Conversation with a Woman Leader —

February 4 topic: Women’s Foundation, “Minnesota Girls Are Not for Sale”

Please join us to hear about the efforts of the Women’s Foundation of Minnesota to stem the tide of sex trafficking of our young women. Our speaker for this enlightening presentation is Romaine Scharlemann, the senior gift planner for the Minnesota Women’s Foundation.

Ms. Scharlemann has worked for 30 years in fundraising for organizations that support a range of women’s equality issues. She has an undergraduate degree in education from the University of Minnesota and a master’s degree in education from St. Thomas. She and her husband live in Minneapolis; they have two adult sons.

The Women’s Foundation of Minnesota is a statewide community foundation that invests in social change to achieve equality for all women and girls in Minnesota. The Foundation funds and builds the capacity of innovative social-change programs across Minnesota through grant-making, research, public policy, and building women’s philanthropy. In partnership with the University’s Humphrey School’s Center on Women and Public Policy, they release research annually on the status of women and girls in the state in economics, safety, health, and leadership.

In 2010 their work to advance safety and security—their largest areas of grant-making at the time—as well as stories from colleagues in the state’s criminal justice system provided the impetus to deal with their growing concern about sex trafficking of Minnesota girls. They acted by partnering with the Women’s Funding Network in the national roll-out of “A Future, Not a Past,” a program modeled on Georgia’s successful campaign to stop sex trafficking there. The foundation recruited more than 100 stakeholders—donors, elected officials, state agencies advocates, corporations, law enforcement, judges, and faith communities—to create a strategic, comprehensive blueprint for combatting the sex trafficking of Minnesota girls.

The result was “Minnesota Girls Are Not For Sale,” a five year, $5 million campaign launched in 2011 to galvanize the resources to end this problem through grant-making, research, public education, and convening. Ms. Scharlemann will describe their efforts and successes in dealing with this challenge.
President’s Message

Our fall Conversation with a Woman Leader featuring Minnesota Attorney General Lori Swanson was a great success. AG Swanson took the time to visit every table, meeting and shaking hands with all those present.

We had 120 reservations, which is a very gratifying turn-out for a Conversation. Ms. Swanson described the duties of her office and encouraged us to contact her with any concerns about consumer affairs. Again Jason, Becketwood’s chef, provided a beautiful and sumptuous meal.

Our Holiday Tea at Eastcliff was somewhat affected by poor driving conditions following a snowstorm and very frigid temperatures. About 85 members and guests braved the elements to enjoy this festive event at the home of the University of Minnesota President’s family. The house was decked out with a huge tree, garlands, and special ornaments. Karen Kaler, our honorary president, welcomed us and provided some history of this beautiful home.

Members and guests enjoyed a wide array of hors d’oeuvres and sweets as they socialized with old and new friends; and three new members joined the UMWC that day.

Members donated a wide assortment of dolls, stuffed animals, toy cars, games, and books for children hospitalized at Amplatz Children’s Hospital over the holidays. Cash donations collected to buy additional gifts totaled $485. A big thank you goes to all who contributed to this annual benefit event.

Approximately half of our Special Interest sections will be holding meetings during the month of January. The remainder will have programs that begin again in February and continue through the month of May. Check your club Directory for programs and locations.

I will soon be appointing a Nominating Committee to recruit new UMWC officers for the coming year. If a member of the committee contacts you about taking on one of these offices, please give it serious consideration. Sharing in a leadership role is a great way to be involved in the work of the club. For next year we will need a President-elect, one Vice President for Programs, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer for Records and Dues.

I wish you all a happy and meaningful holiday with your loved ones and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

With warm regards,
— Kathy Ball, President

Next Board meeting, February 4, 2014
The Board will meet at Becketwood in the Windsor room Tuesday, February 4 at 10 a.m. Coffee and tea will be provided, but no treats due to the noon luncheon following the meeting. All officers and section chairs are expected to attend and provide reports of their current activities. Please carpool if possible. Also remember to send in your luncheon reservations by the deadline, January 21.

Memorial Gifts
It is a lovely gesture to make a UMWC Scholarship gift in memory or in honor of a friend or relative. The Club will notify the family or individual of your thoughtful generosity.

Mail your check, payable to UMWC Scholarship/Memorial Fund, along with your wishes for acknowledgments to UMWC Treasurer Shirley Ferraro, 1418 Arden View Drive, Arden Hills, MN 55112.

