



Guests are invited! Friends and Family! Men and Women!
Come and enjoy a Mexican Feast with us!



University at Buffalo Women's Club

2024 INTERNATIONAL FEAST

Gramma Mora's

1465 Hertel Ave. Buffalo, NY

(street parking or public lot across the street)

Sunday, October 27th

\$45.00 per person ... guests are welcome!

(Grace Capen Academic Awards donation included)



5:30PM Cocktails – Cash Bar

Specials on Mexican Beer, Margaritas, Wine

6:00PM Fajita Bar featuring:

Chicken, Steak, or Shrimp with Rice, Beans, Sopa, Lettuce,

Tomato, Onions & Peppers

Mini Chimichanga – Chicken or Chorizo

Mexican Pizza – Veggie or Chorizo

Chile con queso & Guacamole

Dessert – Fried Ice Cream

Soft drinks, Tea & Coffee included



Please RSVP by October 15, 2024 ... make your check

(\$45 per person) payable to UB Women's Club

mail check and list of all persons included on your

reservation to:

Ethel Enserro, 133 Lexington Ave., Apt. 3, Buffalo NY 14222

Questions? Contact co-chairs:

Shirley Barone

Ethel Enserro

(716) 913-7494

(716) 485-6227

UBWC Board

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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



Dear Fellow Members,

By the time this newsletter reaches you, you may have begun enjoying your chosen activities. Remember, you can always join another one throughout the year, depending on their availability.

*The recent Luncheon at Jazzboline kicked off the 2024-2025 season by presenting us with a delicious and informative event. A heartfelt thank you to all that contributed items for *The Blue Table*. They were much appreciated by the recipients. I promise you that the December and April luncheons will be just as enjoyable and will have their own surprises for your pleasure.*

October also has a unique treat for you: the Mexican Fajita Fiesta at Grandma Mora's on October 27th. Don't miss this delightful casual evening.... and bring your friends!

Finally, I'd like to mention two very different but important topics. The first concerns the exciting planning of our 80th Celebration which will occur in 2025-2026. A Steering Committee was formed in August and has already begun brainstorming as to how UB Women's Club might celebrate such a milestone. It will take countless volunteer hours to create this memorable occasion. Therefore, the Committee is depending on all of our members to join in the fun of executing this yearlong celebration. Please volunteer, or say "yes" when asked. And, if you have any ideas for an event, topic, emphasis, tell the committee. They would love your input!

The second topic concerns this November's ballot, in particular Proposition 1. Beth Kaderabeck explained its importance at the September luncheon and it was also discussed in the smaller activity groups. Look for it on the reverse side of the ballot. It requires all of our support, regardless of party affiliation, to affirm its passage so that women will have the guarantee that they are in charge of their personal decisions and rights. PLEASE VOTE.

Have a glorious Fall...my favorite season!

Eras Bechakas

Editor's Note: Newsletters are published October, November, February and April. If you have something for the newsletter, send it to me, Julie Cohan, at mgtcohan@buffalo.edu by the 15th of the previous month. Special thanks to all the contributors and to Newsletter co-chair, Linda Lee Sciortino.

2024 – 2025 Program Calendar

September 14, 2024 (Saturday) 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

FALL LUNCHEON

Location: The Reikert House Ballroom at Jazzboline

5010 Main St., Amherst, NY 14226

Activities Sign-up

Co-Chairs: Miriam Easton, Ginger Mitchell

October 27, 2024 (Sunday) 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm

INTERNATIONAL FEAST: MEXICAN FAJITA FIESTA

Location: Gramma Mora's, 1465 Hertel Ave, Buffalo, NY 14216

Co-Chairs: Shirley Barone, Ethel Enserro

November 7, 2024 (Thursday) 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

BUFFALO FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS SCHOLARSHIP TEA

Location: Center for Tomorrow, UB North Campus

Chair: Buffalo Federation of Women's Clubs

December 7, 2024 (Saturday) 11:00 am -3:00 pm

THAT HOLIDAY SPIRIT LUNCHEON

Location: Columns Banquet Facility, 2221 Transit Rd, Elma 14059

Co-Chairs: Vicki Pappas, Diana Cain, Merry Wyssling

February 23, 2025 (Sunday) 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

CHINESE BANQUET

Location: Golden Duck Restaurant, 1840 Maple Rd., Williamsville

Co-Chairs: Jean Jain, Ann Rudin

March 29, 2025 (Saturday) 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm

DINNER AND WINE TASTING (California cuisine/wines)

