



# Women's Club Newsletter

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Conversation with a Woman Leader —

## April speaker is former Mpls. school superintendent Bernadeia Johnson

Our speaker for April is Bernadeia Johnson, who was superintendent of Minneapolis Public Schools from 2010–15. She resigned effective January 31, 2015, citing family reasons among others for stepping down. At the time of her interview with MinnPost, January 15, her grandfather was 107 and her grandmother 99 years old!



Dr. Johnson graduated from Alabama A&M University with a degree in Communication Disorders. In 1992 she received a master of arts degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of St. Thomas, and in 2011, she earned her doctorate from the University of Minnesota in Educational Policy and Administration. She has a long history of positions in educational systems.

She is the recipient of several awards, including the University of St. Thomas Distinguished Alumna Award, and sits on numerous boards. We look forward to hearing about her experiences in education and her plans for the future.

## Plan to attend the Art Section's 23rd Annual Art Exhibit opening March 20

You are invited to celebrate the creativity and achievements of our talented UMWC artists and enjoy the works of special guest artists.

View the art work of your friends and fellow club members at the Art Section's annual art exhibition, which opens at 4 p.m. Friday, March 20, at 1666 Coffman St., Falcon Heights.

Gallery tours begin at 4:45 p.m. A brief reception follows. All UMWC members and their guests are welcome to attend.

**Guest artists**—Erika Johnsrud, recipient of the Marjorie DeBoer UMWC Scholarship this year, will be one of three guest artists. Erika is a senior majoring in Spanish and art at the University. Other guest artists are Kurt Seaberg, who depicts his Sami heritage through pen and ink drawings and lithographs, and Marie Hammond, whose love of the nature and beauty of the lake country is reflected in her paintings. She is a member of the Northwest Watermedia Society.

### Meeting — At a Glance

Conversation with a Woman Leader  
Tuesday, April 7, 2015

10:00 a.m. Business Meeting  
Windsor Room, Becketwood

Noon – Luncheon, Program to follow  
Speaker: Bernadeia Johnson, former superintendent of schools, Minneapolis

#### Location

Becketwood  
4300 West River Parkway, Minneapolis

#### Parking

Limited parking is available in the south lot or along the entrance road.  
Carpool if possible.

Becketwood office phone: 612-746-1025

#### Menu

Cheddar-green onion corn bread muffins with maple honey butter, Cold melon soup, Broccoli, artichoke, feta-stuffed Chicken Breast with wine & dill Hollandaise sauce; Minnesota wild rice blend and Key Biscayne blend vegetables.  
Panna Cotta with maple-brandy peach reduction; coffee and tea

Cost: \$16

Reservation Deadline:  
Tuesday, March 24, 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 Maggie Hoover: 651-698-4924  
or Carol Lowe: 612-869-7949  
or consult the website: [www.umwc.umn.edu](http://www.umwc.umn.edu)

## President's Message

We joke about the frozen tundra!! It's no joke any more. Maybe by the time you read, this we will be unfrozen.

I spent January in Arizona and was grateful for the relative warmth. I had planned to return in plenty of time for the February board meeting and luncheon, but then it turned out my daughter's surgery was scheduled for that day. President-elect Shirley Ferraro presided at both meeting and luncheon, and I thank her again for stepping in—and doing a great job.

It has been a very busy February. Shirley reported that the luncheon was lovely as usual, and our speaker, Munna Yasiri (also a member of our club), speaking on Iraq, was eloquent, in spite of difficulty with the AV. She gave us insights into what went wrong with the 2003 invasion and particularly the aftermath. Apparently Iraq's oil industry doesn't benefit the citizens much, as it doesn't create many jobs and most is privately held.

Now we are looking forward to our next Conversation, April 7, when Dr. Bernadeia Johnson, former Minneapolis Schools Superintendent, will be our speaker. This is certain to be a very interesting luncheon event. At the luncheon we will be installing Shirley Ferraro as your next president because she is unable to attend the Annual Meeting in May, when this would customarily occur. Remember to send in your reservation for the April luncheon by March 24.

If you are planning to make a donation to the Scholarship Fund, please do so by March 20, because only those received by Treasurer Pat Luhmann by that date will be listed in the May (final) newsletter of the program year. (Only names, not amounts, will be listed.)

Several committees have been meeting and I will talk more about those in other places in this newsletter. These are the Bylaws, Big Ten Hosting, and Nominating committees. Attend the next Board meeting to hear reports of those committees. Remember all UMWC members are welcome at all regular Board meetings.

Catherine Bell, President

## Next Board meeting April 7

The Board will meet at Becketwood in the Windsor room on April 7 at 10 a.m. All officers and section chairs are expected to attend and provide activity reports. Board members unable to attend should ask another member to provide their reports. Please carpool if possible. Also remember to mail in your luncheon reservations by the deadline, March 24.

## Mark your calendar for Annual Meeting, May 5

UMWC's Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, May 5, at the Town and Country Club in St. Paul. The speaker will be Rachele Hernandez, associate vice provost for Enrollment Management at the University of Minnesota.

The May board meeting will start at 10:30 a.m. that day, and will take place at the Town and Country Club. All members are invited to attend.

Be sure to send in your reservation by April 21. We will be using a different room this year at the Town and Country, and it is a little smaller, so we'll have room for only the first 92 sending in reservations. Get yours in early!

## Ad hoc UMWC committees are hard at work

### Nominating Committee

In accordance with the Bylaws, this committee is appointed by the president each year. Elizabeth White serves as chair this year, with members Barbara Cohen, Gina Juffer, and Sheau-Ping Hu.

