



Founded in 1911, we are a strong and vibrant community, dedicated to helping U of M women students achieve their academic goals. We forge lasting friendships by welcoming everyone, caring about each other, and exploring new ideas and places together.

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Join us at the Fall Welcome and Scholarship Luncheon

You and your guests are invited to an exciting day as we kick off our season and celebrate our mission at the Fall Welcome and Scholarship Luncheon on Tuesday, October 5, at the Double Tree Hotel in Roseville. This is an opportunity to meet our impressive young scholarship recipients and learn about UMWC's special interest groups. We especially hope new members will join us.



Section chairs such as Diane Schweizer look forward to welcoming you back.

Arrive early at 11 a.m. to allow time to visit interest section displays, get acquainted with the section chairs and discover the activities planned for this year. We know you'll find something that intrigues you.

During the luncheon program, we will introduce our scholarship recipients and give them an opportunity to tell us about themselves and their plans for the future. You will hear some heartwarming and inspiring stories that will remind you of the importance of our mission.

Don't wait for the deadline—make your reservation for the luncheon today. We look forward to seeing you.

Please also remember that this event is subject to change depending on guidance from public health experts in connection with the coronavirus. All of our event venues are of the highest quality and ready to greet us with safety measures in place. But if we need to change to a Zoom format, we will do that. Watch your email for details or check our website for the latest information.

Meeting at a Glance

Annual Fall Welcome and Scholarship Luncheon

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

11 a.m. ⇨ Visit Interest Section tables and sign up for your choices

12 noon ⇨ Luncheon, followed by program honoring scholarship recipients and new members

Location

Double Tree Hotel

2540 North Cleveland Avenue, Roseville

Parking: Park in lot on north side of hotel

Menu

Chicken Provençal (GF) ⇨ Pan seared chicken breast with fresh mozzarella, tomato and basil served with spinach risotto and broccoli

Vegetarian ⇨ Roasted vegetable Wellington Flaky crust wrapped around roasted vegetables with a lemon basil glaze served with quinoa

All entrees served with garden salad, dressing on the side, specialty rolls, chef's choice of dessert, coffee and tea.

Cost : \$27

Reservation deadline: Monday, September 27

Please send in the reservation form you will find in your 2021–2022 directory or on the UMWC website. Make your check payable to UMWC and send to Mary Abuan, 581 Gramsie Road, Shoreview, MN 55126

I may be new to the club, but the club is not new to me

I've been thinking about my Mom, Dorothy. As many of you know, she was the 1973-74 President of the Faculty Women's Club and it is because of her that I joined UMWC.



Dorothy and Susan Hopp

We moved from Nebraska to Saint Paul in 1953 when my Dad, Ralph, became Associate Director of the U of M Libraries, and I now realize that the U of M totally permeated and influenced my life.

We landed in St. Anthony Park, which neighbors the "Ag Campus," and as kids that was our secret playground. We hung out in the cow barns, bowled at the Student Center, watched Sunday matinee movies in Coffey Hall. Later we had cheerleading practice on Cleveland Avenue's wide lawn and even had our prom at the Student Center (classy, yes?). One of my favorite memories was family Sunday swim at Cooke Hall in Minneapolis followed by Dinkytown's Bridgeman's peppermint bonbon ice cream. I often studied at Walker and Wilson Libraries, and lunch with Dad at the Coffman Union Campus Club was an extra special treat. I even had my orthodontics done at the School of Dentistry and ended up working for Dr. Bevis after he graduated. The University was just always part of my life. And, of course, I ended up studying there for college.

Later, when Dad became Director of the Libraries, he and Mom entertained his colleagues and spouses with elegant dinner parties, and I learned how set a formal table, and to "serve on the left" and "remove on the right." Mom loved interior design, beautiful things, good etiquette and entertaining. I loved their friends – always engaged, interesting and creative thinkers.

The Faculty Women's Club was important to Mom. I recall her reminiscing how, as president, she studied Robert's Rules of Order and was so proud of running the meetings well. There was also a story about volunteering at the Dayton's Flower Show and how she and Hallie

Wannamaker brought a carload of flowers back for one of the club's events. I so wish she were still here for me to ask more questions!

