

Women's NEWSLETTER

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Conversation with a Woman Leader ~

Media ethics professor to speak at February "Conversation" Luncheon

Jane Kirtley, Silha Professor of Media Ethics and Law at the University of Minnesota's School of Journalism and Mass Media, will lead our "Conversation Luncheon on Tuesday, February 7 with her talk on "How is Trump Possible? A

Look at Media Coverage of the 2016 Election."



Professor Kirtley holds bachelor and master's of journalism degrees from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism and a Doctor of Law degree from Vanderbilt University School of Law.

She speaks frequently on media law and ethics issues in the United States and abroad. She has held visiting professorships at Notre Dame, Suffolk University, and—just last spring—as a Fulbright Scholar at the Law Faculty of the University of Latvia in Riga, Latvia.

Kirtley also writes broadly for both the popular and professional press. Her work has been published in the New York Times and The Guardian (UK). She was a Pullitzer Prize juror in 2015. Her honors include membership in the Freedom of Information Hall of Fame.

Mark your calendars for the Annual Art Show, March 3

This spring the Art Section of UMWC is presenting their 25th
Annual Art show from March 3 to April 5 at a new venue—Becketwood,
which is at 4300 W. Mississippi River Parkway, Minneapolis. This is
exciting for members because they will have many opportunities to view
the wonderful works of art, including at the Opening Reception and at the
Conversation with a Woman Leader luncheon on April 4th.

The opening reception and art section dinner will be held on March 3
from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend the reception. Members
are warmly encouraged to consider exhibiting their art. Intent to Exhibit
forms will be sent to all art section members after January 1st. If you wish
to show your art, but are not currently a member of the Art Section, please
contact Art Show coordinators Carol Lowe or Jane LaFroth.

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Meeting ~ At a Glance

Conversation with a Woman Leader Noon, Tuesday, February 7 Speaker:

Jane Kirtley, U professor of media ethics, "A Look at Media Coverage of the 2016 Election"

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

Bibb lettuce salad with tricolor carrots. grape tomatoes, raspberry vinaigrette. Duck breast with cherry apricot sauce, wild rice blend, green beans with truffle oil, rolls and butter. Gluten-free chocolate layer cake Coffee, tea, milk

Cost: \$18

Observe the Reservation Deadline: Tuesday, January 31 Please send in the reservation form you will find in the back of your 2016-17 Membership Directory along with your check payable to UMWC.

Questions?

Call Jane LaFroth 651-636-9218

President's Message

Happy New Year!

I am forever being "wowed" by the phenomenal resources available to the Women's Club through our great Big 10 University—and through our own strong cadre of officers, committee chairs, and section leaders.

In February, one of the great voices for media ethics in our country in the person of Professor Jane Kirtley of our University's School of Journalism will join us for our Conversation Luncheon. This is a gathering you won't want to miss, particularly at this time when we so desperately need to hear and to be "voices of truth" in our respective communities. Come. Bring a friend.

This spring, through programming arranged by our "Around the Campus," "International and Community Concerns," and "Women's Health Issues" section leaders, we've three great programs to offer. On March 3rd, we'll tour the University's Health Clinic and Surgery Center. On April 25th and May 12th respectively, we'll be privileged to attend two timely presentations by University faculty: the first on the latest Research on Neuropathy by Dr. William Kennedy, director of the University's Biotechnical Institute; the second featuring Professor Emerita of Russian Dr. Irini Corten on the subject "The Soul in Captivity," based on her personal experience half a lifetime ago, yet still relevant today as never before!

I invite you to reopen that great Directory of programs that you received late last summer and select a program or two that interests you. Our sections offer so many good events, and you might have missed seeing all the opportunities earlier in the year. Join fellow members, some new and some familiar, with whom to enjoy these many new experiences.

Again, Happy New Year, with appreciation,

Ruth Jones, President

Board meeting news

The next meeting of the UMWC Board will take place on Tuesday, February 7, 2017, at 10 a.m. in the Windsor Room of Becketwood. All members are welcome at our general board meetings. Officers and Section Chairs: please e-mail your reports to Mary Abuan, Recording Secretary, prior to the meeting. Include preliminary plans for recruitment/selection of new leadership for 2017–2018 as well as updated draft job descriptions.

