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Conversation with a Woman Leader ~

Mary Jane LaVigne to headline annual meeting program

We are delighted to announce that Mary Jane LaVigne will be the speaker at our annual meeting on Tuesday, May 10, at the Town and Country Club in St. Paul. The business meeting begins at 10:30 and the luncheon at noon.



Mary Jane will tell us the fascinating story of Katharine Tighe in her presentation “Literary Ties: How a University of Minnesota Alumnae Helped Launch F. Scott Fitzgerald’s Career.”

In July 1919, F. Scott Fitzgerald famously returned home to St. Paul, Minnesota, in a last-ditch effort to rewrite a manuscript that had been rejected twice. That novel, *This Side of Paradise*, established him as the voice of his generation and ushered in the Jazz Age. Although scholars are well aware of the major changes Fitzgerald made to the manuscript that summer, they largely ignore the role that a childhood friend played in the revision.

This is the story of Katharine Tighe, who received a master’s degree from the University of Minnesota in 1920. Life-long friends, Katharine and Scott moved in the same St. Paul, Eastern prep school and college circles, milieus later used in his fiction. Tighe’s story represents a rare unexplored aspect of Fitzgerald’s otherwise closely examined life.

Mary Jane LaVigne’s essay on Tighe leads the 2022 edition of *The F. Scott Fitzgerald Review*. She has presented widely on the author’s connections to White Bear Lake, and coordinated tours when St. Paul hosted the F. Scott Fitzgerald Society’s International Conferences in 2002 and 2017. An earlier version of this story was presented at Fitz First at Four, a former program of Fitzgerald in Saint Paul, as well as at the 2019 American Literature Association Conference and the Fitzgerald Society Conference in Toulouse, France.

A resident of White Bear Lake, LaVigne once asked an elderly member of a prominent family for stories involving Fitzgerald. “I am so sick of that man,” she was told. “There were some very interesting *women* in their circles. I wish someone would ask me about them.”

Meeting at a Glance

Annual Meeting Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Business Meeting: 10:30 • Luncheon: Noon
Speaker: Mary Jane LaVigne

Location

Town and Country Club
300 Mississippi Blvd. No., St. Paul
Free parking available in on-site lot

Menu

Chicken Avocado Bowl
Marinated and grilled chicken breast, brown rice, sweet corn, black bean relish, avocado and cheddar cheese, topped with tortilla strips

Vegetarian option

Wok fired garden vegetables with a coconut curry sauce, served on a bed of brown rice (also vegan/GF/DF) Both luncheon options come with rolls and butter and chocolate flourless torte with caramel drizzle (GF) If you would like the vegetarian option, please indicate your preference on the “Special Dietary Need” line of the registration form found in your directory.

Cost: \$32

Reservation deadline: Monday, May 2
This deadline is firm. If you haven’t already registered, your final option is to personally deliver your reservation form and check **no later than 3 p.m.** to Mary Ann Palmer, 1996 Langton Lake Drive #419, Roseville, Minnesota 55113. **Checks and reservations received in the mail after May 2 will be returned to the sender.** Please plan accordingly.

Looking back, looking ahead

Spring is in the air – and change is coming, once again. We hardy Minnesotans have change in our DNA – and in our wardrobes, our landscapes and in our lives.

As I think about the past two years of my term, first as President-Elect and then as President, I see constant ever-surprising change, two years like no others. No hint of “the status quo.” I’ve loved it!

The club has a long history of embracing the new, all the while honoring the past. Look back over our 100 plus years. The Faculty Wives Club! Those “wives” would be so darn proud of us that we have problem solved and adapted and are stronger than ever. We have the guts and smarts to survive and money to make a difference. That sure



makes me feel proud. You? We have stood on countless shoulders to be at this point today, and we strive to ever be our best.

