

Women's Club

NEWSLETTER



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA WOMEN'S CLUB  Educational, cultural, recreational, and leadership opportunities for all ages

Conversation with a Woman Leader

UMAA's Lisa Lewis: How the U of M Alumni Association works for today's students, alumni, and the State of Minnesota

Joining us for our conversation luncheon on February 5, Lisa Lewis, executive officer for the University of Minnesota Alumni Association, will speak about how the association's role has evolved to spark success for the University.

Lisa Lewis joined the U of M Alumni Association as president and chief executive officer in May 2013. During her tenure, she has strengthened campus partnerships, expanded corporate alumni networks, and increased the association's online presence to better respond to the needs of the 485,000 University alumni worldwide.



A 28-year association professional with experience managing higher education organizations, Lewis currently serves on the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) Board of Trustees and chairs and the Commission on Alumni Relations. She is also a member of the Council of Alumni Association Executives (CAAE) and the Self-Governing Alumni Forum (SGAF).

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*Mark your calendars for the 27th
Annual Members' Art Show,
opening March 1 at Becketwood*

Members and guests are invited to the opening reception on Friday, March 1, from 4 to 5 p.m. to see the artistic display of talent from our Art Section artists and members. Watercolor, acrylic and oil painting, calligraphy, drawing, photography, fiber art, and more.

Light refreshments will be served. Meet the artists and engage in conversation about their creations. For questions or to participate in the show, please contact Jane LaFroth or Carol Lowe.

The exhibit will continue at Becketwood through April 4.

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Meeting ~ At a Glance

Conversation with a Woman Leader
Noon, Tuesday, February 5

Speaker: Lisa Lewis, President,
University of Minnesota
Alumni Association

"University of Minnesota Alumni
Association: Igniting Success"

Location

Becketwood,
4300 West River Parkway, Minneapolis

Parking

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

Menu

Mixed greens with strawberries, almonds, goat cheese, balsamic dressing;
Baked chicken breast with mushroom sage sauce; Black rice with truffle oil and peas; Carmelized brussels sprouts with bacon and parmesan cheese;
Double chocolate cake.
Coffee, tea, milk
Request vegetarian, gluten-free, and dairy-free options with reservation.

Cost: \$20

**Observe Reservation Deadline:
Monday, January 28, 2019**

Please send in the reservation form you will find in your 2018–19 Membership Directory or on the UMWC website. Make your check payable to UMWC.

Questions? Call Jane La Froth



President's Message

A very Happy New Year to each and every one. I hope you all have had a wonderful holiday season in whatever way you celebrate, whether with friends and family, in warmer climates, traveling around the world, or in sublime seclusion. Now we are entering the season of hibernation for which Minnesota is so famous, rather unjustly so. Unjustly because at this time of year many of us are still active.

The Holiday Tea at Eastcliff was a big hit with more than 100 attending, including 16 guests. Karen Kaler, First Lady of the University of Minnesota and our club's Honorary President, entertained everyone with stories about the University president's house and many of the well-known people who have visited throughout the years. She also presented copies of a children's story book that she had written about the house, which was offered that day for \$15, all proceeds going to the UMWC Scholarship Fund. We want to thank Karen for her generous hospitality and for once again underwriting the catering, allowing us to contribute the proceeds from the reservations to the UMWC Scholarship Fund.

Jan Graves provided the music, playing carols on the piano, while Dorothy and Fred Waltz and Rolaine Wright received so many lovely gifts and donations from our members for the patients at the University Hospital. All in all, this was one of the most lovely events ever.

Our next Conversation Luncheon will be on Tuesday, February 5, with our speaker Lisa Lewis, president of the U of M Alumni Association. The deadline will be here before we know it, so please don't wait until the last minute to send in your reservation. And, bring a guest. I look forward to seeing you there.

While you are waiting for the luncheon gathering, why not try out a section that you have not attended? Take advantage of the fact that you get one free visit per section. This is a golden opportunity to learn about something new and to meet new people.

