



Volume 109

Women's Club



April, 2026

UBWC Board

2025 - 2026 Executive Board

President - Eras Bechakas
Vice-President - Susan D'Angelo
Treasurer - Eileen Kuczarski
Recording Secretary - Susan Busch
Asst Rec Secretary - Dorie Deavers
Corres. Secretary - Sheila Marie Long
Asst Corres Secretary - Joyce Lenda
Members at Large:

Jean Jain
Barbara Miner
Ginger Mitchell

Activities - Vicki Pappas

Co-Chair - Ann Rudin

Communications - Susan Busch

Federation - Joelle Logue

Co-Chair - Betty Kulpa

Gifts & Awards - Ethel Enserro

Co-Chair - Laura Neubecker

Historian -

Hospitality - Debra Berger

Co-Chair - Barbara Kaye

Member Recognition - Betty Kulpa

Co-Chair - Beth Kaderabeck

Membership - Anne Bielinski

Co-Chair - Mary Anne Grady

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

Yearbook - Pamela Lojaco

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 will soon appear, inspiring hope and renewal so evident in Nature's burst of blooms everywhere.

For UBWC it also signifies a renewal of aspirations together with the arrival of a change within our Leadership Team. The latter is marked with a tinge of sadness for me for it marks the end of my presidency as I bid you a fond farewell. I began this journey 2 years ago and this path became more meaningful and fun as the months rolled by. These years have been filled with so many unexpected delights too numerous to list. But rest assured, all of you contributed in some way to bring joy and success over these past two years. Your dedication to our mission made all of our achievements possible while having fun doing it.

Soon you will be ushering in an incredible woman as your incoming president, Sue D'Angelo. Welcome and support her efforts as you have mine. She is worthy of your support and will lead with conviction and a clear vision. Nominating has chosen wisely! In the meantime, I hope to see you at the Election/Installation Luncheon on April 25th with the culmination of a new Executive Board of Directors. Lastly, bid farewell to a successful year of delicious luncheons at the Summer Soirée held at Russell's Steaks, Chops and More... a perennial favorite. Enjoy your Summer, and may 2026-2027 be filled with unexpected surprises!

I wish you all my best in however you choose to support and enjoy UBWC. Immerse yourselves in what it has to offer. You won't regret it. I'm looking forward to being right there with you.

Eras Bechakas

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

Remaining Program Calendar 2025 – 2026 Our 80th Year

March 28, 2026 Saturday

6:00pm-10:00pm

WINE AND DINNER PAIRING (Portugal cuisine /wines)

The Foundry, 1738 Elmwood Ave., Buffalo, NY 14207

Chairs: Debra Berger, Betty Schaertel, Luella Kenny

Basket Raffle Chairs: Gloria O' Neill, Sue Busch

April 25, 2026 Saturday

11:00am-3:00pm

ELECTION and INSTALLATION of OFFICERS

Transit Valley Country Club,

8920 Transit Rd., East Amherst, NY 14051

Chairs: Carmella Hanley, Mary Lou Mancuso

June 6, 2026 Saturday

11:00am-3:00pm

SPRING LUNCHEON

Russell's Steaks & More

6675 Transit Rd, Williamsville, NY

Chairs: Jane Meka, Betty Schaertel

September 19, 2026 Saturday

11:00am-3:00pm

SAVE THE DATE! FALL LUNCHEON & 80TH YEAR WRAP-UP EVENT

Mark your calendars to reserve this date as we have many delights planned for you!

From Communication Committee



Feeling a bit creative? Looking for people to design place cards or flyers for our events. Would probably only be once a year. It's a great way to be involved on a limited basis. You can use Avery, Canva, or any program you are comfortable with. Please contact

Sue Busch if you are interested. 716-983-6818 or email sbusch526@gmail.com



How To Send In Your Luncheon RSVP Forms From Emails

It has come to our attention that some members are having difficulty printing forms to make reservations or do not want to use up their ink printing our beautiful flyers. We are trying to make it easier by formatting a separate RSVP Form. You will be able to print the entire flyer or just a response form by clicking on either link: [Print This Page](#) or [Print RSVP](#). They will be highlighted in yellow at the top of the email.