I have so much gratitude and respect for the women who stepped forward to help this past year. Without listing names, just know I thank you from the bottom of my heart – from one volunteer to another – for your support, encouragement, and hard work. These volunteers have held club positions, chaired standing and ad hoc committees, followed up with personal connections, tackled projects no one else wanted, opened our eyes to new visibility opportunities, and advocated for the club whenever and wherever they could. We are a strong community!

The change of venue to Midland Hills Country Club has been a positive one, with its easy parking, spacious bright dining room and professional service. One can actually feel the energy in the air at our luncheons and board meetings! Personally I am ever so much more confident to invite guests. And apparently it impresses our guests, as we’re seeing our membership numbers coming back up, post-COVID.

As we continue forward, each of us needs to think about what we stand for, what we do best and who we want to attract. Every interaction with us leaves an impression: our mission, how we look and act, what we say, where we meet, what speakers we choose, how we welcome guests, our logo and materials and name tags, our interest sections, and on and on. What values do we share? How do you want our guests, scholars, and members to feel? People

make most decisions based on emotions, so let’s be mindful, because everything matters!

Our members amaze me. Every one has her own fascinating story to tell and contributes in her own way to make this club special. We are talented, enthusiastic, curious and committed. I see us as the club to join to stay healthy (physically, mentally and socially), to volunteer our skills and talents for the good, and to support deserving young U of M scholars who give us hope for the future. These things make us feel happy, and UMWC really has something for everyone. My dream for the future is to see wider diversity within our membership. Now that would make us even more interesting!

“I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.” – Mother Teresa

We end the year with lots to celebrate — a few highlights:

- The best year ever with 59 scholarships! Thanks to your generous donations and the UM Foundation’s expert handling of our endowments. The students are so grateful! With rising costs of living and tuition/books there is more need out there than ever.
- An unprecedented large gift to club operations has allowed us to ask “what if?” and to look afresh at new ways to build stronger membership and be more welcoming and accessible, signage, and updating online services. How do we attract younger, more tech-savvy members who share our values? Let’s let them know we exist and what they can consistently expect from us.
- We are getting noticed! UMWC has made many very important new connections at the U of M, and our impact is receiving praise and recognition.
- The UM Foundation published an online article, *Our Gift to the Future!*, featuring UMWC’s fabulous Scholarship Program! Please visit our website for a viewing and printable PDF! Here is a link: <https://give.umn.edu/stories/our-gift-future>
- UMWC has been invited to host an information table at the first-ever U of M Age-Friendly University Conference at McNamara Alumni Center on June 20. We are preparing our display and gathering materials.

Does it take effort, time and money? You bet. Is it worth it? Absolutely. We make the world a better place. Thank you!

Susan Hopp, UMWC President 2021–2022

Hello from Catherine Holtzclaw, your 2022–2023 President

I am excited and honored as I look forward to being your President for the 2022–2023 season. Scholarships are vital, and I learned of their necessity immediately while pursuing my own higher education. Without family support, it was necessary for me to work while pursuing my undergraduate education. An Illinois State scholarship made it possible to graduate with a bachelor's degree in accounting from Millikin University in 1967.

At 21, I passed my CPA exam and began pursuing my career in taxation and accounting. In 1976, my first husband died and I became a single mother, juggling two small children and a career that provided for my family. I continued my education at the University of Minnesota, graduating in 1981 with a master's degree in business taxation. I opened my own accounting firm in 1985 in St. Anthony Park and retired after 35 years in 2020.

I joined the University of Minnesota Women's Club as a newly retired person, first attracted to the Hikers group and their fall overnight adventures, and branched out into the Art, Nature and Around the Campus groups. I found our club a great way to meet active, interesting women and build friendships that extend outside of club hours and activities.

The work we do in the University of Minnesota Women's Club, especially our scholarships, connects both my personal and professional interests in the pursuit of supporting women, while developing women leaders who



help shape and grow our group. I believe strongly in the power of community and in philanthropy, and I have pursued both throughout my career. In the past, I joined both professional and community boards, including the Minnesota Society of Certified Public Accountants, the National Association of Women Business Owners, the Midway YMCA board, the board of Camp du Nord, a YMCA's family camp, and the Saint Anthony Park Business Association.

