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Spring Luncheon

Friday,
April 22, 2004

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A Word from the President...

The Scholarship Brunch was held on Saturday, February 7, 2004 at the ACES Library. We were honored by the presence of special guests Pat Morey, Director of Women's Programs, and Karen Cooley, Assistant Director of Development for Student Affairs. Past Presidents Geraldine Reiss (1985-1986), Helen Burch (1998-1999), and Diane Dold (2002-2003) were also in attendance. Scholarship Chair Marie Tompkins announced that Bill and Ann Stout made a donation to our Make A Difference Scholarship Fund. Ann Stout is a previous scholarship awardee. Sarah Cress, Grace Chen, Linda Guzman, Lisa Koester, Emily Morehouse, and Becky Perez were the featured speakers for this very special event. Past President Diane Dold announced the President's Scholarship Award to Paula Williams (in absentia). Many thanks go to our Scholarship Committee, Marie Tompkins, Tam Wei, Peri Ceperley, and Vivian Larson for a job well done.

A big thank you to Jean Creswell, Publicity Chair, who has been organizing the Women's Club volunteers for the WILL pledge drive for the last five years. Jean, Helen Burch, Kathy Marshak, Diane Carothers, and Mabel Thurman volunteered to work the telephones for the **WILL Television Pledge Drive** on Saturday, March 13, 2004, from 4:45 PM to 7:00 PM during *The Monarch of the Glenn* and *Lawrence Welch* programs. WILL made time for President Elect Kathy Marshak to talk about the Women's Club during the break.

The Spring Luncheon and Annual Silent Auction will be held at the Champaign Country Club on Thursday, April 22, 2004, from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Women's Club members are encouraged to donate a talent or treasure for the Silent Auction to benefit our Scholarship Program. Please come thirty minutes early to donate your item or to bid on one. If you are unable to attend the Spring Luncheon and would like to donate an item for the Silent Auction, please call Marie Tompkins at 356-6207. Our featured guest speaker will be James B. Kaler, Professor Emeritus of Astronomy. The lecture will be on "The Wonders of the Hubble and Beyond." We will also bid farewell to our 2003-2004 Board and introduce the 2004-2005 Board.

The Women's Club Old Board/New Board Luncheon will be held on Friday, May 21, 2004, from 12 to 2 PM, at the home of Judy Skreiner, 811 West University Avenue, Champaign. This luncheon will give old and new board members time to get acquainted and share ideas and information. Please have your binders updated and four copies of the year-end report available for distribution. Please RSVP Judy Skreiner by Tuesday, May 18, 2004.

A big thank-you to 3rd Vice-Presidents Shirley Walker and Cindy Glenn, and to Interest Group Chairs: Rita Gentry, Gay Roberts, and Sandy Beak (Antiques and Collectibles); Barbara Scott (Book Exchange); Carolyn Cooper, Chifan Belmont, and Mary Ann Espeseth (Bridge); Ann Campbell and Peri Ceperley (Cosmopolitan); Susan Haney (Creative Crafts); Andree Aboussouan and Carole Rebeiz (French); Anne Ehrlich (German); Carol Johnson (Golf); Cathy Emanuel (Gourmet); Lois Guither and Bev Frey (Knit 'N Things); Stephanie Price and Shirley Judy (Let's Do Lunch); Jean Creswell, Helen Moneypenny, Kathy Marshak, and Merle Levy (Literature); Nancy Ikenberry and Lisa Brown (Newcomers); Jennifer Gartside and Ann Fouke (Parent-Child Playgroup); Ana Langlois and Lupita Patino (Spanish); and Shirley Splittstoesser and Mary Ruth Getz (Supper Club); for your time and creative talent to make this a very special year.

Thanks also to the many Women's Club members for your words of encouragement and support. Wishing you a wonderful summer break and hoping to see you at the Fall Sign-up.

Judy A. Skreiner



WOMEN'S CLUB SPRING LUNCHEON

Champaign Country Club
Thursday, April 22, 2004
11:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Featured Guest Speaker:
James B. Kaler
Professor Emeritus of Astronomy

Program:
Wonders of the Hubble Telescope and Beyond

Menu

Mixed Baby Greens Salad
Orange Glazed Boneless Breast of Chicken Sautéed with a Touch
of Anise and Topped with Lingonberries
Seasonal Vegetables and Herbed Rice
Dessert

Please RSVP by Monday, April 12

Send your reservations to Stephanie Price, 4303 Curtis Meadow Dr., Champaign, IL 61822
Spring Luncheon, Friday, April 22, 2004, Champaign Country Club

Name _____ Phone _____

Number of reservations _____

Names of those attending _____

Cost \$20, Total enclosed \$ _____

FEATURED GUEST SPEAKER
JAMES B. KALER
PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF ASTRONOMY

WONDERS OF THE HUBBLE AND BEYOND

The Hubble Space Telescope is one of the greatest "astronomy machines" ever invented. While revolutionizing much of modern astronomy, it has presented the public with captivating images of the heavens that range from planets to distant galaxies. The illustrated talk will focus both on amazing discoveries and on the beauty of stunning celestial sights as seen through this wonderfully successful orbiting instrument.

