May 4 annual meeting luncheon features election, celebration, and travelogue

Our special program for the May gathering features Dr. Frederick Waltz and his wife, Dorothy, popular presenters to the Vagabonds Section of the UMWC. Fred and Dorothy’s joint love of travel and photography began when Fred was sent to England and Wales in 1981 by the 3M Company to evaluate the capability of British Robotics, an innovator in machine vision for high-speed inspection of products. Traveling with their cameras, Fred and Dorothy have visited most European countries, plus Australia, New Zealand, Iceland, Singapore, Thailand, the Galapagos, Trinidad and Tobago, and Costa Rica. Their special interests include wildlife, local history, and vernacular architecture. Fred’s expertise in digital photography and computers have combined with Dorothy’s training in commercial art to give them a shared avocation of creating visually exciting travelogues. In May they will share their experiences as they followed the Celtic migration in reverse, from Nova Scotia and Cape Breton back to Brittany, France.

Dr. Waltz earned his B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. in electrical engineering at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, where he first programmed a computer in 1954. Fred joined the electrical engineering faculty at the University of Minnesota in 1965 and was named engineering “Teacher of the Year” in 1968. After helping to start the biomedical engineering program at the University, he resigned his tenured position in 1980 to go to work for the 3M Company. For his work, he twice received the 3M “Center of Technical Excellence” award. In 1993, he rejoined the University of Minnesota electrical engineering faculty as full professor, where he worked until his retirement in 1996.

Dorothy Waltz attended Ohio University in Athens, earning a B.F.A. in interior design and art history. After marrying Fred in 1958, she studied elementary education at the University of Michigan; she has an M.A. in art education and art history. Working in interior design for many years, her life took another turn in 1980 when she was elected to the Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors. By 1981, she was the executive director and lobbyist for the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Her greatest accomplishment, she believes, was the passage of the “Reinvest in Minnesota” legislation to protect and improve wildlife habitat in Minnesota, which gave rise to license plates with loon, chickadee, deer, pink ladyslipper designs.

Join us in meeting this special couple and experiencing a very exciting presentation.
President’s Message

I greet you in this last newsletter of my term with a few mixed feelings, some of which I will share with you now, but saving other comments for our May Annual meeting. First, I want to thank the nominating committee of 2008-09 for identifying me to be selected as your president for 2009-10. When Flossie Caldwell, one of our former presidents, called me to consider being a candidate, I took a little time to say yes, but agreed after I consulted several other current and former officers of the club.

I am honored to have had the opportunity to lead the UMWC during this historic time in our club’s history. As your president I have taken the time to learn as much as possible from the reports of former presidents. I asked myself, when, why, and who created such a club in 1911, I found many answers and reasons for the club’s existence within the large University community. I have discovered that there have been both successful and rocky times.

On the eve of our one-hundredth birthday in 2011, we can be proud that we have weathered some of the challenges that emerged. I salute all our fore-mothers for the persistence with which they steered our club and kept the “ship afloat,” keeping the mission of the early founders intact, yet shaping the club with the flexibility that was needed to move us into the 21st century.

Our club membership is growing again and our programs are interesting and stimulating. I have visited many of the Interest Sections this year and as president-elect last year. My visits have provided me with many insights about the talents in our club membership and the generosity of the members in providing leadership and hospitality.

For me personally, the “fruits of service” to the club as your president this year have been in the forging of many new friendships that would not have been possible had I just been a member. I want to thank all the officers of the club—elected and appointed—as well as chairs and co-chairs of the Interest Sections for the extra miles you have gone to so that our programs would flow smoothly. Thanks, too, to one of our former presidents Fran Paulu—a resident of Becketwood—who has facilitated our reservations for the Windsor Room for Board meetings and the Becketwood dining room for our special luncheons. A special kudo for the Becketwood chef and staff for the fine meals they provided for the Conversation Luncheon Series.