Just prior to the pandemic, my second husband of 32 years passed away from complications of Parkinson's disease. My new membership in UMWC brought new people and new adventures into my life. I am excited to use my skill set to help our club continue to move forward and hopefully out of pandemic limitations. Now that more and more things are returning to "in person," I am enjoying meeting more and more people. Travel is another of my passions, and I'm very happy to have recently returned from two weeks in Costa Rica. I hope to start a travel interest group with a trip supported by a company like Road Scholars. I'm wondering if there is interest in a trip, say, to Chicago for a tour of the city's museums? Let's think about it!

I moved to the Longfellow neighborhood in South Minneapolis in November 2019 after living in Roseville for 42 years. I stay active with hiking and biking daily when the weather allows! I enjoy golf, live music, reading and spending time with my six grandchildren, aged two to 20. Finding appropriate activities for lots of different developmental levels keeps me young, as well as attending all the interest groups and getting to know you all.

See you at our next meeting!

Catherine Holtzclaw

Look for your bylaws

The Bylaws Committee has been working hard to revise and update our UMWC Bylaws to reflect the current organization and work of our club. The revised bylaws will be put to a vote at the annual meeting.

Before the meeting, we will send the proposed bylaws to all members via email so everyone can read them. Please look for them in your email inbox and review them before the annual meeting. And, of course, please join us at the annual meeting to vote on this and other important issues. We are counting on your participation.

Welcome new members

New members bring welcome change and growth to the Women's Club. Reach out to welcome and to get to know our new members! We have 13 women who have joined since the last newsletter: Mary Ahrens, Gayle Bari, Sue Dempsey, Kate DuPont, Karen Eian, Claire Heihn, Linda Hucke, Lisa Larson, Margaret LeBien, Bonnie Leroy,

Deanne Probst, Nancy Schuster and Judy Silk.

We have no directory changes to report.

For a current list of new members and their contact information and/or a list of directory changes, please contact Nancy Myers at nmyers13@hotmail.com.

Going away for the summer?

Would you like to have your personal copy of the 2022–2023 UMWC Directory dumped in the waste basket? The U.S. Postal Service is not allowed to forward it, even if you give them your forwarding address.

So if you won't be at your home address in August or early September, when your directory is mailed, **please remember to send your summer address to Directory Editor Dorothy Waltz no later than June 20**. We can mail it to your summer address OR hold it for you until you return, **but you must tell us which**.

Thank you very much for helping us save money by not having to send you a second copy.

You are the wind beneath their wings

Your kindness is lightening the academic worries of many, many young women registering for fall semester 2022 at the University of Minnesota. Every single gift, the small ones and the large ones, reflects the caring of our members. Through mid-April 2022, you have provided \$85,292, including 15 One-Year Named Scholarships.

If it slipped your mind to send a donation for the UMWC scholarship fund, you still have time to make a gift before June 30, 2022, which is the end of our fiscal year.

Late scholarship donors who make gifts to the scholarship fund by that date will be listed in the fall newsletter.

Scholarship applications are now open

UMWC scholarship applications opened Monday, April 4, and will remain open through Friday, June 3. The easiest way for potential applicants to find our scholarships is to go to our website at umwc.umn.edu, click on the Scholarships tab and then Scholarship Application.

UMWC donors to the 2021-2022 campaign

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SECTION NEWS

Calling all poetry lovers

We are looking for poetry-hungry women who find delight in the sound of words and the beauty of imagery. We are forming a new Poetry section in which poetry will be read, discussed and perhaps, if there is interest, written. We want this to be a user friendly group, one that strives to appreciate poetry even if not always to understand it.

