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Women's Club



November, 2025

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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,

"It's the most wonderful time of the year." A song title; An ode to anticipated joys of the season.

And here, a few more observations: the temporary exodus of friends seeking a warmer winter; ... the flight of geese departing for "wherever" [a relief for any walker!]; crisp clear nights perfect for sleeping; ... The glowing gold and brilliant red hues of leaves before they fall; ... Watching our Bills inch closer to the Super Bowl as we cheer them on; ... The pristine beauty of a fresh snowfall; ... The shifting of outdoor sports from golf to skiing; ... Holidays filled with merriment, some with deep religious roots, being shared with family and friends.

Also coinciding with this plethora of activities and holidays occurring in the months of November and December are events planned for you as a UBWC member. Don't forget to mark your calendars for Burgers n' Blues November 6, or the lovely Holiday luncheon December 6. I do hope that those of you who attended the beautiful September Kickoff Luncheon have had a chance to glance through the booklet given to you as a gift from the 80th Birthday Steering Committee. Consider sharing it with someone who was unable to attend the event. There are no more copies available.

This also will be the time when a select committee representing both the University and UBWC will decide on the recipients for the experiential awards. I hope to introduce the awardees at the September 2026 luncheon. Stay tuned!

In closing, my wish for you is to savor every wonder that Nature has in store for you, to enjoy your upcoming Thanksgiving and Holidays, and to join me at the social events planned for you as a UBWC member in celebration of our 80th birthday. After all, this IS the most wonderful time of the year!

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.

Program Calendar

2025 – 2026

Our 80th Year

November 6, 2025 Thursday 2:00pm-4:00pm

BUFFALO FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS SCHOLARSHIP TEA

Chairs: Buffalo Federation of Women's Clubs

Hosted by Buffalo State University, 1300 Elmwood Ave, Buffalo, NY

November 6, 2025 Thursday 4:00pm-10:00pm

BURGERS AND BLUES

The Chandelier Bar at Salvatore's

Chair: Miriam Easton

December 6, 2025 Saturday 11:00am-3:00pm

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Grapevine Banquets Facility, 333 Dick Rd., Depew, NY 14043

Chairs: Lulu de la Plante, Barbara Miner

March 1, 2026 Sunday 2:00pm-4:00pm

ZODIAQUE DANCE PERFORMANCE

UB Center for Arts, 100 Coventry Road, UB North Campus

Chair: Marilyn Ciancio

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

Even if you have not renewed your membership, you are receiving this newsletter. However, this is the last newsletter you will receive unless you do renew your 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.



Music is in the air!



UBWC Holiday Luncheon

**Saturday, December 6, 2025
The Grapevine Banquet Center
333 DICK ROAD, DEPEW, NY 14043
11:00 AM- 2:00 PM**

\$55 per person (\$60 for salmon) Includes \$5 donation to Grace Capen Fund

Please join us for a festive holiday gathering as you shop new vendors, chat, enjoy a cash bar and a delicious lunch.

Hand-passed appetizers and assorted cheese and crackers.

Fresh Garlic Glazed Rolls, Chef Salad, Mashed Potatoes, Fresh Seasonal Vegetables

Choice of: Chicken Marsala, Roast Beef w/gravy, Vegetable Pyramid

OR BBQ Berry Salmon (\$60)

Raspberry Cake, Coffee and Tea

Surprise Entertainment, Split Club, and we will be collecting Toy Donations for St. Luke's Mission of Mercy and Wine & Baskets for the Dinner and Wine Pairing

Name : _____ *Phone* _____

Email: _____

Menu Choice: ____ *Chicken Marsala (\$55)* ____ *Roast Beef w/gravy (\$55)*



____ *Vegetable Pyramid (\$55)* ____ *BBQ Berry Salmon (\$60)*

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Please print the names of any guests and menu selections you are including in your enclosed payment:

Please RSVP NO LATER than Friday, November 14th
Mail reservations with check payable to UB Women's Club to
LuLu de la Plante 757 Robin Road Amherst, NY 14228-1045



Questions? Contact the Co-Chairs: tarqlulu@gmail.com or shaynajewel@yahoo.com

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.

