



Volume 105

# Women's Club



April, 2025

## UBWC Board 2024 - 2025 Executive Board

President - Eras Bechakas  
 Vice-President - Susan D'Angelo  
 Treasurer - Eileen Kuczmariski  
 Asst. Treas. - Kate Donahue  
 Recording Secretary - Susan Busch  
 Asst Rec Secretary-Sarah Walsh-Brown  
 Corres. Secretary - Sheila Marie Long  
 Asst Corres Secretary - Debbie Wallace  
 Members at Large:  
     Jean Jain  
     Barbara Miner  
     Ginger Mitchell

Activities - Vicki Pappas  
     Co-Chair - Ann Rudin  
 Communications - Susan Busch  
 Federation - Elizabeth Egan  
 Gifts & Awards – Ethel Enserro  
     Co-Chair - Laura Neubecker  
 Historian – Alice Bergmann  
     Co-Chair – Dorie Deavers  
 Hospitality - Debra Berger  
     Co-Chair - Barbara Kaye  
 Membership - Anne Bielinski  
     Co-Chair - Mary Anne Grady  
 Member Recognition - Betty Kulpa  
 New Members - Carmella Hanley  
     Co-Chair - Dawn Halvorson  
 Newsletter - Julie Cohan  
     Co-Chair - Linda Lee Sciortino  
 Nominating - Elaine Kellick  
     Co-Chair - Julie Cohan  
 Parliamentarian - Beth Kaderabeck  
 Publicity - Marion Brush  
 Telephone - Roey Tacca  
     Co-Chair - Pat Ihle  
 Tribute Fund - Jane Meka  
 University and Community Service  
     Bunny Neenos  
     Co-Chair - Pat Sciandra  
 Yearbook - Pamela Lojacono

### 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,

Spring has finally arrived, pushing away a very long windy and icy winter.

For UB Women's Club it also ushers in a significant series of events. In April, we will elect the 2025-2026 Executive Board at the April luncheon, and prior to this, many of us will take time out to observe sacred holidays.

In May, our Grace Capen fundraising efforts will culminate with the distribution of those funds to qualified students. Last year 36 students each received \$500.00 which totaled \$18,000.00. What an accomplishment!

On June 7th, we will relax and enjoy a memorable luncheon at Russell's to end our year. A special treat at the luncheon will be a presentation by our own heroine, Luella Kenny. She will speak about her role as a whistleblower, and its influence in ending the negligence of the Niagara Falls industries which caused the Love Canal Debacle.

It has been a wonderful year filled with amazing events. My gratitude to an exceptional Board of Directors and individual chairmen for making my year so effortless.

Have a relaxing summer but gear up for our 80th Celebration year. Loads of treats coming your way! It's going to be filled with memories and fun facts you may not know, so join us when you can and toast our incredible organization.

Until then ... enjoy the coming spring and summer months.

Warm regards,  
*Eras Bechakas*

## Remaining 2024 – 2025 Program Calendar

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

The On April 26, the UBWC Luncheon and Election of Officers will be held. To make this special event even more memorable, the luncheon will be held at a Buffalo treasure, the Garret Club. We will have two guest speakers, James Maynard, Curator and Allison Fraser, Associate Curator, give a brief presentation on another Buffalo treasure, the prestigious James Joyce Collection at the UB Libraries. We hope you will join us for this wonderful afternoon!

The Garret Club is a beautifully appointed private club for women, designed by legendary Buffalo architect E.B. Green, Jr. It is on the National Register of Historic Places and a distinctive gem for sure. We're certain you'll enjoy its charming ambiance and excellent food.

UB James Joyce Collection is the most comprehensive collection of manuscripts and other materials related to the renowned Irish author, recognized as the most influential literary figure of the 20th century. Comprising of more than 10,000 pages of the author's working papers, notebooks, manuscripts, photographs, correspondence, portraits, publishing records, and important memorabilia as well as Joyce's Paris library and the complete body of significant Joyce criticism. The collection distinguishes UB as the leading resource for Joyce scholarship.

**\*\* Be sure to get your luncheon reservation and check in early.  
If it's received by April 6, 2025, you'll be entered in a drawing for a special prize!  
All reservations are due by April 12, 2025.  
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June 7, 2025 (Saturday)