Dorothy missed the club when she finally wasn't able to take part. I brought her to a few luncheons in her last decade – there was Wendy Lehr and Garrison Keillor and, of course, the fabulous fashions through the decades show for which she loaned Cherie Hamilton many of her well-preserved outfits. I still have them. Oh my! The students and models looked fantastic and Mom beamed.

So I may be new to the club but the club is not new to me!

She'd be proud of how the club has navigated the pandemic. We are so lucky to be in Minnesota! What is the new normal? We shall see. Let's come together, curious and eager to learn and thrive. There are, of course, changes you will notice.

We bid Becketwood adieu. What a pleasure it has been to use their wonderful facility and friendly staff. We thank them.

This year we move on to lovely Midland Hills Country Club in Roseville, with its ample parking just outside the door. The Program Chairs have been busy tasting food and coordinating details. I think you will be pleased.

As the pandemic gave us a breather, our membership materials are being reviewed and updated, a new membership brochure is in the works, and new name tags will be produced this fall and gradually feathered into the mix.

Our members and committees have been diligently planning for a splendid year. The Directory is your "guide" so refer to it often. A big shout out of thanks goes to Dorothy and Fred Waltz for their infinite dedication to this golden ticket in your hands. Be sure to check out the Interest Sections and try a new one or two this year. This really is the easiest way to get involved and meet other members.

And don't forget to invite your friends to attend an event with you. That's the number one way we gain new members, and now more than ever we'll need a growth mindset. Our words, our actions and how people experience us matter, so please show them how fabulous we are and how welcome they are.

We kick the year off with an in-person board meeting on September 21, fingers crossed. Our members' health is our highest concern and we will follow expert public guidance to keep us all safe. We'll keep you informed via emails and on our website. Please: Get vaccinated. Respect mask usage. Get tested.

And with that, we are all looking forward to seeing each other and enjoying our club once again to its fullest capacity! Welcome back.

Warmly, *Susan*



YOUR TURN TO SHINE

UMWC is strong and effective because of the energy and commitment of its members. We are run 100 percent by volunteers, and that means we need YOU. Listed below are several opportunities for you to give back to the club that has given so much to you. It's your turn to shine!

The Scholarship Fundraising Committee seeks:

Recording secretary to take meeting notes and distribute them to committee members. To learn more, contact Diane Young, young054@umn.edu or 651-645-4590.

Correspondent to write stories for submission to newsletter related to UMWC philanthropy, its outcomes and impact. To learn more, contact Diane Young, young054@umn.edu or 651-645-4590.

Data recorder familiar with spreadsheets and data management to record and manage fundraising information. To learn more, contact Diane Young, young054@umn.edu or 651-645-4590.

Creative volunteers (one or more) to tackle graphic projects such as membership committee materials, the new member packet, invitations, table signs, dietary tents, place cards, signup sheets and more. Dorothy Waltz has been creating these materials but now needs to scale back on some of her myriad duties.

Templates and samples for all of these projects are available. You will need computer skills and a good printer to produce the materials. UMWC will reimburse all expenses. Fred and Dorothy Waltz will work with you until you are comfortable with the tasks.

To learn more, contact Dorothy Waltz, waltz.ds@yahoo.com or 651-917-0930.

It's here!

All of you should have received your 2021-2022 membership directory in the mail, thanks to the hard work of Fred and Dorothy Waltz. If you happen to find any important errors in the directory, please contact Dorothy.

Board of Directors Meets September 21

The UMWC board of directors will meet Tuesday, September 21, at Midland Hills Country Club, 2001 Fulham Street, Roseville. The meeting begins at 10 a.m. All club members are welcome to attend

A note from the Membership Committee:

We're counting on you

Despite a worldwide pandemic, the University of Minnesota Women's Club stayed strong over the past year and a half. We awarded 59 scholarships for the coming academic year, more than any time in the history of the UMWC. Imagine!

Now, as we approach a new season, I urge you to remember that our \$35 annual dues are crucially needed to actually run the club. Those dues pay for our supplies, our directories, our printing and our mailings. Our labor is rich with each of us volunteering our talents, but we know that bills need to be paid. Not one cent of our scholarship money is ever touched for programming.

So please get out your check books, fill out the yellow form in your directory and mail it along with your check to Nancy Myers by October 1.

Georgia Heisserer, Membership Chair

Fun Philanthropy Facts

Made possible by YOU!

