

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Women's Club

Established 1894

Fall 2018

Upcoming Events:

September 12- Annual Welcome Event

October 30 – Fall Tour

November 14 – Fall Brunch

January 23 – Interest Group Luncheon

January 30 – General Meeting

February/March – General meeting

April 3 – Spring Luncheon

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Ten years ago, my husband, Mark, and I dragged our three angsty children from Purdue University to UNL. Uprooting the delicate balance of a teenager's friend group is an endeavor that requires tact, courage and grit! I joke that we locked our bedroom door for the first six months as protection from the rage of our eldest. It wasn't quite that bad, but...almost. How could we assure them that we really had their best in mind by taking them to the middle of America where the cows outnumbered the people?

I've heard story after story of women who thought that Lincoln, NE was a stopping place on the way to somewhere else. Only to find they'd just seen 30 years pass – and had loved every bit of it! UNL has a way of getting into your heart. The people are warm, witty, creative, generous, courageous, authentic and downright lovable! Whether you're new to the area, or a native, I imagine you've discovered this for yourself.

This year the UNL Women's Club has a wonderful group of women who have accepted the responsibility of leadership. I know you will support and encourage them as they endeavor to plan activities to foster friendships, explore the heritage of Nebraska, serve the students of UNL, learn new skills and build memories together. Our Welcome Event will be held at the home of President Hank and Susie Bounds on Wednesday, September 12th. We are so very thankful for the gracious hospitality Susie has provided our club each year since she and Hank have led the University of Nebraska system. The President's office will send invites towards the end of the summer.

Other activities to look forward to are:

- Fall Tour – October 30th: John Neihardt State Historic Site, Bancroft, NE and Historic Fremont, NE
- Fall Brunch – November 14th at The Landing

I hope you will take the time to join these activities and even invite someone to join you. I have travelled extensively; I have met with women who are refugees from war-torn regions; I have lived in several states and one thing is certain: All women want community, friendships and the opportunity to see their family thrive. We have been blessed to live in a place and time in history that allows those basic desires to be met – right here in Lincoln, NE and through the UNL Women's Club. Join us in making this the best year ever!

I'm happy to report that our children eventually forgave us and saw the benefit of our move. If you're new to the community, I hope you'll allow yourself the time and have the courage to put down roots and grow. We would love to have you join our community!

Mae Anne Balschweid, President 2018-2019

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Women's Club



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.

Annual Welcome Event

The annual Fall Welcome Event will be held on **September 12, 2018** at the home of President Hank and Susie Bounds. Susie has graciously offered to host this event at her home again this year. Invitations from the President's Office will inform members of all the details. We look forward to seeing you there!



Fall 2018 Membership Renewal

Watch for Membership Renewals in Your Email Soon!

Once again this year, your membership renewal forms will be coming to you via email. If you have questions, email Marla Kraft. Members without email will receive a printed renewal form in their regular mail. Dues are \$25 for all brand new members and current members renewing before September 30. After that time, dues are \$30 for renewing members. Please remember that to participate in interest groups, your dues must be current.

Newcomers and Friends



Women new to UNL Women's Club are Newcomers for 3 years, meeting informally to have fun and get acquainted. Any UNLWC members (the "friends") are welcome to participate in the coffees and activities. Most Wednesdays we meet for coffee and conversation at Panera Bread at Southpointe Pavillions, Le Quartier or other coffee shops. E-mails are sent to Newcomers and Friends with details of activities. If you would like to be added to the e-mail list or have any questions, contact Debby Portnoy.

New Interest Group Opera 101

Did you know the University of Nebraska has an Opera Program? If you don't, you're not alone...but, now that you do know...would you like to join others who are interested in learning about opera on our campus; both novice and sage? If your answer is yes, then this is the group for you.