We want to share poems we love as well as look at different poetic forms and devices, time periods, poetry movements, subject matter, nationalities and individual poets. We are still in the planning stages. If you are interested in joining us, contact Elizabeth Weber at eweber@uindy.edu or 317-979-7171 or Lynn Slifer at slife001@umn.edu.

You don't want to miss the 2022 Art Show

The Thirtieth Annual Art Show will take place May 3 – 31 at St. Matthews Episcopal Church in the St. Anthony Park area of Saint Paul. Members of the Women's Club will exhibit their creations during the month of May.

Plan to attend the UMWc opening reception on Tuesday, May 3, beginning at 3 p.m. In addition, members can join the artists and meet the congregation at 11:30 after church services on Sunday, May 8. St. Matthews is located at 2136 Carter Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55108.

How about a lunch date and art show with a friend? Four restaurants with outdoor seating are within a few blocks of the church: Nico's, The Finnish Bistro, Karta Thai and the Colossal Café. If you have questions, call Jane LaFroth, 651-636-9218, or Carol Lowe, 612-869-7949.

Our latest Guest Quest winners



A sizable crowd gathered at our Conversation with a Woman Leader luncheon in April to hear Lyndel King, former director and chief curator at the Weisman Art Museum, talk about the current status of museums. Membership Chair Georgia Heisserer (right) is shown with member Jan House (left) and her guest Marilyn DeLong, professor of apparel design at the University, who were winners of the Guest Quest drawing. When you bring a guest to one of our luncheons, your name is entered into a drawing to receive a complimentary lunch for one of our yearly events.

Remembering Joy Chaput and Carol White

We are sad to announce the death February 28 of member Joy Chaput, who most recently chaired the Nonfiction group. Joy's sense of humor and sense of mischief were always with her. She's pictured here at one of our Out to Tea events wearing a hat from her extensive collection.



Joy Chaput

Joy is survived by her husband, Craig, sons Keegan (Leah) and Conor (Amy) and four grandchildren, along with other relatives and friends.

We also have learned of the death of former member Carol White, who died December 2, 2021. Carol, a member of the Hikers and Music interest groups, was a vibrant person with many interests and passions. She was dedicated to learning about music and nature, and freely shared her knowledge with others.



Carol White

Carol is survived by her children Carl (Nora Wildgen), Paula (Patricia Wegner), Erika (Glenn Sacks) and five grandchildren,

along with other relatives and friends.

A memorial service for Carol will be held Saturday, May 28, at 2 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church in downtown Minneapolis.

Memorial gifts

For Joy Chaput by Elsa Carpenter and the Nonfiction Interest Group

For Tom Kirchner by Patricia Kirchner

For Ron Reiling by Patricia Kirchner

Honoring gifts

Linda Boss by Diane Young

Marian Champlin by Carole Senty
box labeled JOIN NOW!

Joint business meeting scheduled for June 7

The joint business meeting, our final board meeting of the 2021-2022 year, will be Tuesday, June 7, at 10 a.m. at Midland Hills Country Club, 2001 Fulham Street, Roseville. All members are welcome to attend.

CLUB NEWS

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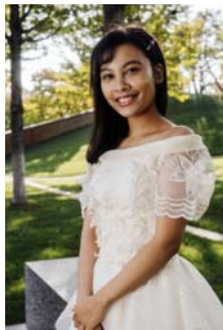
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In this issue of Online Extra

In the latest Online Extra, we introduce you to Temay Broadway, an impressive scholarship recipient who has already lined up a fascinating job in Japan, where she will use her storytelling and multimedia skills to make information about Osaki Hachimangu Shrine more accessible to visitors who do not speak Japanese.



Temay's story is one of persistence that also illustrates how students can take advantage of a variety of options at the University of Minnesota to shape their own degree path.

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 newsletter is Friday, August 12. Please submit articles, information and photos to Nancy Kluver, newsletter editor, at kluver.nancy@gmail.com.

