



## 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,

Winter is slowly approaching, bringing with it the beauty of pristine white snow and crisp clear nights. It also ushers in the Holiday Season, filled with joy and thankfulness, celebrated with friends and family.

UBWC is adding to the whirlwind of festivities by offering you the December 7th Winter Holiday luncheon at The Columns. (*Page 5*). You may even be able to finish your holiday gift shopping there because vendors will be available to entice you with their diverse merchandise.

At this event, UBWC has offered to collect toys for needy children at St. Luke's Mission. The request is quite specific, so please refer to the information (*Page 4*) in this newsletter regarding details. I hope you will consider donating a toy. Imagine the look of wonder on the face of that child when he/she opens up your present. Priceless!

Prior to the December event another opportunity to not only socialize but to also support the Grace Capen Awards will occur on November 14th. Burgers and Blues is happening at Salvatore's Chandelier Room. Come and enjoy a drink, meal, whatever. Everyone is invited and 20% of the night's proceeds will be donated to UBWC. Check the flyer in this newsletter for details. (*Page 3*).

Since this will be the final newsletter in 2024, I wish you a memorable Thanksgiving and peaceful holiday season filled with delight and fond memories. Holidays are meant to be enjoyed and treasured. I hope that yours will be as well.

In anticipation of an exciting 2025,

*Eras Bechakas*

# Remaining 2024 – 2025 Program Calendar

<b>November 7, 2024 (Thursday)</b> BUFFALO FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS SCHOLARSHIP TEA <i>Location:</i> Center for Tomorrow, UB North Campus <i>Chair:</i> Buffalo Federation of Women's Clubs	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
<b>December 7, 2024 (Saturday)</b> THAT HOLIDAY SPIRIT LUNCHEON <i>Location:</i> Columns Banquet Facility, 2221 Transit Rd, Elma 14059 <i>Co-Chairs:</i> Vicki Pappas, Diana Cain, Merry Wyssling	11:00 am -3:00 pm
<b>February 23, 2025 (Sunday)</b> CHINESE BANQUET <i>Location:</i> Golden Duck Restaurant, 1840 Maple Rd., Williamsville <i>Co-Chairs:</i> Jean Jain, Ann Rudin	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
<b>March 29, 2025 (Saturday)</b> DINNER AND WINE TASTING (California cuisine/wines) <i>Location:</i> AcQua Banquet Hall, 2192 Niagara St., Buffalo 14207 <i>Co-Chairs:</i> Debra Berger, Betty Schaertel, Luella Kenny <i>Basket Raffle Committee:</i> Gloria O'Neill, Sue Busch	6:00 pm – 10:00 pm
<b>April 26, 2025 (Saturday)</b> ELECTION MEETING LUNCHEON <i>Location:</i> The Garret Club, 91 Cleveland Ave., Buffalo, NY 14222 <i>Co-Chairs:</i> Gretchen Seibert, Susan Baldauf	11:00 am – 3:00 pm
<b>June 7, 2025 (Saturday)</b> SUMMER SOIREE LUNCHEON <i>Location:</i> Russell's Steaks, Chops & More, 6675 Transit Rd., 14221 <i>Co-Chairs:</i> Jane Meka, Betty Schaertel	11:30 am – 3:00 pm

## Important Notes about our Upcoming Events ...

Support our scholarship students at the **Buffalo Federation of Women's Clubs Tea** on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is invited. There is no charge but it is customary to make a donation to the scholarship fund at the door.

Consider making our **Burgers & Blues Fundraiser** at Salvatore's Chandelier Room on November 14<sup>th</sup> your dining out group night! If not that, invite all your friends to join you and make it a fun evening out! Details on page 3.

When you attend **That Holiday Spirit Luncheon** at The Columns on December 7<sup>th</sup>, bring a toy, in its original package and unwrapped. Gift cards in marked envelopes are welcome for older kids. Details on pages 4 and 5.

Chris and Marlee Mu will serve a beautiful and sumptuous, multi course banquet to delight your palate for the February 23<sup>rd</sup> **Chinese Banquet**. Future UBWC emails and newsletters will contain a colorful flyer, menu, price, etc. As 2025 is the Chinese Year of the Snake, we hope it is an auspicious and prosperous year for us all.

See pages 6 and 7 for the **Wine Dinner** letter to request donations and donation drop off information.