I wish you a happy, healthy, and very interesting 2019,
Maggie Hoover, President

Alumni Association, Igniting Success (Continued from page 1)

Prior to her tenure at the University of Minnesota, she served as executive director of the University of Connecticut Alumni Association for seven years. She also held positions of assistant vice president of communications for the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) in Tampa, Florida; president of the University of South Florida Alumni Association; and associate vice president of Alumni Affairs for the University of South Florida in Tampa.

Lisa graduated with honors from the University of South Florida with degrees in marketing and public relations. She brings experience in all aspects of association management to the Alumni Association, including expertise in leadership, board management, membership, marketing, communications, income development, legislative advocacy, strategic planning, and financial and staff management.

Plan to join us as we gather to learn how the alumni make a difference in the success of U of M students and the State of Minnesota. Send your reservation today!

—Ruth Jones, Chair, Conversations Committee

New Members—

Save the date for your 'New Member Coffee'

All members of the UMWC who have joined since April, 2018, please hold the morning of April 30, 2019, open on your calendars. A coffee at Eastcliff will welcome all new members and allow you to meet one another and many of the UMWC officers. This is an opportunity to learn more about the Club, ask questions about various Club activities, and to socialize. The coffee will be from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on April 30. We look forward to seeing you there.

—Lou Nelson, Chair, Membership Committee

Next Board Meeting February 5

Please mark your calendars for the next board meeting, which will be on February 5, 2019, at 10 a.m. promptly in the Windsor Room on the second floor at Becketwood. Coffee and tea will be served at 9:30. All members are invited to attend. Board members and section chairs, please send your written reports to Mary Abuan, Recording Secretary, prior to the meeting day.

Current information and previous issues of the Newsletter
are always available on the Women's Club website:

www.umwc.umn.edu

Want to get your toes wet?

If you have been thinking that you might like to get a bit more involved in the Women's Club, but feel you cannot make a big or ongoing commitment, there are still many opportunities for you. We are looking for members who might consider doing something that requires just one day, or even just one hour. Here are two examples: how about helping decorate the tables for the Annual Meeting (one hour just before the luncheon) or riding the hotel shuttle bus to escort the scholars to the Fall Luncheon in October (sixty to ninety minutes).

Maybe you would like to do something that you can do from home on the phone or on the computer. We have opportunities for that, too, whether it is keeping track of reservations or sending out invitations and receiving RSVPs, or other record keeping.

Any little thing will be very helpful and will be gladly appreciated. Our Club runs on the participation of all of its members. Just give me a call or send me an email, and I will find something that will suit you. Thanks.

— Maggie Hoover, President

In Remembrance

We are sad to report the loss of three club members.

Nancy Bengtson died on September 29 after weeks in rehab following a serious injury in a July car accident. Nancy will be fondly remembered for her community involvement along with her love of life. Her funeral was held on October 18, 2018.

Mary Lou Hill, long-time member of the UMWC, left this earth on November 9—just days shy of her 102nd birthday. She had been a member of the UMWC Non-Fiction Book Group. She had served as an administrative assistant to Governor Rolvaag, a member of the League of Women Voters, and was appointed to the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women. Her funeral was held in Becketwood's chapel on December 11.

Faith Idzorek passed away on Christmas evening. A long-time club member, Faith was also active in humanitarian, educational, and environmental causes. An Irish wake, per Faith's instructions, will be held in early February. The family requests that memorial gifts be directed to the UMWC Scholarship Fund.

— Marian Champlin, Corresponding Secretary

'Hats Off to Thee' will celebrate Scholarship Fund donors at special spring event

Although Spring is yet months away, the committee planning "UMWC, Hats Off To Thee!" is hard at work putting together their plans to honor all donors with a celebration tea at Becketwood in late May or June. It is exciting to report that the Out to Tea Section (these ladies are the real



tea experts) has stepped forth with an offer to lend a hand with plans for the event. Yay!

Have you made your donation yet? And have you decided on the hat to wear??

You won't want to miss the Event of the Season, so send a donation for the Scholarship Fund, grab a hat to decorate, and get ready for FUN this spring!

Donations for scholarships are rolling in

It's another banner year for UMWC Fundraising. By the end of December, 131 members had made contributions to the Scholarship Program—amounting so far to \$42,275. Included is the Kalers' gracious \$1,515 gift of the reservation fees from the annual Holiday Benefit Tea at Eastcliff.

