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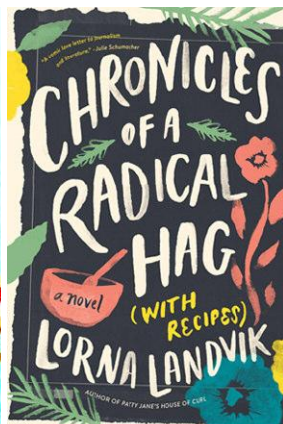
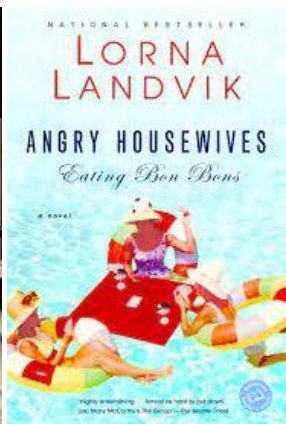
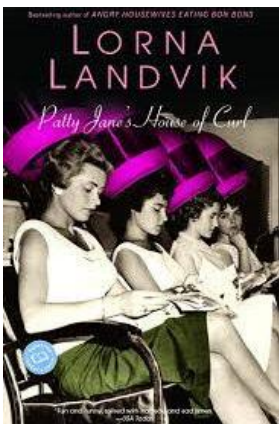
Lorna Landvik to headline annual meeting program

Author Lorna Landvik will speak at AUMWC's annual meeting Tuesday, May 11, via Zoom. The business meeting begins at 10:30 and the speaker at noon.

Lorna is the author of 12 novels, including the best-sellers *Patty Jane's House of Curl*, *Angry Housewives Eating Bon Bons* and her most recent book, *Chronicles of a Radical Hag (With Recipes)*. Also an actor and playwright, Lorna performs an all-improvised, one-woman show, *Party in the Rec Room*.

"We are thrilled that Lorna is able to join us," said President Georgia Heisserer. "I'm sure that many of you have read her books and, trust me, she is just as delightful in person. Lorna is one of a kind and completely entertaining. You don't want to miss it."

Georgia also encourages everyone to attend the business meeting because the board will present UMWC's officer candidates for 2021-2022,



and members will have an opportunity to vote on the slate. In addition, members will vote on next year's budget.

"This is an important meeting but we're also going to have a lot of fun," she said. "Let's get together and celebrate the fact that we've gotten through a tough year in very good shape."

So mark your calendar now and watch for your invitation to join us.

If you would like to learn more about our elected officer candidates and other club leadership, go to the online version of the newsletter, which includes profiles of the women who have agreed to take on leadership responsibilities.

Meeting at a Glance

Annual Meeting
Tuesday, May 11

Business Meeting

10:30

Speaker

Noon

Speaker

LORNA LANDVIK

Location

Via Zoom

Please check your email in early May for your invitation and a link to the meeting as well as a meeting ID and a passcode to enter the meeting.

You gotta wonder: what were we thinking?

Rochester, New York, seemed very exotic to me the summer I worked nights at the Erie Jr., a lovely dinner club and all night cafe in Northern Minnesota. Unlike me, my four friends had a cottage owned by Lakeshore Country Club, where they were waitressing in New York that summer. So the next summer, while Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin prepared for their 1969 moon walk with Apollo 11, three of us piled in a friend's car and headed East to replace two of our pals for that season.

By the time we reached Michigan, our driver had dumped us at the airport. She had no idea the United States was so large and that New York could be that far. Think of the miles she was putting on her little car! Was this an omen of the things to come?

Flying standby, or flying at all for that matter, proved interesting. My carry-on was a portable eggshell-blue plastic dome hairdryer. Arriving in a strange city at an odd time and catching a ride to our temporary home with another airline passenger was sketchy at best. While there was a kitchen phone in the unlocked cottage, nobody was home. The waitress jobs promised us had evaporated. What had we been thinking?

