

Women's Club

NEWSLETTER



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Conversation with a Woman Leader: Introducing President Gabel

Please join us Tuesday, April 7, to meet Joan T.A. Gabel, the 17th president of the University of Minnesota. She leads the University's mission by honoring its legacy as a place of discovery and opportunity, while emphasizing solutions inspired by Minnesotans that serve our state and change the world.

Gabel most recently served as executive vice president and the provost at the University of South Carolina (U of SC). Under her leadership, U of SC emerged as a national leader through the creation of "arenas of excellence," which promote opportunities for students to experience interdisciplinary study, research and pathways to career opportunities in information technology and the health sciences.

Gabel also held faculty appointments at Georgia State University and served as the DeSantis Professor and chair of the Department of Risk Management/Insurance, Real Estate and Legal Studies at Florida State University. She also was dean of the University of Missouri's Robert J. Trulaske, Sr. College of Business.

Gabel's early academic interests include legal and ethical issues in business, including governance. In recent years, she has turned her scholarly focus to the public higher education mission, ethical governance and women's leadership. She has been recognized with numerous research, service and teaching awards, including a Fulbright Scholarship.



Board meeting scheduled for April 7

The UMWC board of directors will meet Tuesday, April 7, at Becketwood, 4300 West River Parkway in Minneapolis. The meeting begins at 10 a.m., with coffee and tea available at 9:30. All club members are welcome to attend.

Meeting At a Glance

Conversation with a Woman Leader
Noon, Tuesday, April 7

Speaker

Joan T.A. Gabel,
president of the
University of Minnesota

Location

Becketwood
4300 West River Parkway,
Minneapolis

Parking

Limited parking is available in
the south lot, along the
entrance road or 46th St.
Carpool if possible.

Menu

Butter lettuce and radish with citrus
vinaigrette, cucumber dill salmon,
herb butter baby reds, lemon zest
asparagus, homemade custard with
cream and berries, vegetarian
option: brown butter sage butternut
squash ravioli with cream sauce
and balsamic glaze

Coffee, tea, milk

Cost: \$23

Reservation Deadline

Monday, March 30

Please send in the reservation form
you will find in your 2019–2020
directory or on the UMWC website.

Make your check payable to
UMWC and send to Barbara
Cohen, 3330 Edinborough Way
#1807, Edina, MN 55435

Questions?

Please call Barbara Cohen.

President's Message: Finding Your Place

In the depths of winter, it's a great time to remember those sharp and misty mornings of last October or the call of the loon as we enjoyed summertime at the lake. Our Minnesota season has turned to cold with the chance of not so cold and the possibility of all manner of winter weather. As of this writing, we have already experienced snow and cold and the dread of the winter survivalist: ice. With the days getting longer, one must hope and believe that spring is just around the corner. You do have the option of borrowing from the Danes and settling in for the cozy choice of hygge. But in the meantime, we also are offering many opportunities for your enjoyment.



Dress warmly, gear up and check out the many and varied section meetings and outings that are on the agenda of the University of Minnesota Women's Club. Minnesota may be mired in winter but our interest groups have scheduled a wide variety of activities. I plan on visiting a section I've never attended this winter. I invite you to join me in exploring a new group of friends and a new topic of interest this winter season.

To help you find the perfect way to lend your time and talent, we have added a Help Wanted section to the newsletter. Your board members and section leaders will be using it to let you know about opportunities to support UMWC. It's a great chance to contribute and become better acquainted with your fellow club members.

We also invite you to remember our commitment to undergraduate education at the University of Minnesota. Our support of undergraduate education enhances the quality of our lives and those of our scholars now and in the future. You, as a member of the University of Minnesota Women's Club, are engaged in a philanthropy that has the power to change people's lives.

Friends, fun and heartwarming stories

More than 75 people attended February's Conversation with a Woman Leader, featuring Susan Warfield, program director for the University of Minnesota's Student Parent HELP Center.

Warfield described the program's mission to assist students with children as serving a "hidden population" with multiple challenges but often successful results. Her heartwarming success stories included a young woman who almost left the University after her laptop was stolen but was able to

stay with the help of an emergency grant from the Center. She now has a job at a biomedical tech startup in New York City.

"Access to education is an open window to a better life," Warfield said. And "nurturing exhausted nurturers," as she describes the work, provides great satisfaction to her own life.

Among the attendees (pictured left to right) were Kathi Treston, Mary Abuan and Jane LaFroth as well as Barb Angelo, Martha Manthie, President Barbara Swadburg and Diane Young.



Mark your calendars for the 28th annual art show



display in the show. Registration forms will be emailed to all Art Section members and also will be available on the UMWC website.

For a preview of the fun, we've included photos from last year's show, picturing two of our artists with their work. The artists are Susan Hopp (top photo) and Nancy Wright (bottom photo).

If you have questions or would like to participate, please call Jane LaFroth at 651-636-9218 or Carol Lowe at 612-869-7949.