Scholarship gifts are coming in nicely thanks to you, our members, who have been responding to the annual appeal letter, the donation forms left on tables at the October Scholarship Luncheon, and the forms in our Directories. It is clear that support for University women students is increasingly important to our members because this year many donations came in well before before the appeal letter even went in the mail!

It is interesting to note that to date three gifts were made through our members' Fidelity Charitable Programs. This type of service is gaining popularity. But however you give your gift and whatever amount you can give, just know that each is precious and so needed!

Please, join our great mission with your gift to the UMWC Scholarship Fund today. (You will find a form in the front of your UMWC Directory or on the UMWC website.)

— Marian Champlin, Vice President for Fundraising

Interest Section updates

Get ready, get set for annual art show opening March 1

The Art Section's 27th annual art show will be held from March 1 through April 4 at Becketwood in Minneapolis. All section members who enjoy making art are invited to participate. Each artist may submit one piece of art in her chosen medium: watercolor, acrylic, or oil painting, calligraphy, drawing, photography, fiber arts, etc. This is a fine opportunity for an artist to get visibility and support from others in the club as well as to network with others.

If you have questions about participating in this event, please call Jane LaFroth, 651-636-9218, or Carol Lowe, 612-869-7949.

— Susan Fuller, Art Section Co-chair

Hikers Section's highlights annual overnight trip

The Hikers enjoyed the scenic beauty of the North Shore on their trip last September to Silver Bay, Minnesota. Ideal weather characterized the trip, which included hikes at Gooseberry and Tettegouche State Parks. Members also stopped at North Shore landmarks such as the Split Rock Lighthouse, New Scenic Café, and the iconic Betty's Pies.

"We had a great time, with 31 members joining us," said Marilyn Olson, who organized the trip. In addition to hiking, the group gathered for a potluck dinner the first evening and a meal at the Northwoods Grill the next, with swimming, a campfire, card playing and hours of conversation rounding out the trip.



L-R: Hikers Nancy Meyers, Sharon Fields, Marilyn Olson, and Mary Kay Patrick stop along the trail at Tettegouche State Park on the annual overnight last September.

"This was a wonderful chance to not only experience the North Shore but to get to know new members and connect with old friends," Olson said. "There's nothing like our annual overnight to really bring our group together."

If you would like information about next year's overnight trip September 9–11, to Bayfield, Wisconsin, and the Apostle Islands, contact Carol Lowe, lowejc@usfamily.net.

Art Section tours Zeller Portrait Studio

In October, 25 members of the Art Section attended a tour of local artist Deb Zeller's Studio on the Main Street in Hopkins along with a charcoal portrait painting demo featuring art section member Susan Liu.



Deb described her portrait painting process as she painted Susan Liu. Drawing from life experience rather than a photo,

Deb likes to capture the essence of the person and each feature rather than what a camera catches. We felt Deb captured Susan's essence!

— Bonnie Marten, Art Section

New International Issues Section plans programs

Twenty-three women have expressed interest in seeing this section get off the ground. Former members of the old International Issues/Community Concerns section and new members are eager to participate in the planning for next year's programs in the months of October, November, and December 2019 and March, April, and May 2020.

Interested in being a part of this section? Come to our next planning meeting February 15, Kensington Square, Becketwood. UMWC women make things happen!

— Lynne Benz, Chair, International Issues Section

New Section forms for Modern Fiction

This new section will begin in January and is a split from the current Modern Literature Section. We will meet in Roseville on the second Wednesday of each month. The meetings will begin at 10 a.m. Dues will be \$1. For the remainder of this year only, we will read and discuss the Modern Literature Section books, which are listed in the directory, except for January; when we are reading *Mothering Sunday: A Romance* by Graham Swift.

We will meet at Applewood Pointe at Central Park, 2665 Victoria Street N. Roseville, MN 55113. Use the main double door via Victoria Street.

Call Jocelyn Kuo if you have any questions.