UNL Opera is an award winning program, both nationally and internationally, and produces, at a minimum, two Main Stage productions each year. This group will meet once in the fall for an "Opera 101" lecture with UNL Director of Opera and Professor of Voice, Dr. William Shomos. Date and location will be determined based upon the size of our group. Then, the group will plan to attend the Fall and Spring productions, including the Pre-performance talk. Any ticket costs will be the responsibility of the individual. For more information, please contact Mary Beth Shomos. Dates and times of events will be available once the group is established.



UNL Women's Club FALL TOUR 2018

John G. Neihardt State Historic Site, Bancroft, Nebraska

306 W. Elm Street <http://neihardtcenter.org/>

Recommended book prior to visit: *Black Elk Speaks* by John G. Neihardt © 2014

Historic Fremont

Enjoy delicious homemade pie among object d'art at the Art Association and check out unique little shops on Historic Main Street

Tour a Grand Old Building: Fremont Opera House

541 N. Broad Street <http://fremontoperahouse.org/our-past-and-future/>

The Fremont Opera House, formerly the Love Opera House held its grand opening performance December 14, 1888. It was the start to nearly 28 years of successful live theater in Fremont.



This five-story structure was considered one of the finest buildings in the state, with an amazing seating capacity of 1,100. The theater space located on the upper three floors was considered ornate with an impressive domed ceiling.

In 1975 the Opera House became the first building in Fremont to join the National Registry of Historic Places. It earned this recognition in part due to the architecture of the structure and physical size.

DATE: Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2018

TIME: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

DEPARTURE SITE: Cross the Line Church, 5925 Adams Street

COST: Includes motor coach & driver gratuity, snack, lunch, and pie stop in Fremont.

If you want a morning coffee, please pick it up at a coffee shop; it must have a lid.

UNLWC Members \$36.00

Guests \$41.00

Registration Use either this form OR the form on page 8

Reservation deadline October 2

Name: _____ Guest's name: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Email: _____ Email: _____

_____ Members @ \$36.00 = \$ _____

_____ Guests @ \$41.00 = _____

Total \$ _____

Make check out to UNLWC with a notation that it is for the Fall Tour 2018, and send it to:
Kay Rockwell

If you have questions, please contact Kay Rockwell at unlwomensclub@gmail.com

Fall Brunch

Wednesday November 14

Gathering at 10:30 am
Brunch served at 11:00 am
The Landing at Williamsburg Village
3500 Faulkner Drive

Cost \$18 for members
\$23 for non-members

Reservation deadline November 7
Make check payable to UNLWC

Mail using the form included in this newsletter

If you have questions contact
Beth Goble



Fundraising

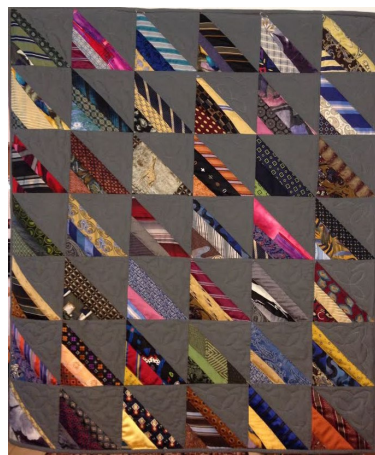
Fundraising – The Act of Giving

“Fundraising is the gentle art of teaching the joy of giving” - Hank Rosso

This is the fourth year we are focusing on direct donations from our members. Your past generosity has contributed to the success of the UNLWC’s fundraising. A personal letter will be sent in August, asking for a contribution to help fund the scholarships we present to outstanding University of Nebraska – Lincoln students. Thank you for your previous support. Please consider what you are able to give, each donation contributes to the success of a student. Your efforts are truly appreciated.

Silk Necktie Quilt

The UNLWC Piecemakers Quilt Group have created a beautiful new quilt from silk neckties. The neckties belonged to Prem Paul, UNL Vice Chancellor for Research, from 2001 – 2016.



