

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Women's Club

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Spring 2021

Upcoming Events:

February 10 – General Meeting - Pat Lopez
Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Director

March 25 – General Meeting - Dr. Susan Fritz
Executive Vice President and Provost, UNL

April 7 – Spring Luncheon

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Happy New Year!

As we say goodbye to a year for the history books, let's welcome 2021 with the hope and expectation of new prospects ahead! We have learned how resilient we can be from the challenges of 2020 and how we can stay connected in new ways as well as some of the old ways. We can be thankful for new technologies that make connecting online possible and we can have a renewed appreciation for the traditional method of snail mail.

I am so proud and grateful for the efforts of the UNLWC membership! I have loved the bold and creative ways that our leaders have worked to keep our events going. The scholarship response has been tremendous, and I so appreciate how the membership has risen to the challenge when asked. We can also be proud of our mask-sewers who provided UNL with 280 masks for students as well as to rural areas in Nebraska where the need was great. Our fall semester Husker Pantry Day was a huge success as well! We contributed 60 bags of groceries plus monetary donations, which directly assists students in need.

As you read about our upcoming opportunities, I hope you will find a way to join in and stay connected to our wonderful community. Our activity chairpersons are planning some excellent online events for this spring! Mary Schkade, our Programs Chair, has excellent programs arranged with two local women leaders. In early February, we will have the opportunity to hear Pat Lopez RN, MSN (County Health Director) discuss her role in 2021, and in early March, Dr. Susan Fritz (UNL Executive VP and Provost) will be sharing with us about her journey in the field of higher education. Then, last but not least, our fabulous Spring Luncheon will be moving online under the leadership of Mary Beth Shomos and will feature a local entrepreneurial business, The Mill. If you have not joined one of our online events yet, I encourage you to give it a try. Do not hesitate to ask for assistance! Registration forms for the spring events will be emailed as each date approaches.

Lastly, as we look to the future, I want to invite those of you interested in becoming involved in the UNLWC to share your time and talents! Please consider joining the Board in one of the many possible positions or even try it out as an assistant/trainee to an official Board Member. I would also encourage you to lead or co-lead an Interest Group. Many hands make light work! We have such a supportive community who welcomes everyone and helps share the load. May this spring season bring us the joy of both old and new friendships!

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.

UNLWC General Meeting

February 10, 2021, 1:00 pm

Pat Lopez RN, MSN

Lincoln-Lancaster County
Health Director

Topic - The Role of the
Health Director in 2021



UNLWC General Meeting

March 3, 2021, 1:00 pm

Dr. Susan Fritz

Executive Vice President and Provost
University of Nebraska

Topic – “My Professional Journey in
Higher Education”



UNL Women’s Club Spring Luncheon

April 7, 2021

Spring Fling – A Ring A Ding Ding!!!



As we herald the arrival of spring 2021, what better name to give a celebration where we will (hopefully) be emerging from a year like none other!

With hopefulness in mind, we are going to ask you to humor us by allowing for flexibility in our programming as we adapt to Pandemic Protocol which is sure to change through the next months!!

But, here’s what we know now.....we are working with the fine folks at The Mill to offer you a Box luncheon that will use locally sourced ingredients and goodies!

And, we will continue our tradition of fundraising with some fun(d) ways to contribute to the Scholarship Fund!!

Look for an email after the first of the year with details and registration form!



UNL Women's Club Fall Tour 2020

A full tour group of 36 UNLWC members accompanied us on a virtual tour of four local entrepreneurial businesses on October 14, 2020. The theme of "Treasures, Treats and Truffles" was brought to life in each of the individual businesses. Members received deluxe gift bags via special member delivery on the morning of October 14. Included in the bags were samplings of products from each vendor and literature highlighting the four selected College View vendors. Also, a complimentary issue of the UNL Fall 2020 Nebraska Alumni Quarterly was included, as it featured articles about two of our special vendors.



We toured The Mill Coffee and Tea first, and learned the backstory and history of the business as presented by the owners, Dan and Tamara Sloan. Signature products of coffee, tea and biscotti were included for sampling during the presentation. After the presentation and member questions and answers, a door prize drawing was held for several treasures, treats and truffles from The Mill.



Our second destination was Mat Myers' Tamayta Spice Market and Sharpening shop. Mat is the owner and gave a demonstration of how he compounds spice mixtures for various applications. He also shared a recipe for a steak and chop rub and gave samples of this mixture to all as well as a cinnamon extra blend. After his demo and question/answer segment, we held a drawing for spices and Tabasco chocolates from his shop.

