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A Word from the President...

The December Holiday Tea was, as always, a delightful experience. We owe much to those who helped decorate and clean up at the church, led by Sandi Thomas, Carol Johnson, and Cinda Pettigrew. We always enjoy a chance to honor our past presidents with the tradition of inviting them to pour coffee, tea, and punch. The event spanned generations; members of our playgroup came with their children, and the little ones seemed to love dancing to the wonderful music provided by U of I a capella singers, The Girls Next Door. Our community gift was to collect toys for the Crisis Nursery, which they appreciated.

January saw a new type of event--we joined with WILL-AM, FM, and TV to present Ed Kieser's program on forecasting weather in central Illinois at Campbell Hall. We had opportunities to watch a live update broadcast and tour the building. SunSinger Wines and Spirits arranged wine tasting through Doña Paula as well as bringing savoury treats. Thanks to everyone, including spouses and guests, for participating.

On February 19, we will hold our annual Scholarship Brunch. We are fortunate to be able to recognize nine wonderful undergraduate students: one was awarded the Judith Life Ikenberry Fine Arts Award, and eight received Women's Club Awards. Many of them will be present on the 19th to introduce themselves and inspire us with the incredible potential of students at this university. You will have a chance to meet them and some of their family

members at this always-popular event, held in the Illini Union Colonial Room. Elsewhere in this newsletter you can read more about the scholarship project.

Our Newcomers have been busy with their events, and we are pleased to welcome them all into our group. Adding members to the Club helps keep us energized! Sadly, we will say farewell to Newcomer Chair and Second Vice President, Carol Johnson, who will follow her husband to a new position in Texas.

At this meeting we will have two items of business. We published the draft Constitution in the December newsletter, and a few more adjustments have been made in response to members' comments. A revised document will be put on the website as soon as possible, and copies of a printed version will be available at the brunch for approval by the membership.

Finally, our Nominating Committee presents the Board slate for 2005-2006 for your approval. Thanks to the hard work of chair Joy Thornton-Walter and the committee, our slate is almost full. If you are interested in helping us next year, please contact Joy at 351-5197. We are grateful for the attention of all who listened to their proposals, and hope that some of the people who are unable to serve this year will reconsider in the future.

We look forward to seeing you in February!

Kathy Marshak

2004-2005 Scholarships Awarded

The Women's Club Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce our 2004-2005 scholarship recipients. The Valleria Janes Cook scholarship winner is **Abby Jo Burgett, Fine and Applied Arts**. The Women's Club awardees are **Jenna Cler, L.A.S.**; **Jenna Elyse Daum, Fine and Applied Arts**; **Kelsey Paige Martin, College of Education**; **Gray Mateo, L.A.S.**; **Michelle McCormick, L.A.S.**; **Daniel B. Roman, Fine and Applied Arts**; **Karla Veronica Sanchez, College of Business**. The Judith Life Ikenberry awardee is **Karen Rae Cast, College of Art and Design**. The scholarships are given for Spring semester 2005.

We will introduce these students at our Scholarship Brunch. We know you will be pleased to meet the 2005 winners and hear them tell us a little about themselves, and we hope you will be inspired by our winners and proud of this club project. Please plan to join us on February 19.

The scholarship chair and the Director of Women's Studies met this fall to set in motion the process necessary to keep our annual scholarship the success it has become. The committee read the 56 applications submitted and chose 20 students to be interviewed. Nine were selected to receive awards.

The Antiques and Collectibles Interest Group held its sixth annual auction in November. Sandy Beak hosted and Rita Gentry was auctioneer. With Rita's encouragement the A&Cers came through for scholarships. Thank you!

The scholarship committee looks forward to seeing you at the Scholarship Brunch.

Marie Tompkins
Peri Ceperley
Vivian Larson
Tam Wei

Valleria Janes Cook Scholarship

Women's Club at UIUC is proud to honor major donors Harry and Valleria Cook. Valleria, also known as Val and Valle, was President of Women's Club from 1994-95. Among other positions she served as Scholarship Chair, and she was very proactive on behalf of the scholarship initiative. Working with a number of other members, she chaired a benefit event to launch the Women's Club scholarship endowment at the U of I Foundation.

In another initiative, Val worked to create a set of four decorative University of Illinois tiles, starting with the Morrow Plot Commemorative Tile, which were sold for the benefit of our scholarship program. She served as the designer, project coordinator, sales representative, and warehouse for this project, which enhanced our funds and provided many members and friends with lovely tiles.

Valleria coordinated another important fundraiser in pursuit of the same goal. She led the Antiques and Collectibles Group in what is now an annual tradition—an auction for the benefit of the scholarship fund, raising thousands of dollars over the years.