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*Number of endowed funds members have created at
U of M Foundation for UMWC scholarships*

21

*Number of One-year Named Scholarships
funded by members during 2021-22*

59

*Number of scholarships awarded for 2021-22,
18 more than last year.*

137

*Number of scholarship applications
reviewed by Scholarship Committee*

187

*Number of generous gifts received
from you during 2020-21 for scholarships*

\$100,700

Awarded by UMWC for scholarships 2021-22

A record 59 scholarships go to a diverse group of recipients

The University of Minnesota Women's Club has awarded 59 scholarships for the 2021–2022 academic year, a majority of them full scholarships of \$3,500.

“Our hard-working Scholarship Committee received 137 applications,” said Chair Georgia Nygaard. “We were pleased with the quality of those applications and struck by the fact that the number of applications is growing rapidly.”

That's because the committee has worked with the

University of Minnesota Foundation and the Office of Student Finance to reach out to the various colleges within the University to increase not only the number of applications but the knowledge and availability of the UMWC scholarships.

In addition to Georgia, committee members include Sue Gilbertson, Mary Johnson, Patricia Kirchner, Abby Marier, Joan Mitchell, Sue Nelson, Marilyn Olson and Margaret Rowser.

UMWC is grateful for their diligent work.

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2021–2022

Scholarship Recipients

One-year Named Scholarship

Maria Myrah
Ciera Johnson
Emma Faeflen
Leann Luong
Vyha Nguyen
Emma Janzen
Mariah Banas
Kendra Egwim
Grace Khouri
Odell Sackie
Karli Beaumont
Teresita Baert
Alexis Feist
Aubrey Clark
Kierney Gray
Madeleine Hallberg
Greta Fischer
Kim Martinez
Sheng Thao
Hailey Felt
Hala Al Yaseri

UMWC Endowed Scholarship (#7530)

Peyton Nelson
Jessica Pilon

Lubna Mohamed-Abdrihman
Hiba Minhas
Calyssa Eskeli
Jenna Westlake
Gretchen North
Leta Albrecht
Vivian Pham
Temay Reyes Broadway

The Stephanie Boddy Scholarship (#1237)

Nastaho Abdullahi
Molly Conway
Jessica Weber
Olivia King
Anna Schumann
Rebekah Polverari
Gabriela Ayana
Elizabeth Brown
Brianna Buffington

The Frances Shepherd Scholarship (1556)

Hannah Bui

The Doris Doeden Scholarship (#7529)

Melanie Lor

The Medical Auxiliary Scholarship (#8758)

Mona Abdi
Ashley Kramer

The Ruth Jones Educational Pursuits Scholarships (22363)

Eliana Smelansky
Katie DeWitt
Kiana Davis
Eden Feleke

The UMWC General Contributions Scholarship

Riley Corrigan
Kim Avendano
Madie Cloutier
Jade Joswick
Samantha Hanle
Kindra Peterson
Paige Simmons
Pamela Gray
Saja Osman
Jenny Tran
Ashley Ballou

Recognizing more donors

A big thank you goes to the following members who contributed to our scholarship program but were not included in the list provided in the May-June newsletter. They are Mary K. Eggink, Mary Furman, Monell Jakel and Kathryn Johnson.

Please note

All scholarship checks should now be sent to Sue Madison, UMWC, 2665 Victoria St. N, #427, Roseville, MN 55113. If you send your contribution directly from a financial institution, please contact them to change the address.

SECTION NEWS

Nature group to explore Nine Mile Creek Watershed

The Nature section is happy to be welcoming people back to in person learning. Their first program, "Exploring the Nine Mile Creek Watershed," will be Monday, September 27, at 10:30 a.m. Gael Zembal, education and outreach coordinator, will present the program and lead the group in a walk around the area. Members are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch and email Diane Schweizer at dianeschweizer@hotmail.com if you are able to join them.

Vagabonds look forward to two exciting programs

Please join the Vagabonds Friday, September 17, at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom, for "Iceland: Land of Fire and Ice." Presenter Mel Baugham, an outdoorsman who considers Iceland a paradise, will talk about the country's extraordinarily diverse landscape with colorful mountains, lava fields, glaciers, hot springs, lakes and black sands.



Iceland boasts a beauty unlike any other in the world.