I have asked many of our club members for ideas and help in planning our Centennial Celebrations in 2011. We hope to tap the many talents of our members. I have agreed to work closely with Barbara Cohen our next president to facilitate the plans. We hope many of you will be involved. This will truly be our “Birthday Party”!!

Warm regards,
—Irene Khin Khin Jensen, President

Board Meetings, May and June

Tuesday, May 4 — The UMWC Annual Meeting and Board Meeting convenes at 10:45 a.m. prior to the Celebration Luncheon at Town and Country Club. All UMWC members are eligible to attend the meeting and participate in the election of officers for 2010-11 and vote on bylaws change (see March Newsletter). Parking is free; the club is handicap accessible. The luncheon and program follow at 12 noon, immediately after the business meeting. Make your reservations early.

Tuesday, June 1 — The joint UMWC Board meeting at all current and new officers, current and new section chairs, and appointed officers will be at Becketwood in the Windsor Room at 10 a.m. All members involved are expected to attend with end-of-year reports in hand. We also plan to take pictures for our Centennial Celebration, our archives, and other projects. Please put the date on your calendar. You are encouraged to car pool although the parking is free. Hostesses for refreshments: Barbara Cohen and Catherine Bell.

Interest Section announcements

Around the Campus: April 28, 1 p.m. - U of M School of Music. Meet at Ferguson Hall for tour. If interested in attending, call Section chair Jan Youel or Khin Khin Jensen. Flossie Caldwell has planned this program but due to her illness, Jan and Khin Khin will help implement the program.

Note: Also, on Wed., April 21, 11:30 a.m. — Bring ideas to planning meeting for next year; salad pot-luck at Jan’s house. Save the date! Our last year’s meeting resulted in a great year!

Community Concern: Tuesday, April 20, 10:00-11:45 a.m. Windsor Room, Becketwood, 4300 West River Road, Mpls. Topic: How to be an “Informed Giver” and make the most of your charity dollars. Bring a bag lunch - coffee provided. All members and guests welcome. Call Jane Starr, 612-378-2590, so we have the right amount of coffee.

All Interest Sections continue into May, and some into June. Please check your Yearbook Directory for programs and contacts. Now is a good time to visit a section of interest.
Thank you to all for your support of the UMWC scholarship fund

Thank you to all those who have contributed to the Scholarship Fund this year. The response has been great and as of this date we have raised a total of $5,639. All contributions—large and small—help young women complete their educations. As is our custom: we list honor roll donors (contributions of $100 or more) in our newsletter.

Scholarship Honor Roll Fall and Spring—2009-2010

Martha Arneson
UMWC Arts Section
Erna Bachtold
Adrienne Banks
Josette Bethany
Dorothy Boen
G. Mary Bradley
Alice Bresnahan
Lucille Caldecott
Florence Caldwell
Elsa Carpenter
June Cavour
Elizabeth Foley
Susan Fuller
Elizabeth Grimmer
Cherie Hamilton
Virginia Hanson
Mary Lou Hill
Shirley Holt
Judith Howe
SheauPing Hu
Irene Khin Khin Jensen
Harriet Johnson
Patricia Kane
Vandora Linck
Jean Linne
Ingrid Lund
Janet Lund
Katherine Mann
Margaret Martin
Mary Anne Mauriel
Mary Ellen McFarland
Carol McNaughton
Kathleen Merriam
Jane Miller
Margot Monson
Music Club
Ardis Nier
UMWC Non-Fiction Club
Connie Oriani
Jane Ostergaard
Frances Paulu
Uttara Rasmussen
Patricia Roelofs
Joyce Rosene
Rebecca Scott
Carole Senty
Pauline Skok
Joyce Staba
Jane Starr
Susie Stinson
Mabel Thompson
Karen Veninga
Delores Weaver,
Janet Weiss
Marian Wilson

