



# Women's Club Newsletter

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## Conversation with a Woman Leader —

### Wendy Lehr discusses her career and the Twin Cities theater scene at Luncheon, February 5

Wendy Lehr has been an active member of our local theater scene for almost 50 years. She is perhaps best known for her long association with the Children's Theater Company where she was a member of the resident acting company from 1966–1986 and associate artistic director and director of Education from 1990–1998. During those years she not only appeared in hundreds of productions, but she also directed and choreographed numerous shows and became a teacher of theater arts.



Wendy has performed at many local theaters including Guthrie, Jungle, Illusion, Ordway, History, Park Square, Jeune Lune, and Theater Latte Da. In addition, she has also directed several productions at Park Square Theater in St. Paul.

Nationally, Wendy has performed with the Arizona Theater Company, Lyric Opera Cleveland, Seaside Music Theater in Florida, and the Kansas City Repertory. International credits include the National Theater of Hungary, the National Theater of Canada in Ottawa, The Stratford Festival in Canada, and Nissei Theater in Japan.

Her love of teaching inspired her to help found a charter high school, the St. Paul Conservatory for Performing Artists (SPCPA) where she was artistic director from 2005–2009. The SPCPA named the Lehr Theater in downtown St. Paul in her honor. She remains as a faculty member of MacPhail's Prelude Program. Wendy's awards include the Twin Cities Critic's Award (KUDO), the Sally Irvine award, and the 2110 IVEY Award for Lifetime Achievement.

## Scholarship fund-raising drive off to a good start

A very Big Thank You goes out to all of you who have made gifts to the UMWC 2010-2013 Scholarship Fund Drive. As of December 15, 2012, we had received 110 gifts totaling \$9,362. Donations have come from almost one-third of our members.

There is still time to make a gift and have it added to the scholarship funds available for distribution in 2013. The

May newsletter will list the Honor Roll, all donors of gifts received through March (names only—no amounts). Please make your check payable to the UMWC Scholarship Fund and mail to Catherine Bell, Treasurer, 1480 Applewood Ct. W., Apt. 106, Roseville, MN 55113. Every gift of every size is appreciated!

—Marian Champlin, Fundraising chair

## Meeting — at a Glance

### Conversation with a Woman Leader

Noon, Tuesday, February 5

Speaker: Wendy Lehr, Twin Cities actress and director  
"A Life in the Theater"

### Location

Becketwood

4300 West River Parkway, Minneapolis  
Limited parking is available in the south lot or along the entrance road.

Carpool if possible. Becketwood office phone: 612-746-1025

### Menu

Asparagus stuffed chicken breast with hollandaise sauce,  
Green salad—butter lettuce, cucumbers with oil and balsamic vinegar,  
Steamed baby red potatoes with dill,  
Rolls and butter  
Strawberry Cloud Cake  
Coffee and tea

**Cost:** \$16

### Reservation Deadline: Monday, January 21

Send in the reservation form you will find in the back of your Membership Directory along with your check payable to UMWC.

For questions, call Judy Peters, 651-770-2868; or Susie Stinson, 651-628-9604

Your Hostesses: members of Movie Rendezvous and Culinary Arts sections

## President's Message

Happy New Year!

Now that the hectic holiday season is behind us, we can concentrate on the activities of the coming year. I hope that 2013 brings you health and happiness.

Since the last newsletter we have had two very successful events. More than 100 members and guests attended the November Conversation with a Woman Leader to hear Nancy Barnes discuss how digital technology has affected the current operation of the *Star Tribune*. It was encouraging to hear that our local print media is still flourishing despite a downward trend in other parts of the country.

Following Ms. Barnes' presentation we were treated to a video presentation of the life of Margaret Martin, recently deceased UMWC member, who so generously bequeathed \$100,000 to the UMWC Scholarship Fund. Margaret's cousin Nancy Gossell, with the technical help of Dorothy and Fred Waltz, described some interesting highlights of Margaret's professional career and her participation in the UMWC's Hikers section. She shared a particularly humorous anecdote from one of Margaret's journals precisely detailing the wardrobe that she wore on a winter's hike, including each of the multiple layers that were necessary for warmth.

