



Women's Club Newsletter

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Conversation with a Woman Leader —

Understanding Iraq Today — hear Munna Yasiri at February 3 luncheon

Please join us in February to learn about the country of Iraq from our speaker, Munna Yasiri, director of Compliance and Intergovernmental Relations for the State of Minnesota. Munna Yasiri is an Iraqi-American, born in Baghdad to an Iraqi father and an American mother. She holds a unique perspective on the events unfolding in Iraq and shares her insights and perspectives with others through formal and informal speaking engagements.

A University of Minnesota graduate, Ms. Yasiri works with healthcare policy for the State of Minnesota. When she is not engaged in public speaking, she mentors students and adults through the U of M's School of Public Health as well as several other organizations. She is a current member of the UMWC.

As a former educator, Ms. Yasiri strongly believes in the Albert Einstein quote, "Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding."

Fundraising for 2015 scholarships off to a great start

With donations from 151 UMWC members, as of the end of December our scholarship gifts total \$12,526.50. By the time this Newsletter went to press, more than a third of our members had made one or more donations to the fund. Thank you!

We were especially grateful this year to receive support from Dr. Cheryl Gayle of the University's Neonatal Department, in addition to our Honorary President Karen Kaler's steadfast commitment. It was so inspiring to learn that, in 1984, Dr.



Karen Kaler announcing additional funding support from Holiday event.

Gayle was one of our UMWC scholars. Both women were instrumental in bringing you our annual message in the November appeal letter.

Thanks to each of you who have already made your commitment. And, if you haven't yet sent a gift, please join in making this a banner year for the scholarship fund. A gift of any amount is welcome, and your contribution gives you a stake in the lives and careers of the young women we will be assisting to achieve their goals.

Please use the contribution form in the appeal letter you received or one of the green donation forms in the front of your Directory. On behalf of the young women we will assist with scholarships in 2015, thank you for your generosity.

— Marian Champlin, Chair, UMWC Scholarship Fundraising Committee

Meeting — At a Glance

Conversation with a Woman Leader
Tuesday, February 3, 2015

10 a.m. Board Business Meeting
Noon: Luncheon and Program

Speaker: Munna Yasiri, Compliance and
Intergovernmental Relations Director,
"Land Between Two Rivers or Three Check-
points—Iraq Today"

Location

Becketwood
4300 West River Parkway, Minneapolis

Parking

Limited parking is available in the south lot
or along entrance road. Please carpool.
Becketwood office phone: 612-746-1025

Menu

Butter lettuce and lola rossa blend salad,
with apples, dried cherries, cucumbers,
tomato, candied walnuts, and honey balsamic
vinaigrette; mini-chiabatta rolls;

Chardonnay wine-poached sword fish with
sweet chili-mango chutney; oven roasted
baby red potatoes with rosemary; fresh
green bean almandine

Black forest cake with chocolate gnocchi

Coffee and tea

Cost: \$16

Reservation Deadline:

Tuesday, January 20, 2014

Please send in the reservation form you will
find in the back of your 2014-15
Membership Directory or on the website
along with your check, payable to UMWC.

Questions?

Call Jane LaFroth, 651-636-9218, or
Carol Lowe, 612-869-7949

Consult the website: www.umwc.umn.edu

President's Message

Happy New Year to all!

By the time you read this, our holiday festivities will be past, and we will just be trying to stay safe on the roads and sidewalks. Or, many of you may have fled to a warm beach for a few weeks.

Our most recent event was the annual Holiday and Benefit Tea at Eastcliff, hosted by our honorary president, Karen Kaler, who is so much more to us than just honorary. She welcomed everyone to her home, which was decorated beautifully as always, and to a buffet table that was filled with delicious treats.

When Mrs. Kaler addressed the group of guests, she announced that President Kaler and she wanted the reservation checks to be donated to the UMWC scholarship fund. This was a very generous gesture and enabled us to add \$1,212.50 to our scholarship funds this year. We are most appreciative of this, and of all the other ways in which she works to advance our Club and the scholarship program. Many thanks to the Kalers.

Music was provided by Ruth Jones at the piano to bring holiday spirit to the occasion. And this year the weather cooperated, so we didn't have to sort through a pile of boots at the door.

Also at the Tea, as usual, gifts and monetary donations were made to the University of Minnesota Masonic Children's Hospital. UMWC members gave a total of \$1,040, more than twice that of last year, and several bags of toys and other welcome items, for those in the hospital over

the holiday season. Elizabeth White so ably collected these, tallied them, and saw to their destination. Thanks to everyone who contributed, and to Elizabeth for overseeing this.

Our Fall Conversation featured NAZ president, Sondra Samuels, who spoke of her work to improve educational outcomes in the North Side. They are working to change absolutely everything in families in order to achieve this. It was impressive to hear about their work with 30 partner organizations to increase not only parenting skills, but every aspect of what it takes to motivate, protect, and guide young people toward college. Their goal is to involve 5,500 children, with a tipping point of 2,500; they currently have 1,600 involved in the program.

Recently I had the opportunity to meet with Peg Lonquist, Ph.D., the director of the Women's Center on campus. Their mission is to "advance equity for women students, staff, faculty, and alumnae across all identities." We shared information about our organizations; they also give scholarships, but not just to students on the Twin Cities campus. One award is given to a woman over age 38 with at least a five-year gap in her education. We agreed to post links to each other's group on our web sites, and to be open to ways that we could work together for mutual benefits.