11:00 am – 3:00 pm

### **SUMMER SOIREE LUNCHEON**

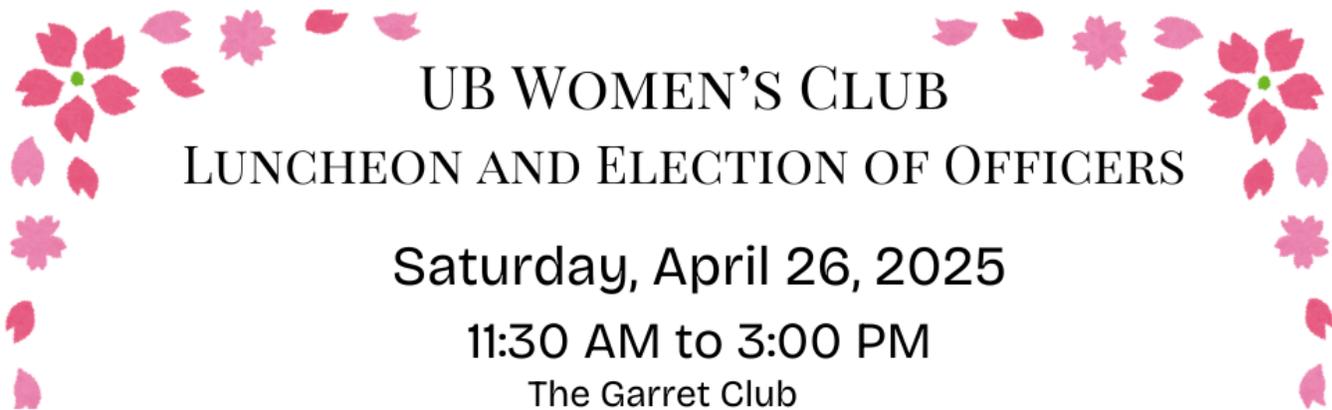
*Location:* Russell's Steaks, Chops & More, 6675 Transit Rd., 14221

*Co-Chairs:* Jane Meka, Betty Schaertel

Luella Kenny will be our guest speaker before lunch at our Summer Soiree Luncheon on June 7<sup>th</sup> at Russell's Steaks, Chops & More. Luella will speak from personal experience about living in Love Canal and what drove her to fight for the lives of her family and neighbors. You won't want to miss her fascinating story. Lunch will follow around 12:30 pm.

**Early Reservations will be entered for a drawing - deadline is May 17, 2025  
Final Reservations – deadline is May 24, 2025  
Make sure you get your reservation in early.  
See Page 5.**

**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.



UB WOMEN'S CLUB  
LUNCHEON AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Saturday, April 26, 2025

11:30 AM to 3:00 PM

The Garret Club  
91 Cleveland Avenue  
Buffalo, NY 14222

(Free parking and elevator available)

All entrees include: Ginger carrot soup, bread & butter, coffee, tea and a lemon tart with mixed berries for dessert.

Entree #1: Sliced tenderloin with gorgonzola on a bed of greens

Entree #2: Vegetable tart with a side salad

ALL ENTREES ARE \$55, WHICH INCLUDES A \$5 DONATION TO THE GRACE CAPEN FUND. A CASH BAR AND SPLIT CLUB TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT CHECK-IN.

Our program will feature a short presentation by curators from the James Joyce Collection at the UB Libraries.



Please send in this reservation form (deadline **April 12, 2025**)

with your entree choice and a check, payable to the UB Women's Club to Susan Baldauf, 68 Breezewood Common, East Amherst, NY 14051

Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Entree #1 \_\_\_\_ or Entree #2 \_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Questions: Please contact Gretchen Seibert (716) 830-0147 or Susan Baldauf (716) 428-3272

## From the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee, with the help of other Board members, has been somewhat successful in preparing the slate of Board Members for the coming anniversary year, 2025-2026. We truly welcome and appreciate those who have agreed to serve on the new board thus far.

The proposed slate of Executive Board Members is as follows:

President	Eras Bechakas
Vice-President	Sue D'Angelo
Treasurer	Eileen Kuczarski
<b>Asst. Treasurer</b>	<b>TBD</b>
Recording Secretary	Susan Busch
Asst. Recording Secretary	Dorie Deavers
Corresponding Secretary	Sheila Marie Long
Asst. Corresponding Secretary	Joyce Lenda
Members-at -Large	Jean Jain
	Barbara Miner
	Virginia "Ginger" Mitchell

We encourage everyone to attend the Election Luncheon on Saturday, April 26, 2025 at The Garret Club. It is sure to be a special event. We need a quorum of 10% of our membership to officially conduct the election procedure, so please join us! The reservation form is on [page 3](#) in this newsletter.

We are still in the process of recruiting volunteers for a few positions. Contact Elaine at [ekellick@aol.com](mailto:ekellick@aol.com) or call or text 716-866-8491, if you would like to be considered for any of these positions. We welcome new board members!

Assistant Treasurer  
Historian  
Yearbook Co-chair

Elaine Kellick Nominating Committee Chair  
Julie Cohan, Co-chair





# Summer Soiree Luncheon

Saturday, June 7, 2025

Arrive at 11:30 am – no assigned seating

Luella Kenny will be our guest speaker before lunch. Lunch will be served at 12:30 pm

Russell’s Steaks Chops & More

6675 Transit Road

Williamsville, NY 14221

\$60.00 per person – Reservations are limited

Tickets for Split Club will be available

All lunches served with Caesar Salad and Chocolate Cake for dessert.

