

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Women's Club

Fall 2015

Upcoming Events:

September 2 - Fall Tea

October 14 - Fall Tour

November 11 - Fall Brunch

January 27 – Interest Group Chair Appreciation Luncheon

February 3 - General Meeting

March 2 - General Meeting

April 13 - Spring Luncheon

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From the President:

My family and I vacationed in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina this summer. One day, while soaking up the sun on the beach, I observed a family who came to claim their prime spot in the sand. There were eight people each carrying a big bag of precious items. Each knew their job and within three minutes they had chairs, umbrellas, towels, drinks, sunscreen, shovels, and the coveted sand castle molds unloaded. This scenario reminded me of our wonderful UNL Women's Club family. Each person/interest group carries a small load, which makes the job of running our club fun, exciting, and manageable. We have interest groups, which foster friendships and an un-measurable bond among our members. Through fundraising we support scholarships, which leave a lasting footprint in the sand for future generations. This year our kick-off theme is "Embracing Our Members: The Key To Our Future." I hope everyone will support not only their individual interest groups this year, but all the major functions our club offers beginning with the Fall Tea on September 2nd at 9:30. The Fall Tea is free to members (non-members will be charged \$5.00) and will once again be held at the Hilton Garden Inn. The invitation can be found inside the newsletter. Make sure to sign up early. Once you have read about all the events/activities listed in the newsletter your social calendar will be full. If you have not checked out our website, please do so at www.unl.edu/womensclub. Pictures and fun club activities will be updated throughout the year. The UNLWC Board encourages feedback from members so if you have questions, concerns, or would like to attend a board meeting, please contact a board member or use our email which is: unlwomensclub@gmail.com. I enjoyed celebrating UNL Women's club 120th anniversary and am humbled to be the President of such a wonderful group of women. I look forward to another year of memories as we each carry a small load towards making our club the best it can be!

Rhonda Obermeier,

UNL Women's Club President 2015-16



Mission Statement of the UNL Women's Club

The purpose of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Women's Club is to promote friendship among members, to strengthen their bond of common interest, and to provide service to the University including funding scholarships. Membership is open to any person with a connection to the University of Nebraska, interested in the activities, well-being and continuance of the University of Nebraska and the UNL Women's Club.

Fall Tour: Shadow Brook Farm and Wilber

Wednesday, October 14, 9:30 am to 3:45 pm

Join us on the bus October 14th for a truly Nebraska experience. We will visit two great examples of what is important to Nebraskans - agriculture and preserving our cultural heritage. We begin the day visiting Shadow Brook Farm near Lincoln to learn how the sustainably-produced vegetables and dairy products you find at the farmer's market are produced. Hopefully we will be able to watch a goat being milked! Wear sturdy all-weather shoes and bring a raincoat. We will have coolers available to store any purchased fresh produce.

Our next stop is Legends of Clatonia for lunch. Meal choices are a specially-prepared Czech meal of pork, dumpling and sauerkraut or the restaurant soup/salad bar plus choice of beverage. From Clatonia we drive to Wilber, home of the Czech Festival. There we will learn about the Festival. Use your free time to tour the museum or shop. Our visit will end at the historic Hotel Wilber with another classic Czech treat-coffee and kolaches. Don't have room to eat them after that great lunch? The kolaches will be served in a bag you can take home.

We will meet at 9:30 am at the Christ's Place church parking lot at 1111 Old Cheney Rd. in southwest Lincoln. Please park at the east end of the lot away from the church entrance. The bus departs promptly at 9:45 am and arrives back in Lincoln at approximately 3:45 pm.

Cost: \$35.00 UNLWC members
\$40.00 non-members

Registration deadline is September 30th. Space is limited to 55 persons. **Please register by September 30th using the form included in this newsletter, indicating your lunch choice and names of guests.**

Questions? Call Beth Goble (itinerary) or Mary Schkade (registrations)



Fall Brunch

Wednesday, November 11th

Gathering at 10:30 am
 Brunch served at 11:00 am
 The Landing at Williamsburg Village
 3500 Faulkner Drive
 Cost: \$18.00 for members
 \$23.00 for non-members

Reservation Deadline: **November 4th**
 Make checks payable to: UNLWC
 Mail to: Debby Portnoy
 If you have any questions contact Debby Portnoy

Newcomers & Friends:

UNL Women's Club Newcomers meet informally to have fun and get acquainted. Women who are new to the club are considered Newcomers for 3 years. Current UNLWC members, the "Friends", are welcome to participate in Newcomers' coffees and other activities.