Co-Chairs Gretchen Seibert and Susan Baldauf ask you to mark your calendars now for the **Election Meeting Luncheon** on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 3pm at The Garret Club, 91 Cleveland Ave., Buffalo. *[Editor's Note: I have been there and it is a lovely venue.]*

**From the Editor:** 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](mailto:mgtcohan@buffalo.edu) by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the previous month. Special thanks to all the contributors and to Newsletter co-chair, Linda Lee Sciortino.



## Salvatore's Burger & Blues Fundraiser.

# 20%

OF THE EVENING PROFITS  
DONATED TO:



T H U R S D A Y

# November 14, 2024

## The Chandelier Bar

AT SALVATORE'S • 4 - 10 P.M.

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Live Acoustic Blues at 6 p.m. • \$15 Burger and Peroni Special • Happy Hour Menu available 4 - 7 p.m.

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# ACTIVITY GROUPS

Looking for the full Activity Group schedule? Visit the website at <https://ubwp.buffalo.edu/ubwomensclub/activities/>

## NEW ACTIVITY GROUPS IN ACTION!

We're pleased to announce that we have THREE new Activity Groups in full start-up mode in addition to our regular offerings for this year. Perhaps the new groups may be of interest to you as well! Here are some descriptions and the person to contact for each.

### CARD GAMES (Hand and Foot)

Hand and Foot is similar to Canasta, for 4 to 6 players, and a lot of fun! The group meets monthly on last Tuesdays from 12:00–3:00 pm at the Clearfield Library.

**Contact:** Pat Smith (716-725-9369)

### METROPOLITAN OPERA LIVE-STREAMED MOVIES

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

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

### UBWC WALKERS

This group meets together on Friday and Saturday mornings at 9:00 am for regular walks along the Ellicott Creek Trailway at North Forest and Maple. Winter walks will move inside!

**Contact:** Neelam Kohli (716-308-99070)

## CHANGE IN CONTACT FOR MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES:

**Contact:** Catherine Barthel (716-839-4371) or Claudia Reeves (716-998-1239)

Additionally, a great many UB women expressed interest in four other potential new groups, but we have yet to identify people willing to serve as group organizers or co-organizers to get them started. These groups are **Movies, Art Gallery Visits, Meet the Chef Lunches, and Special Events**. If you are interested and would be willing to help plan any of these groups, please contact either one of our Activity Group Co-Chairs to share ideas and/or make suggestions as to how to move forward: Vicki Pappas (812-361-9500) or Ann Rudin (716-689-7804).

## TOYS FOR THE KIDS

Saint Luke's Mission of Mercy in Buffalo is in need of toys for this Christmas to distribute to needy children! The UB Women's Club is collaborating with the Buffalo Federation of Women's Clubs to help make the holidays a little brighter for them.

We hope you will consider bringing (or sending) a toy gift to our Holiday Luncheon on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> – a great way to share *"That Holiday Spirit"* beyond our doors! Volunteers from the Federation will collect the donations while we are at The Columns.

Your gift should be a toy for a child between 4 and 16 years old. It should be new and in its original packaging. **Please leave it unwrapped.** Older children especially appreciate gift cards, which you might prefer to give instead of a toy. If so, please place your gift card in a marked envelope.

St. Luke's will greatly appreciate the contributions of the UB women. We hope you can help!



*That Holiday Spirit!*

**UBWC  
HOLIDAY LUNCHEON**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

COLUMNS BANQUET CENTER

11:00 AM

\$50 PER PERSON

PLEASE RSVP BY WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20th

**We hope you will join us for a  
delightful start to the Holiday Season!**

**Shopping, Chatting, & Cash Bar**

**Delicious Lunch**

**Poached Pear Salad with Crumbled Blue Cheese & Candied Walnuts**

**Choice of:**

**Roasted Pork Tenderloin with Cranberry-Apple Chutney**

**The Columns' Signature Chicken Souvlaki**

**Vegetable Lasagna with Marinara**

**and Baked Apple Crisp with Ice Cream/Coffee or Tea**

**Special Entertainment**

**Gift Cards Raffle**

**Sharing the Holiday Spirit with St. Luke's Mission: Be sure to  
bring your gift of a toy for a child or a gift card for a youth**

**RESERVATION**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of tickets:** \_\_\_\_\_ **x \$50.00 = TOTAL PAYMENT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**(Make checks payable to UB Women's Club ~ Includes \$5 donation to Grace Capen Fund)**

**MENU CHOICE:** \_\_\_Pork Tenderloin \_\_\_Chicken Souvlaki \_\_\_Vegetarian Lasagna

**Please list the names of all women included in your reservation:**

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**By WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20th, send this form and your check to:**