Scholarship Memorials and Honors
Happy Birthday to Kathryn Harper from Marian Champlin
In Memory of Laura Elfstrum from Kathy Ball
In Memory of Dr. George Champine from Dr. Keith and Marian Champlin

Spring Preview—mark your calendars
April 1 — Conversation with a Woman Leader will feature Mary Anne Wise, textile artist, who will discuss “Artisan-based Economic Development in Guatemala.” Hear about her fascinating work with women in Central America.
May 6 — Annual Meeting and Luncheon
Interest Section News

Around the Campus — Fans of the miniseries Downton Abbey... a surprising opportunity for discovery awaits you! Add March 26 to your event calendar for a guided tour of an exhibit called “Downton Abbey, Behind the Scenes of Health and Illness.” Our section will have a personal tour at 1 p.m. in the Wangensteen Historical Library in Diehl Hall, Minneapolis. More good news! Transportation will be easy because the Connector bus is running again and stops within a block of Diehl Hall. Save the date and tell your friends.

Art — Our January 16 event features the Minneapolis Institute of Art’s “Art of Africa and the Americas” and begins at 12 noon. Note the change in time from the Directory. Reservations should be made with Mary Abuan, 651-484-6765.

Culinary Arts — Meets at 6 p.m., Wednesday, February 12, at the home of Joyce Staba, 1666 Coffman, Apt. 119. Dale Wolf of Wolf Honey Farms will speak on the topic of “Honey: It’s Not Just a Sweetener.” Join us to learn more about this fascinating food and medicinal substance; sample honey-based treats. Contact Millie Woodbury at 651-486-7286 or e-mail woodbury@umn.edu if you would like to attend.

Hikers— UMWC Hikers will start the New Year with our traditional hike at the Mall of America, 9:30 a.m. on January 13. Please note the earlier start time. We welcome prospective members so please join us!

International Affairs/Community Concern—Please join us at Becketwood on Friday, January 10, at 10 a.m. for an update on Afghanistan with Cmdr. Greg Schlichting, who recently returned from his second tour of duty. Come and get some first-hand information on that tragic country. Bring a bag lunch; coffee and cookies will be provided. Cmdr. Schlichting will stay and visit with us over lunch.

At our meeting on February 14, hear the presentation “Egypt: Three Years Later” delivered by Mary Curtin, Great Decisions speaker and retired US Foreign Service officer. Our meetings are held at Becketwood at 10 a.m.

Non-fiction—Our January selection is The River of Doubt by Candice Millard. Is there life for an ex-president? Theodore Roosevelt proves that there is, but he got a lot more adventure than he anticipated. In 1914 he took an amazing 400-mile expedition with one of his sons and a curious group of fellow travelers down the uncharted Amazon River, testing his intellect, courage, and physical stamina. Join us at 1 p.m., January 14 at Becketwood to discuss this riveting book.

Vagabonds — Our section does not meet in January, but please join us at our next meeting Friday, February 28, at our new winter time of 3 p.m. at 1666 Coffman in Falcon Heights. The speaker will be Tony Miglitch, who will show photos of “The Camargue with its Horses in Southern France.” The February meeting, as well as the March 28 meeting is a trial to see if our members prefer afternoon meetings during these cold, dark winter months. For April and May we will revert to our usual Friday evening time. Spouses and friends are always welcome. Suggestions for future travelogues or speakers are also welcome. Please join us.

Women’s Health Issues — Are you experiencing sleep problems? Mark your calendar for May 2, 11 a.m., and learn about causes and solutions. (Note time change.) Dr. Dan Townsend, clinical psychologist at University Medical Center, Fairview, will address “Insomnia and Sleep Disorders.” Dorothy Ward will host this meeting at her residence, Applewood at Langton Drive in Roseville. Contact our caller, Phyllis Haglund (651-483-1418) or Elizabeth Harper (651-484-6724) if you plan to attend. Callers will contact section members in April with all of the details.

See your Directory for information about all 18 interest sections, their programs, times, and locations.

Members enjoy tradition of December’s Holiday Tea

A lovely table, bountiful with special treats and healthy offerings, awaited members and guests who gathered at the U President’s home for the annual tradition of a holiday tea and benefit for hospitalized children.

Chatting at the sign-in table were Mary Abuan (seated), Robin Forsberg, and Kathi Treston. Mary and Kathi, vice presidents for Programs, greeted the guests as they arrived, and Karen Kaler, our host and honorary president, welcomed everyone to Eastcliff.
**Welcome to new members of UMWC**

Eleven new members have joined us since October. Please be sure to greet them and introduce them to other members. Remember to add their names to your Directory.

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**Directory changes and corrections**

Keep your directory up to date. Make the following correction to help your communications go more smoothly.

**Address correction:**

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**Deadline for next Newsletter: February 19, 2014**

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