His widow, Missy Paul donated the neckties to the quilting group to use for their projects. The quilt is 44” x 52”, contains 42 blocks and includes parts of 126 of his silk ties. The quilt will be raffled at the Spring Luncheon and you need not be present to win. Ticket prices: \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. The quilt will be displayed for the first time at the Fall Welcome Event.

The members of the group are so pleased that their quilts have been used to help provide scholarship funds, to students at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln. Tickets will be sold throughout the year at all UNLWC events.

UNLWC Officers 2018-2019

President – Mae Anne Balschweid

President Elect/Cor. Secretary – Miriam McCornick

2nd VP/Newcomers – Debby Portnoy

3rd VP/Membership – Marla Kraft

Recording Secretary – Chris Wilhelm

Treasurer – Eileen Carroll

UNLWC Committee Chairs 2018-2019

Advisor/Parliamentarian	Marion Carr
Communications/Publicity	Ivette Bender
Courtesy	Diane Mohrhoff
Fall Brunch	Beth Goble
Fundraising	Susan Simon
Historian	Brenda Keith
Hospitality	Luming Brewer
Interest Groups	Pat Hurley
Membership	Marla Kraft
Newsletter	Marion Carr
Programs	Kelly Powell
Scholarship	Mary Clark
Spring Luncheon	Mae Anne Balschweid
Telephone	Gail O'Hanlon
Tour	Kay Rockwell
Webmaster	Marion Carr



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 has passed away, please advise our Courtesy Chair, Diane Mohrhoff at unlwomensclub@gmail.com



Members who have passed away since the Spring 2018 newsletter

Doreen Jose

Dolores Mather

Josephine Sheffield

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.

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 Annual Welcome Event 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 Pat Hurley, Interest Group Chair, unlwomensclub@gmail.com

Arts & Crafts meets monthly to make a craft item. 3rd Friday at 10:00am. Chair - to be determined.

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

Reading with Friends meets the 1st Wednesday at 9:30.

Chair Wanda Hein

Chapter Two meets the 2nd Tuesday at 9:30 am. Chair

Deb Miller

Making Meaning Together meets the 3rd Friday at 10:00 am. Chair Nancy Weller

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

Bridge I meets 1st Thursday, 11:30-3:00pm, hostess choice. Chair Mary Schkade

Bridge II meets 2nd Thursday, 10:30am hostess choice.

Play cards and eat lunch at the Grand Lodge, Chair Margie Dickinson

Bridge III meets 1st Thursday, 7:00pm. New members welcome. Chair

Bridge Marathon meets monthly October-April. Chair Marilyn Bernthal

Collectors feature the collections of a member or guest speaker and is a fun, educational experience. Members need not be a collector. Meets most months on 4th Thursday at 10:00am. Chair - to be determined.

Community Outreach - Sew and/or assemble "shower belts" for mastectomy patients so that they are able to shower hands free. Members meet the 2nd Tuesday of odd months from 10:00-12:00pm at the home of the Chair, Sheryl Hudgins,

Couples Gourmet meets monthly for a dinner with the theme, recipes, and date/time chosen by the host. Singles welcome. Chairs Karen and Gary Heusel

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. Chair Vicki Hoffman

Daytime/Evening – 2nd Thursday, 11:45am. Chairs Mary Burrow and Ann Pardy

Exercise Support Group is designed to provide support for those UNL Women's Club members who currently need support for a healthier lifestyle, which includes exercise. We meet in the front lobby of Madonna Proactive but you do not need to be a Madonna Proactive member to attend this interest group. Meets 2nd Thursday at 10:30 am, Chair Priscilla Henkelmann

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

Meals on Wheels delivers hot meals to the elderly and disabled on a daily basis. 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 the Southpointe Panera Bread, Le Quartier or other coffee shops. See article with information in this newsletter. Chair Debby Portnoy