Tribute Fund

Please consider making a donation to our Grace Capen Fund. You can donate the funds in memory of a loved one or as a special gift for someone who attended the University. The gift could be for someone who just needs to be remembered in a special and unique way. Thank you to those members who have donated in the past. I, Jane Meka, can be contacted at (716) 597-5563 or at mathmeka@aol.com.

Wine & Dinner Baskets



The Holiday lunch is the last luncheon where we will have a table to collect donations for the wine and dinner. Please bring your bottles of wine, gift cards, themed baskets, framed lottery tickets, \$50 or \$100 bill, spa items, jewelry, etc. Contact Gloria O'Neill at 716-445-3797 or goneill27@aol.com. See our Save the Date and letter to request donations on the next pages.

UB Women's Club
CELEBRATING
80 YEARS
OF SERVICE
BURGERS & BLUES
FUNDRAISER
Thursday, November 6
4-10 p.m.
6461 TRANSIT ROAD | BUFFALO, NY

Honoring President Satish Tripathi

We want to take this opportunity to thank President Satish Tripathi and our own Honorary President, Kamlesh Tripathi, for their support of the UB Women's Club for the last 14 years. As Dr. Tripathi plans to step down in July 2026 from his illustrious service as president of the University at Buffalo, we wish him well in returning to a faculty role in the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences. The Engineering School's gain is our loss. In the history of our club, we have not had a bigger cheerleader for our organization.

Thank you, Dr. and Mrs. Tripathi!

BFWC Scholarship Tea

Date: Thursday, November 6th 2:00 – 4:00 pm
**** RSVP on or before October 25, 2025**

Location: Jacqueline Vito LoRusso Alumni and Visitors Center 667 Grant Street, Buffalo.

Parking: Directly across the street. Shuttle service is available.

We hope to see you there—your presence will make this event truly special!

** RSVP to:
Adam Claus 716-878-5329
clauseaj@buffalostate.edu

Save The Date

UB Women's Club Annual Dinner and Wine Pairing Event

Taste the best wines from Portugal and
develop your taste buds.
Enjoy an evening of wine and cuisine from
Portugal.

**Saturday, March 28, 2026
at 6 pm**

**The Foundry
1738 Elmwood Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14207**





January 3, 2026

Greetings,

The University at Buffalo Women's Club is a service organization to the University at Buffalo and its community. We are in our 80th 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 28, 2026. The event will be held at The Foundry.

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
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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.

Burgers & Blues

Featuring guitarist Shawn Duchscherer. More details coming in emails!

Zodiaque Dance Performance

Tickets are available now!

Zodiaque Dance Company joyfully dedicates its 51st Season Spring Concert to the University at Buffalo Women's Club, in celebration of 80 remarkable years of service, leadership, and unwavering commitment to the University and its vibrant community.

The performance is on Sunday, March 1st at 2:00 pm at the Center for the Arts. UB President Satish Tripathi will offer a special video message for UB Women's Club. The Center for the Arts is reserving a block of tickets for UBWC members. UBWC members will receive a \$2 per ticket discount using code **UBWC80**, whether the purchase is online or in-person. They have asked us to claim our tickets by Feb 2, 2026 so that they can open the block to others after that time. After the performance, our members will receive a UBWC cookie favor courtesy of Marilyn Ciancio. Thank you, Marilyn!

Use this link to purchase tickets, and remember to use code UBWC80 for your \$2 per ticket discount.
<https://www.ticketmaster.com/zodiaque-dance-company-51st-season-spring-buffalo-new-york-03-01-2026/event/000062E7E1CE8E7F>

Newsletter Deadlines

Submit articles 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!

Please save this file so that you can refer to it all year!

Send in your dues if you have not already done so! This is the last newsletter to go out to all last year's members. We hope you will renew and join us at our events.

★ CELEBRATING 80 YEARS ★

WOMEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

November, 2025 Edition



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