The Art Section is pleased to announce the 28th annual art show, April 3 – June 4, at Becketwood. Please plan to attend the opening reception on April 3 at 3 p.m. Scholarship recipient and artist Taylor Robers, along with member artists, will be present to describe their creative journeys. Refreshments will be served.

All UMWC members are encouraged to participate and submit their artistic work for



Ski-U-Mah!

Don't forget to register for our May 12 annual meeting and luncheon, which promises to be a particularly rousing event. Our speaker is Betsy McCann, who directs the University's marching band and who will be accompanied by a group of band members.

Please send in the reservation form you will find in your 2019–2020 directory or on the UMWC website. Make your check payable to UMWC and send to Maggie Hoover. Registration deadline is May 4.

The location is the Town and Country Club, 300 North Mississippi River Boulevard, Saint Paul, MN

55104. The business meeting begins at 10:30 a.m., with coffee and tea available.

Deadline for May newsletter is April 10

The deadline for our next newsletter is April 10, 2020. Please submit articles, information and photos to Nancy Kluver, newsletter editor, at kluver.nancy@gmail.com.

Why you might consider funding a one-year named scholarship

For \$3,500, the amount of our scholarships this year, you could have the pleasure of knowing that you, personally, will have a tremendous impact on the life of a young woman who needs financial help in achieving her academic goals. What's more, you will be able to meet her, communicate with her and follow her progress.

True, \$3,500 is a considerable amount of money. However, it is thousands of dollars less and less complicated than endowing a scholarship. This is an opportunity, in your lifetime, to see the results of your gift, and it's also an opportunity to honor someone important to your life.

You will be in good company. Last year, we had 15 scholarships named by their donors to recognize living husbands, daughters, a brother and sisters and a teacher as well as memorials to husbands, mothers and fathers. Whom would you like to honor? I invite



you to give me a call if this would interest you.

A good example is Mary Glaeser (pictured upper right), who named her scholarship The Theodore Arnold Johnson Jr. Scholarship for her brother (lower right). When they met her student recipient, Megan Peterson, and her mother, Dana, Glaeser explained, "In my last quarter at the University of Minnesota School of Nursing master's program, I applied for and received a district nursing association scholarship, and it enabled me to graduate without debt. I will forever be grateful for that assistance, and I am happy to support undergraduate women students through the UMWC."

Not long ago someone asked me if it would be possible to share the cost of a one-year named scholarship. The answer is yes, very possible. Perhaps a UMWC interest section or a group of friends with like interests would like to join together in supporting a scholarship. If the idea of a collective scholarship intrigues you, please give me a call about the details.

Marian Champlin, Vice President for Fundraising

The UMWC scholarship fund — EVERY GIFT COUNTS

It is amazing to watch the UMWC scholarship fund grow each year! But it doesn't just happen. A great many of the precious gifts are small ones but they add up—significantly. Even this year's 50 gifts under \$100 amount to a welcome \$1,500. *Every gift counts!*

Because of gifts like these and our one-year named scholarships, we are now blessed with \$62,000 in donations from UMWC members.

We also know that many of you are waiting to make your gifts. At this time, 45 percent of you have made a donation. Please remember that in the May newsletter we publish a list of all donors, names only. The treasurer will need to have your gift by April 10 to include your name on the list.

Thanks in advance for your important participation.

The UMWC fundraising committee: Marian Champlin, VP for Fundraising, Ginny Hanson, Marcie Wallace, Pat Luhmann and Susan Hopp

Scholarship committee looks to the future

With a dramatic increase in the number of scholarship applications, the scholarship committee has decided to increase its membership from six to seven and possibly eight in the near future. Sue Gilbertson has joined the committee. Applications will most likely open April 1, 2020, and we anticipate a busy year ahead.

Georgia Nygaard, Chair of the Scholarship Committee

New members please note

Members who have joined since April 2019 are invited to a New Member Coffee, which will be held April 29, 10–11:30 a.m., at Eastcliff. You will receive an invitation about a month before the event. If you have questions, please contact Lou Nelson at 651-447-2088.

We need YOU

We know you love the club and admire the many women who are working hard to keep our organization strong. It's time to join that crowd! In the following new "help wanted" column, we will highlight opportunities to support UMWC with your volunteer efforts.

Correspondence secretary

This vital, all-important job puts one at the heart of the club and is the voice of kindness and concern linking our community.

The correspondence secretary sends heartfelt notes of condolence to families of members at the time of the death of a UMWC member or her spouse, notes of encouragement to members who are experiencing health challenges and notes of gratitude for donations to the club's scholarship fund.

She is appointed by the president and serves a one-year term, which is renewable for one or more years.

She is a voting member of the board of directors and a sitting member on the fundraising committee.

She keeps a record of correspondence and details, notifies the board and newsletter editor of deaths and submits an annual end-of-year report. Notes may be handwritten or computer generated. Templates are provided along with a manual with samples and procedure guidelines.