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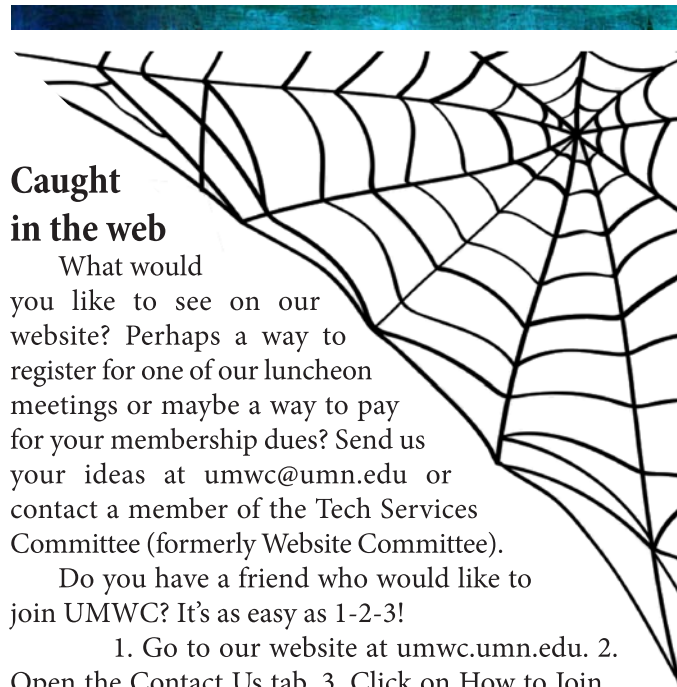
What would you like to see on our website? Perhaps a way to register for one of our luncheon meetings or maybe a way to pay for your membership dues? Send us your ideas at umwc@umn.edu or contact a member of the Tech Services Committee (formerly Website Committee).

Do you have a friend who would like to join UMWC? It's as easy as 1-2-3!

1. Go to our website at umwc.umn.edu.
2. Open the Contact Us tab.
3. Click on How to Join, where you'll find the maroon box labeled JOIN NOW!

Meet your 2022-2023 leaders online

Go to the online version of the newsletter to learn more about the women who have agreed to take leadership positions in the 2022-2023 UMWC season.



Temay Broadway: Bridging the gap between cultures

Future visitors to Osaki Hachimangu Shrine, a National Treasure of Japan, may well have a better understanding of the shrine's significance thanks in part to the fact that UMWC scholarship recipient Temay Broadway will be working there as a multimedia designer and intercultural content strategist.

"In Japan, there is a big gap in the information that is accessible to the foreign community living in Japan," Temay said. "Because a lot of things at shrines and historical sites go untranslated or unexplained, there are a lot of people living in Japan who don't understand traditional Japanese culture due to the lack of information available in other languages."



Temay's first experience with Osaki Hachimangu came as a volunteer when she studied in Sendai, Miyagi Prefecture, one of the largest cities in northern Japan, during a gap year after high school. She returned to start at the University of Minnesota in 2018, where she initially was a student at the College of Design taking product design as her major.

"After my first semester, I realized that my passions were elsewhere," Temay said. "Product design partially filled my desire to create concept arts and sketches, but it

didn't fill my passion for storytelling and digital media. Ever since I was a kid, I have always been involved with the arts, and I particularly enjoyed the concept of how video games can create an interactive form of art and storytelling."



Temay Broadway in traditional dress at Osaki Hachimangu Shrine

With guidance from her advisors, Temay switched to the College of Continuing and Professional Studies to take advantage of the individualized degree program, which led her to a three-area focus on studio arts, interdisciplinary design and computer science.

"I have immensely loved the diverse coursework that I otherwise wouldn't have considered and the focus of multimedia and interactive arts and design," Temay said. "My goal is to become a storyteller through various forms of digital media, while encompassing the things I love in order to explore creativity, interaction and collaboration with others."

