

# Women's Club

## NEWSLETTER



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### Conversation with a Woman Leader

## February Luncheon features Janey Westin, stone letter carver and sculptor

Today Janey Westin is a stone letter carver and sculptor, but she began her career as a calligrapher, a path that was inspired by the art she experienced when she was a Rotary Exchange student to Japan in 1975–76.

After receiving her B.A. in Japanese language from the U of M in 1980, she embarked on an extensive career as a calligrapher, learning the many paper-related skills. In 1984 she turned to stone letter carving, and in 1997 she began marble sculpting.



Her work can be seen at the University's Donhowe Building and Wilson Library, at the St. Thomas Law School in Minneapolis and St. Thomas University in St. Paul, St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral (altar and column inscriptions), at the Basilica of St. Mary, the Mary Garden, among others. Her sculptures include a life-size "St. Maria Goretti" at Our Lady of Guadalupe Cathedral and a 14-foot highly incised gilded Lion at St. Olaf College in Northfield.

In 2001 she and her father, Robert G. Johnson, adjunct professor of geophysics at the University of Minnesota, examined the Kensington Runestone in Alexandria, and in 2012 they published *The Last Kings of Norse America: Runestone Keys to a Lost Empire*. Over the past 30 years she has taught and lectured on these topics as well as medieval manuscripts and rune carving. Janey is married; she has three children and two grandchildren and lives in Edina.

### It's 2016—Mark your calendars for the new year

**March 18:** 24th Annual Member Art Exhibit, 1666 Coffman St., St. Paul

**April 5:** Conversation Lunch at Becketwood, Minneapolis

**May 3:** Annual Meeting and Luncheon, Town and Country Club, St. Paul

Check the Interest Section offerings in your 2015–16 Directory for all the events that intrigue you, and enter them on your personal calendars.

**Meeting ~ At a Glance**  
Conversation with a Woman Leader  
Noon, Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Speaker:

Janey Westin

"One never knows where letters may lead"

#### 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

Minnesota-style chicken wild rice soup, pan-fried walleye w/lemon-wine herb sauce, mushroom cheddar potato gratin, French-style green bean almondine, rolls & butter  
French chocolate chiffon crunch tart  
coffee and tea

**Cost: \$16**

**Reservation Deadline:**

Tuesday, January 19

Please send in the reservation form you will find in the back of your 2015–16 Membership Directory along with your check payable to UMWC.

#### Questions?

Call Millie Woodbury, 651-486-7286  
or Jane LaFroth, 651-636-9218

## President's Message

Happy New Year! It's upon us again... a brand new year, filled with hope for a healthy and happy 2016. Many of us make New Year's resolutions in an effort to improve our lives, and those of others around us. I hereby resolve to laugh more, perform more acts of kindness, and (of course) to enjoy more of all that our Women's Club has to offer.

Thanks to our hard working membership committee, and to all of you who have brought your friends and neighbors to our club, we have grown to 354 members. In 2015, 52 new members joined.

As our membership grows, it's important that our special interest sections grow with it. Did you know that UMWC has four Conversation Luncheon meetings each year, along with 18 special interest sections (counting our new "Mystery Books" section started by member Carol Lowe)? In order to appeal to a growing membership, we want you to know that we're always receptive to your input in developing new interest sections. Is there a section you would like to see included in our offerings? If so, please feel free to bring your suggestions to me, or to any board member.

The annual Holiday Tea and Hospital Benefit was truly wonderful. This special event, hosted by President and Mrs. Kaler is always a highlight of our UMWC year. We thank the Kalers for their warm hospitality, and for generously donating the reservation proceeds to the UMWC Scholarship Fund. In addition, UMWC member and U Hospital volunteer Elizabeth White collected the toys you brought and nearly \$1,000 in donations to provide holiday gifts to patients in the University Children's Hospital.

Kudos to our members for giving generously to the Scholarship Fund this year. Thanks to all of you, and to Fund Raising Chair Marian Champlin, 2015-16 may well be another banner year of giving.

