



UBWC Board 2024 - 2025 Executive Board

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- 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,

I'm in anticipation of a 2025 filled with fun, excitement and new achievements. We have so much to look forward to! I can hardly wait for the sumptuous Chinese Dinner this February planned meticulously by Ann Rudin and Jean Jain. If you haven't experienced one, I strongly suggest that you give it a try.

The Dinner and Wine pairing promises to deliver an exceptional California evening at its new venue, AcQua. My curiosity keeps increasing! What unique foods and wines will be featured?

Our social events will continue with a delicious Luncheon and Election held at the Garret Club, with a special presentation by the curators of the University's priceless James Joyce Collection. This is one of the University's world-renowned cultural treasures.

And as these occur, we continue to enjoy the camaraderie of fellow members, through the vast selection of activities offered to us as UBWC members.

We are once again anticipating who will become our next leaders in the year ahead. Our Nominating Committee is seeking out prospective choices. If you are given such an opportunity, please seriously consider it.

The year 2025-2026 will also be unique for our organization. It marks the 80th year of its existence. Several activities are being planned to take place throughout this celebratory year culminating with the 2026 September luncheon. Be proud and grateful of the legacy that this organization has given to the University and its community. It is our goal to carry this effort forward for another 80 years through our support of higher education and scholastic achievement. By participating in our activities which directly fund the Grace Capen Scholarship Awards you reap the reward of knowing that you, in some small but significant way, are contributing to this worthy cause.

Eras Bechakas

Remaining 2024 – 2025 Program Calendar

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

Welcome New Members! Please add to your Yearbooks.

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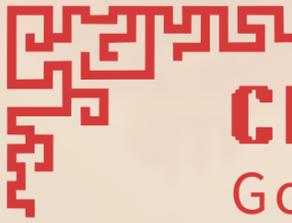
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From the Editor: Newsletters are published October, November, February and April. If you have something for the newsletter, send it to me, Julie Cohan, at mgtcohan@buffalo.edu by the 15th of the previous month. Special thanks to all the contributors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



CHINESE BANQUET

Golden Duck Restaurant

1840 Maple Road, Williamsville, NY 14221

Sunday, February 23, 2025

Doors Open at 6:00 pm



COST IS \$50 PER PERSON

(INCLUDES \$8 DONATION TO THE GRACE CAPEN AWARDS)

BANQUET MENU

Chicken Vegetable Soup

Vegetable Spring Rolls

Peking Duck

Moo Shu Duck

Sesame Chicken

Double Vegetable Delight (Sauteed Green Beans & Eggplant with Garlic Sauce)

Shrimp with Walnuts

Pineapple Beef

House Fried Rice (no shrimp)

Fresh Fruit Platter

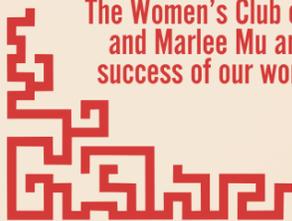
Flaming Volcano Delight

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 14, 2025

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 Feb. 14, 2025

Mail to Jean Jain, 79 Chaumont Drive, Williamsville, NY 14221

Any questions, call Jean (716-633-5932)

ACTIVITY GROUPS

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

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

DINNER AND WINE PAIRING BASKET DONATIONS STILL NEEDED!

The Dinner and Wine Pairing committee is still in need of donations for the Dinner and Wine Pairing event on March 29, 2025. We have a large amount of wine but very few gift cards and baskets. If you would like to donate cash we will be able to purchase gift cards or items to put together for gift baskets. Or you can mail a gift cards to us. They would be most appreciated to make this year's basket raffle a success.

All donations must be received by **March 1, 2025**. Thank you.

You can mail a check or gift card to:

Gloria O'Neill	or	Sue Busch
5143 Eastbrooke Place		144 Cleveland Dr.
Williamsville, NY 14221		Kenmore, NY 14223

You can also call Gloria @ 716 445-3797 or Sue @ 716-983-6818 to arrange a mutual time to drop off any donations.

Thank you,
Gloria O'Neill
Sue Busch



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 for consideration. The Nominating Committee will be convening shortly. We hope you will contribute your ideas and your energy!

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. 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.

SAVE THE DATE



UB Women's Club Annual Dinner and Wine Pairing Event

Taste the best wines from
California and develop your taste
buds.

Enjoy an evening of wine and
cuisine from California.

March 29, 2025 at 6 pm

AcQua Banquets

2192 Niagara Street

Buffalo, NY 14207

Debra Berger
Luella Kenny
Betty Schaertel





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.

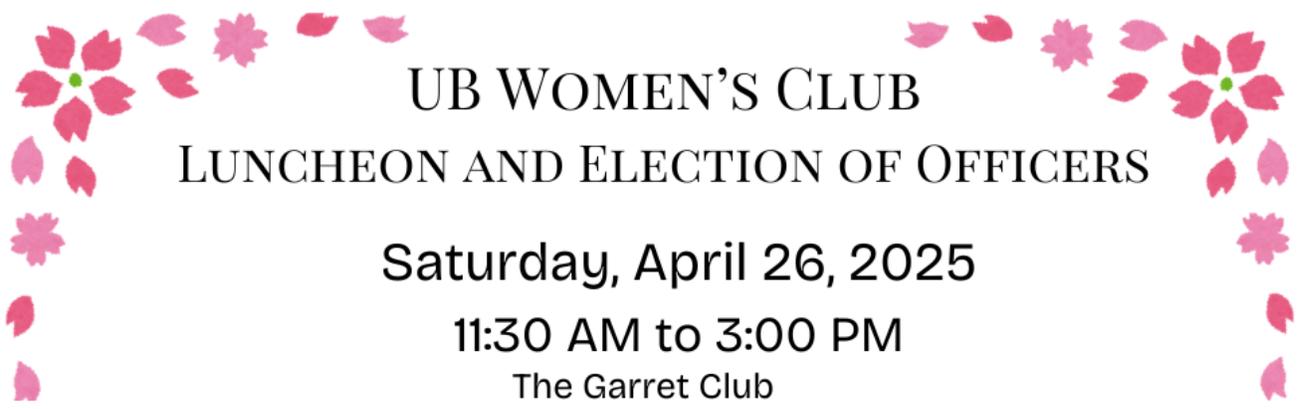
Please consider supporting our outstanding Dinner and Wine Pairing Event on Saturday, March 29, 2025. The event will be held at The AcQua Banquet Hall.

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



**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

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. Thank you.

Volunteer Opportunities

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 Kuczmariski, 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 March 15th 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

February, 2025 Edition



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Eileen Kuczmariski, Treasurer