If you prefer not to print it at all, you may submit your RSVP on a separate piece of paper, by including all the information on the RSVP Form, and sending along with your check to the address provided.

If we send out a longer printed page of information, such as an obituary or news article, you will only be able to view the first page. To view the entire article, click on [View Entire Document](#).

Please feel free to call or email me with questions. 716-983-6818 sbusch526@gmail.com



Showers of Votes & Flowers

UB Women's Club Installation Meeting

* When: Saturday April, 25, 2026

* Where: Transit Valley Country Club
8920 Transit Road, East Amherst

* Time: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

* Cost: \$50.00

* RSVP: Send checks to Carm Hanley: 181 N. Forest Road, Williamsville, NY 14221
LABEL food choice on memo line. Vegetarian notated on memo line.
Questions: Carm: 716-481-4811

* Food Choices:

1. Asiago Stuffed Chicken Breast w/sauce bechamel
2. Lemon Garlic Shrimp
3. 8oz Beef Flat Iron Steak w/red wine reduction

Includes Salad, fresh rolls, luscious strawberry filled cake, coffee or tea

* Includes \$5.00 Grace Capen Donation

RSVP FORM ON BACK OF THIS PAGE

UBWC Election and Installation Showers of Flowers RSVP Form

Name _____ Meal Choice _____

Name _____ Meal Choice _____

Name _____ Meal Choice _____

Name _____ Meal Choice _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Total enclosed @ \$50.00 per person __ \$ _____

Make check payable to UB Women’s Club and mail with this form or a note to: Carmella Hanley, 181 N. Forest Road, Williamsville, NY 14221 **by April 16th**.

Meal choices:

- Asiago Stuffed Chicken Breast w/sauce bechamel (Chicken)
- Lemon Garlic Shrimp (Shrimp)
- 8 oz Beef Flat Iron Steak w/red wine reduction (Steak)
- (Vegetarian) and dietary requirements options available upon request 716-481-4811




Lost Name Tag Replacement

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.



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.

From Nominating Committee



Announcing UB Women's Club 2026 - 2027 Proposed Slate of Officers

President:	Sue D'Angelo
Vice-President:	Vicki Pappas
Treasurer:	Eileen Kuczmarski
Asst. Treasurer:	Linda Goodman
Recording Secretary:	Susan Busch
Asst. Recording Secretary:	Dorie Deavers
Corresponding Secretary:	Sheila Marie Long
Asst. Corresponding Sec.:	Barbara Miner
Members-at-Large:	Eras Bechakas Virginia Mitchell Bunny Neenos

Per our constitution, we are required to inform the membership at least 30 days prior to the Election.

Join us Saturday, April 25th
at Transit Valley Country Club
for a wonderful luncheon,
election, and installation.

Wine & Dinner Baskets



Thank You!

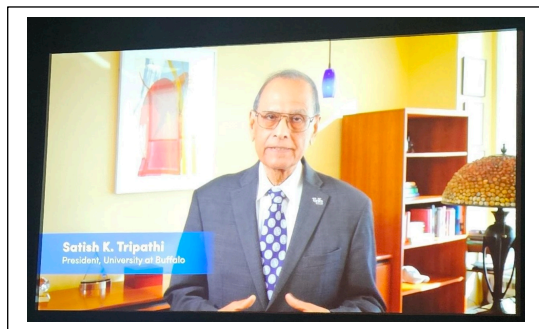
We want to thank all of you who donated to the Wine and Dinner Basket Raffle. Because of you, it was a great success! Whether it was a bottle of wine, a check, a gift card, a filled basket, or odds and ends, it was all appreciated.

We had several members who helped put baskets together, transported them, set up the event, and cleaned up afterwards. Linda Eaton, Joanne Zimmerman, Mary Ellen Dye, Barbara Kaye, and Debbie Berger earned our deepest appreciation.