Opera 101 UNL has an Opera Program? Yes, we do! Learn more about it from UNL Director of Opera William Shomos, then attend a UNL Opera production as a group. Tickets costs are the responsibility of the individual. Chair Mary Beth Shomos

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 Billie Lefholtz

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. Chair – To be determined

Variety Club – Join in a different activity each time we gather (e.g. movie, lunch, discussion, volunteer opportunity, performance, etc.). Chairs Eileen Carroll, Mary Schkade, Chris Wilhelm

UNLWC Friends Gatherings



FALL TOUR

Tuesday, October 30,
8:00 am – 5:00 pm
John G. Neihardt State Historic Site,
Bancroft and Fremont
Cost \$36.00 members
\$41.00 non-members

**Reservation Deadline
October 2**

Make check payable to UNLWC
and mail to*:
Kay Rockwell

Member Name _____

Cell Phone _____

Guest Name(s) _____

Guest Cell Phone(s) _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

FALL BRUNCH

Wednesday, November 14, 10:30 am
The Landing at Williamsburg Village
3500 Faulkner Drive

Cost \$18.00 members
\$23 non-members

**Reservation Deadline
November 7**

Make check payable to UNLWC
and mail to*:
Mary Schkade

Member Name _____

Phone _____

Guest Name(s) _____

Guest Phone(s) _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

QUILT RAFFLE TICKETS

Drawing to be held at the
UNLWC Spring Luncheon
on April 3, 2019

Cost \$5.00/ticket or
5 tickets for \$20.00

Proceeds will go toward the UNLWC
scholarship fund

Tickets will be completed on your behalf
and placed in the drawing

Make check payable to UNLWC
and mail to*:
Susan Simon

Member Name _____

Phone _____

Number of Tickets _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Scholarship Recipients

Scholarships to UNL students have been a key component of the UNL Women’s Club for many decades. Through great efforts to raise funds and the generosity of members, we have \$20,000 to give during the 2018-2019 academic year.

Our recipients and their majors are:

- Rachel Finnegan - Advertising & Public Relations
- Cheyenne Gerlach - Integrated Sciences, One Health & Social Entrepreneurship
- Lukas Hall - Biological Systems Engineering, Pre-Medicine
- Alex Hergenrader - Nutrition & Health Sciences, Pre-Medicine
- Brook McCluskey - Science, Nutrition, Exercise & Health Science
- Ana Perez-Senic - Spanish & Sociology
- Savannah Schafer - Agricultural Education: Teaching Option
- Katrina Voge - English

All of the students displayed academic achievement, financial need, extracurricular activities, and community volunteer activities. We offer congratulations to these outstanding and deserving students as well as thanks to our membership for supporting scholarships!



Five 2017-2018 scholarship recipients attended the Spring Luncheon on Wednesday, April 11, 2018, left to right along with the Scholarship committee: Linda Rabbe, Ory Wickizer, Nathanael Sheets, Katlyn LaCroix, Tiara Tingle, Andrea Hogsett, Mary Clark and Meredith McGowan.

**Successful 2017-2018 Fundraising
Thanks to UNLWC members!**

Donations from members to the UNL Foundation for the UNLWC Scholarship Fund of which \$854 came from the Spring Luncheon Envelope Collection.	\$11,016
Spring Luncheon Basket Raffle	\$ 1,402
Big Red Poppy Quilt Raffle Fundraiser	\$ 450



Susan Taylor, left, was the lucky winner of the Big Red Poppy quilt at the Spring Luncheon, pictured with Amy Kucken

REMINDER - UNLWC NEWSLETTERS ARE ELECTRONIC

Following the trend of other Big Ten Women’s Clubs and other social and volunteer organizations, the UNLWC newsletter is now distributed via email. Those members who do not have email access will receive a print copy. Some printed copies will be available for guests at club events.

**Visit UNL Women’s Club web page at
www.unl.edu/womensclub**

**President Mae Anne Balschweid
Newcomers Chair Debby Portnoy**