Most Wednesdays we meet at 9:30 am for coffee and conversation at Panera Bread, Southpointe Pavillions or another local coffee shop. Check the weekly email for any changes in location. Look for the UNL Women's Club sign at our table.

We have some fun activities planned for the upcoming year, including a visit to the State Capitol Building, tours of Lincoln's "quirky" museums, bowling (or just cheering us on), Newcomers Potluck, Sunken Garden and Rose Garden tour, lunch at local restaurants, movie/theater outing, craft class, antique store shopping, and much more.

We look forward to getting to know this year's "Newcomers" and spending time with our UNLWC "Friends". If you are interested in receiving emails about our upcoming events, please contact Theresa Cornelius or Jill Richmond.



Fundraising 2015-2016

Providing for the next generation: They are our future.

UNLWC has always recognized this very important need by including it in our mission statement, which reads in part “. . . to provide service to the University, including funding scholarships.” To fulfill this goal, the support and participation of the membership is essential.

This year our major fundraising effort will focus on direct donations from our members. We appreciate and thank you for your past contributions. Now we would like to build on that previous generosity to further the mission of the Club - to provide scholarships to talented and deserving students.

Today, students face many new challenges. As tuition and cost of living expenses increase, so does the need for additional financial assistance. A personal letter has been sent to each member asking for support in providing these scholarships. Individual participation is necessary to generate these funds and continue to fulfill the mission of our Club. Please give this your full consideration and donate as generously as you are able.

Together we can accomplish much.



UNLWC member Ivette Bender presenting her donation of an Amish Quilt to UNLWC President, Rhonda Obermeier and Fundraising Chair, Enid Newman. "Thank you Ivette for your very generous donation!"

An Amish quilt, donated by member Ivette Bender, will be raffled to raise money for scholarships.

The Quilt will be on display at the Annual Welcome Tea on Wednesday, September 2nd, 2015. At that time we will begin selling raffle tickets, offering our members a chance to win this beautiful quilt.

Size - Queen, Pattern - Double Wedding Ring, Colors - Peach, Coral, Sea green - A beautiful mix. Made in - Lancaster, PA. Signed by - Maker

Ticket Price - \$5.00 each. Tickets can be purchased at all UNLWC events throughout the 2015/2016 school year, or on your Membership Form. Tickets ordered on the Membership Form will be completed on your behalf and placed in the drawing. The winning ticket will be drawn at the Spring Luncheon on April 13, 2016. Need not be present to win.



Connie Fleming
Elizabeth Fischbach
Marian McVey

In memory of a member who has passed away, a card is sent to the family expressing our sympathy and advising that a \$50 donation has been made to the UNL Women's Club Scholarship Fund in memory of their loved one.

Courtesy

Cards are sent to members who are hospitalized or for special events such as a significant birthday or anniversary.

If you know of a member who is ill or passed away, please advise our Courtesy Chair, Diane Mohrhoff.

Officers

President - Rhonda
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 Theresa Cornelius
 Jill Richmond
 3rd VP/Hospitality
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UNL Women's Club Interest Groups

Interest groups are the essence of the UNL Women's Club where our mission statement comes alive. These small groups are where acquaintances develop into friendships, common interests grow into strong bonds, and our desire to serve the University turns into action. Sign up at the Fall Tea or contact the Interest Group Chair listed. If you have a new idea or are willing to help organize a new group, such as wine tasting, bunco, or some other new group contact Jane McGinnis, Interest Group Chair.

Arts & Crafts meets monthly to make a craft item, 3rd Fridays at 10:30 am. Chair Beth Goble

Book Clubs are for all who enjoy reading and discussing books with friends. Each group selects books to be read.

Reading With Friends meets the 1st Wednesday at 9:30 am. Chair Carolyn Kitterer

Chapter Two meets the 1st Tuesday at 9:30 am. Chair June Carrell

Bridge groups meet monthly for bridge and friendship. Most groups are open for new and substitute members.