Take care of yourselves; don't forget to take advantage of all the interesting programs the various sections offer in January; and remember to send in your reservation for the next luncheon, February 3, by January 20, 2015.

Catherine Bell, President

Next Board meeting, February 3, 2015

The Board will meet at Becketwood in the Windsor room Tuesday, February 3 at 10 a.m. Coffee and tea will be provided. All officers and section chairs are expected to attend and provide reports of their current activities. Please carpool if possible. Also remember to send in your luncheon reservations by the deadline, January 20.

Thank you to everyone who so promptly has sent their reports to our secretaries, Mary Aubau and Kathi Treston, prior to each Board of Directors meeting.

Membership dues

Thank you to Sheau-Ping Hu and to members of the Membership committee for reminding everyone to pay their dues. Thanks to their efforts, only 13 remain unpaid or have not notified the committee that they do not intend to renew. (Reminder: it's not too late to renew.)

Members enjoy tradition of December's Holiday Tea



Catherine Bell, president (center), and Shirley Ferraro, president-elect (left), lead the guests to a scrumptious tea buffet at Eastcliff. This annual event ushers in the winter holidays and serves as a fundraiser for gifts for hospitalized children and adults at the U of M - Fairview Health Center.

Interest Section News

Antiques and Historic Places — next meeting will be March 26 with art historian, Catherine Vesley, who will bring pieces of Japanese art and ceramics. Save the date!

Around the Campus — meets next on March 25. We are calling it Wild Card because it could be anything, anyplace, with all possibilities to be explored! All ideas and suggestions are welcome. So let's talk.

Art — On your mark ... get ready for the art show!

The Art Section's 23rd annual exhibition will open Friday, March 20, at 1666 Coffman Ave., Falcon Heights. This year, any UMWC member is eligible to participate. Whether you're a newly-minted artist or an established one, we invite you to submit one or two works— e.g., original drawings, paintings, prints, sculpture, fabric arts, or photography. For more information or an "Intent to Exhibit" form, contact Susan Fuller, 651-483-8597, or Jane LaFroth, 651-636-9218. Deadline for submitting the Intent form is February 28.

Drama — The next meeting will be on January 27 at 1 p.m. at the home of Olly Staneslow, 56 Arundel St. in St. Paul. All are welcome, and please confirm you're coming by email or phone 651-224-8245.

Hiking Section —The January 12 hike at the Mall of America will start at **9:30 a.m. instead of the usual 10 a.m.** start time. We do not meet in February.

Currently we have hikes scheduled through June, and we are planning to add hikes in July and August for a continuous year around hiking activities. The summer hikes will be July 13, July 24, August 10, and August 28. Current section members will receive summer hike details. Prospective new members, please contact Marilyn Olson for hiking details (mdolson24@yahoo.com or 612-382-1933).

International/Community Concerns — January 9: Abdi Warsame, Minneapolis 6th Ward City Council Member. *February 13*: "Belief Gap: What We Believe Versus Scientific Fact," Rob Daves, Daves Research, marketing and public opinion. *March 13*: "Cuba Today," Duane Krohnke, lawyer and speaker on international human rights. Call Sue Zuriff.

Non-Fiction Books — Start the New Year with an amazing story: *The Girls of Atomic City* by Denise Kierman. Read how the U. S. government recruited young women to help build the atomic bomb leading to the end of WWII, and learn about the secret city they lived and worked in. Join us January 13, 1 p.m., at Becketwood.

On February 10 at 1 p.m. we will discuss *Miriam's Words* by Miriam Barber Judd at Eastcliff. Our hostess is Karen Kaler and our guest reviewer is Mary Lou Judd Carpenter. Contact Mary Aubuan or Kathy Treston.

In Memorium

Erna Bachtold, a long-time member and generous supporter of the University of Minnesota Women's Club, died September 28, 2014, at the age of 98. Many people, on learning of Erna's age, were amazed; they had thought she was much younger. There was good reason for that: Erna remained young at heart to the end of her long life, always eager for new knowledge and experiences and happy to share insights and anecdotes from her own varied life experiences.

She was a veteran employee and then volunteer at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, but perhaps her most passionate involvement was with the UMWC. She was a member of many sections, past and present, including Antiques, Culinary Arts, International Affairs, Restaurant Ramblers, Vagabonds, and the former Home and Garden section. She was an avid collector of cookbooks, having several rare volumes in her collection. And, she was a faithful and generous contributor to the Scholarship Fund. — Barbara Cohen

Dorothy Guilford, long-time member of the Women's Club, died November 30, 2014. She was 98 years old. Dorothy was very active in the Community Concerns and International Affairs sections, where she organized a major project to connect with international women faculty. Until about a year ago she remained active in the Bridge section. She will be remembered fondly by many of our members.

Evelyn McDonald passed away earlier in December at the age of 92. Active in Restaurant Ramblers and Culinary Arts, she was instrumental in the development of the cookbook, a project that raised funds for UMWC scholarships.

Welcome to new members of UMWC

Seventeen new members have joined us since October. Please be sure to greet them and introduce them to other members. Remember to add their names to your Directory.

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Directory changes and corrections

Keep your directory up to date. Make the following correction to help your communications go more smoothly.

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Deadline for next Newsletter: February 23, 2015
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