The Vagabonds' October 15 meeting, "Mexico's Magnificent Copper Canyon by Train," with Fred and Dorothy Waltz, has been changed from a 7 p.m. live indoor presentation to a 1:30 p.m. Zoom presentation. Here is a photo to whet your appetite.



For both Vagabonds programs, please contact Dorothy Waltz at 651-917-0930 or waltz.ds@yahoo.com to be put on the list for an invitation and link, which will be sent out before the program.

On the road to Wisconsin



Art section members enjoyed a trip to the Concrete Sculpture Garden in Beldenville, Wisconsin, in July. A group that included (from left) Pat Kirchner, Jocelyn Kuo, Roxie Stangeland, Abby Marier and Sheau-Ping Hu gathered under one of many arches located in the garden.

Welcome new members

We are happy to announce that three 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.

New members are Lisa Damon, Susie Risher and Margaret Mangan.

We also have had some directory changes. Linda Boss has a new address and Beverly Kontola has a new email.

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

Memorial gifts

For Nella Bean by Virginia Mahlum

For Kay Blair by Dorothy Peterson

For Flossie Caldwell by Mary Furman

For Carolyn Easter by Mavis McKeever and Easter's Book Club

For Ruth Jones by Carol Nelson

For John Kirchner by UMW, Patricia Kirchner, Rebecca Anderson and Barbara Smith

Honoring gifts

For Marian Champlin by Katherine Carter Harper

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Email: _____

In this issue of Online Extra

Bonnie Marten is a “life-long learner and joiner,” who had a successful career at the University of Minnesota and has a long list of contributions to the community. Her dedication to work and volunteerism, as well as her other interests, is impressive.



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

In remembrance

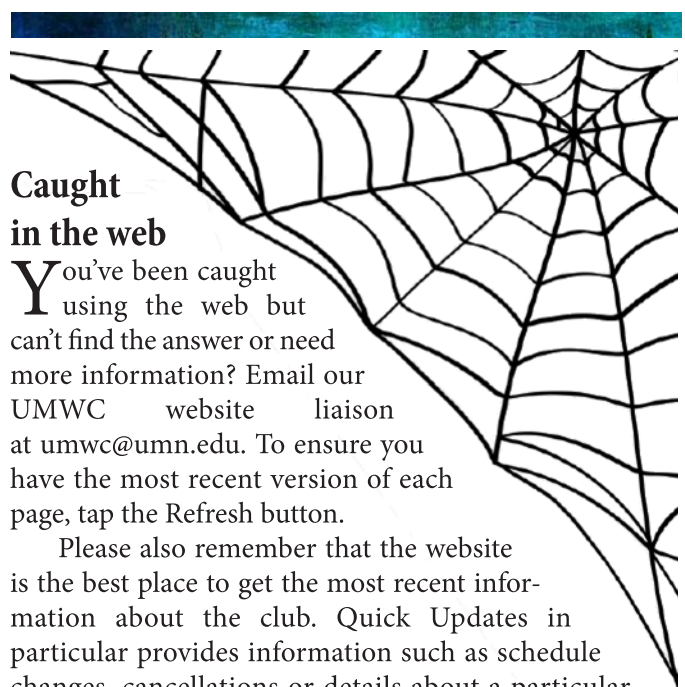
We were saddened to learn of the deaths in recent months of two UMWC members and the husbands of two members.

Jane Ostergaard, who passed away in June, was a member of the Hikers group and Restaurant Ramblers.

Cate Edlund died July 4 after a short illness. She was an active member of the Mystery Lovers.

Patricia Kirchner’s husband, John Kirchner, passed away in April. He was an electrical engineer at Ellerbee Becket and a world traveler who loved golfing, fishing and hunting.

Agnes Wolf’s husband, Dr. Hugo Wolf, died June 16. A man of many accomplishments, Dr. Wolf practiced dentistry in Columbia Heights from 1960 until his retirement in 1992.



Caught in the web

You’ve been caught using the web but can’t find the answer or need more information? Email our UMWC website liaison at umwc@umn.edu. To ensure you have the most recent version of each page, tap the Refresh button.

Please also remember that the website is the best place to get the most recent information about the club. Quick Updates in particular provides information such as schedule changes, cancellations or details about a particular gathering.