Location: AcQua Banquet Hall, 2192 Niagara St., Buffalo 14207

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

Basket Raffle Committee: Gloria O'Neill, Sue Busch

April 26, 2025 (Saturday) 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

ELECTION MEETING LUNCHEON

Location: The Garret Club, 91 Cleveland Ave., Buffalo, NY 14222

Co-Chairs: Gretchen Seibert, Susan Baldauf

June 7, 2025 (Saturday) 11:30 am – 3:00 pm

SUMMER SOIREE LUNCHEON

Location: Russell's Steaks, Chops & More, 6675 Transit Rd., 14221

Co-Chairs: Jane Meka, Betty Schaertel

This is the last newsletter you will receive if you have not renewed membership for the current year. Please make sure your dues are paid in order to continue receiving our newsletters and emails. Contact Anne Bielinski at 716-634-8684 if in doubt.

ACTIVITY GROUPS

ACTIVITY GROUPS CALENDAR AND DESCRIPTIONS			
CO-CHAIRS: Vicki Pappas (812-361-9500) and Ann Rudin (716-689-7804)			
BOOKS:		FRENCH CONVERSATION:	
Meets 2nd Monday from 1:00 - 3:00 PM		Meets 1st Monday 2:00 PM	
Canterbury Woods Chelsea Clubhouse		Clearfield Library	
CAROLYN GIAMBRA	716-863-8945	Members are asked to speak French only.	
LOIS KELLY	716-649-8015	JEAN JAIN	716-633-5932
(BOOKS: via Zoom): 2nd Tuesday		MAH-JONGG:	
PAULA SALAMONE	716-479-1088	Meets Wednesdays from 1:00 to 4:00 PM	
		Congregation Shir Shalom	
BRIDGE FLIGHT:		BETH KADERABECK	716-689-0883
Bridge times are arranged by players			
NANCY DENEEN	716-835-2101		
		METROPOLITAN OPERA LIVE-STREAMED:	
CARD GAMES:		8 Saturdays through the year	
Meets last Tuesdays from 12:00 to 3:00 PM		Amherst Theatre	
Clearfield Library		MERRY WYSSLING	716-713-7379
PAT SMITH	716-725-9369	MARION BRUSH	716-481-8398
DOMINOES / MEXICAN TRAIN:			
Meets 2nd Friday from 12:00 - 3:00 PM		SMALL GROUP DINING OUT:	
Canterbury Woods Chelsea Clubhouse		Dining times and locations are arranged	
LINDA LEE SCIORTINO	716-832-9476	by each group	
CLAUDIA REEVES	716-993-1239	VICKI PAPPAS	812-361-9500

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
WEEK 1	FRENCH CONVERSATION Clearfield Library 2:00 PM		MAH JONGG Cong. Shir Shalom 1:00 - 4:00 PM			By Group Arrangement No Week or Day Limitation
WEEK 2	BOOKS Canterbury Woods Clubhouse 1:00 - 3:00 PM	BOOKS Via ZOOM 1:00 PM	MAH JONGG Cong. Shir Shalom 1:00 - 4:00 PM		MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES Canterbury Woods Clubhouse 12:00-3:00 PM	BRIDGE FLIGHT Arranged by each group
WEEK 3			MAH JONGG Cong. Shir Shalom 1:00 - 4:00 PM			METROPOLITAN OPERA 8 Saturdays through the year
WEEK 4		CARD GAMES Clearfield Library 12:00-3:00 PM	MAH JONGG Cong. Shir Shalom 1:00 - 4:00 PM			SMALL GROUP DINING OUT Arranged by each group

UBWC Activity Groups for 2024-25

UBWC members are welcome to participate in our various Activity Groups.

BOOKS:

The Book Group meets monthly on 2nd Mondays, September–May, at the Canterbury Woods Chelsea Club House from 1:00–2:30 pm. After refreshments at 1:00 pm, a member leads the discussion at 1:30 pm. Zoom meetings are on 2nd Tuesdays at 1:00 pm. The group selects books for the coming year each May.