See you in February!

Shirley Ferraro, UMWC President

## Next Board meeting is on February 2

The Board will meet at Becketwood in the Windsor Room at 10:00 a.m. All officers and section chairs are expected to attend and provide reports of their current activities. Please e-mail those reports to Mary Abuan prior to the meeting. Remember to send in your luncheon reservations before the deadline of Tuesday, January 19.

## Interest Sections update

### NEW!! Mystery Book Section—

Thanks to Carol Lowe, we have a new Mystery Books section. Those who love a good mystery, and would like to join this new section, please contact Carol at 612-869-7949 or email her at lowejc@usfamily.net.

### A message of gratitude

It's wonderful being surrounded by angels and feeling blessed! I am so grateful to you all for your gifts of kindness, support and love. So many of you sent messages and prayers, notes and cards, called with well wishes, and many generous offers. Each of your actions strengthened my spirit and helped my recovery immensely.

A Big Thank You to you all!

— Rolaine Wright

### Welcome to new members of UMWC

Please welcome 24 new members who have joined us since November and add their names to your Directory.

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## Music section celebrates the talents of Lois Stahl, long-time member, at their meeting in November



Music Section members gathered round in Sheau Ping Hu's kitchen for a "Thanks for the Memories" cake for Lois Stahl (center), long-time member and musician extraordinaire.

Section chair Dorothy Peterson wrote: "Lois has played many solo pieces for us and accompanied other members and guest performers over the years. She and her good friend, Janet Weiss (past UMWC president) played duets and led carol singing at many Christmas Teas at Eastcliff.

We thank her for sharing her talents with the Music Section and the Club."

## UMWC Holiday Tea—December's bright spot



Marian Champlin, Dr. Cheryl Gale, and host Karen Kaler pause for the photographer at the gala tea December 8. Dr. Gale, a former UMWC scholarship recipient, joined UMWC last year and assisted the UMWC's fundraising in 2014.

## Gifts to the scholarship fund honor and remember friends and loved ones

It is a lovely gesture to make a gift to the UMWC Scholarship Fund/Memorial in memory or in honor of a friend or relative. The club will notify the family or individual of your thoughtful generosity. If you would like to make such a gift, mail your check, payable to UMWC Scholarship/Memorial Fund, along with your wishes for acknowledgments to UMWC Treasurer Pat Luhmann, 525 Eastwood Court, Eagan, MN 55123

### Memorial gifts to the Scholarship Fund – October 1 to December 1

#### Memorial Gifts:

For Teresa Harold by Diane Schweizer

For Paul Schertler by Mary Schertler

For Robert Roelofs by Patricia Roelofs

#### Honoring Gift:

For Dr. Ann Pflaum by Around the Campus Section

## Your donations to the scholarship fund will make a big difference for young University women

Once again, scholarship fundraising is ahead of the previous year! By the end of December we had raised \$15,562 through 151 gifts. That figure does not include the incredible \$10,000 anonymous scholarship gift made this year by the same member who blessed us last year. It does, however, include President and Mrs. Kaler's \$1,062.50 contribution of Holiday Tea reservation dollars, which they directed to the UMWC Scholarship fund.

We thank each of you who have already given your support to the fundraising effort. And to those who haven't yet made a gift—the time is right to help make this another banner year for the scholarship fund. A gift of any size is treasured, and it gives you a stake in the lives of many young women who need our help to attain their educational goals.

We also want to sincerely thank Angela Busch, senior vice president of Corporate Development for Ecolab, for allowing us to use her story of success in the November 2015 appeal letter. Angela received the UMWC Francis Shepherd Memorial Scholarship for Outstanding Women Students in 1987.

For your convenience in making a gift, there is a donation form and an envelope addressed to our treasurer in the appeal letter you received in November. There are also green donation forms in the front of your directory.

THANK YOU,

— Marian Champlin, chair,  
UMWC Scholarship Fundraising Committee.



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**Deadline for next Newsletter: Feb. 10, 2016**

Please submit articles in typed or electronic format.  
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