Within days we had secured work at the nearby Crescent Beach Hotel, a posh dinner establishment frequented by more priests and nuns than I had ever laid eyes on. Piano Pasha, of Carnegie Hall fame, wowed guests as we served cocktails to male clergy and others. The crazy Turk adopted me and my roommates on days off, treating his entourage of four Minnesota college kids to Rochester's finest dining spots.

That summer, Chris, the young bartender-owner, taught us that the mafia was not just a myth. The local culture brought us to Custard, the better-than-ice-cream spot along the shore during hot nights, clam digs, bonfires

on the beach and after-closing jazz spots, where artists from various clubs came to jam. People just sat on the floor and listened, no food or drink, just music.

Woodstock at Bethel Farm, expecting 100,000 (getting 400,000), looked like a disaster waiting to happen, so a friend took me to Watkins Glen International in his sports car that Saturday. No rain, no pain, plus indoor plumbing when needed. Priceless. And me living a joy ride that makes me smile to this day.

What quality gives us the courage to break from the safety of our comfort bubble? Were we nuts then? I would suggest that the network of friends we develop gives us courage to live a richer life. Here we are, in the autumn of our lives, with multiple opportunities for growth. Within our club, there is a swath of experience, intelligence and wit that one can find nowhere else. Get involved. Yes, you can make new friends, and this is just the place to do it. The University of Minnesota Women's Club is here for you, packed with possibility. Take advantage of these moments. Time's a wastin.' Get out that UMWC directory, find our website umwc.umn.edu and gift yourself an even better tomorrow.

Life's work inspires philanthropy

Maggie Reed has been a member of UMWC since 2000 and active in the Modern Literature section for years. Her husband, Peter, died in November 2018, and Maggie has established The Margaret and Peter Reed UMWC Scholarship, a UMWC Named Scholarship.

Peter and Margaret Reed were both educators. Peter was an English professor at the University of Minnesota for 36 years and associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts for some of those years. Maggie taught English primarily at South High School in Minneapolis and later as an adjunct faculty member in the English Composition program at the University.

Both Peter and Maggie benefited from scholarships in their undergraduate and graduate careers. "It's a pleasure now to be a contributor to the UMWC scholarship program to aid a promising University of Minnesota undergraduate," Maggie said.



Maggie and Peter Reed



Georgia Heisserer (left) with Piano Pasha and friend Marnie Barrett back in the day

Meet President-Elect Susan Hopp

No one could have predicted the future when Marian Champlin called me in late 2017. But as life is full of ripple effects, it now makes sense. My mother, Dorothy Hopp, who had just passed at age 101, had belonged to UMWC for decades and was President in 1973–74, and Marian was seeking information. Who knew I'd follow in Dorothy's footsteps? I did know that I felt sincerely welcomed when Marian invited me to a luncheon!

My parents grew up on farms in Nebraska, an honorable heritage I cherish. We moved here for Dad's job at the U of M, and we luckily found our home in St. Anthony Park, a beautiful St. Paul neighborhood. My father, Ralph Hopp, became the Director of the U of M Libraries, and Mom became active in the Faculty Women's Club.

After the Beatlemania and the moon-landing 60s, I attended the U of M, enjoyed liberal arts classes, joined a sorority, ski bummed in winters and backpacked in summers. I was lucky and always adventurous. In 1973, disheartened by the Vietnam War and Nixon, I escaped to Germany and stayed until 1978 – learned German, taught skiing in Garmisch, traveled and even sold roses at the Oktoberfest in a dirndl. One year I hitchhiked around Crete and lived in a cave overlooking the Mediterranean. My last years in Munich I studied at the Art Academy and it's there I discovered my professional career path: graphic design. Creating visual content to communicate a message perfectly combined my interests in critical thinking and problem solving (math was my original major) and visual arts (studio arts was my degree). Artistic creativity with a specific purpose.