Bonnie Marten: The first thing I wanted to do

“I knew that the first thing I wanted to do when I retired was join the club,” said Bonnie Marten of her introduction to the University of Minnesota Women’s Club. When Bonnie was serving as head of the University of Minnesota’s Community Fund Drive, she met member Millie Woodbury, who told her “what a wonderful organization it was.”

And almost as soon as Bonnie joined, she got involved. In her six years as a member she has served as recording secretary for two terms and historian for two terms.

“I serve either because someone asked or no one else steps up and I feel the responsibility to help,” Bonnie said. “It is hard for me to leave once I commit to something.”



*Born in New Prague, Minnesota,
Bonnie was raised on a farm.*

That kind of dedication — or “resilience,” as Bonnie calls it — also characterized her career. After graduating from Minnesota State University, Mankato, with a degree in Home Economics–Food and Nutrition in 1972, she got a job at the University of Minnesota’s Sanford Hall as an assistant manager at one of the dormitory food services. After six years, she was promoted to food service manager at Comstock Hall, an all-girls dorm at the time. When a position came up to manage the residence hall food costing

system, she applied and, once again, got the job.

A couple of things stand out for Bonnie when she thinks back on her early career.

“Both the director of residence hall dining and my boss at Sanford were independent women, who told it like it was and were good role models and mentors,” she said. “In those days, it was unusual to have a woman in a leadership position.” She also discovered that managing a staff is challenging, particularly when the landscape is changing.

In the early 1980s, the University had a computerized system that generated menus, recipes and food costs based on portion data that was entered weekly into the system from seven residence halls. Bonnie and her staff produced weekly reports that residence halls used in their meal planning. “We were on a four-week menu rotation, so the job included menu planning and costing and testing new products,” Bonnie said. All was well until the University decided to outsource its self-managed food services.



Bonnie began her career in food services.

That process took two years during which Bonnie once again stepped up. She worked on a team to implement a new pricing system and when that system was implemented, she worked as an acting purchasing manager, keeping track of inventory as the University used up products in the U of M warehouse to make way for the new vendors. She also worked for six months as payroll manager when the person in that job went on maternity leave.

“I didn’t know anything about payroll,” Bonnie said. “But the person who placed me in this position said, ‘Just keep the team together. You can do anything for six months.’”

But what to do next was a bigger issue. Bonnie could have gotten a job with the outside firm that had taken over her previous responsibilities but she really wanted to

remain a University employee. Luckily, the University planned to replace their legacy human resources and payroll system with PeopleSoft software and she got a job supporting that effort.

Another good boss, a woman who “really cared about her employees,” made Bonnie’s transition easier and the next couple of decades rewarding. “I always had good supervisors,” Bonnie said, “including men.” Her final job before retiring in 2015 was as a business analyst working on an update to the original PeopleSoft system.



Bonnie was a life-long University of Minnesota employee.

All the while Bonnie was working in the community. “I’ve always been a joiner and interested in learning,” Bonnie said. The year after she married she joined Mrs. Jaycees, which became Jaycee Women and, eventually, Women of Today, where she served on the board. She’s been a member of a variety of professional groups and has been especially active in the Rotary Club of Maple Grove. “Rotary is a group of really dedicated, kind people who want to make their community better—all over the world,” as Bonnie puts it. She also was a board member of CROSS, her local food shelf, and now is part of their Vision Team Committee.

At UMWC, Bonnie especially enjoys the interest sections. She joined the Art group immediately and does some collage work herself. She’s a Nonfiction Book Club member and has taken part in Nature, Around the Campus, Out to Tea and Vagabonds.



In addition to husband, Jim, daughter, Allison, and son-in-law, Jake, Bonnie has a new grandchild.

“I am impressed by the kindness, intelligence, range of experiences and depth of knowledge of our members,” Bonnie said of the club. As an example of that kindness, she talks about attending a Nature section outing on a chilly day when she was not dressed for the weather. “Georgia Heisserer lent me her gloves and a hat that other members provided.” And when she served as historian she came to appreciate the foresight of previous generations of club members in creating the scholarship effort and preserving UMWC’s vital history.

As a brand new grandmother to four-month-old Lily, Bonnie has another wonderful new interest. Her husband Jim, to whom she has been married 43 years, and her daughter, Allison, and son-in-law, Jake, round out the family.

With additional interests in photography and gardening, Bonnie doesn’t have a lot of spare time. We are grateful she is devoting much of it to UMWC.