will be “The Fascinating Life & Times of Penny Wolfgang”

Entrée choices: Chicken cordon Blue, Salmon, or Corned Beef & Cabbage

Each entree will be served with Soup, Potato, Vegetable, Dessert, Coffee or Tea

Cost of Luncheon: \$30 (includes gratuity)

Prepaid Reservation Deadline: Tuesday, February 13, 2024

Please send your \$30 check payable to BFWC and send it to me'

(Marcia Sickau, 9530 Transit Rd., Villa D, E. Amherst NY 14051)

Call if you have questions: 716-472-6412

You don't want to miss this great presentation!

During the month of February, the BFWC Community Outreach project will involve the collection of baby items and diapers to include: baby toiletries, baby clothing receiving blankets, crib sheets, onsies, baby bottles, diapers for newborns or Size 1, as well as Sanitary Personal Care items (sanitary pads and tampons).

Due to the snow and blizzard-like conditions we experienced in mid-January, I was only able to collect on 1 day instead of the normal 2 days. So, if you have hats, gloves scarves, socks for Men/Women and children) I will gladly take them now in February.

In addition, if you have extra shopping bags (new or used) those are always a much needed item at the facilities I visit.

I will be at the following locations on these dates, if you wish to deliver the items to me in person:

**Tuesday, February 13th - 12 noon to 1 PM - I will be parked at the entrance of the Center for
Tomorrow - North Campus at UB**

**Wednesday, February 21st - 12 noon to 1 PM - I will be in the Sheridan Harlem Plaza, corner of
Harlem & Sheridan in Snyder.**

Note: I drive a White (with black trim) SUV GMC Terrain - call me if you can't locate me. 716-472-6412.

If you prefer to make a donation instead of shopping, I will accept a personal check made payable to BFWC and I can shop for needed items. Please mail your check to me at Marcia Sickau, 9530 Transit Rd., - Villa D, E. Amherst NY 14051



A Chaucer Poem Links Romance to Valentine

In the 1370s or 1380s, he wrote a poem called "Parliament of Fowls" that contains this line: "For this was on Saint Valentine's Day, when every bird comes there to choose his mate."

This was a moment in Europe when a particular set of romantic ideas took shape. Chaucer and other writers of his time celebrated romance between knights and noble ladies who could never marry—often because she was married already—creating tropes of yearning and tragic obstacles that still drive our romantic comedies today.

UBWC Eileen Kuczmariski, Treasurer
4955 Glenwood Dr.
Williamsville, NY 14221-4129



WOMEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

The next Newsletter will be in March

March 1, 2024 (for March issue) please note due date.

Election Slate

Election Meeting & Ladies Tea Luncheon Reservation Form

Spring Luncheon Reservation Form