I opened my first independent design office in 1980... and never looked back. I loved designing logos, corporate marketing brochures, slide shows and annual reports. Since then I have run a number of businesses, served on boards and was honored as one of 23 influential Women in Minnesota Design in 2011. I met my future fellow-designer husband, Karl Schweikart, in 1990, and in 1997 we formed 45 Degrees/Minneapolis, a design firm with a focus on corporate identity design. Many clients were nonprofits and we helped them identify their strengths, connect better with their audiences and in turn helped them make the world a better place. We semi-closed the business two years ago as I phased into the luxury of retirement, but still accept special projects that touch our hearts.

We now have free time! Our son, Colin, is on his own and we spend much of the summer at our lake cabin in Amery, Wisconsin. Karl plays music and designs posters, and I started up a summer floral business, A Pretty Posy .co, giving me an excuse to spend way too much time in the garden growing flowers. I sell special occasion arrangements – another form of “art with purpose.”

Well, those ripples brought me to join UMWC.

We each join for a specific reason – a friend in an

interest section, or we like social luncheons with well-chosen speakers, or we support impact for good. Consequently, we all have our own “silo” (love that farming word) that we focus our available time and limited energy on, and that's just fine. I joined because I was curious, but what hooked me were the women! Just know that you are part of a greater force.

I watched a board meeting and was impressed with the high-level expertise and strong confidence of the women, their dedication, credentials and camaraderie. That excited me, as I still wanted to use my hard-earned business skills and make a difference in the world. With UMWC's multi-purposed mission and successful scholarship program, my respect deepened further. There is nothing that this club cannot achieve! Wow, who wouldn't be proud to be a member of that kind of organization!

COVID put on restrictions but we have come through strong and well. The committees have worked hard behind scenes to set up a fantastic 2021–22, so get ready! Visit new interest sections, meet new women, attend a board meeting and volunteer a bit. Making more connections just could make the club more meaningful for you. Start some ripples! Invite a friend to try us out. Together let's “forge lasting friendships by welcoming everyone, caring about each other, and exploring new ideas and places together.”

I so look forward to meeting you face-to-face next year. Please never hesitate to call me to chat.

With warm regards,

Susan



UMWC welcomes new members and stays strong at 300

We are happy to announce that five women have joined the University of Minnesota Women's Club since the last newsletter. Please welcome them and introduce yourselves when you see them at meetings. Yes! There will be meetings again.

New members are Billie Sue Engel, Lynn Slifer, Maryann Palmer, Becky Tovar and JoAnn Opsahl.

We have also had some directory changes. Teri Kast has a new email and Sandy Gale has a new phone number.

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

Our current membership is 300.

You are the wind beneath their wings

Your kindness is lightening the academic worries of many, many young women registering for fall semester at the University of Minnesota. Every single gift, the small ones and the large ones, reflects the caring of our members. So far this fiscal year you have provided \$95,972.00, including 21 Named Scholarships. We may be able to award scholarships to as many as 50 deserving young women!

If it slipped your mind to send a donation for the UMWC Scholarship Fund there is still time to make a gift before the end of the fiscal year: June 30, 2021. Your name will be in a final list in the fall newsletter.

Marian Champlin, UMWC Vice President for Scholarship Fundraising, and the committee: Ginny Hanson, Pat Luhmann, Susan Hopp, Marcie Wallace and Diane Young

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Section Gifts

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UMWC office moves to new location

As part of a renovation project at the McNamara Alumni Center, the UMWC office will be moving to a new space that the club will share with the University of Minnesota Retirees Association and the University Retirees Volunteer Center. The project should be complete by late summer.



Muriel Humphrey (far right) appears in a photograph that is typical of the UMWC photos now residing in UM archives.

To get ready for the move, club historian Bonnie Marten packed all materials in the office for storage, including framed photos that were hung on the walls of the previous space.

“I am happy to report that the UM Archives gratefully accepted all the photos, along with 69 snapshots and a scrapbook of publicity from 1952–53 containing announcements of meetings and section events printed in the Minneapolis and St. Paul papers,” Bonnie said.