Her decision to take a gap year came when she was a Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) student and was introduced to Rotary International Youth Exchange, a year-long study abroad program. PSEO allows high school students to take college courses at no charge. With all of her college credits transferring, Temay, who took those courses full-time during her junior and senior years of high school, would have been able to graduate from the U in one and a half to two years if she hadn't switched her major.

But she's very glad events unfolded as they did because "Looking back, I can't imagine only being in college for two years."

At the University, Temay was active in the Philippine Student Association, serving as their public relations officer. Her grandparents emigrated from the Philippines to America in 1963 when they were both 25. "There was a wave of Filipino immigration to the U.S. in the Sixties due to the shortage of nurses and doctors in the U.S," Temay said. "My grandmother moved first and was working full-time as a nurse in New Jersey through an exchange program.... and my grandpa followed eight months later and was working as an intern in New York." They ended up in Minnesota because the state was the only one that answered her grandfather's residency program application in time for him to renew his work visa. "I always like this story because if he had gone somewhere else or if the timing of the other universities were a little faster, I might not be around today."

About to graduate, Temay is very much looking forward to her new job in Japan. "I'll be working there as both a multimedia designer and an intercultural content strategist at the shrine," she said. "My work will include various graphic design work for programs and events,



Osaki Hachimangu Shrine

digital media design for their website but also storytelling through different forms of media. So that will include a lot of video documenting and photo archiving of festivals and traditional performances that they showcase. I'm also helping with their social media as a way to interact more globally."

She is grateful for the support of UMWC. "As I am in my last year at the University of Minnesota, I feel joy that I was able to be a student here," Temay said. "I am extremely grateful for your generosity and making this scholarship a possibility. I appreciate all that you do to help support students like me with their aspirations."

Conversation is the thread that connects us

A friend just sent me a clip of her baby granddaughter learning to wave, with a look of pure joy. These days I feel that joy, too. Our recent Conversation luncheon at Midland Hills was like a computer restart for me. Bling! The atmosphere was electric.

I seem to be relearning the comforts of conversation with acquaintances new and seasoned. It's a timid dance, this returning from pandemic isolation, oddly personal, life-giving, but it's exhausting, too. The club is an elixir for weary travelers in time!

The Vagabonds trip via Zoom has renewed my wanderlust these past months. The Women's Health Issues program restored my feet and ankles with Dr. Judith Sterling's lecture. Our trip to Art in Bloom at the MIA in April perked everyone up, as will our member Art Show in St. Anthony

Park in May. The Murder Mystery Tea in Red Wing on May 4 and Restaurant Ramblers at DeGidio's on May 18 are not to be missed! On May 23, the Nature section takes us on a Normandale Japanese Garden Tour. And our book sections have not disappointed. Reserve your spot as a single or bring another to any or all section events.

The action never stops as we retrace steps that once seemed normal. Why shouldn't we experience the pure joy of connection that a baby girl feels? Let's be more intentional as we return to an eventful life unfolding before us. Get out your calendars and your phones. Expand your expectations. The birds are celebrating new life, a new season. Even a child senses the importance of human connection and allows herself to absorb the newness of it all. So can we. Join in!

Georgia Heisserer, Membership

Here are your UMWC leaders for 2022-2023

Looking forward to growing and strengthening UMWC, the following members have agreed to take on leadership responsibilities for the club in 2022–2023. Members will vote at the May 10 annual meeting on the elected officer slate, with the exception of Catherine Holtzclaw, who has already been elected.

The chairs of our special interest sections will be listed in the 2022–2023 directory.

ELECTED OFFICERS

President

Catherine Holtzclaw

Catherine Holtzclaw has been in the club four years and has enjoyed walks with the Hikers, leading hikes around Lake Como and this summer at Crosby Farm. She's also looking forward to the Hikers overnight trip after going to Silver Bay and Lake Mille Lacs for the past two trips. She participates in the Around the Campus and Art groups.