### Entrée Choices:

5 oz. Petite Filet Mignon

Chicken Marsala

Poached Salmon

Vegetarian Option – Penne Ala Vodka

Coffee and tea available before and during lunch

Co-Chairs: Jane Meka - 836-6414 and Betty Schaertel – 807-0289

Please send reservation form and check made payable to UB Women’s Club to:

Betty Schaertel

10 Crestwood Court

Tonawanda, NY 14150

Early Reservations will be entered for a drawing - deadline is May 17, 2025

Final Reservations – deadline is May 24, 2025

Make sure you get your reservation in early.

If non-member please place an X in the guest box.

Please list only those names you are paying for.

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		Poached Salmon _____	Penne Ala Vodka _____
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		Poached Salmon _____	Penne Ala Vodka _____

Amount enclosed at \$60 per person \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## Welcome to a New Member! Please add to your Yearbooks.

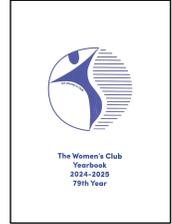
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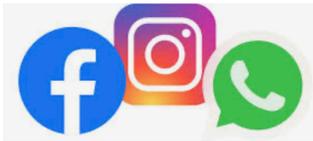
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### CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS:

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## Anyone Comfortable with Social Media?

The Communications Committee is looking for people who are familiar with Facebook, Instagram, and/or email systems to assist Sue Busch with the administration of our accounts. We just need someone other than Sue, in case she is not available or there is a problem logging into an account.

Please respond to Sue at [sbusch526@gmail.com](mailto:sbusch526@gmail.com) or text 716-983-6818. Thank you!

## More from the Communication Committee

Reminder: When sending an email, please put UBWC first in the subject line. This will help when you are searching for a particular UBWC email. Use the "search email" bar at the top of the page. Remember to reply, NOT reply all. In addition, when sending a text, please put your name at the bottom, as some members may not have your number in their phones and be unable to identify the sender.

## Tribute Fund, Jane Meka – Chair

Please consider making a donation to our Grace Capen Award Fund. The funds can be given in memory of a loved one or as a special gift for someone who attended the University at Buffalo. Acknowledgment notes are sent to the donors and the recipients.

Our most recent donations were made by Eileen Kuczarski and Susan Busch in memory of Andrea Borgioli and Maryann "Po" Jumper. A tribute contribution was also made by our Domino/Mexican Train Activity Group in memory of Po Jumper, who served as the former chairwoman of that group for many years. Contributions in memory of Marcia Sickau have been received from Sheila Marie Long, Eileen Kuczarski, Sharon Sangiacomo, and the Buffalo Federation of Women's Clubs.

Thank you, ladies, for your generosity. Checks for donations are to be made payable to UB Women's Club and mailed to Jane Meka at 379 Berryman Drive, Amherst, N.Y., 14226. Address questions to Jane at [mathmeka@aol.com](mailto:mathmeka@aol.com).

## ACTIVITY GROUPS

Looking for the full Activity Group schedule? Visit the website at:

<https://ubwp.buffalo.edu/ubwomensclub/activities/>

### Walking Group

Hello Walkers! Let us welcome Spring by walking. The fresh air and friendship boosts our mood and health. We will start again in April and continue until October. Two mornings of walking - Friday and Saturday, starting on April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. For starters, we will meet at the North Forest Bike Path at 8:55 am to start walking at 9 am. We can explore your walking paths in the coming weeks.

Walking is easy, walk at your pace and distance. Come and join.

Neelam Kohli [neelamk56@gmail.com](mailto:neelamk56@gmail.com)

### 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.



### 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: [cotasm1579@gmail.com](mailto:cotasm1579@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. 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.

### What's ahead for our 80<sup>th</sup> year?

In addition to a spectacular line up of our annual luncheons, in March 2026, we will be hosting a light reception following a performance by UB's Zodiaque Dance Company. This is only one of the special celebrations we have planned. Stay tuned for more...

### Newsletter Deadlines and watch your emails ...

This is the last newsletter for this 2024-2025 year. Our next newsletter will celebrate our 80<sup>th</sup> year, and be sent out in October, 2025! Submit articles by September 15, 2025 for the October Newsletter.

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



*In Loving Memory*

We remember the following members we lost this year.

Andrea Borgioli  
Linda Marie Franchell  
Maryann "Po" Jumper

Velina Ruckenstein  
Marcia Sickau  
Darlene Vallas

To all who lost a loved one, we offer deepest sympathy.

## WOMEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

*April, 2025 Edition*



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Eileen Kuczarski, Treasurer