A scrapbook created in 1968–70 contained photos of the wives of past University presidents Hasselmo, Yudof and Moos, who then and now are honorary UMWC members. “An exciting find was a photo of Muriel Humphrey,” Bonnie said. “The public can now view these items at the UM Archives.”

Section News

Around the Campus reschedules meeting

The May Around the Campus program, “Chocolate, the True Fruit of the Gods,” has been postponed until Tuesday, November 16. Members will meet at the Andrew Boss Lab of Meat Science, room 223.

Hikers are back on the trail

The Hikers will resume their twice-a-month hikes beginning Monday, May 10, at Como Park at 9:45 a.m. “We are so excited to get back together again,” said Nancy Kluver, chair of the group. “We are putting together our

schedule for the rest of the year and will send it to members as soon as it’s ready. We’ll also publish it on the website in case any other members would like to join us.”



The Hikers are delighted to be hiking again.

The group hikes the second Monday and fourth Friday of every month in various locations around the Twin Cities and gathers for lunch after the hike. “We’re starting slow,” Nancy said. “Everyone will wear a mask and we’ll have lunch outdoors instead of inside a restaurant.”

Memorial gifts

For Kay Blair by UMWC

For Maureen Dalnes by Virginia Mahlum

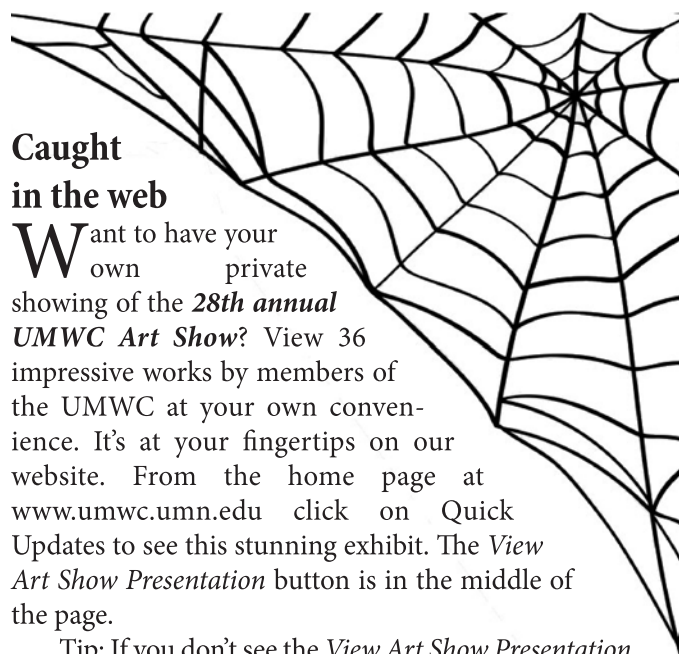
For John Heitkamp by Marian and Keith Champlin

For Ruth Jones by Margaret Rowser and the Music section

Caught in the web

Want to have your own private showing of the **28th annual UMWC Art Show**? View 36 impressive works by members of the UMWC at your own convenience. It’s at your fingertips on our website. From the home page at www.umwc.umn.edu click on Quick Updates to see this stunning exhibit. The *View Art Show Presentation* button is in the middle of the page.

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Remembering Kay Blair

UMWC lost one of its long-time members in March when Kay Blair passed away at age 96. She was an active member of the Vagabonds and Music sections.

A scientist with advanced degrees in various fields, Kay taught mathematics at Macalester College and the University of Minnesota. She also was the oldest and longest-tenured volunteer at the Science Museum of Minnesota, beginning there in the 1980s. We will miss her.

In this issue's UMWC Online Extra

Scholarship recipient Olivia King is an outstanding athlete, who plays goaltender for the University of Minnesota women's hockey team.

The UMWC scholarship was a wonderful gift that gave her "an opportunity to breathe," as Olivia wrote in a heartfelt thank you note to the club. Meet this inspiring young woman in this issue's Online Extra.