Now retired, Catherine most recently enjoyed volunteering for the NCAA Women's Final Four — lots of excitement! She previously served as a board member for Camp du Nord, a YMCA camp near Ely, Minnesota, and is now a member of the Camp du Nord book club.

Her most enjoyable activities are biking and delighting in her six grandchildren, ages 2 to 20. She also looks forward to feeding her travel passion, having just returned from Costa Rica.

President-Elect

Linda Boss

A member for about six years, Linda Boss' interest in walking first drew her to UMWC. Several walking friends who were members introduced her to the club, and she joined the Hikers special interest section. Still a member of Hikers, she also is an Art group member and previously belonged to the Modern Fiction section. The Hikers' two-day outing to Mille Lacs Lake in 2021 was a highlight.



Linda currently is coordinating the ideas, plans and

schedules for the display booth the club will have at the University of Minnesota Age-Friendly University Day conference in June.

In her spare time, Linda is managing director of the Harlan Boss Foundation for the Arts, a member of the Rotary Club of St. Paul and active in her church. She enjoys and supports arts of all types, is an avid reader, belonging to two book clubs, walks several miles a day and travels to new destinations whenever possible. Trips on her agenda include a pilgrimage to Ireland and a hiking trip with friends to Big Bend National Park in Texas. She takes whatever opportunities she can to spend time with her family, most of whom live in other states.

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 sixth 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.

Co-Vice President for Programs

Jane LaFroth

Jane LaFroth hails from Duluth, graduating from UMD with a Social Science degree and starting work at Carlton County Welfare Department as a child protection worker. She later transferred to Ramsey County Human Services in St Paul, completing 40 years in her career.



She has been chair of the Roseville Area Arts Council and co-chair of Marketing and Membership with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) and has done several volunteer projects with various committees.

Jane has been in UMWC for 12 years, currently participating in the Art and Out To Tea sections. Her interests vary as she enjoys art museums, concerts at Orchestra Hall and the Ordway, opera, ballet and plays. She is a member of two book clubs, plays golf in the summer and exercises daily.

Her favorite event of the year is the October scholarship luncheon when we honor scholarship recipients.

Vice President of Scholarship Fundraising

Diane Young

Diane Young retired in 2019 after a 25-year fundraising career at the University of Minnesota and immediately joined UMWC. “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. “Getting involved was easy and fun — I recommend it highly. The UMWC philanthropic mission to support women students at the U through scholarships is inspiring. Meeting other like-minded women is a joy.”



Diane also is committed to increasing UMWC visibility at the U and recruiting other UMN women, identified broadly, to join UMWC. She often invites former UMN colleagues and alums as guests, encouraging them to join. “The luncheons and speakers are so engaging,” she said.

In addition to serving as VP for Scholarship Fundraising, Diane chairs the Scholarship Fundraising Committee and an ad hoc committee to identify and implement plans for use of a generous gift to update UMWC operations.

She lives in the University Grove with her husband, Professor Nevin Young. They have one daughter, Patricia.

Recording Secretary

Bonnie Marten

Bonnie Marten has been a UMWC member for six years, serving as recording secretary for three 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 22 years. She also serves on the board and as secretary of the Vision Team for CROSS Services, a local food shelf.

Her immediate family includes her husband, daughter, son-in-law and one-year-old granddaughter.

Co-Treasurer

Joni Mitchell

Joni Mitchell joined the club after she retired in 2015. She became a Hikers member and was immediately recruited to be the treasurer for the group, which she continues to do. She also is a member of Restaurant Ramblers.



In addition, Joni served as auditor for the club for two years and will be serving her second year on the Scholarship Committee. She also will serve as co-chair of the Finance Committee.

Joni keeps busy by attending Curves, hiking, reading, playing 500 and taking trips to Charlotte, North Carolina, to see her grandchildren. She looks forward to more travel after Covid. She also plans lunches with high school mates and is the keeper of the data base for her class.