Bridge I – 1st Thurs., 11:30 am-3:00 pm, hostess choice. Chair Kay Lamphear

Bridge II – 2nd Thurs., 10:30 am, hostess choice. Play cards and eat lunch at the Grand Lodge, Chair Gail O'Hanlon

Bridge III – 1st Thurs., 7:00 pm. New members welcome. Chair Marsha Conley

Bridge Marathon – monthly (Oct.-Apr.) Chair Marilyn Bernthal,

Collectors feature the collection of a member or guest speaker and is a fun, educational experience. Members need not be a collector. Meets most months on 4th Thurs. At 9:30 am. Chair Betty Anderson

Community Outreach - Sew and/or assemble "shower belts" for mastectomy patients so that they are able to shower hands free. Members meet the second Thursday of the month from 9:30 - 12:00 at the home of the chair, Sheryl Hudgins

Couples Gourmet meets monthly for a dinner with the theme, recipes, and date chosen by the host. Singles welcome. Chairs Nancy and Bryan Shank

Culinary Arts meets monthly with members bringing a dish of choice from a monthly theme selected by the group.

Daytime - third Wednesday, 11:30 am, Sushma Agrawal

Evening – 2nd Thursday, 7 pm. Chairs Cheri Peterson, Jane Zatechka

Faculty Dinner Dance Club – dining and dancing to a live band, Sept-Apr at East Campus Student Union. Optional dinner 6:30 pm, dancing 7:30-10 pm. Cost \$100 per couple/year or \$60/semester. Individual dances \$20 (\$25 Dec). Novice dancers welcome. A non-member couple may attend one dance free. Janice & Ralph Olson

Fair Weather Friends join our exercise group! Meets every fair weather Monday, 8:00 am (at Holmes Lake for walking, talking, and fitness). Chair Cheri Peterson

International Club welcomes everyone. Monthly programs or lunch outings to learn about other countries and their cultures. Chairs Kelly Powell, Kay Rockwell, Rosita Moore

Meals on Wheels delivers hot meals to the elderly and disabled on a Monday or Tuesday each month. Volunteers needed to serve for 1-1 ½ hours monthly. Chair Chris Read

Newcomers & Friends are new members plus other members of UNLWC who wish to participate in activities. Meets most Wednesdays at 9:30 am for coffee and conversation at Panera Bread, Southpointe Pavillions or another local coffee shop. See article with information in this newsletter. Chairs Theresa Cornelius

Piecemakers quilting group meets every Tuesday, 9:30 am-noon. Lessons available to those wanting to learn. Non-quilters are encouraged to bring a needlework project and join in. Chair Jane Clegg

Town & Gown Investors is a group of exploring investors, both novice and experienced. Open for new members and always open for visitors. Meets the 2nd Monday at 7:15 pm at Eastmont Seasons in their meeting room. Chair & President, Patricia Beck

Travel Groups share their love of travel, adventure, experiences, and pictures from around the world. Couples and singles are welcome.

Travel I - 3rd Sunday, 7:00 pm. Chairs Sharon Sawyers

Travel II – 3rd Sunday, 1:00 pm. Chair Sue Waldren

Variety Club – Join in a different activity each time we gather (e.g. movie, lunch, discussion, volunteer opportunity, performance, etc.). Chair Debra Raddatz-Portnoy.

Scholarship Recipients

Thanks to member generosity and great fundraising activities, UNLWC has been able to award a total of \$15,000 in scholarships for the 2015-16 academic year.

Our scholarship recipients are: Emily Ahmann, Biological Sciences; Paxton Graham, Finance; Blade Jacobson, Economics and Finance; Sam Jensen, Psychology; Alana Lerman, Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology; Zachary Lundak, Finance; Grant Moehlenhoff, Architecture; Megan Personett, Hospitality, Restaurant and Tourism Management; Rosena Startzman, Accounting and Finance; Juan Velasco, Art; and Brittany Wordekemper, Biological Sciences.

All of these students maintain a high GPA, are active in University extracurricular activities, and volunteer in the community. We offer our congratulations to these outstanding and deserving students and thanks to our membership for supporting scholarships!



Three 2014-15 scholarship recipients attended the Spring Luncheon: Jordan Anderson, Alicia Rogers, Derrick Stevens, pictured with the Scholarship Committee.

"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give" - -Winston S. Churchill

An anonymous donation of \$10,000 was received in the UNL Women's Club Scholarship Fund in December 2014. Our heartfelt thanks for this wonderful gift



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