Auditor

The auditor, a two-year position, examines the UMWC's books at the end of each fiscal year and issues a report of her findings to the board at its first meeting in the new fiscal year. Estimated time commitment is less than 20 hours annually.

Please contact Georgia Heisserer, president-elect, if you are interested in volunteering for these positions or just want to learn more.

Section News

The Mystery Lovers welcomed author Erin Hart to their October meeting. Hart has written several books set in Ireland, including *The Book of Killowen*, *False Mermaid*, *Lake of Sorrows* and *Haunted Ground*.



Pictured (left to right) in the front row are Erin Hart, Abby Marier and Jocelyn Kuo and in the back row Kathi Treston, Sandy Gale, Barb Metz, Susan Lomanno, Irene Gengler and Katie Johnson.

The March meeting of the Nature Section has

changed to Monday, March 30, at 10:30 a.m. at the Rondo Library. The program will be "A Tale of the Minnesota Moose" with Holly Einess.

And the winner is...

Michele Lian-Anderson was our Guest Quest winner at the February Conversation with a Woman Leader luncheon. She is on the left with her guest Michelle Curtis. When you bring a guest to one of our luncheons, your name will be automatically entered into a drawing that day to receive a complimentary lunch for one of our yearly events.



UMWC Online Extra Feature Story

Grateful for a Community of Women

When Amina Hussein first met Maggie Hoover, she realized that she'd been taking something for granted. Hussein is this year's recipient of The Charles S. Maron STEM Scholarship, and Hoover, UMWC past president, is the donor of the scholarship. They sat together at the October scholarship luncheon, where in the course of the conversation Hoover recalled the University of Minnesota classes that were closed to women when Hoover attended the school in the 1960s.

"It was so much fun to meet Maggie," Hussein said of the luncheon. "When I heard her story about not being allowed to take certain classes, I realized that I take things for granted. It took a lot of work to get to this point." And she is grateful for those efforts.

"I like being part of a community of women, both in general and in my field of study," Hussein said. In fact, her field of study—genetics, cell biology and development, with an emphasis on embryonic development—is full of such purposeful women.

Hussein's particular heroine is Nicole Le Douarin, an 89-year-old French developmental biologist known for shedding light on the development of higher animal nervous and immune systems.

"She is still publishing to this day," Hussein said with a note of admiration.

Hussein, who was born in the Minnesota community of Worthington and raised in Rochester, began her college career at St. Catherine University, where she planned to pursue medicine. When she decided that the pre-med program was not an ideal fit, she transferred to the University of Minnesota because "they have an entire college dedicated to biology." And at the College of Biological Sciences, she discovered her love of research.

Scheduled to graduate in May, Hussein spent last semester applying to graduate schools. This semester, in addition to being very busy with lab work, she will interview at Cornell University, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Northwestern University, University of Colorado Boulder and

University of California Irvine.

She describes the UMWC scholarship as "incredibly helpful" because it enabled her to focus on her lab work and complete the interviews without having to take on outside work to finance her classes. It also might give her a little time to devote to crocheting, her hobby, and complete gifts for her professors before graduating. Earning her Ph.D. will take five to six years. She'd like to stay in academia but is "open to other possibilities."

The middle child of 10, Hussein was the first born in the United States. Her mother is from

Somalia and her father from Ethiopia. They are now well established in Rochester, where they initially ran a home health care business and now operate a grocery and clothing store. "They're definitely business minded," Hussein said of her parents.

And their children obviously have inherited that drive to succeed. One of Hussein's sisters graduated from St. Catherine and is a pediatric nurse practitioner. Another graduated from University of St. Thomas and is a hospice social worker. Her brother will graduate from medical school in May.

As Hussein pursues her own path, which includes a desire to travel and explore, this bright, intelligent woman with the lovely smile remains grateful for her community of women.



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Don't miss UMWC Online Extra

Please go to our website to meet Amina Hussein, another impressive young scholarship winner who speaks of her appreciation for a community of women. You will find the article as an added feature to the online version of our newsletter.



Welcome new members

We are delighted to announce that Michaelynn Beutel and Rollie Marcovitch have joined the University of Minnesota Women's Club since the last newsletter.

Directory changes include Catherine Holtzclaw, Mavis McKeever, Joanne Manthe and Nancy

Lockard with new addresses. Maggie Reed has a new email. Also, Mary Schofield has rejoined and her contact information is in the 2018–2019 directory.

For a current list of new members and their contact information and/or a list of directory changes, please contact Nancy Myers.

In remembrance

UMWC members were saddened to learn of the Christmas Eve 2019 death of long-time UMWC member Jermain Foslien. A memorial service was held January 7 at Joan of Arc Catholic Church.

We also are sorry to report the deaths of Leonard Schloff M.D., husband of member Linda Schloff, Edward Nicholson, husband of member Catherine Holtzclaw and Paul Zerby, husband of former member Elizabeth Zerby

Memorial gifts

For Jermaine Foslien by UMWC, Ruth Jones, Patricia Kirchner, Jocelyn Kuo and Olga Staneslow