You will find the story as an added feature to the online version of our newsletter.



See you in September!

The deadline for the September-October 2021 newsletter is Monday, Aug. 16. Please submit articles, information and photos to Nancy Kluver, newsletter editor, at Kluver.nancy@gmail.com.

Joint Business Meeting set for June 8

The joint business meeting, our final board meeting of the 2020-2021 year, will be Tuesday, June 8, at 10 a.m. via Zoom. If you would like to attend the meeting, please contact Connie Cundy to obtain the meeting ID and passcode necessary to get access to the meeting.

Olivia King: An Opportunity to Breathe

“You gave me an opportunity to breathe in a world that can’t seem to catch its breath,” wrote scholarship recipient Olivia King in a heartfelt thank you note to the club after receiving her scholarship and feeling relief that her money worries were lessened. “I will appreciate that forever.”

Olivia, a sophomore who recently was accepted at the University’s Carlson School of Management, hadn’t given college a lot of thought in her senior year at Brainerd High School. But she played goaltender for the Brainerd/Little Falls Warriors women’s hockey team and “led them to a 25-5-1 overall record and state runner-up finish at the 2019 Minnesota Class AA State Tournament as a senior and earned a place on the state all-tournament team,” according to her bio on the U of M’s women’s hockey webpage.

Shortly after that standout performance at the state tournament, the University’s Women’s Hockey Associate Coach Joel Johnson gave her a call. And when the University calls you, you pay attention, she said.

“They had everything I wanted to do,” Olivia said of the University. After visiting campus and talking her prospects over with her father, Kurt, who played football at Minnesota Duluth, she made her decision—not only about college but attending the U of M in particular. “My dad said I’d be crazy not to,” Olivia said, and she hasn’t looked back.

“I love it here,” she said. She’s especially happy to be part of a team because “with a team around you, you have immediate friends. It makes things a lot easier.”

Olivia coaches in her spare time to make extra money but is also a volunteer coach to give back to the sport. “It also allows me to skate,” she said. Typical of most freshmen, she didn’t see game action during the 2019–2020 season and the pandemic shortened this year’s season. That means she has four more years of eligibility to play hockey for the University.



An all-around athlete, Olivia also played soccer and lacrosse. She grew up with two brothers and her father near some of Minnesota’s most iconic lakes so it’s no surprise that she likes to fish and hunt, too.

As far as school is concerned, “I plan to finish in four years,” Olivia said of her undergraduate work. She wants to graduate with a marketing major and business and law minor and then go on to law school. She’s focusing now on

finding internships that will allow her to determine more precisely the kind of law she’d like to practice.

In high school, Olivia volunteered at a Brainerd women’s shelter, and she is looking for volunteer opportunities in the Twin Cities for the limited spare time she has.

Growing up, she “always worried about money but this scholarship helped me feel more at ease,” Olivia said. “I hope that one day I can be a part of an organization that gives people a chance, like yours does.”



Here are your UMWC leaders for 2021-2022

As the University of Minnesota Women's Club looks forward after a challenging year, the following members have agreed to take on leadership responsibilities for the club. Members will vote at the May 11 annual meeting on the elected officer slate, with the exception of Susan Hopp and Georgia Heisserer, who have already been elected. Although not profiled here, the section chairs are an important part of the leadership team. Their names will appear in the 2021-2022 directory.

ELECTED OFFICERS

President

Susan Hopp

Susan Hopp joined the club in 2018. In addition to serving in 2020–2021 as President-Elect, Susan also co-chaired the Art section in 2019–20 and was a member of the Scholarship Fundraising Committee. She is a member of the Art, Around the Campus and Music interest sections and has entered the member Art Show. As the world reopens, she is looking forward to adventure, hiking and biking, lots of travel, learning and laughter... and a good craft cocktail or beer now and then.



Please see Susan's President-Elect profile in the May-June newsletter.