They may be calling you to ask you to serve in one of several positions available. Please be receptive and willing to serve if asked. It takes many women to keep our UMWC running at the level it does. If you have any suggestions of someone who would be willing and able to serve in an office, please let someone on the committee know, because no one knows everyone in the club. The committee will bring a report of nominees to the April board meeting, to be voted on at our Annual Meeting.

### Bylaws Revision Committee

Jane Starr is chair of this committee, with members Shirley Ferraro, Margaret Rowser, and Catherine Bell participating. The committee has met twice and have several revisions to recommend to the membership for approval. One is the elimination of the category of Associate Membership. Another would change the length of time an international member can be active without paying club dues. The latter is to facilitate our work with international student spouses, as requested by our honorary president, Karen Kaler; this work is headed by Peggy Lathrop. When the bylaws changes are finalized, they will be sent to the membership at least 15 days prior to the meeting at which they will be voted upon.

### Big Ten 2017 Meeting Planning Committee

This committee is meeting to plan for our hosting of this event in spring of 2017—not far off now. Chairs are Cherie Hamilton and Barb Cohen, with members Shirley Ferraro (president-elect), Dorothy and Fred Waltz, and Catherine Bell. When they last met, they planned the details of the video, which needs to be ready to show at this year's 2015 Big Ten meeting in Ohio in June.

## Mark your calendars for March 20... and plan to attend the Art Section's Annual Exhibition

From paintings to sculpture and photography to fiber art, UMWC artists have been at work all year to bring you this colorful event. (See details on page 1.)

We only wish your newsletter could bring you these lovely pieces with as much color.



left: Watercolor painting by Minnesota artist Carol Lowe, who is an enthusiastic UMWC member and has recently published a book of her work, which will be exhibited at the Art Section art show March 20.

## Interest Section News

See your Directory for information about the activities of all 18 interest sections, their programs, times, and locations. The following announcements are changes or additional information to the Directory listings.

### Around the Campus—

Date and time change: March 24, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., instead of March 25: We will go to McNamara Center for CEHD Research Day: "How research impacts our everyday lives."

This may interest women from all sections, and everyone is welcome, but please RSVP. For information, call/e-mail Rolaine Wright, 763-784-3401. We can meet as a group in the café after this event and share our experiences and ideas.

### Art—

Our St. Paul Hotel Tea, scheduled for April 18, has been changed to May 21 at the Lowell Inn in Stillwater at 11 a.m. Reservations required. RSVP to coordinators: Lola Christianson at 651-490-9330, or Jane LaFroth at 651-636-9218.

### Non-Fiction Book Section—

Our March 10 book to review is *Paleofantasy* by Marlene Zuk. She will also be our guest reviewer. For April 14th the book is *The Innocent Man* by John Grisham. We know him as a successful fiction writer, but this is his first non-fiction book. Please begin thinking about a book to recommend for our May meeting. — Kathi and Mary

### Vagabonds—

The program for the evening of April 24 is on Colombia by Diane Grigal. It will be the same program as listed in the directory for November, as those two months were switched. As always, guests are cordially invited to join us. March 27 on Mongolia at 1666 Coffman in the afternoon is correct in the directory.

Right: At the annual art show in 2014, Kathy Ball exhibited her artwork, a handsome quilt she embroidered with familiar children's poetry figures in redline.



## Thank you for supporting the UMWC Scholarship Fund for young University women

As of February 16, 2015, we had received 177 scholarship gifts totaling \$14,373. This figure is more than was raised in all last year's fundraising. Thank you and congratulations to each of you for this impressive, record support of our scholarship program.

If you haven't yet participated, there is still time to make a gift and have it counted in scholarship funds available for distribution to deserving University of Minnesota women students this year. The more the fund grows, the more young women we can support!

Please make your donation in time to arrive by March 20. The May Newsletter will list the Honor Role of all donors of gifts received by that date – names only, no amounts.

Please make your check payable to: UMWC Scholarship Fund and mail it to: Pat Luhmann, Treasurer, 525 Eastwood Court, Eagan, MN 55123. Every gift of any amount is appreciated!

— Marian Champlin  
UMWC Fundraising Chair 2014-2015

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Or **Print** new information below.

1. Cut out or copy this form **along with the accompanying address label**.

2. Mail to Sheau-Ping Hu, 1810 Howell St. N.,  
Falcon Heights, MN 55113

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## Directory changes and corrections

Keep your directory up to date. Make the following corrections and your communications will go more smoothly.

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## Welcome to a new member

Since the newsletter was published in January, UMWC has welcomed a new member. Please greet her at meetings and introduce her to other members. Remember to add her name and contact information to your Directory.

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4300 W River Parkway #407, Minneapolis MN 55406  
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## A reminder from the Membership Committee

Please help us recruit new members to the club. Think about your circle of friends and acquaintances, and ask yourself if they might benefit from belonging to the Interest Sections or attending a luncheon program with you. When they see all the opportunities the club offers and the work we do to assist young women at the University with scholarship help, they'll thank you for the invitation.

Pick up a brochure at the next luncheon or use the handy "business cards" we have had printed with the website reference. And remember to check out the website yourself at [www.umwc.umn.edu](http://www.umwc.umn.edu).

### **Deadline for next Newsletter: March 20, 2015**

Please submit articles in electronic format to  
Catherine Bell, President, catherine.bellx5@gmail.com.