BIOGRAPHY

James B. Kaler, Professor Emeritus of Astronomy, earned his B.A. at the University of Michigan, his Ph.D. at UCLA, and has been at the University of Illinois since 1964. His research area, in which he has published over 120 papers, involves dying stars. Professor Kaler has held Fulbright and Guggenheim Fellowships, has been awarded medals for his work from the University of Liege in Belgium and the University of Mexico, has given both the Armand Spitz and Margaret Noble lectures for the Great Lakes and Middle Atlantic Planetarium Associations, and most recently was presented with the Campus Award for Excellence in Public Engagement by the University of Illinois. He has written for a variety of popular and semi-popular magazines, was a consultant for Time-Life Books on their *Voyage Through the Universe* series, appears frequently on Illinois television and radio, and has published several books, including *Stars and their Spectra*, *The Ever-Changing Sky*, and *Extreme Stars* (Cambridge); *Stars and Cosmic Clouds* (Scientific American Library); two textbooks; and *The Little Book of Stars* and *The Greatest Hundred Stars* (Copernicus). He is a past president of the Board of the Champaign-Urbana Symphony.

Cosmopolitan Interest Group

Cosmopolitan held the ever popular Cooking Demonstration on Thursday, February 12. Thank you to everyone for helping to make the cooking demo lots of fun, educational and very, very delicious. Especially thank you to those who brought and prepared food, brought wine, and to Carrol Bunick for again supplying her beautiful kitchen. Recipes from the event can be found at our website at wc-uiuc.prairienet.org. Follow the links to Cosmopolitan.

Membership

We currently have 352 members of Women's Club. 23 have joined since the directory was published. They are: Sandy Camargo, Joanne Conerty, Jenna Finch, Jeanette Forrest, Nelly Gonzalez, Jean B. Hadfield, Heidi Johnson, Susan Jones, Rebecca Kallio, Ruth Kelly, Christa Knust, Rosetta Kumar, Joan Levy, Judith Liebman, Nancy Mansfield, Ann Marin, Jan Merchen, Lupita Patino, Fraeda Porton, Vanessa Rouillon, Tauby Shimkin, Lori White, and Jackie Ziff.

E-mail Changes

Prairienet has migrated our e-mail server from "Listproc" to "Mailman". You shouldn't notice much difference except you will receive a "Welcome" message when we do the change. If you are not on our e-mail list serve, follow the subscribe links from our webpage wc-uiuc.prairienet.org. It's easy and a very convenient way for quick club communications. Questions: Ann Campbell, 352-1487 or annc@prairienet.org.

Newsletter

Because the space in the Women's Club Newsletter is allocated, organized, and proofread on a very tight schedule, please be sure to submit your articles before the deadline. Please send articles longer than a few sentences via e-mail to Yvona Vlach at ivankvlach@insightbb.com. Photos may be e-mailed as well.

Interest Groups Alert

This is the final newsletter for the year. So, it's my last chance to beg and plead, then say thank you for your help. We need your end of the year reports, your membership lists and names of your chairmen for next year. Also, if you still need to request the \$20 allotment to help cover your group's operating expenses, please let Shirley Walker know right away. The folder of materials you received at the first interest group meeting has all the information you need to complete these tasks. If I can help you in any way please call me. Thank You.

Shirley Walker (352-7428) and Cyndi Glenn (378-4828)

FROM THE SCHOLARSHIP BRUNCH 2004



Robert Thomas and Helen Burch enjoying tea at the home of President Judy Skreiner.



SPOTLIGHT ON *KNIT 'N THINGS*



Knit 'N Things meets twice a month in the homes of members. Their average attendance is 20. The various members work on knitting, crocheting, quilting, cross-stitching, etc. It is a close-knit caring group.



The Knit 'N Things group gathered at the home of Vera Marcovich.

*Left to right:
Vera Marcovich, hostess; Lois Guither, Co-Chair; Bev Frey, Co-Chair; Bunny Cole; Wilma O'Brien.*





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