President-Elect

Catherine Holtzclaw

Catherine Holtzclaw has been in the club three or four years and has enjoyed walks with the Hikers, leading hikes around Como Lake and joining the group on their overnight trip to Silver Bay. She's also participated in the Around the Campus and Art groups.

Now retired, Catherine continues to volunteer for work weekends at Camp Du Nord, a YMCA camp nearly Ely, Minnesota, where she previously served as a board member. She also is part of Du Nord's book club. Her most enjoyable activities are biking and delighting in her six grandchildren, ages 1 to 19. She also looks forward to feeding her travel passion when it is safe to travel again.



Co-Vice President for Programs

Barbara Cady

Barbara Cady has been in the club almost five years

and has co-chaired the Programs Committee for almost three. Barbara initially joined UMWC because of the Hikers but has also been involved with the Modern Fiction and Mystery book clubs on a regular basis. She has attended the Arts group and Around the Campus.

Her interests revolve around live theater and music. Barbara has volunteered for about 25 years at the Guthrie Theatre and Hennepin Theatre Trusts theaters until the pandemic. She also looks forward to traveling in the future and spending more time with her family.



Co-Vice President for Programs

Carol Cantrell

Carol Cantrell joined UMWC in the fall of 2011. She looks forward to planning events again, after previously serving as Co-Vice President for Programs, and has agreed to serve a second two-year term. Carol also chaired Restaurant Ramblers and Movie Rendezvous and is currently chair of Mystery Lovers. She is one of the original members of the Out to Tea group.

In support of UMWC's scholarship program, this is Carol's fifth year sponsoring a named scholarship.

She also serves as a board member of Applewood Pointe of Roseville at Langton Lake and Out on a Limb Dance Company and is a member of two other book clubs.



Vice President of Scholarship Fundraising

Diane Young

Diane Young retired in 2019 after a 25-year fundraising career at the University of Minnesota. She looks forward to giving back by taking on UMWC fundraising responsibilities and "stepping into the very big shoes Marian Champlin is vacating to focus on the Named Scholarship Initiative," Diane said. She lives in the University Grove with her husband, Professor Nevin Young. They have one daughter, Patricia.

"While employed at the U, I was aware of the UMWC but not sure exactly what it was all about, so I joined to find out," Diane said. "I've attended lunches and have been



engaged by interesting conversations around the table. Also, I was impressed by the UMWC philanthropic mission to support women students at the U through scholarships. Barb Swadburg and Marian Champlin recruited me to serve on the Scholarship Fundraising Committee, an opportunity that has allowed me to meet other like-minded women and learn a lot about the UMWC. I look forward to when we can gather again in person around a table and share a meal.”

In 2021–2022, Diane also will serve as chair of the Fundraising (Scholarship) Committee.

Recording Secretary

Bonnie Marten

Bonnie Marten has been a UMWC member for five years and served as recording secretary for two terms and as historian for two terms. She regularly attends the Art, Nonfiction, Around the Campus, Nature and Out to Tea interest sections. She joined Vagabonds in 2021.



When not working on club activities, Bonnie enjoys reading, gardening, art museums, decorating and craft beer. Her charitable work includes serving as secretary of the Rotary Club of Maple Grove and serving on the board of the Maple Grove Women of Today, where she has been a member for more than 20 years. She also serves on the Donor Relations Committee for CROSS Services, a local food shelf.

Her immediate family includes her husband, daughter and son-in-law.

Co-treasurer

Sandy Gale

Sandy Gale has been a member of the club for six years and has joined the Around the Campus, Movies, Mystery Lovers, Nature and Out to Tea interest sections. She and her husband love to travel, and she hopes to get back to water aerobics when swimming pools open again for classes.



In 2021–2022, Sandy also will serve as co-chair of the Finance Committee.