**Vicki Pappas ~ 8457 Chadway Court ~ Williamsville, NY 14221**

**Questions? Contact Co-Chairs:** Diana Cain (716-491-6490 or dm-cain@hotmail.com)  
Vicki Pappas (812-361-9500 or pappas@iu.edu)  
Merry Wyssling (716-713-7379 or merwyss@gmail.com)



October 16, 2024

Greetings,

The University at Buffalo Women's Club is a service organization to the University at Buffalo and its community. We are in our 79th year of participating in educational and charitable activities which directly sponsor the Grace Capen Academic Awards. The money raised from these activities fund academically gifted students from the University.

Please consider supporting our outstanding Dinner and Wine Pairing Event on Saturday, March 29, 2025. The event will be held at The AcQua Banquet Hall.

Your donation of merchandise or a gift certificate will help students achieve their educational goals. Please support us in making this another successful event. Your contribution is tax deductible (acknowledged by a receipt) and your participation is acknowledged the night of the event.

On behalf of the UB Women's Club we would personally like to thank you for your contribution in advance. Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,  
Basket Raffle Committee Chair

Gloria O'Neill  
5143 Eastbrooke Place  
Williamsville, NY 14221  
(716) 445-3797

## From the Nominating Committee

It's that time of the year to consider your involvement on the Board for 2025-2026! 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, ELAINE KELLICK at 716-866-8491 or e-mail [ekellick@aol.com](mailto:ekellick@aol.com) for consideration. The Nominating Committee will be convening shortly. We hope you will contribute your ideas and your energy!

## From the Communication Committee



Our September 28th Avery and Canva class was a success, with 13 members attending. Thank you for your interest and support! Lifelong learning! People have approached us about offering other classes, including iPhone classes and other technology. At this time, there is no plan to offer more classes but there are a wealth of classes and information at University Express (<https://www4.erie.gov/universityexpress>). Apple will offer support in their stores at the Walden Galleria and online. (<https://support.apple.com/iphone>) You can also try [www.seniortechclub.com](http://www.seniortechclub.com) for their Senior Tech Tuesdays on Zoom. You need to have a zoom account. Check with your local senior center or community education program. If they do not currently offer what you need, they may know of someone who can assist you.

## 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](mailto:ambergmann55@gmail.com).  
Co-chairs Alice Bergmann and Dorie Deavers

## Wine and Dinner Pairing Basket Committee

The basket raffle committee will be accepting donations for the March 29th dinner and wine pairing event at the Holiday Luncheon on December 7th. We will be accepting bottles of wine, cash donations, checks, gift cards, items to include in gift baskets, large empty baskets, and complete gift baskets ready to raffle. Any questions call Gloria O'Neill 716-445-3797. (See donation request letter on page 6.) Thank you.

Basket Committee Chair, Gloria O'Neill

## 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.

## Tribute Fund, Jane Meka – Chair

Please consider making a donation to our Grace Capen Fund. The funds can be given in memory of a loved one or as a special gift for someone who attended the University. Contact Jane Meka at (716) 836-6414 or at [mathmeka@aol.com](mailto:mathmeka@aol.com) for information. Checks are to be made out to U.B. Women's Club. Mail to Jane Meka, U.B.W.C. Tribute Fund, 379 Berryman Drive, Snyder, N.Y., 14226.



## From the 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](mailto:cotasml579@gmail.com). Thank you.

## Volunteer Opportunities

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

Contact Bunny Neenos at 716-632-5399 or Pat Sciandra at 516-330-5039 if you have volunteer opportunities to share with our group.

## UBWC 80 Years Celebration!

Join us from September 2025 through September 2026, as we honor the legacy of 80 years of our club. Keep watching for more information about how you can be a part of this celebration. We welcome "80 Year" donations to UB Women's Club in any amount to help defray costs. Send your checks payable to UB Women's Club, to Eileen Kuczarski, 4955 Glenwood Dr., Williamsville, NY 14221. This is separate from our Tribute Fund but any money raised and not used will go to Grace Capen Awards.

## Newsletter Deadlines and watch your emails ...

Submit articles by January 15<sup>th</sup> for the February Newsletter  
by March 15<sup>th</sup> for the April Newsletter

All articles and announcements that miss the newsletter will be sent out in separate emails. We hope you will refer back to information included in this newsletter!

## WOMEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

*November, 2024 Edition*



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Williamsville, NY 14221-4129  
Eileen Kuczarski,  
Treasurer