

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Women's Club

Established 1894

Fall 2020

Welcome to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Women's Club (UNLWC) 2020 Fall Newsletter! Our organization is turning 126 years old, and we can be proud of our remarkable accomplishments. This year in particular brings new challenges (or opportunities for creativity)!

Upcoming Events:

September 16 – Annual Welcome Event

October 14 – Fall Tour

November 5 – Fall Brunch

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This fall marks 20 years of living in Lincoln for my family. I believe my first UNLWC experience was when my husband and I shared about our year in Namibia with the International Club (thanks to Myra Wilhite). Now, as President, I'm thrilled and appreciative that we have an all-star team of Board Members made up of club veterans with years of experience and excited newer members who have stepped up to be leaders when asked.

I feel our mission statement is more important than ever this year. As we have had to isolate ourselves these past months, our friendships and connections have become so important to all of us, even if the contact is over the phone or at a drive-by or on Zoom. The University and students will need our service as they face these challenges as well. Our scholarships will be especially important, and we can take pride in the record-breaking amount, \$26,000, to be awarded this year! Additionally, our Community Outreach Interest Group will include a sewing project making masks for UNL students and our tradition of donating to the Husker Pantry will continue. Thank you for your continued support of our great University!

As we face the "social distancing" challenge, the creativity and ingenuity of our leaders within the UNLWC never cease to amaze me. We will figure out ways to connect under these conditions. I know you are prepared for event adjustments this year, and flexibility will be key.

Our Annual Welcome event will be held online on September 16th. If you are new to our club, please check our list of Interest Groups and see what sparks joy for you! Our Interest Group Chairs are adapting as needed, and I so appreciate their willingness to lead.

The Fall Tour, on October 14th, will be going virtual but will have the added excitement of a "mystery" component. A lovely Fall Brunch has been planned at the Country Club on November 5th, if we are able to gather. Registration for the fall events will be emailed as each date approaches.

I am so very honored to be your President and I am excited for the year ahead. Our club has evolved and faced difficult time periods in the past, and we are responding to this year's challenges with Husker enthusiasm!

Kelly Powell

President, UNL 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 who is interested in the activities, well-being and continuance of the University of Nebraska and the UNL Women's Club.

Annual Welcome Event



Our annual Fall Welcome event will be held online on September 16th and will feature an overview of the year ahead and updates on our Interest Groups. Participation information will be emailed to members.



Fall Brunch

~ **Together Again** ~

**Thursday November 5, 2020
Country Club of Lincoln**

**Gathering at 10:30 AM
Brunch served at 11:00 AM**

**An email with additional details including
a registration form will be sent to members
as we finalize the event**



FALL TOUR - SAVE THE DATE!!!

Wednesday, October 14, 2020

**Plan now to join in the fun for our 2020 UNLWC
Virtual Fall Tour of “TREASURES, TREATS & TRUFFLES!” This will be
an afternoon virtual tour which means you will be able to enjoy the
fun from the comfort of your armchair while you access Zoom on the
internet. Put your feet up, enjoy your favorite beverage and join us as
we combine our love of exploring new places, sampling unique
products and sharing warm fellowship
with our dear UNLWC members.**

**Watch for complete details and the registration form to arrive in your
email mid-September. We look forward to having you join us in our
adventure and sharing of “Treasures, Treats and Truffles.”**

Your tour guides,

Janet Wendland & Judy Hofeldt

Newcomers and Friends

Newcomers and Friends meets weekly (Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.) for friendship, conversation, and refreshments. The “Newcomers” are UNLWC members of three years or less. The “Friends” are all UNLWC members who want to participate in the coffees and activities. Traditionally we have met at area coffee shops, but due to Covid-19 concerns, we have been meeting at Holmes Lake since mid-June. In view of the continuing challenges to practice safe, social distancing, participants provide their own chairs and beverages. Masks are optional, dependent on one’s comfort level outdoors. When we move into cooler weather, I will seek feedback on future gatherings to ensure everyone’s safety and comfort level. Guests and new members are welcome. Members are emailed where the group will meet each week. If you would like to be added to the email list or have any questions, please contact Karen Buckley, unlwomensclub@gmail.com.



Heritage League Holiday of Trees Event

UNLWC participates in this annual event at Westminster Presbyterian Church, usually in late November (if conditions allow).

This annual tradition includes the creative decoration of a themed Christmas tree by a group of our club members and promotes our club to the event attendees. The proceeds from the Holiday of Trees Event go toward a local organization working to better our community. For info contact Miriam McCornick at unlwomensclub@gmail.com.



New Community Outreach Opportunity

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, UNL classrooms will look different in the fall semester. Students will be wearing masks for everyone's safety. UNL Women's Club will help by sewing masks to donate to students. If you would like to cut out and/or sew masks, or would be able to contribute 100% cotton fabric, 1/8 or 1/4 inch elastic or fusible interfacing, or would like more information about this project, contact Debby Raddtzt-Portnoy at unlwomensclub@gmail.com.