Co-treasurer

Sue Madison

Sue Madison has been a club member for three years and lives in Roseville. She is married with two daughters, five grandchildren and one great grandchild. Her hobbies include reading,



attending concerts and plays with her husband, Al, playing pickleball, hiking, biking and spending time outdoors in general. After college, Sue began her working career as a music teacher but soon became interested in computing, retiring after 30 years as a software engineer. Her heart remains in music, however, where she is often employed as a pianist and organist.

Sue has found the many groups at UMWC to be good choices for further learning and meeting new friends. She is especially impressed with the women’s scholarship programs that aid our women leaders of the future in reaching their goals.

In 2021–2022, Sue will also serve as co-chair of the Finance Committee.

Records and Dues Officer

Nancy Myers

Nancy Myers joined UMWC in 2010 and has been Records and Dues Officer since 2016. “I got the job after sitting next to Pat Luhmann at a section lunch and telling Pat that I’d been an actuary in my professional life. Little did I know the consequences of that innocent statement,” Nancy said. She also has enjoyed being part of the Hikers and Nature sections.

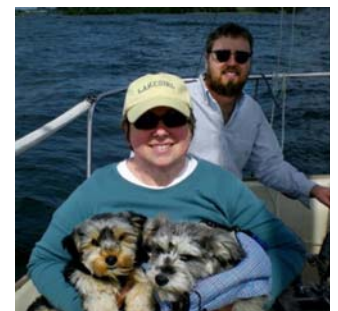


In addition, Nancy keeps track of the income records for her church. She’s also started doing taxes with AARP, which focuses on older and lower-income people, which is more complicated than you might expect, she said. “I’m sure it’s good for my mental health. Finally, like many of us, I used to like to travel—and hope to do so again.”

Past President

Georgia Heisserer

Georgia Heisserer joined UMWC in 2016 and thinks it’s the greatest thing since sliced bread. Seriously! She served as President, President-Elect and Vice President for Programming and has participated in the activities of almost all of the interest groups. In particular, she enjoyed Nature, Around the Campus, Hikers, Modern Fiction, Modern Literature, Movies, Out to Tea, Restaurant Ramblers and Women’s Health Issues as well as the Conversation lunches.



Georgia loves being outdoors, meeting new people, being with friends, exploring new places and learning new things. In 2021–2022, she will serve as chair of the Membership Committee.

APPOINTED POSITIONS

Auditor

Peggy Tang

Peggy Tang has been a club member for three or four years and most recently served as club historian. She's traveled with the Vagabonds group and enjoys taking online classes, traveling and getting her exercise.



Newsletter Editor

Nancy Kluver

Nancy Kluver was introduced to UMWC after retiring in 2012, when a friend invited her to a walk with the Hikers interest section, a group she now chairs. She became newsletter editor in 2019 and served on the Nominating Committee in 2021.



Outside of UMWC, she likes to exercise, cook, read and play the piano. She's very interested in politics and loves spending time with her granddaughter.

Directory Editor

Dorothy Waltz

Dorothy Waltz joined the U of M Faculty Wives Club (now UMWC) soon after moving to Minnesota in 1965, and took part in various activities before she resumed her full-time career as an interior designer in 1970. She rejoined UMWC about 20 years ago, but before and after that she and her husband, Fred, presented 20 or more travel programs for the Vagabonds group.



The computer skills Dorothy acquired in her 20-plus years as a statewide leader and lobbyist for the environment in the 80s and ever since, combined with the graphics and design skills from her BFA degree in design and master's degree in art education, have been very useful in her years as a volunteer for UMWC. She currently publishes the UMWC annual directory and belongs to the Vagabonds and Women's Health sections.

Website Liaison

Connie Cundy

Connie Cundy became a UMWC member in 2016 after seeing the newsletter online. She joined the website development team in 2017, initially to help post the newsletter online.

Connie became a member of Out to Tea when the group began and became its chair the following year. She's also joined Hikers and Restaurant Ramblers and attended Vagabonds several times this year, greatly enjoying traveling with the group. She supports several other organizations that contribute to women's education.