Our December 11 Holiday Tea and Benefit at Eastcliff attracted more than 90 members and guests in spite of the dangerous driving conditions that day, following a major weekend snowstorm. Karen Kaler, our Honorary President, graciously welcomed us to her festive home and provided a sumptuous array of treats, while a pianist provided classical background music. Those present enjoyed seeing Eastcliff in its holiday splendor and visiting with members, old and new. Donations included a variety of stuffed toys, games, and books along with monetary donations of \$1,304 for the Child-Family Life program at the Uof M Amplatz Children's Hospital.

Please check your membership directories for the Interest Section programs that continue through winter and spring. This year we have a number of particularly fascinating programs scheduled. I hope to see you at our next Conversations Luncheon February 5 when we welcome Twin Cities actress and director Wendy Lehr speaking about her exciting life in the theater. Remember to submit your reservations before the deadline, January 21.

With warm regards,  
Kathy Ball, President

## UMWC website — a great resource!

Visit our website, [www.umwc.umn.edu](http://www.umwc.umn.edu), to get the latest information on club and section activities and to learn how to invite friends to join UMWC! Section leaders—remember to check the information about your section on the club's website and update it to keep it current. You may send photos and new information through e-mail to webmaster Millie Woodbury: [woodbury@umn.edu](mailto:woodbury@umn.edu).

Millie Woodbury has informed us that this will be her last year as UMWC webmaster. Please join me in thanking Millie for her efforts in establishing and maintaining a first-class website for our club, and now for training an apprentice for this position.

Pam Rose has volunteered to be the webmaster apprentice beginning in January 2013. Pam has been a club member since 2010 and is currently employed in the Office of Information Technology at the U of M.

She is a perfect fit for her new role!

— Kathy Ball, President

## Spring Preview—mark your calendars

Our April 2 Conversation with a Woman Leader speaker will be Wendy Pradt Lougee, University of Minnesota Librarian and McKnight Presidential Professor. Following the noon luncheon at Becketwood, Ms. Pradt Lougee will present "University of Minnesota Libraries Today."

## Next Board meeting, February 5

The Board will meet at Becketwood in the Windsor room Tuesday, February 5 at 10 a.m. Coffee will be served, but no treats due to the noon luncheon following the meeting. All officers and section chairs are expected to attend and provide activity reports. Please carpool if possible. Also remember to send in your luncheon reservations by the deadline, Jan. 21.

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## In Remembrance

We are sorry to announce the passing of the following members since July, 2011. Donations from the UMWC have been made to our Scholarship Fund in their memory.

Shirley Amerman  
Virginia Belcher  
Lois Bick  
P-Jane Borchert  
Mary Brecka  
Irene Chanin  
Mary Ann Finegan  
Nan Holland

Katherine Lillehei  
Margaret Martin  
P-Margaret Matalamaki  
P-Virginia Mather  
Norma Moe Olson  
Charlene Peterson  
Janet Rose  
Carolyn White  
(P- denotes past president)

## Interest Section News

**Art**— The Annual Art Show will be held March 15 to April 11 at 1666 Coffman in St. Paul. The opening reception with the artists will be March 15 at 4:45 p.m. Everyone is invited to celebrate the achievements of our talented UMWC artists. Dinner for exhibiting artists and their guests will follow the reception at 6 p.m.

**Culinary Arts**— Join us February 13 at 6 p.m. to learn more about Community Supported Agriculture (CSA), a wonderful way to get fresh, local, organically grown produce directly from the grower. Mhonpaj of Mhonpaj's Garden will tell us about her experiences farming with her parents since arriving in this country, how they keep their produce organic, and how a CSA works. Dessert and coffee/tea will be provided. Location: 1480 Applewood Ct., W, Roseville, #106 (home of Catherine Bell).

