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Annual Meeting and Program—

# Lorna Landvik, local author, comedian, actor, to discuss her life as a writer on May 6

The program for our 2014 Annual Meeting and Luncheon will be presented by local author Lorna Landvik. Ms. Landvik says that she wanted to be a writer from the time she learned to read in first grade, and she was encouraged in this dream by both parents and teachers. Following high school graduation she spent a year travelling and taking odd jobs in Europe. Returning to the U.S., she briefly attended the

University of Minnesota before pursuing work as a comedian.



In Los Angeles she performed stand-up comedy at the Comedy Store, The Improv, and several other clubs, but in order to support herself, she did waitressing and temp work. After marrying, she and her husband became active in supporting nuclear disarmament.

Moving back to Minneapolis, she began working on her first book, "Patty Jane's House of Curl," which has garnered

critical acclaim. Ms. Landvik has been a cast member of Dudley Riggs Brave New Workshop, has acted in and written several plays, and has authored nine novels to date. She and her husband live in Minneapolis with their two daughters.

# Interest Section News for April, May

**Art**— Exhibit in galleries at 1666 Coffman continues until April 15. Successful opening event March 21 attracted 45 members and guests, who toured and talked with 16 section artists, along with guest artist Marie Hammond.

Culinary Arts—Our May 14 meeting will be a potluck of Portuguese and Brazilian dishes at 6 p.m. in the party room at Cherie Hamilton's apartment complex at 3151 Dean Court in Minneapolis. Cherie, who is an expert on Portuguese cuisine, will provide recipes. Contact Barbara Cohen at 952-447-8483 for more information.

Modern Literature—Our final meeting of the year will be May 14, 9:30 a.m., at Becketwood. Each member is

asked to bring a book to recommend, and the group will vote by secret ballot for next year's schedule. Please contact Sally Sawyer at 612-379-7199 if you plan on attending. This meeting will be followed by a luncheon at Becketwood.

Music—Our Monday, April 21 meeting will begin with a light lunch at noon at Dorothy Boen's home, 101 Wayside Road East in Hopkins. Dorothy and members of the Wayside String Quartet will present music by Schubert. Guests welcome. Please RSVP to dorothyboen@gmail.com or call 952-935-2024 no later than April 16.

Our May 19 meeting at 1666 Coffman in Falcon Heights at 1:30 p.m. features Continued on page 4

# Meeting — at a Glance Annual Meeting - Tuesday, May 6

10:30 a.m. — Annual Meeting and election, all members and board of directors attending. Noon — Luncheon with Program to follow

#### Speaker

Lorna Landvik local author, comedian, actor, and playwright "A Writer's Life"

#### Location

Town and Country Club 300 Mississippi River Bldvd., St. Paul

#### Menu

Garden salad with citrus and shallot vinaigrette, Pesto grilled chicken breast with lemon basil cream on linguini, honey glazed carrots, rolls and butter Coffee, Tea, Cash bar

Cost: \$20

#### Reservation Deadline: Monday, April 21

Please send in the reservation form you will find in the back of your 2013-14

Membership Directory along with your check payable to UMWC.

Questions?
Call Cynthia Vars, 763-785-6065 or
Carol Lowe, 612-869-7949

Your hostesses: members of the Program Committee

# President's Message

As I near the end of the second year of my club presidency I am grateful for the dedicated and talented women who comprise the UMWC. My sincere thanks go to our Vice Presidents for Programs Mary Abuan, Kathi Treston, and Carol Lowe and their committee for taking care of the myriad details in producing our luncheons. I am again indebted to Ingrid Lund and Anne Wise for their skill in recruiting Conversation speakers. Both Ingrid and Anne are past presidents who continue to ensure the success of our club.

A special thank you goes to Shirley Ferraro for accepting the job of Treasurer this year in addition to Treasurer for Records and Dues so that Catherine Bell could accept the job of President-elect. For taking on secretarial duties I am indebted to Sharon Copt and Marian Champlin who have generously stepped in to record our Board activities.

My gratitude goes to Dorothy Waltz for the enormous job of producing our lovely Membership Directory. Her organization and patience in dealing with multiple people and sources of information are astounding. I want to thank Marlene Hernick and her Membership Committee for their efforts in communicating with our newest members and providing them with information and a friendly welcome to the club.

A very large thank you goes to Martha Arneson and the Scholarship Committee for reviewing all the scholarship applications, choosing such deserving candidates, and providing the means for students to attend the Scholarship Luncheon. My sincere thanks to Marian Champlin for taking on two regular club jobs: chairing our fund drive for two very successful years and, as Corresponding Secretary, communicating with members during times of illness and death.

My thanks go to Ginny Hanson, our newsletter editor, for producing a top-notch newsletter from the information I send her and also for serving as photographer for all of our events. Our wonderful website has been developed and maintained by Millie Woodbury and Pam Rose who deserve major kudos for keeping up to date with club activities. Lastly, I want to thank our Interest Section leaders for their work in producing such interesting and varied programs and for regularly communicating with me with newsletter information.

I know that Catherine Bell and her officers will enjoy the same support that you have given me, and I wish her an invigorating year to come.

With warm regards,

- Kathy Ball, UMWC President 2012-2014

# Meet your incoming president, Catherine Bell

In 2001 I was recruited to the UMWC by Millie Woodbury and was active in the Culinary Arts and Hiking sections. Since then I have been a member of eight sections at one



time or another. I think I have held most of the positions on the Board and was Membership chair for three years. As president-elect, visiting the various sections has been much more informative than I had even anticipated. What interesting women I continue to meet, and what wonderful meetings I have had the pleasure to attend.