Contact: Carolyn Giambra (863-8945), Lois Kelly (649-8015), Paula Salamone for Zoom (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)

CARD GAMES (Hand and Foot)

Hand and Foot is similar to Canasta, for 4 to 6 players. Players have two sets of cards, a "hand" and a "foot," which they use to make sets to gain points for their team. The group meets monthly on last Tuesdays from 12:00–3:00 pm at the Clearfield Library. As the group progresses, additional card games can be introduced.

Contact: Pat Smith (716-725-9369)

DOMINOES (Mexican Train)

The group plays this version of Dominoes on 2nd Fridays from Noon to 3:00 at the Canterbury Woods' Chelsea Clubhouse. Monthly emails request RSVPs. The group welcomes experienced players.

Contact: Linda Sciortino (716-832-9476) or Claudia Reeves (716-998-1239)

FRENCH CONVERSATION

French Conversation occurs on 1st Mondays from 2:00–4:00 pm in the Community Room of the Clearfield Library at Hopkins near Klein. 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)

METROPOLITAN OPERA LIVE-STREAMED MOVIES

This group meets for eight specific Saturdays during the year at 1:00 pm, when the Amherst Theater on Main Street near UB shows the opening performances of live New York Metropolitan Operas.

Contact: Merry Wyssling (716-713-7379) or Marion Brush (716-481-8398)

SMALL GROUP DINING OUT

Members are assigned to one of the yearly groups of about 8 diners each. Each group sets its own monthly dinner dates and 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)

Want to know more about these groups or JOIN ONE? Contact our Activity Coordinators:

Vicki Pappas (812-361-9500) or Ann Rudin (716-689-7804)

Potential Activity Groups

Survey results indicated that enough UBWC members would be interested in the following groups. Any group can begin meeting once an organizer (or co-organizers) steps forward!

ART GALLERIES

This group would meet monthly to visit various art galleries in the Buffalo/Western New York area, with possibilities for meeting some of the artists.

Contact: TBA (until then, if interested in being an organizer or co-organizer, contact Vicki or Ann)

MEET THE CHEF LUNCHES

This group would meet monthly at a regular time for no-host group lunches at various restaurants, often meeting with the chef or staff about their work.

Contact: TBA (until then, if interested in being an organizer or co-organizer, contact Vicki or Ann)

MOVIES

The Movies Group will meet monthly in the early afternoon on TBD Tuesdays or Thursdays. Following the movie, members may decide to meet to discuss the film at a coffee/pastry shop or for a late lunch/early dinner.

Contact: TBA (until then, if interested in being an organizer or co-organizer, contact Vicki or Ann)

SPECIAL EVENTS

This group could offer 2-3 special excursions during the year. All UBWC members are invited by email and our Newsletter. Examples of past events are trips to Letchworth Park/Glen Iris Inn and Hurd Orchard in Holly.

Contact: TBA (until then, if interested in being an organizer or co-organizer, contact Vicki or Ann)

UBWC WALKERS

This group would provide the opportunity for UBWC members to meet together for regular walks. Walking times and trails or sites to explore would be decided. One member has already volunteered to help organize.

Contact: TBA (until then, if interested in partnering with a co-organizer, contact Vicki or Ann)

If you might be interested in helping organize any of these new groups, contact our Activity Coordinators:
Vicki Pappas (812-361-9500) or Ann Rudin (716-689-7804)

REMEMBER TO FLIP YOUR BALLOT

This November 5 when you go to vote it is very important that you flip over your ballot to the back side and vote **YES** for **PROPOSITION 1**. New Yorkers deserve the freedom to control our own bodies, lives, and futures. Even here in New York, out of touch politicians have introduced 53 anti-abortion and anti-reproductive rights bills in the last decade. New York's current laws can be changed or rolled back depending on who is in the state legislature or in the Governor's Mansion. Prop 1 closes loopholes in the state constitution so New Yorkers, no matter who we are, can never be discriminated against by the government. This proposition will be the first in the country to have such a comprehensive amendment.

UBWC Book Group 2024-2025

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.