**Nature**— At the November meeting Dr. Mark Seeley, climatologist, spoke about the "The Ins and Outs of Weather Forecasting" to 40 members and guests. Although the talk was scheduled to last one hour, Dr. Seeley's presentation was so interesting (and he was so gracious with his time) that members were treated to two hours of discussion as well as questions and answers.

Our next meeting will be Monday, February 25, 10:30 a.m. at Hodson Hall on the U of M campus in St. Paul. The program, "Exploring the Natural History of Minnesota in Insects," will be presented by members of the Department of Entomology. Everyone is invited and guests are welcome. Please contact Harriet Johnson, 612-331-5669, for more information.

**Photos from the Holiday Tea and Benefit in December**  
To see more photos, visit the UMWC website:  
[www.umwc.umn.edu](http://www.umwc.umn.edu)



UMWC Honorary President Karen Kaler greeted one and all to her home at Eastcliff. Tasty treats, music, good company, and a warm welcome all made it worthwhile to have braved the icy roads that day.

**Non-Fiction**— Our January 8th meeting will be held at Becketwood at 1 p.m. Discussion focuses on *The Invisible Wall: A Love Story that Broke Barriers*. Everyone welcome.

Please be our guests at the February 12 meeting at Beckertwood. We will discuss *Moscow, December 25, 1991: The Last Day of the Soviet Union* with guest reviewer, Michael J. Bonafield, a freelance journalist who was in Moscow covering the event on that fateful day.

**Vagabonds**— Note change of program—Dorothy and Fred Waltz will be the presenters on Friday, January 25th in the Social Room at 1666 Coffman. Come by 7 p.m. for refreshments; 7:30 p.m. for "Exploring British Columbia on the Coast Quest bus." For questions or to receive an e-mail with all the information plus a map to the location, contact Dorothy Waltz at 651-917-0930 or [dwaltz@isd.net](mailto:dwaltz@isd.net)

## U Medical Auxiliary will disband

After a very "light" showing at the last meeting, those present decided that the University Medical Auxiliary would disband. We are sad about this, but times change along with priorities. Over the years the Auxiliary has made many wonderful and positive contributions to the University hospital facilities and its health care program.

Auxiliary co-chair, Elisabeth White was present at the Holiday Tea and Benefit to accept toys and monetary donations for children at U of M Amplatz Children's Hospital. As a result of the Tea, a check of \$1,304 from members' donations was sent to the Minnesota Medical Foundation to support the Child-Family Life program at Amplatz. Kathy Hart, UMWC member, will continue to monitor how the monies in the Medical Foundation are spent.



At the December benefit Elisabeth White gathered in the donations, toys, and books for children at the U of M Amplatz Children's Hospital over the holidays.



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President Kathy Ball (center) stops to chat with Barbara Cohen and Erna Bacholdt at the December Holiday Tea and Benefit at Eastcliff. (See the President's Message, page 2, for more about this event.)

**Deadline for the next UMWC Newsletter**  
**February 18, 2013**  
 Please submit articles in typed or electronic format.  
 Send to Kathy Ball, UMWC President, by mail:  
 2597 Fernwood Ct., Roseville, MN 55113 or  
 by e-mail: kathydyssey88@gmail.com

## Welcome new members

Please welcome new members and be sure to greet them and introduce them to other members. Don't forget to add their names and contact information to your Directory.

- Ellen Anderson ..... 763-498-2675  
8526 Xenium Lane N., Maple Grove, MN 55369
- Ramona Dorr ..... 763-780-4156  
2659 Deer Ridge NW, Minneapolis, MN 55449
- Lois Ann Helegeson ..... 651-636-1298  
520 12th Ave. NW, New Brighton, MN 55112  
helge006@umn.edu

## Directory changes and corrections

Keep your Directory up to date. Make these corrections and changes. Your communications will go more smoothly.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

- Marlene Johannsen Marble ..... beginning January 1  
4300 West River Parkway, #125, Minneapolis, MN 55406
- Kathleen Thompson ..... 651-695-0615  
2221 Youngman Ave., #102, St. Paul, MN 55116

### NEW PHONE NUMBER

- Joan Ruppel ..... 651-762-7062