Meet your President-elect, Barbara Cohen

Barbara was born in Stamford, Connecticut, and grew up in Darien, a commuter town on Long Island Sound. Her father was a dog breeder, groomer, and handler, so her family spent a lot of time at dog shows, and their house was always full of pets - dogs, cats, birds, turtles, and the odd gerbil and guinea. (Now she manages to get along with only four cats.) Barbara describes the next phase of her life as follows: “I attended Barnard College in New York City, about an hour by train from Darien, and graduated with a B.A. degree in English. For the next 20 years I worked in New York for various book and magazine publishers, including Doubleday and Harcourt Brace (in the elementary textbook and medical magazine divisions). One day a colleague told me that her cousin, Jonathan Cohen, had a couple of opera tickets he wanted to sell. I contacted him; the rest was history. I married him nearly two years later and shortly afterward we moved to Minnesota, where he had accepted a position with the Department of Chemistry at the University. I joined the UMWC (then the Faculty Women’s Club) soon after we arrived, and I have been a member ever since.”

Barbara worked at a variety of editing and administrative jobs after coming to Minnesota, most recently at G.D. Van Wagenen in Eden Prairie. She retired in 2006 and has enjoyed the time to participate in a variety of the UMWC’s Interest Sections — Culinary Arts, Music, and Restaurant Ramblers. She hopes to visit more sections during the coming year.

Ilana Cohen, Barbara and Jonathan’s only child, is 25, and a graduate of Cornell University, her father’s alma mater. Shortly after her graduation she married classmate Craig Bierle, and both of them are now Ph.D. students in microbiology at the University of Washington in Seattle.

Barbara enjoys reading, cooking, traveling, music, and water aerobics. She concludes with these words: “I’m honored to have been chosen as the UMWC President-elect, and I look forward to leading the club as we celebrate our centennial in 2011.”

Thanks and good-bye to dear members

In the last few months, I attended the memorial services of Ardis Nier, Dr. Beatrice Smith, and Janet Weiss. All three will be missed by our UMWC. They were valued members and contributed much to the leadership and various sections of the club. All three contributed financially also to the Scholarship Fund. We will miss their presence and the grace with which they moved in our midst.

—Khin Khin Jensen
Meet UMWC Fundraiser: Joyce Rosene

Thank you, Joyce, for the warm fundraising letter with the picture of some of our 2010 U of M Scholarship winners taken at the Oct. 6 Newcomers and Scholarship Luncheon. Thanks to your work and the generosity of our members, the UMWC Scholarship Fund is having a very good year.

Joyce hails from Minneapolis, graduating from Patrick Henry High School and working for a year before attending the University of Minnesota where she majored in sociology and speech. In the fall of 1949 Joyce was married to Bob Rosene.

Among her first work challenges was a job with the Red Cross in Dubuque, Iowa—during two floods. Joyce says she got more than she had bargained for — but, what a story you have to share, Joyce!

Joyce enjoyed her teaching in the United Methodist Church (UMC), especially with youth Confirmation classes. She attended United Seminary in New Brighton, Minnesota, and graduated with Master of Arts and Master of Divinity degrees. She served as an associate pastor at Hamline United Methodist Church for eight years and has been on the volunteer staff at Centennial United Methodist Church in St. Paul for 15 years.

Joyce is past president of the Emma Norton Board, having served as secretary and in programming. Emma Norton is an outreach project of the United Methodist Church and national organization of United Methodist Women.

Joyce is an ordained deacon and elder in the UMC. She has four children, eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She enjoys teaching adult classes in Bible, book studies, and liturgy. She has been a Girl Scout leader for the past 35 years.

Thank you, Joyce, our 2009-10 UMWC scholarship fundraising chair. We so appreciate your talents and gifts.
— Irene Khin Khin Jensen, President

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Have a good summer!
Deadline for September Newsletter is August 15, 2010

Please submit articles or information in typed or electronic format to incoming president Barbara Cohen,
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