

# Women's Club News

University of Illinois at Urbana – Champaign



*Celebrating 100 Years of Building Community at UIUC*

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## Women's Club Board

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## A Letter from the President...

Last night, April 10, we had an historic Board Meeting. Both the 2006 – 2007 Board and the newly elected 2007 – 2008 Boards met together for the first time. After welcomes, introductions, and Board reports, we considered a proposal to change the name of the Women's Club. This proposal came from an ad hoc committee charged with finding an answer to the problem we have in recruiting and retaining new younger members to the Club. The committee pointed out that the average age of Club members has steadily risen, and despite valiant efforts during the recent membership drive, we still are not growing at a pace consistent with sustainability.

I am quite pleased to announce that after discussion and deliberation, both Boards voted together to change the name of the Women's Club to: **University Connections – Building Community at the University of Illinois.**

Please note that we are not trying to change the Club. We are hoping to make the Club more like it was in the past – the preeminent social organization of the University community. The proposed name continues our theme of “Celebrating 100 years of Building Community at the University of Illinois.” And, as one of our past presidents and current treasurer who has been actively involved in the Women's Club for many years, Kathy Marshak, so succinctly put it: our current initials, **WCUIUC**, could stand for **Women's Club Unifies Into University Connections.**

I am also quite pleased to let you know that this proposal has enthusiastic support of more than 10 of our past presidents of the Women's Club. Additionally, both Mary White and Susan Herman have indicated that they feel this is needed to widen our appeal to attract new members.

As I am sure you know, the membership must vote on a change as significant as this. As required by our constitution, we will vote on changing the name of the Club at our Spring Luncheon on May 2. Please come to the luncheon and vote. This vote, I believe, will determine the growth of our club over the next century.

The actual proposal submitted to the board from the ad hoc committee is posted at [www.uiucwomensclub.org](http://www.uiucwomensclub.org) (click on Announcements) for those members who wish more detail.

Please feel free to communicate with me or any Board member to discuss your thoughts regarding this important change in our Club's name.

I hope to see you at the Spring Luncheon.

Cinda



## Scholarship Brunch



Left to right: Mary White, Leenice Williams, Katie Fredericks, Christina Kurowski, Katie Hamilton, Meghan Curry, Amber Kirchhoff, Juan Gonzalez

This year's scholarship brunch was a fabulous success! Stephanie Price once again brought a nice polish to the event with her decorations and selection of caterers. And a great deal of the success is also owed to the Scholarship Committee, so ably helmed by Jan Merchen, for choosing an outstanding group of winners. Over 150 students applied for scholarships, with the top 20 of those being interviewed by the Committee. Some of us had goose bumps as we listened to their stories.

The ambience in the Heritage Room of the ACES Library (Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences) was a nice backdrop as we elected our new officers, and heard from Mary White and our scholarship winners. We learned how instrumental the Women's Club at Michigan was to Mary, and how some of her oldest friendships grew out of that organization, as so many of us can attest to with our own Club. We also enjoyed the library's architecture, as well as the beautiful woodwork inside including the very cool "I" frame doorways. What a great place to honor our new scholarship recipients! And just who are they? Read on...

This year's **Judith Life Ikenberry Scholarship** award winner was **Meghan Curry, a Fine and Applied Arts, Architectural Studies** student. She is a central Illinoisan from Dawson, near Springfield, and will be the first to graduate from college in her family. She wishes to remain in central Illinois, designing inspirational green buildings. Her favorite architects are Frank Lloyd Wright, Tadao Ando, and Richard Meier.

In addition, we gave out six **Women's Club "Make a Difference" Scholarships** to:

### **Katie Fredericks – Applied Health Sciences, Community Health**

Katie, the daughter of Nancy Komlanc, wants to get a graduate degree (maybe at UIC!) in occupational therapy when she graduates next year. Because of her interest in helping people, she has spent hundreds of hours volunteering at a local hospital. She hopes to work at an inpatient rehabilitation facility focusing on hand coordination for stroke victims.

### **Juan Gonzalez – LAS, Sociology and International Studies**

Juan is from New Lenox, near Joliet, and is a second generation Mexican American. His immigrant parents have only an elementary level education and have had many legal problems because of these factors. Juan is interested in being a lawyer specializing in immigrant rights to help others such as his parents. He has studied abroad in Mexico and worked with the Mexican Consulate in Chicago.

**Katherine Hamilton – Communications-Journalism**

Katie is from suburban Glen Ellyn. She is also interested in law school after graduating, as well as a political science master’s degree. Her big picture focus envisions problem solving with big policies. Among her more interesting jobs have been working as an intern on Good Morning America and in an Arizona clinic for indigent pregnant women. She hopes to be elected to office some day.

**Amber Kirchhoff – LAS, Political Science and Sociology**

Amber is from Cahokia in southern Illinois, although she went to the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy in Aurora, where she found that anything is possible. Her desire is for a masters degree in political science, specializing in civic leadership, which she is already demonstrating as she has worked on a Sioux reservation for alternate spring break, as well as in New Orleans, helped to build a children’s playground in Ecuador (which included clearing the land and chopping down trees), and worked in Speaker Hastert’s Congressional office.