This year we had more businesses than ever donate to our cause. Please support them whenever you can. They are: Imperial Pizza, UB Bookstore, Ilio DiPaolo's, Shango Bistro & Wine Bar, Joey's Place, Riviera Theater, Anderson's Frozen Custard, Olympic Family Restaurant, Russell's Steaks, Chops & More, Share Kitchen, Genevieve's Bakery, Old Fort Niagara, Amici Restaurant, Champions Sports Bar & Grill, DiCamillo's Bakery, Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site, Kate Cuthbert @ Studio 806, Lauren @ Bodhi Lotus Salon, Campobello's, The Pink Salon, Pellicano's Marketplace, Keith O'Brien and Celestial by Amy Rath.

Once again, our sincerest thank you, Gloria O'Neill & Susan Busch

Photo Gallery



Split Club & Share the Wealth



In our fundraising events there are generally two ways we can make a profit; using Split Club or using Share the Wealth.

Split Club is when you divide the proceeds in half, half to us and half to 1 winner. For example, Take in \$300: \$150 for us and \$150 to 1 winner.

Share the Wealth is when you divide the proceeds in half, half to us and half to be given to 2, 3, or 4 winners. For example, Take in \$300: \$150 for us and \$50 for each of 3 winners.

It is believed that more people would purchase tickets if they had a better chance of winning. This is dependent on the number of people attending an event. For any event with high attendance, we would recommend using Share the Wealth. The chairpersons for an event can discuss what would be best when they call for tickets.

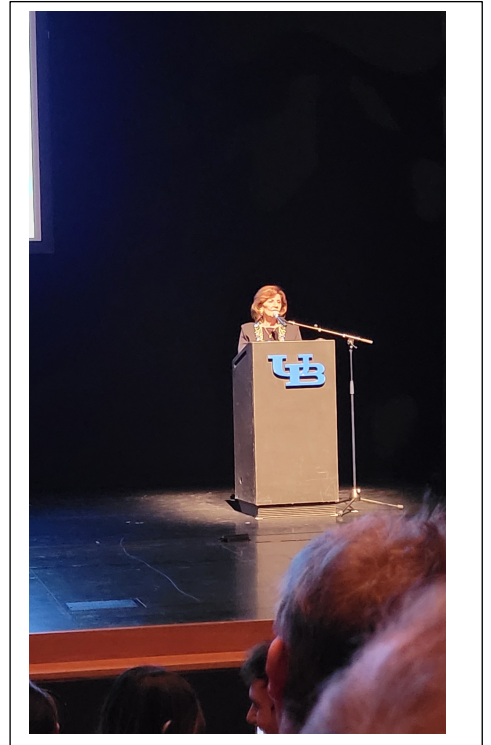
Deb Berger, Hospitality Chair

Tribute Fund

Please consider donating to our Grace Capen Fund. The money is used to assist high achieving students to further their education. The money most often is donated in memory of a friend or relative. Thank you notes are sent to the donors as well as a note of acknowledgement to the relative of the person. Checks are made out to U. B. Women's Club, and may be sent to Jane Meka, 379 Berryman Dr., Snyder, N. Y. 14226-4371. For further information, call (716) 836 - 6414 or mathmeka@aol.com.



These are photos from our March 1st Zodiac Dance Concert. The UB Dance Troupe dedicated this performance to UB Women's Club and President Tripathi started the event with a video congratulating our club on 80 years!



Membership Updates to Yearbook

Please include in your yearbooks
(** Denotes New Member)

** Sundell, JoAnne L. 716-901-6036
5888 Broadway Street, Lancaster, NY 14086-9549
joanne.sundell@gmail.com

Changes:
Corrigan, Judy email: jcorr7583@gmail.com
Reeves, Claudia email: cmreeves6@gmail.com
Weinstein, Iris phone: 716-994-1194



Newsletter Deadlines

This is the final newsletter for this year. Watch emails for more announcements.
Thank you for reading our newsletters.

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★ CELEBRATING 80 YEARS ★

WOMEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Treasurer