- September 9, 10 Hurricane Lizards and Plastic Squid by Thor Hanson
Discussion Leader: Francie Marzec Hostesses: Linda Swart and Claudia Reeves
- October 14, 15 Knife: meditations after an attempted murder by Salman Rushdie
Discussion Leader: Janet Zehr Hostesses: TBD
- November 11, 12 Untold Power: the fascinating rise and complex legacy of First Lady Edith Wilson by Rebecca Roberts
Discussion Leader: Beth Kaderabeck Hostesses: Gretchen Seibert and Lora Fletcher
- December 9, 10 The Letter Tree by Rachel Fordham
Discussion Leader: Linda Anscombe Hostesses: Terry Cohen and Marianne Boccabella
- January 13, 14 The Heaven and Earth Grocery Story by James McBride
Discussion Leader: Dawn Halvorsen Hostesses: Pam Pollock and Ginger Mitchell
- February 10, 11 Tom Lake by Ann Patchett
Discussion Leader: Colleen Maloney-Berman Hostesses: Linda Snyder and Pat Scholz
- March 10, 11 The Berry Pickers by Amanda Peters
Discussion Leader: Lois Kelly Hostesses: Sue Busch and Carla Bevilaqua
- April 14, 15 The Women by Kristin Hannah
Discussion Leader: Gerri Ronsen Hostesses: TBD
- May 12 Planning Meeting led by Lois Kelly Hostesses: TBD

OTHER BOOKS NOMINATED FOR 2024-2025 BOOK GROUP DISCUSSION

Night Watching by Tracy Sierra
Table for Two by Amor Towles
The Dinner by Herman Koch
Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt
Ashton Hall by Lauren Belfer
The Measure by Nikki Erlick



Burger & Blues Fundraiser!

This is an easy fundraiser that is fun, casual and provides light music.



Salvatore's Chandelier Bar at 6461 Transit Road, Buffalo, NY 14043

All are welcome! Bring your husband! Bring your friends! Bring your family!
Come and enjoy drinks, appetizers, a dinner or anything else from the full menu.

Thursday, November 14 • **Brother James** • Chandelier Bar • 6 p.m.

BURGER & BLUES BENEFIT:

UB Woman's Club

Chandelier Bar • 4 – 9 p.m.

UBWC will receive 20% of the proceeds from food and drink for the evening.

Music by Brother James, a popular singer, guitarist, songwriter and recording artist.

He plays vintage rock and roll, light rock from the 70's, 80's, 90's and today.

Special: Burger and a Peroni Beer for \$15. OR order any food or drinks from their full menu.

Call chair, Jean Jain, at 716-633-5932 (land line) or at 716-435-3292 (cell) with questions.



Corresponding Secretary



Sheila Marie Long, would like to remind everyone... If you know of a member who should receive a get well, sympathy, congratulations or thank you card... please let Sheila know at: cotasml579@gmail.com. Thank you.

UBWC 80 Years Celebration!

Join us from September 2025 through September 2026, as we honor the legacy of 80 years of our club. Future newsletters will have more information. "80 Year" donations to UB Women's Club in any amount to help defray costs, may be sent to our treasurer, Eileen Kuczmarski, 4955 Glenwood Dr., Williamsville, NY 14221.

Tribute Fund, Jane Meka – Chair

Please consider making a donation to our Grace Capen Fund. The funds can be made in memory of a loved one or a special gift for someone who attended the University. Our last donation was made in memory of Marisa Mihich by Janice Reilly.

Contact Jane Meka at (716) 836 - 6414 or at mathmeka@aol.com to donate. Checks are made out to U.B. Women's Club. Mail to Jane Meka, UBWC Tribute Fund, 379 Berryman Drive, Snyder, NY, 14226.



Replacement of Lost Name Tags

The cost of our name tags has gone up! All members are issued a name tag free of charge as a new member. Please wear it at events so everyone knows your name. If you lose or damage your tag, you may request a replacement. Cost is \$10.00. Because we order in bulk, replacements may take a few weeks. Contact Mary Anne Grady at 716-341-9365 for a tag.

University and Community Service

Offering two On-Going Volunteer Opportunities:



Buffalo Niagara Literacy is dedicated to helping adults reach functional literacy so they can reach their goals and break the intergenerational cycle of low literacy and poverty.