We scooted along to Licorice International and enjoyed speaking with Erin Burianek, the new owner of the shop. Erin discussed how she developed her love for licorice and this mail order international business and retail locations. She also shared information about how a trip to Italy sparked her interest in gelato and developing this business too. She too shared a wonderful packet of unique licorices to sample. Our third drawing was for a combination gift pack of red and black licorice.



Our last tour stop was at Goldenrod Pastries and viewing a video prepared by Angela Garbacz, owner of this woman-owned business. Angela had an amazing backstory to share with us while we enjoyed fresh-baked delicious gluten-free pound cakes and cookies from our gift bags. Angela's door prize was her autographed recipe book, "Perfectly Golden."

These delightful visits were made possible utilizing the skills of Kelly Powell as our zoom moderator and Jon Humiston as our professional videographer. Our special delivery crew was Jean Detlefsen, Pat Hurley, Eileen Carroll, Chris Wilhelm, Judy Hofeldt and Janet Wendland. Assistance with correspondence and record keeping was provided by Marla Kraft and Jessie Waller. Jean Detlefsen gave us special artistic assistance with the gift bag production. Judy Hofeldt and Janet Wendland were the tour chair guides.



Interest Groups Updates

Interest Group Chair Appreciation Luncheon

In recognition of the COVID-19 situation, the decision has been made to postpone the Interest Group Chair Appreciation Luncheon, which is usually held in January or February. While the Chancellor's Office is still supporting the event, our contact indicated that most traditionally winter events are being postponed until spring, when an outdoor venue can be used and allow for social distancing. Our current plan is to hold the Appreciation Luncheon in late April as a thank you for all the extra effort our group chairs have gone to during this challenging time. With the positive news about vaccines, we are hoping for more options to be available to us. More information will follow.



The **Book Clubs** are meeting via Zoom for the time being and the **Bridge Clubs** are on hiatus until it is safe to meet in person.

Piecemakers are not meeting until it is safe to do so. They have been sending pictures to one another on what they have been working on.



After being on hiatus since March due to the pandemic, **Variety Club** opened the club year with a picnic at Antelope Park and a visit to the Lincoln Children's Zoo. In October, Variety Club members met at Pioneers Park for a picnic and a walking tour of the park. The November activity was lunch at Southeast Community College's Course Restaurant. Variety Club will again be on hiatus for the remaining winter months.



International Interest Group kicked off this year's programs outdoors at the Shelter at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church. Lanetta Edison-Soe, a member of the Karen ethnic group from Burma shared her story. The next month Kathleen Simley taught us how to use Zoom. The International Interest Group will be taking a sabbatical through May and programs will resume in October 2021.





Couples Gourmet is meeting virtually this year with monthly hosts' choice of format. In November, the hosts chose a wine for members to pick up (touch-free) and to develop a menu around. On the Zoom call, members shared stories about how their meals turned out, with lots of recipes exchanged. **The Nooners** has not met but had a Zoom meeting in December, and **Daytime Culinary Arts** is currently not meeting.



Now that Covid-19 numbers have put almost everyone in the red zone, **Newcomers and Friends** have switched to Wednesday morning Zoom coffees. We are hoping to alternate morning gatherings at Gateway Food Court with Zoom coffees early in 2021. The news on a Covid vaccine looks very promising so we may safely return to our coffee house Wednesday mornings in the not so distant future and switch



to coffees at Holmes Lake as a change of pace during the warmer months. Please consider joining us whenever possible. Watch for weekly emails regarding Newcomers and Friends coffees. For more information, contact Karen Buckley at unlwomensclub@gmail.com.



Our **Husker Pantry** Donation Day on Sept. 30 was a great success! Over 60 bags and boxes of food and supplies as well as monetary donations were collected. This is another effort of UNLWC to help students in need. The Pantry is available to all students and items are free of charge.



Check out their website for more information: pantry.unl.edu. We will have another Husker Pantry Donation Day in the spring, so watch your emails for upcoming information.

Community Outreach. Debby Raddatz-Portnoy headed up a team of facemask sewers and delivered 280 handmade Covid masks to UNL in September. They were distributed to the Husker Pantry and extension offices throughout the state and by the health agencies they work with citing a lack of resources in rural areas. This project was done at no cost to UNLWC while at the same time spreading good will and community concern with the "Sewn by the UNL Women's Club" label.



2020 Fundraising Campaign

We recognize those members listed below who have given to the Scholarship Fund from May 1 – December 31, 2020. Members who requested their donation remain anonymous are not listed as well as those who sent their donations directly to the NU Foundation. All donors are much appreciated!