Scholarship committee shares thank you's

This year, we were privileged to award 48 scholarships to University of Minnesota women. It is always very fulfilling to have the scholarship recipients with us at our Fall Welcome Luncheon and to hear their individual stories regarding their educational pursuits. Their enthusiasm and drive to succeed is admirable.

Our scholarship recipients send us marvelous notes of gratitude and appreciation. Here are two precious examples of the notes we receive:

Whether I am a professor of painting at a university or am educating within an art museum in the future, I will always remember that you believed in me and helped me continue on my creative path.

I cannot thank you enough for this honor and assistance in continuing my education. Having three wonderful children is not an easy feat as is, but then balancing a full university course load while also working and performing in a music-emphasized major has come with a whole new meaning of will power! I am more honored than I can ever express that I am worthy of this scholarship.

— The Scholarship Committee: Elizabeth Foley, Mary Johnson, Sandra Monson, Sue Nelson, Marilyn Olson, and Georgia Nygaard, chair

November Luncheon featured Rural Health Care Initiative in Sierra Leone, West Africa



At our November meeting, we learned about the efforts of Dr. Carol Nelson and Alice Karpeth, LPN, to save mothers and babies in remote villages of Sierra Leone. With many photos and slides, Carol presented the challenges and their successes in achieving maternal and infant health. Above: Conversation Chair Ruth Jones, Dr. Carol Nelson, speaker, and Maggie Hoover, UMWC President.

Holiday Benefit Tea—an annual treat



More than 100 members and guests enjoyed the holiday decorations and lively program at the Holiday Benefit Tea at Eastcliff. L-R: Georgia Nygaard, President Maggie Hoover and her guest, Paula Bernstein, and Cherie Hamilton.



L-R: UMWC Treasurer Pat Luhmann, Honorary President and Eastcliff host Karen Kaler, and VP for Fundraising Marian Champlin.



It was a special day of generosity. Members provided gifts and \$453 toward buying gifts for those hospitalized at the University Medical Center; Karen Kaler donated the tea's reservation fees and the proceeds from the sales of her book about Eastcliff's famous dog to the Scholarship Fund; and Marian promoted the Hats Off to Thee event with her lovely hat. (See p.3)



Georgia Heisserer (third from the left) co-chair for Programs, was busily everywhere, but she was happy to share that day with her guests, Molly Kryser (left) and Diane Iverson (right), and member Janet Robb.

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Welcome to new members of UMWC

We have had 19 women join us since the November–December newsletter. When you see them at meetings, please greet them and help with introductions.

Sheila Bianconi, Linda Bingen, Maria Bradley, JoAnne Christensen, Jeanne Cornish, Kathryn Howell, Teri Kast, Nancy Lindahl, Lois Miller, Judith Prentiss, Linda Giacomo, Ginny Groos, Joyce Guelich, Frauke Schlichting, Sue Shoemaker, Janet Stevermer, Florde M. Ward, Nina Ward, and Jenelle Wegner.

For contact information for new members and/or current changes to the 2018–19 Directory, please contact Nancy Myers, Records and Dues.

The next newsletter publication will cover March – April 2019

Please submit articles or information by email to
Nancy Kluver, kluver.nancy@gmail.com,
before the deadline of February 19.
Call or email Maggie Hoover, UMWC President,
with any questions.

Tote Bag Raffle at the February Luncheon

Be sure to make your reservation for the February 5 Conversation Luncheon with a Woman Leader. In addition to the delicious menu at Becketwood and the program with Lisa Lewis, president of the U of M Alumni Association, there will be drawings for the tote bags, which have the beautiful UMWC lady slipper logo.

These sturdy and attractive bags are practical and also promote our organization. Everyone who makes a reservation for the luncheon will be in the drawing. Don't miss out. Reservations are due before **January 28**.

Mark April 2 for next Conversation Luncheon

Speaker: Uma C. Venkata (junior, materials science and engineering), U of M chapter president, Engineers Without Borders–USA

Memorial gifts to the scholarship fund October 1 through December 15

For Nancy Bengtson by UMWC and by Janelle Anderson
For Mary Lou Hill by UMWC
For Faith Idzorek by UMWC
For Peter Reed, husband of Maggie Reed, by UMWC
— Marian Champlin, Corresponding Secretary