In 2021-2022, Connie will continue to serve as chair of the Website Liaison Committee.

Corresponding Secretary

Barb Burleigh

Barb Burleigh has been a UMWC member for about 20 years and has chaired the Vagabonds section for many years. "Travel is one of my passions in a normal year, so the 'armchair travel' photo shows have been fun to organize with Fred and Dorothy Waltz," Barb said. "The friendship of other Vagabond members is a real joy in my life."



She also belongs to the Nature group and enjoys helping to proofread the directory each year.

Barb's other interests include Gopher sports, especially women's basketball and volleyball, two book clubs, Osher Lifelong Learning classes through the University for 20 years and swimming at the St. Paul YWCA.

Historian

Liz Grimmer

After retiring in 2003 as an elementary and special education teacher in Bloomington and Richfield, Liz Grimmer joined UMWC. She became active in the Art section as treasurer, section leader and now as email coordinator. She also actively participates in Hikers, Around the Campus and Women's Health Issues.



Her outside interests include tennis, pickleball, golf, biking, quilting and reading.

STANDING COMMITTEE AND INITIATIVE CHAIRS

Conversations

Maggie Hoover

Co-chair Maggie Hoover became a UMWC member in 2011 and initially joined several interest groups but has been a continuous member of the Nature section, while visiting many other interest groups from time to time.



Her first leadership position was the chair of the Nature section and later vice president for Programs. She later became President-Elect and then President. Since then she has been a member of the Nominating Committee three times and has been a member of the Programs Committee.

She currently attends two Zoom German classes, a Portuguese study group and an oil painting class. She loves to garden and walks several miles a day, her favorite outdoor activity, with her husband.

Barb Swadburg

Co-chair Barb Swadburg joined the club in 2015 at the invitation of long-time member Catherine Moen. "She asked me to join the Music section and encouraged me to be active, saying the group did wonderful work but needed 'new blood,'" Barb said.



Barb has served as President, President-Elect and Vice President of Programs. She also served as co-chair of the Nominating Committee. As a past president, she is an unofficial on-call advisor for the President.

Outside of UMWC, Barb is a real estate agent and a docent at the American Swedish Institute. She's also on call as Grandma.

Named Scholarship Initiative

Marian Champlin

Marian Champlin was a club member from 1960 to 1965 and rejoined in 2011. Her past leadership positions include Vice President for Scholarship Fundraising, Corresponding Secretary and Chair of Modern Literature. She also has served on the Website, Communications and Finance committees.

Outside of the UMWC, Marian was the first president of Courage Auxiliary and spear-headed their Cards for Courage program. She sat on the Hennepin County Bar Association Ethics Committee for 10 years and was Director of Development for Breck School for nine years. She currently is President of Champlin & Associates, fundraising consultants to private schools.



Marian enjoys spending time with her family at Blackberry Lodge, their country house. Before the pandemic, her extended family traveled internationally and enjoyed cruises. They lived in Paris for 10 months. A licensed pilot, Marian has flown her family plane with her husband. She also likes to cross country ski and holds an amateur radio operator's license, working with other "hams" in Morse code in 20 countries. She loves to cook and taught French cooking. She also likes to knit and do counted cross stitch.

Scholarships

Georgia Nygaard

Georgia Nygaard has been a UMWC member for six or seven years, after being invited to join and chair the Scholarship Committee by Martha Arneson. She has enjoyed being part of the Hiker's section and Around the Campus and recently joined the Nature group.



Socializing with other members is wonderful, Georgia says, and she truly appreciates the club's mission to assist women in attaining an education. "This mission is very special and gratifying," Georgia said. "It is a privilege to serve on the Scholarship Committee."

Outside of UMWC, Georgia serves as chairperson of adult education at her church. Keeping healthy and fit has been a long-time goal. She started walking for exercise when her youngest child entered nursery school and she's continued to do so, even adding some weight training. "As a retired RN, I learned long ago how important it is to keep healthy," Georgia said.