Huskers Helping Huskers Pantry

UNLWC will continue to collect donations for the Huskers Helping Huskers Pantry when we are able to resume our in-person events. For the time being, monetary donations would be greatly appreciated and can be mailed to:

Husker Pantry
c/o Megan Patel
127C HCCN (University Health Center)
Lincoln, NE 68588

The Husker Pantry is a resource for students who struggle with food and/or shelter insecurity. It is located at the University Health Center, is available to all students, and items are free of charge. For more information about the Pantry visit <https://pantry.unl.edu/>



UNLWC Officers 2020-2021

President – Kelly Powell

President Elect/Cor. Secretary – Eileen Carroll

2nd VP/Newcomers – Karen Buckley

3rd VP/Membership – Marla Kraft

Recording Secretary – Tina Shrader

Treasurer – Jessie Waller



The Executive Committee of UNLWC for 2020-2021 are, left to right: Tina Shrader, Jessie Waller, Eileen Carroll, Marla Kraft, Karen Buckley, and Kelly Powell.

UNLWC Committee Chairs 2020-2021

Advisor/Parliamentarian	Miriam McCornick
Courtesy	Diane Mohrhoff
Fall Brunch	Carol Rundquist
Fall Tour	Janet Wendland & Judy Hofeldt
Fundraising	Kate Andrews
Historian	Brenda Keith
Hospitality	Chris Wilhelm
Interest Groups	Deb Miller
Newsletter	Marion Carr
Programs	Mary Schkade
Publicity	Ivette Bender
Scholarship	Cathi Haisch
Spring Luncheon	Mary Beth Shomos
Telephone	Gail O'Hanlon
Webmaster	Marion Carr

Membership Renewal

Membership renewal forms will be mailed along with a fundraising letter again this year. Please watch for this mailing in mid-August. Your dues are payable by September 30.

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 2020 newsletter

Marilyn Jones
 Marilyn Kersten
 Wanda Lancaster
 Anna "Hink" Sahs
 Marguerite "Marge" Young

In memory of a member who has passed away, a card is sent to the family expressing our sympathy noting that in April of each year, a memorial donation in the amount of \$300.00 from UNL Women's Club funds will be sent to the NU Foundation UNLWC Scholarship Fund for former and present members who have passed away since the last memorial donation, along with a letter listing the individuals.

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 Deb Miller, Interest Group Chair, unlwomensclub@gmail.com.

Arts & Crafts meets monthly to make a craft item on the 3rd Friday at 10:00am. Chair –TBD. This group is on hold until groups can safely meet again.

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

Book Club I - 1st Wednesday at 9:30am. Chair
Chris Read

Book Club II - 1st Tuesday at 9:30am. Chair Deb
Miller

Book Club III - 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. Plans are uncertain for fall due to Covid-19

Bridge I - 1st Thursday, 11:30-3:00pm. Chair
Margie Dickinson

Bridge II - 2nd Thursday, 10:30am. Chair Linda
Rabbe

Bridge III - 1st Thursday at 7:00pm. Chair Deanna
Sincovec

Bridge Marathon meets monthly October-April.
Chair Kay Rockwell

Community Outreach – Sew or supply materials to make face masks for UNL students. Chair Debby Raddatz-Portnoy

Couples Gourmet meets monthly for a dinner with the theme, recipes, and date/time chosen by the host. Have met for virtual cocktails and are exploring other possibilities. Chairs Nancy and Bryan Shank

Culinary Arts meets monthly with members bringing a dish of choice from a monthly theme selected by the group. Plans are uncertain at this time.

Daytime - 3rd Wednesday, 11:30 am. Chair
Carol Riefler

Nooners - 2nd Thursday, noon.
Chair Carol Riefler

International Club welcomes everyone. Monthly programs to learn about other countries and their cultures. Will meet via Zoom. Dates vary. Chairs Kay Rockwell, Marilyn Schnepf, May Ann Williams

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. Have been meeting in parks and/or Zoom. Chair Karen Buckley

Piecemakers quilting group meets every Tuesday, 9:30am-noon. Beginners welcome. Non-quilters are encouraged to bring a needlework project and join in. On hold for present. Chair Lori Miller

Variety Club – Join in a different activity each time we gather (e.g. movie, lunch, discussion, volunteer opportunity, performance, etc.) Will look for safe opportunities. Chairs Mary Schkade, Chris Wilhelm, Karen Buckley

Scholarship Recipients

This year we are pleased to award scholarships of \$2600 each to ten UNL students for the 2020-2021 academic year for a total of \$26,000. Our recipients and their majors are:

- Kiley Allgood – Communication Sciences and Disorders
- Fatima Al-Sammak - Microbiology
- Madison Bosilevac – Communications Sciences and Disorders
- Elizabeth Byrnes – Sociology and Communication Studies
- Hannah Cass - Economics
- Jadyn Cattau – Human Development & Family Science, Pre-Occupational Therapy
- Abigail Durham – Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Communication
- Alexa Easley - Actuarial Sciences
- Alexandria Humlicek-Linwood – Agribusiness
- Claire Kubicek – Speech Language-Language Pathology

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!

Fundraising

2020 has been quite a year so far! With all of the challenges facing our college students in the near future, financial aid will be more important than ever. We need your support to help our scholarships continue to reach deserving students. You will soon be receiving a mailing that will include both a membership renewal form and an opportunity for you to make a donation to the UNLWC scholarship fund. If you are able, we would love it if you would make a donation in any amount to help us meet our fundraising goals. Once again we have a wonderfully generous donor who will match up to ten \$500 donations!

2019-20 by the numbers!

- Last year we received donations totaling **\$15,749**
- This money came to us via **217** separate donations
- Included in the total is **\$1,500** via the anonymous match from a very generous member
- Also included in the total is **\$2,600** that was given in memory of Wanda Omtvedt

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.



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Past UNLWC Gatherings and Activities

