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100 Years of Building Community at UIUC

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A Word from the President....

elcome to the 2005-2006 academic year of the Women's Club. Many of you have jumped right into your new roles, and we are grateful to last year's Board members for their kind words of advice. In June, Kathy Marshak, Cinda Pettigrew, Nancy Komlanc and myself were privileged to represent our Club at the Big 10 Conference of University Women's Organizations at Penn State. We used our driving time wisely-discussing Women's Club business for almost the entire trip, 12 hours each way! While we were at the conference, we made great contacts, shared ideas and information, and learned a great deal from the experience.

This year, we have set goals to help pave the way for celebrating our 100th anniversary in 2006. We plan to increase the visibility of our Club on campus and in the community. We hope this will help increase our membership and donations for our student scholarships. Our theme, "Building Community at UIUC," will help us focus on our goals and extend friendship to others. Special thanks go to Cinda Pettigrew and members of the Celebration committees for their advance planning. It will be a very exciting milestone.

We are always delighted to welcome new members, whether they are new to the community or just to the benefits of our Club. I would like to challenge everyone to invite one guest to our Fall Sign-up on Tuesday, September 6, 10:30 am-1:00 pm, at Lincoln Square in Urbana. This open house is a great chance to visit with friends and to check out over 20 interest groups, including many new this fall. A new feature this year--meet representatives from a number of university and community non-profit organizations, learn about the groups, and find out how you can volunteer. Please join

Great changes have been made to our website to help keep everyone more informed. So please visit www.uiucwomensclub.org and discover how your Club is keeping up with the times as well as cherishing our past. There you can find information about interest groups, general meetings, and special events for every passion. Enjoy getting involved and help us build community at UIUC.

Looking forward to a great year!

Sandi Thomas

Fall Sign-Up - Lincoln Square Mall

September 6, 2005 • 10:30 am – 1:00 pm •

Join us for the annual fall sign up. This is a great opportunity to meet new members and visit with old friends. All the interest groups are looking for new members and there are several new interest groups you may wish to learn about. Enjoy some scrumptious food and be sure to visit the community not-for-profit-organizations area—new to our Fall Sign-Up this year.

The Big 10 Conference at Penn State



Nancy Komlanc, Kathy Marshak, Cinda Pettigrew and Sandi Thomas before the banquet.



Kathy Marshak, Cinda Pettigrew and Sandi Thomas conquer the Nittany Lion!

In June, the biennial women's conference took place at Penn State. Our Club sent a delegation of four members: Sandi Thomas, President; Cinda Pettigrew, First Vice President; Kathy Marshak, Second Vice President and Immediate Past President; Nancy Komlanc, Centennial Ad Hoc Committee. We used our driving time productively, brainstorming to come up with some ideas, including this year's theme, that will help our first centennial year be a huge success.

We learned much from participating in discussions, both organized and informal, with representatives from the other ten university women's clubs. Ongoing relationships with these groups can be a benefit over time. A more detailed discussion of the meeting is available on the Women's Club website. We thank the Club for the funds that paid for most of our travel expenses; we will use our experience to benefit the organization.

Women's Club at the University of Illinois 2005-2006 Membership Form

Please make checks payable to "Women's Club at UIUC." Mail to Nancy Diamond: 403 Brookens Drive, Urbana 61801

Name	Newcomer Continuing Member University Affiliation? Self Spouse _ University Department Position	Family Member
Phone		Regular \$20 Grad. Student \$10 Couple \$30
I do not have e-mail		
Age:<4040-6465+	Total Enclosed	



We will have the beautiful Motawi tiles for sale again this year! The 4" x 4" tiles will display the image of ears of corn that commemorate the University of Illinois Morrow Plots. Available colors will be gold and green. The tiles are \$35 each and all proceeds will benefit the UIUC Women's Club scholarship fund. The tiles would make a wonderful addition to your home and are excellent gift ideas as well, so stock up for a good cause!

For more information, or to order tiles, contact Jennifer Richardson at 217.493.8764 or <u>jennrich@uiuc.edu</u>. The tiles will also be available at our September 6th sign-up meeting.

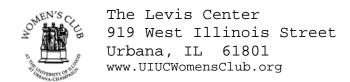
New URL for Club Website

We now have a web address that might be easier for everyone to remember. It is www.UIUCWomensClub.org It is not case sensitive, so you can type it all lowercase if you like. The old address still works too.

Update your E-mail with Ann

Since some announcements and reminders are sent to the membership by e-mail, please make sure Ann has your updated e-mail address. Simply follow the links at our new website, www.UIUCWomensClub.org

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Newcomers' Group

This year, with all the excitement of our centennial year, we look forward to welcoming a large group of new members to Women's Club. At any time during the year, please encourage friends and colleagues to contact a Board member for information, and when possible, bring them to an event as your guest.

The first welcome event of fall 2005 is a picnic lunch on September 12, 11:30-1:30, at the home of Kathy Marshak, 702 Hamilton Drive, Champaign, 398-5967. Also in the fall semester we plan a walking tour of downtown areas, plus a couples' evening at the Station Theatre. In the spring semester we are very excited to offer to all members of Women's Club and spouses a tour of the world-famous Illini men's basketball team's facilities.

Our final newcomer event will be a wine and cheese evening at Joy Thornton-Walter's. We will keep newcomers informed of the details of these events as they are finalized.

We are working on a new resource booklet that we hope to keep updated for the benefit of new members. We welcome input from current community members on places you like to shop, service people you can recommend, and other useful suggestions.

Enjoy the 2005-06 year with the Women's Club!

Kathy Marshak, 2nd VP and Newcomer Chair, and Joy Thornton-Walter, Asst. 2nd VP

Upcoming Special Events

Tour of Japan House: TBA

Fall Luncheon: Wednesday October 19, 2005, Levis Center, *Speaker & Tour* - Mike Ross, Director of Krannert Center **Holiday Tea**: Tuesday December 13, 2005, 3:30 – 5:30 pm, President's House

Scholarship Brunch: TBA Spring Luncheon: TBA

- Board Meeting: Monday August 29, 2005, 7:30 pm, 2506 Waterbury Place, Champaign
- **Deadline** for submissions to our October Newsletter: September 19, 2005. Please e-mail your contributions to Helen Cangellaris at hcangellaris@yahoo.com

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