In the Spring of 2004, Valleria and Harry Cook moved to Breckenridge, Colorado. Before they left the community, they generously announced that they wished to donate a scholarship in Val's name through the Women's Club. Their strong feelings about scholarships for UIUC students are based on numerous connections. Not only had Harry been a professor at this university for many years, retiring as Head of the General Engineering Department, but a number of family members are University of Illinois alumni. Because of their understanding of the primary importance of higher education, their ties to this university, and Valleria's history with the Women's Club, they have chosen to fund the Valleria Janes Cook Scholarship at the Women's Club. We are greatly honored and thank them for their generosity.

We also thank a former scholarship recipient who looked back gratefully at her Women's Club grant and returned the favor with a generous donation to our fund. And of course, we appreciate every member who makes a donation. When you meet the recipients of the 2004-2005 Women's Club scholarships at the February Brunch, you should be very proud of all the Club's efforts. Further contributions are always welcome and will be allocated to grants in the following academic year.

Spotlight On

Antiques and Collectibles Group



The Antiques and Collectibles Interest Group held its sixth annual auction of white elephants donated by members at their No-

vember meeting at the home of Sandy Beak. Survival bags of treats prepared by co-hostesses Gladys Hemp, Gloria Rainer, Vivian Larson, Lois Spies, and Yoko Muroga sustained the bidders while Rita Gentry and Gloria Rainer led the bidding. Proceeds totaled \$1,002.

To find out more about the Antiques and Collectibles Interest Group, please contact Rita Gentry, Chair, at 344-0226. Also, see the Women's Club website at <http://wc-uiuc.prairienet.org>.

From left: Lynn Beard, a bidder, and Helen Burch with Dorothea Smith recording the final bids at the sixth annual Antiques and Collectibles auction.



Announcements

Newcomers

The Newcomers Group invites you to join them for a guided tour of the Krannert Museum of Art on Wednesday, February 2, 2005, at 11 AM. All are welcome. After the tour, have lunch at the Museum's Café if you have the time. Please contact Cinda Pettigrew (367-4588 or cinda@pettigrewconsulting.com) by Monday, January 31, if you plan to attend. *Please note: The original tour of the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts has been canceled and replaced by the tour of the Krannert Art Museum.*

Newsletter

The deadline for the next newsletter is March 16, 2005. Please e-mail your articles or announcements to Yvona Vlach at ivankavlach@insightbb.com.

Women's Club UIUC Scholarship Brunch

Saturday, February 19, 2005

10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Colonial Room, Illini Union

Presenting Our 2004-2005 Women's Club Scholarship Recipients

RSVP no later than Monday, February 14, 2005, to
Jane Myers. \$15 per person.

Menu

Frittata Florentine

Breakfast Meats

Fruit Tray

Assorted Pastries Including Scones and Pecan Rolls

Coffee and Tea

Assorted Juices

Please note: Parking is limited in the Union neighborhood, so try to ride with a friend, and bring quarters for meters if needed.

Reservations for Scholarship Brunch

Saturday, February 19, 2005, 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM, Colonial Room, Illini Union

Cost: \$15 per person. Make checks payable to Women's Club at UIUC.

Please mail to Jane Myers, 2213 N Cottonwood, Urbana, IL 61802 (367-0630) by **February 14, 2005**.

Name _____ Phone _____

Number of reservations _____ Total enclosed _____

Names of those attending _____

Slate of Nominees for the 2005-2006 Women's Club Board

The Nominating Committee (Joy Thornton-Walter, Sandi Thomas, Carol Johnson, Ann Long, Rita Campion, Karen Owens, Jane Myers, and Judy Skreiner) is very pleased to announce the 2005-2006 slate of nominees for the Women's Club Board.

<i>President</i>	Sandi Thomas	<i>Membership/Directory</i>	Sarah Wisseman
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Please consider to volunteer as a nominee for the vacant positions. Call any member of the Nominating Committee or the Women's Club Board if you are interested.



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WOMEN'S CLUB AT UIUC GENERAL MEETINGS

Scholarship Brunch

Saturday, February 19, 2005, 10:30 AM-12:30 PM, Illini Union

Spring Luncheon

Wednesday, April 20, 2005, 11:30 AM-1:30 PM, Kennedy's restaurant

Upcoming Board Meeting

The Women's Club Board will meet on Wednesday, February 16, 2005, at 1:00 PM, at the home of Ann Campbell, 706 S. Elm Blvd., Champaign.

Want your interest group featured in the newsletter? E-mail pictures and related information to Yvona Vlach at ivankavlach@insightbb.com.

To find more information about the Women's Club, please visit our website at <http://wc-uiuc.prairienet.org>.