Interest Sections News

NonFiction Book Section celebrates 20 years

In reviewing the Nonfiction Book Section records over its last 20 years (1996–2016), Nancy Bennett, incoming chair, noted that three longstanding members were deserving of recognition: Elisabeth White, Elsa Carpenter, and Tracy Moos. To celebrate, Karen Kaler, NonFiction member and current Honorary President of UMWC, invited all section members to Eastcliff on October 11, 2016.

Honorees: Elisabeth White – 14 reviews since 1996 and chair, 2000–2003; Elsa Carpenter – 9 reviews since 1996 and co-chair with Gail Brinkworth, 2010–2012; Tracy Moos (pictured with Karen below), 7 reviews since 1996 and UMWC Past Honorary President. The members also recognized and remembered Anne Wise, in memoriam, for her "generous warmth" and "delightful home and hospitality." (Anne – with 8 reviews was chair, 2003–2008.)

Below: Honorary President Karen Kaler is pictured with honoree Tracy Moos, herself a former University first lady.



In Remembrance

We are sad to report that two of our longtime UMWC members passed away this fall, both at the age of 97—Past President Norma Crewdson died on September 16 and Pauline Skok on November 7.

Norma Crewdson presided over the UMWC from 1994 to 1996. During her tenure, she led the first governing Board when the club name was officially changed from the University Faculty Wives Club to the University of Minnesota Women's Club, incorporated as the UMWC on April 26th, 1995. Norma's many friends remember her as being a tireless worker, willing to take on any task. Norma had great pride in her Scottish heritage and often arrived at Women's Club events in one of her tartan skirts.

An easterner by birth, Pauline Skok began her career in Washington, D.C., first working in the Pentagon during WW II and later in the U.S. Patent Office. Still later she and her husband migrated to Minnesota with their young family, where she became a proud member of our club.

Scholarship Fund shows increase thus far, thanks to generosity of UMWC members

At this writing, December 14, 2016, we have received \$18,356.46 from 171 members. Not included in that total is the \$10,000 gift from our guardian angel and another Caldwell family gift.

This year the number of new, first-time gifts has increased, many prompted by Megan Udermann's compelling story in the 2016–2017 appeal letter you received in November. We thank her for allowing us to tell you about her. Megan's account of her educational and career progress, like that of so many of our scholarship recipients, shows how great the need is for help with tuition in the midst of family setbacks, family illnesses, and heavy responsibilities.

We note that a number of members are also making memorial or honoring gifts to the Scholarship Fund. These tributes are listed in each newsletter. This is a lovely, meaningful way to show love and respect.

We thank each and every one of you who have already given your support to this year's 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.

 Marian Champlin, chair, and Ginny Hanson, UMWC Scholarship Fundraising Committee

Memorial Gifts to the Scholarship Fund

September 21 to December 13, 2016

For Elizabeth Allen by Katherine Simon Frank

For Grace Bloodsworth, Past President Shirley Ferraro's mother, by Catherine Bell

For Flossie Caldwell by Wendy Magnuson

For Don Joel Challman by Barbara Challman

For Jonathan Cohen by Catherine Bell; Ruth Jones; Joan Rathbun; and UMWC

For Past President Norma Crewdson by UMWC

For Russell Hamilton by Susan Crutchfield; Cherie Hamilton; Elaine Savick; and Joyce Waldauer

For Bill Rathbun by Joan Rathbun

For Paul Schertler by Mary Schertler

For Pauline Skok by Nathaniel Cogswell, DDS; Dr. Alan and Carolyn Ek; Sharon Johnson; Barbara Lundgren; Carolyn Mohn; Steven Olson; Richard Skok; and UMWC

Calling all Big Ten alumnae....

Did you attend a Big Ten university either as an undergraduate or a graduate student? (To refresh your memory, there's a list of the ever-expanding Big Ten schools below).

Here's an opportunity to connect with others from your school outside of the usual class reunions.

Would you like to volunteer to be a liaison with attendees from "your" school at our upcoming conference of Big Ten women's clubs on the U of M campus in June of 2017? Your duties would include contacting attendees before the conference by mail or e-mail, meeting them at the airport and transporting them to the Commons Hotel if you are able and willing, and being an information contact for them during the conference.

If you would like to help, please contact Barbara Cohen at (952) 447-8434 or mrschick1981@yahoo.com.

Big Ten universities are: University of Illinois, University of Iowa, University of Maryland, University of Michigan, Michigan State University, University of Minnesota, University of Nebraska, Northwestern University, Ohio State University, Penn State University, Purdue University, Rutgers University, and University of Wisconsin.