I grew up in northeast Iowa, in the beautiful Mississippi bluff region. Though my first degree was in religion and philosophy, when I went back to work in the 1970s, I fell into medical research at the University, and I stayed there until I retired in 2003. While working at the U, I took classes and earned an MBA degree in 1984. My last 16 years of work were spent on osteoporosis research, managing the clinic where we did

many related studies, including clinical trials on the osteoporosis drug Fosamax. With a business partner, I started the first bone densitometry business in the Twin Cities.

My interests, in addition to my three children and four grandsons, are still food and outdoors related. I collect recipes, love to try new ones, cook, eat out, etc. I also like to play bridge, read, manage the church library, and participate in UMWC activities. Travel, always a passion, took me to Beijing and Xian last year while my son was there. At the end of May I am joining a trip to Wales, visiting Benedictine monasteries.

I am looking forward to serving as your president next year.

— Catherine

#### **Nominating Committee Report**

The Nominating Committee—Barbara Cohen, (chair), Janet Robb, and Marlene Hernick—has completed its work. Nominees who will stand for election at the Annual Meeting are: President-elect, Shirley Ferraro; Vice Presidents for Programs, Carol Lowe and Maggie Hoover; Co-Secretaries, Kathi Treston and Mary Abuan; Co-Treasurer for Records and Dues, Sheau Ping Hu; Treasurer, Pat Luhmann.

### **Upcoming Board meetings**

**Tuesday, May 6—Annual Meeting** at the Town and Country Club begins at 10:30 a.m. We will elect new officers for the 2014-15 year and complete this year's business. All members are invited and are eligible to participate in the election. The luncheon and program follow at noon.

**Tuesday, June 3—Joint Board Meeting** for outgoing and incoming officers and Board members will meet at 10 a.m. in the Windsor Room at Becketwood. All out-going section chairs and officers are asked to attend and reminded to bring three copies of their annual reports. New officers and new section chairs will be introduced.

Section chairs, please invite your successors or co-chairs to the meeting. Refreshments will be provided.

# Knit and Crochet for Babies Project

Do you knit or crochet? Your skills are needed to make donations of baby blankets and clothing for the University of Minnesota Fairview Amplatz Children's Hospital. Blankets may be any size from car seat to crib. Clothing is particularly needed in newborn and preemie sizes; other sizes are acceptable. Deliver to Trudy Hoag, chair of the Knit and Crochet section or any member of the section, or bring them to the Annual Luncheon. Contact her at ElfTrulynn@aol.com or 763-593-5773.

# UMWC Scholarship Fund donations top last year's gifts!

Many thanks to Fund-raising Chair Marian Champlin for her successful efforts in this year's drive for our scholarship fund. Because of her efforts and our members' generosity, we have received contributions from 166 donors totaling \$13,693 thus far — that is and \$457 and 40 donors more than at this time last year.

The following members and sections have made contributions as of March 20, 2014:

Abuan, Mary		
Adams, Judith		
Anderson, Ellen		
Anderson, Jan		
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Arneson, Shari		
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Ball, Kathy		
Banks, Adrienne		
Bell, Catherine		
Benz, Lynne		
Blair, Kay		
Boen, Dorothy		
Bonin, Janet		
Boylan, Teresa		
Bradley, G. Mary		
Bradshaw, Barbara		
Brinkworth, Elizabeth		
Buggs, Karen		
Burleigh, Barbara		
Cantrell, Carol		
Carlson, Helen		
Cavert, June		
Champlin, Marian		
Chase, Bonnie		
Christianson, Lola		
Cohen, Barbara		
Collins, JoAnne		
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Estelle, June		
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Ostergaard, Janet

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Paulu, Frances

Waltz, Dorothy Wann, Janice Ward, Dorothy Watkins, Avis Weaver, Delores Weckwerth, Joanne Weinberger, Laura Westley, Joanne Wezerman, Marjorie Whaley, Carol J. White, Carol Wise, Anne Woodbury, Millie Wright, Rolaine Wulf, Bertha Young, Donna Zuriff, Susan

#### **SECTION GIFTS**

Cookbook Sales Drama Section Modern Literature Section

#### **MEMORIAL GIFTS**

For Marjorie DeBoer Drama Section Modern Literature Section

For Oliver Strand Connie Strand

For John Strand Connie Strand



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#### Interest Section News—continued from page 1

talented section members and friends presenting Norwegian music of Grieg and the recently discovered music of Theodora Cormontan, a Norwegian immigrant "Minnesotan." RSVP to Ruth Jones 612-926-1377 by May 14.

Nature—A guided walking tour around the lovely grounds of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum is planned for Monday, April 28, at 10:30 a.m. Cost is \$3 for Arboretum members and \$12 for non-members (includes the gate fee). Bring a bag lunch or purchase lunch at the site. If you are not a section member but would like to attend, contact Katie Johnson: coralkatie@gmail.com.

**Non Fiction**—Please join us on May 13 at 11 a.m. for a potluck salad luncheon at the home of Elsa Carpenter, 18735 11th Avenue N. in Plymouth. Bring suggestions for books for next year. All are welcome.

**Vagabonds**—Our April and May meetings will revert to the normal 7 p.m. start time. Our April 25 meeting features "A Norwegian Odyssey" with John Sweeney and will be held at Applewood Pointe, 1480 Applewood Court in Roseville.

The May 23 meeting will take us "On Safari through Kenya and Uganda" with Mel Baughman at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, 2300 Hamline Ave. N. in Roseville.

#### Welcome new members to UMWC

Please add their names and contact information to your Directory, greet them at your next luncheon or section meeting, and introduce them to other members.

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#### Have a great summer!

Deadline for the September UMWC Newsletter is August 6, 2014. Please submit articles or information in typed or electronic form to Catherine Bell, UMWC President, 1480 Applewood Ct. W.,

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or by e-mail to: catherine.bellx5@gmail.com.