Paula Aguilar	Vicki Hoffmann	Jane Peters
Celia Andrews	Caroline Hug	Cheri Peterson
Marybell Avery	Pat Hurley	Kelly Powell
Jody Batten	Jan Jaecks	Linda Rabbe
Ivette Bender	Karen Janovy	Debby Raddatz-Portnoy
Marilyn Bernthal	Judy Jensen	Barbara Rader
Helen Beukelman	Joan Johnson	Monica Reid
Linda Bitney	Julie Johnson	Carol Riefler
Carolyn Brandle	M. Colleen Jones	Jill Riley
Luming Brewer	Earla Karels	Carol Rundquist
Karen Buckley	Rita Kean	Mary Schkade
Mary Burrow	Brenda Keith	Gloria "Gidge" Schmidt
Marion Carr	Carol Kendrick	Ruth Ann Schulte
June Carrell	Gail Keown	Sharon Seagren
Eileen Carroll	Carolyn Kitterer	Catherine Sellmyer
Kathy Carter	Marla Kraft	Linda Shearman
Mary Clark	Elizabeth LaRue	Tina Shrader
Patricia Crews	Mary Lutz	Rogene Silletto
Nikki DeFrain	Janet Martin	Pat Sim
Jean Detlefsen	Ruth Massengale	Deanna Sincovec
Maria Eisenhauer	Lois Mayo	Arlene Smith
Dorene Eisentrager	Penny McCord	Norma Sturgeon
Lana Etling	Miriam McCornick	Susan Taylor
Joyce Genoways	Meredith McGowan	Barbara Trout
Susan Gildersleeve	Dixie Metcalf	Margaret Vanderholm
Sofia Golovey	Deb Miller	Bonnie Varvel
Jane Green	Lori Miller	Ann Vidaver
Carol Grell	Venita Mittelstaedt	Marie Vodvarka
Margaret Griesen	Alice Mizerski	Ernie VonBargen
Delores Haberman	Diane Mohrhoff	Jessie Waller
Cathi Haisch	Lovell Moser	Annette Watts
Anita Hall	Sheree Moser	Nancy Weller
Sandy Hanson	Nan Nelson	Janet Wendland
Aldine Harmon	Enid Newman	Myra Wilhite
Dorothy Haskins	Rhonda Obermeier	Dorothy Wolverton
Wanda Hein	Gail O'Hanlon	Margo Young
Priscilla Henkelmann	Anita Orton	Jane Zatechka
Karen Heusel	Teri Perkins	Chris Zygielbaum

UNLWC Scholarship Fund

Heartfelt thanks to all of you who have so generously contributed to the UNLWC Scholarship Fund this year! **To date we have received donations totaling \$12,549.** Our students are facing greater challenges than ever making financial aid a necessity for many. Your support of our scholarship fund will allow us to continue to reach deserving students.

Scholarships will be awarded next spring, which means there is still time to donate! If you would like to make a donation, please use the donation form below and mail your contribution to Jessie Waller as instructed.



Thank you again for opening your hearts and your wallets and supporting our efforts to raise money for UNL scholarships. We appreciate each and every one of you!

126th Anniversary Scholarship Donation Form

I want to help deserving UNL students with a donation to the UNL Women's Club Scholarship Fund. Enclosed is my check made payable to the NU Foundation.

Your name: _____

Donation amount:

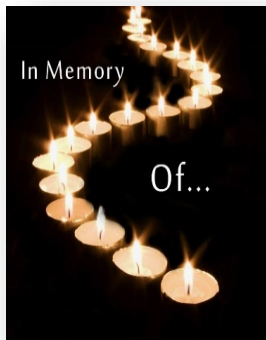
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___ **I prefer anonymity**

Please mail this form and your check to:

Jessie Waller
PO Box 5781
Lincoln, NE 68505

Members who have passed away since the Fall 2020 newsletter



Linda Smithers

In memory of a member who has passed away, a card is sent to the family expressing our sympathy. It also states that each year a memorial donation of \$300.00 is made to the NU Foundation UNLWC Scholarship Fund in honor of all those who have passed away. This donation, from UNL Women's Club funds, is sent in April along with a letter listing the individuals in whose name the gift is made.

Membership

The UNLWC roster was emailed to members on 11/13/20. If you DID NOT receive the roster, please let us know. Contact membership Chair Marla Kraft who will email a roster directly to you. Please keep us informed of any changes to your contact information—mailing address, email address, or phone numbers. We don't want to lose touch!

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.



 UNLWC Board Holiday Zoom Tea 

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



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