Past President Cherie Hamilton leads OLLI "Best of Brazil" Tour in May 2017

Past UMWC President Cherie Hamilton invites you to join with her and fellow OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) members on a cultural and culinary journey through the "Best of Brazil," May 14 – 27, 2017.

The journey begins in the colonial city of Salvador where Brazilian and African culture blend in music, dance, food, and folklore. From there the group will travel to its capital, Brasilia, designed by Oscar Niemeyer in 1960, and then on to Rio with its historic districts and famous landmarks. São Paulo, Brazil's largest city and financial center, is the next stop. The journey will end in Porto Alegre, the southern-most state, where travelers will get a close-up look at the gaucho (Brazilian cowboy) and their traditional music, lore, dances, and cuisine.

If you are interested in learning more or signing up for this tour, contact Cherie for more information, a copy of the travel brochure, and a slide presentation on hotels. She needs to know of your interest no later than February 15, 2017. Write her at pimentamalageta@hotmail.com or call her at 612-929-0233.



Let it Snow!

A new snowfall decorated the trees along West River Parkway on Monday, Dec. 12, when the hikers gathered at Becketwood for a Holiday Pot Luck. While some chose to stay out of super-cold winds that day and enjoy "snow bunny" conversation inside, the majority of the group braved the bracing winds and were rewarded with warm welcomes from the "indoor hikers" and greater appetites for the homemade food prepared by our great cooks! Regardless, conversation was stimulating as always, a great jump start for hiking in 2017.

The hikers have expanded their hiking dates through most of the summer, so that members who fly south for the winter can join in the fun when they return in the spring.

Welcome to new members of UMWC

Please welcome 22 new members who have joined us since the last newsletter. Please add their names and contact information to your Directory.

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Out-to-Tea—our newest section's offerings

Purpose: To learn about tea and enjoy it in various Twin Cities tearooms and venues in the Greater Twin Cities area. Please add the following information to your Directories and give this section a try.

Co-chairs Shirley Ferraro and Barb Tate-Lunde; Treasurer Connie Cundy. Meetings: Third Tuesdays at 1 p.m. or other times as needed in various venues in the Greater Twin Cities area. Dues: Two dollars

Programs—Mark your calendars!

January 17: Coordinator Mary Johnson Lady Elegant's Tearoom in St. Anthony Village March 20: Coordinators Jane LaFroth and Janet Robb Roseville Lutheran Church

April 18: Coordinators Connie Cundy and Millie Woodbury Potluck Tea and Planning, 1666 Coffman, Falcon Hts May 23: Coordinators Mary Abuan and Kathi Treston The Mad Hatter, Anoka

July 18: Coordinators Gail Brinkworth and Rolaine Wright Panola Family Gardens

Drama Section celebrates the holidays with pot luck and a menu of holiday readings



The UMWC Drama Section gathered at Abby Marier's on December 6. A good time was had by all! Enjoying the day are Ollie Staneslow, Abby Marier, Millie Woodbury, and Nancy Bengtson.

Annual Benefit Tea provides gifts for hospitalized patients over the holidays

The annual Tea at the President's family residence attracted a large attendance of members eager to socialize and share the cheers of the season. \$450 for adult gifts and many toys and books were collected for patients at University Hospitals over the holidays.



Our host, University's First Lady and UMWC's Honorary President Karen Kaler (rt), chats with members and guests.



A beautifully decorated buffet table held a bounty of tasty treats.



Music was in the air as Lois Stahl served up classical holiday tunes on the Eastcliff parlor's grand piano.

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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/Memorial fund 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 UMW Scholarship/Memorial Fund, along with your wishes for acknowledgements to UMWC Treasurer Pat Luhmann, 525 Eastwood Court, Eagan, MN 55123

UMWC WEBSITE UPDATED!

When you are talking with friends and you want to direct them to more information about the club, you can now suggest that they go online to the website: www.umwc.umn.edu.

Give them one our UMWC "business cards," which has the website listed for them.

We encourage you to go to that website as well and check out all the new features, new photos (you might be in some), and current program information.

Keep your 2016—17 Directory up to date Make the following corrections and changes.

Deadline for March - April Newsletter: February 18, 2016

Please submit articles in typed or electronic format. Send to Ruth Jones, UMWC President, 2950 Dean Pkwy, #1504, Minneapolis, MN 55416-4393 or by e-mail to: ruthjones7338@gmail.com