<https://literacy.buffalo.org/volunteer>



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) is a national charitable organization with close to 300 chapters across the U.S. that builds and delivers beds to kids in need, with no cost to that child's family. For more information and to volunteer, visit: www.shpbs.org

Contact us if you are interested in either of these volunteer opportunities!
Bunny Neenos 716-632-5399 and Pat Sciandra 516-330-5039

UB Women's Club is helping at the January 23rd luncheon for the Buffalo Federation of Women's Clubs. Contact Beth Kaderabeck at 716-689-0883 if you wish to help out.

**BUFFALO FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2024

**CLASSIC'S V BANQUET & CONVENTION CENTER
2425 NIAGARA FALLS BLVD., AMHERST, NY 14228**

Doors Open : 10:00 AM

Morning Session Begins: 10:30 AM

Guest Speaker: 11:00 AM



Our Guest Speaker will be Judy Torres. On retiring from the Buffalo Police Department, Judy was motivated to work in the domestic violence field. Judy is the Director of the Domestic Violence Program at Hispanics United. Come hear her story from the unique perspective that included a law enforcement and judicial angle of this truly insidious social problem.

Sit Down Luncheon at 12:15 PM

Begins with a salad, bread and butter

Entree Choices: Sliced Sirloin of Beef; Chicken Francaise; Or Garlic Crusted Tilapia, served with a vegetable medley, and herb roasted potatoes.

Dessert: Ice Cream with Chocolate Sauce

PREPAID RESERVATION DEADLINE:

Monday, October 14, 2024

Cost of Luncheon \$30 (Includes Gratuity)

Please mail your check made payable to BFWC, along with your entree choice to:

Karen Fritsch, 15 Spindrift Court, Apt. 1, Williamsville, NY 14221

**CHARITABLE WORKS /
COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

In honor of the work that was being done by Marcia Sickau in collecting items for local non-profit agencies, the Board of Directors, at their August meeting, decided to combine these efforts to assure we meet the needs of those agencies Marcia worked with.

As we re-organize this effort, we are asking for volunteers who are willing to assist with the collection and/or distribution (even on a limited basis). Please call Diane Elmer at 716-308-4749 to volunteer or for more information.

Donations will still be collected at BFWC board and general membership meetings.

Checks can be made out to BFWC and we will purchase items for you. **Please mail checks to:**

Betty Kulpa, 767 Parker, Buffalo NY 14223

AND INDICATE FOR

Charitable AND/OR Community Outreach.

SOUP and BEANS:

For the month of October we will be collecting canned Tomato soup and chili beans for HEARTS FOR THE HOMELESS.

SOCKS:

Colder weather always creates a need for warm socks for men, women and children.

Several local agencies will benefit from your sock donations.

We thank you for your continued giving, all these years. It surely makes a difference in many many lives. **Any checks received (payable to BFWC) are greatly appreciated too. Our committee will gladly do the shopping for you.**

With our sincere thanks,
Diane Elmer
Penny Moore





Dedication

Photos from the dedication of a bench and rocking chair to the UB Child Care Centers in memory of Connie Rao. Standing: Vicki Pappas, Beth Kaderabeck, Elaine Kellick, Jane Meka, Sue D'Angelo. Seated: Sue Busch, Eras Bechakas, Anne Bielinski

The bench is at the center at the North Campus and the rocking chair is at the center at the South Campus. Each has a visible plaque "IN MEMORY OF *Concetta (Connie) Rao.*"

This effort was made possible by donations to the UB Women's Club Tribute Fund in Connie's memory.



Photo Repository and Archive

We are creating a repository for photos of our club's events and activity groups. If you have photos from luncheons, dinners and activity group meetings, send them to Alice Bergmann at ambergmann55@gmail.com.

Co-chairs Alice Bergmann and Dorie Deavers

Wine and Dinner pairing committee

The Wine and Dinner pairing committee will be accepting donations for the March 29th event at each luncheon before the event. This includes bottles of wine, gift cards, cash, large baskets, etc. Thank you.

Basket Committee Chair, Gloria O'neill

Newsletter Deadlines

Submit articles by October 15th for the November Newsletter
by January 15th for the February Newsletter
by March 15th for the April Newsletter

All articles and announcements that miss the newsletter will be sent out in separate emails.

Save this newsletter!

The Activities pages and Book Group list will not be repeated in future newsletters this year. Please save this file so that you can refer to it all year!

WOMEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

October, 2024 Edition



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Eileen Kuczmariski,
Treasurer