Co-Treasurer

Sue Madison

Sue Madison has been a club member for four 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. 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 2022–2023, Sue will also serve as co-chair of the Finance Committee and treasurer of the scholarship fund.

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,” Nancy said. “Little did I know the consequences of that innocent statement.” Nancy enjoys working with numbers and has been the treasurer or financial secretary for all the organizations she’s joined. She has enjoyed being part of the Hikers and Nature and Vagabonds sections at UMWC. This year she’s tried some new ones: Women’s Health Issues and Around the Campus. “I’m impressed with the efforts of the section leaders,” she said. “They do a great job!”



APPOINTED POSITIONS

Auditor

Peggy Tang

Peggy Tang has been a club member since 2018 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 Kløver

Nancy Kløver was introduced to UMWC after retiring in 2015, 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 and 2022.



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 Issues sections.



Website Liaison

Connie Cundy

Connie Cundy became a UMWC member in 2016 when she was invited to join by a club member who was chair of the UMWC Membership Committee. She joined the website development team in 2017, initially to post updates on the website.

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 Women’s Health Issues and Vagabonds several times this year, greatly enjoying traveling with the group. She supports several other organizations that contribute to women’s education.

In 2022–2023, Connie will continue to serve as chair of the newly named Tech Services 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 and Around the Campus.



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

STANDING COMMITTEE AND INITIATIVE CHAIRS

Conversations

Barbara Cohen

Barbara joined UMWC, then the Faculty Women's Club, around Christmas 1982. She and her husband had just moved to Minnesota and at that time, the U held a holiday reception at Eastcliff to welcome new faculty and spouses. Sidelle Moss, the FWC President, was at the party to sign up spouses, so Barbara joined. While she was working, she joined interest sections that met in the evenings, such as Music and Culinary Arts. After she retired in 2006, she became more active in the club.



Barbara has served on the Conversation Committee, Program Committee (including as co-chair), and as President during the club's exciting centennial year of 2010–2011. She has been chair of the Music and Culinary Arts sections, and also participated in the Nature, Out to Tea and Restaurant Ramblers sections.

Aside from the UMWC, Barbara is a member of the American Association of University Women and the National Organization for Women. "I enjoy reading (well, who doesn't!), music (mostly classical), and spending time with my amazing grandkids," Barbara said.

Membership

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, Vagabonds and Women's Health Issues as well as the Conversation lunches.

She loves being outdoors, especially by the water, and thoroughly enjoys meeting new people, being with friends, exploring new places and learning new things.



Named Scholarship Initiative

Marian Champlin

Marian Champlin was a club member from 1960 to 1965 and rejoined in 2011. She is Chair of One-Year Named Scholarships, the program she inaugurated in 2017 in which a member may name a UMWC scholarship with a gift of \$3,500. The donor is able to suggest a discipline for her scholar if one is available and is able to personally meet her. Marian is passionate about these scholarships and goes to great lengths to make sure members and their "students" connect.



She serves on the Tech Services, Communications and Finance committees. Her past leadership positions include Vice President for Scholarship Fundraising, Corresponding Secretary and Chair of Modern Literature.

Outside of the UMWC, Marian was the first president of Courage Auxiliary and spearheaded 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 joined UMWC about eight years ago and was invited to chair the Scholarship Committee following Martha Arneson's retirement as chair. The opportunities for UMWC members are varied, and currently she is a member of the Hikers and Around the Campus sections and recently joined the Nature



group. Being involved in the Scholarship Committee and sharing the mission of this committee is very special for her. "It is very gratifying to be able to assist women in attaining an education," Georgia said.

Outside of UMWC, Georgia has been tutoring children at Central Park Elementary School and has been the chair of the Adult Education ministry 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 and Pilates. "As a retired RN, I learned long ago how important it is to keep healthy," Georgia said.