**Christina Kurowski – LAS, Political Science**

Christina is from Chicago, where she depended upon others for stability and guidance since her own mother was an addict. Like our other winners, she also wants to go to graduate school, and is excited about some day opening an inner city drug rehabilitation clinic that specializes in treating the entire well being of the patient. She has worked in the Dominican Republic.

**Leenice Williams – LAS, Mathematics-Teaching Option**

Leenice is from the same school in Chicago as Christina. She had to travel an hour each day in high school to reach a good school. While there, she tutored math to 17 – 21 year old students. She also hopes to get a masters degree at UIC while teaching math in the neighborhood in which she grew up. She currently goes to school full time and works full time at Kraft.

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***New Board for 2007 – 2008***

**Elected Positions**

President..... Ann Long	Meeting Manager ..... Becki Fields
1 <sup>st</sup> V. P., Programs .....	Membership/Directory Ch. ....Sandy Camargo
2 <sup>nd</sup> V. P., Newcomers..... Mona Higginbotham	Asst. Membership Ch..... Barbara Ahrens
Asst. 2 <sup>nd</sup> V. P..... Nancy Uchtmann	Newsletter Ch.....Susan Haney
3 <sup>rd</sup> V. P., Interest Grps ..... Barbara Garlick	Asst. Newsletter Ch. ....LaQuanna Sparkman
Asst. 3 <sup>rd</sup> V. P. .... Cathy Williams	Publicity Co-Ch. (General) .....Carrol Bunick
Recording Secretary..... Paula Watson	Publicity Co-Ch. (Interest Grps).. Kate Kimball
Corresponding Secretary..... Diane Carothers	Scholarship Ch. ....Jan Merchen
Treasurer ..... Kathleen Witek	Asst. Scholarship & Tile Sales.....Julia Schmidt
Asst. Treasurer ..... Debbie Day	Past President .....Cinda Pettigrew
Budget Ch. ....Kathy Marshak	

**Appointed Positions**

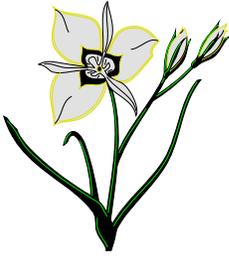
Archivist.....Vivian Larson	Webmaster ..... Birgit McCall
Tours ..... Jeanne Mitchell	Hospitality.....Suzanne Rogers

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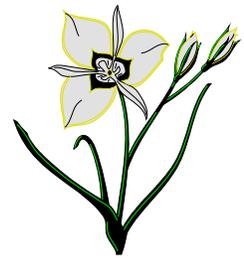
***New Board, Old Board Luncheon Meeting***

Both Boards will jointly meet on Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> for lunch, with the Old Board providing the lunch, as we hand off our duties to the New Board. The meeting starts at 11:30 AM at Carrol Bunick’s home, 4307 Crossgate Drive, Champaign. Call Carrol (217-359-0961) if you need directions. RSVP Carrol. Old Board members should bring their paperwork with them to give to their New Board counterpart. If you can’t attend, please make arrangements with your counterpart.

# Spring Luncheon



Wednesday May 2, 2007  
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM  
Champaign Country Club  
1211 South Prospect Avenue, Champaign



## Revisiting Your Material Landscape

Featured Speaker Deana McDonagh  
Associate Professor of Industrial Design at the School of Art and Design

Modern design is less about generating products and more about creating satisfying experiences for the user. This presentation will focus on the products that we surround ourselves with and how they contribute to our experiences. Products need to satisfy both functional and supra-functional needs.

Prof. McDonagh joined the faculty at the University of Illinois in 2004. Her research focuses on design, empathy and emotion. She is particularly interested in ways in which our material landscape and products can satisfy needs beyond the functional. She was formerly on the faculty at Loughborough University (UK).

### Menu

Mixed Baby Green Salad  
Choice of Pasta Primavera or Orange Glazed Chicken  
With Chef's Accompaniment of Vegetables  
Cheesecake with Mango, Raspberry, Chocolate, or Strawberry Sauce  
Coffee, Hot Tea, and Iced Tea  
Cash Bar  
\$25 for Members & \$30 for Guests

## Reservation Form for Spring Luncheon

Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Guests \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Members \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Guests \_\_\_\_\_

Member Entrées: Pasta Primavera \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Entrées: Pasta Primavera \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Cost: \$25 Member, \$30 Guest



Make checks payable to: Women's Club at UIUC

Reservation & Refund Deadline: Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>

Mail to: Ann Long, 4406 Brittany Trail Drive, Champaign, IL 61822

E-mail: [annlong@uiuc.edu](mailto:annlong@uiuc.edu)

Phone: 217-398-6639

## ***Silent Auction at Spring Luncheon***

Do you have any hidden treasures in your home that you would like to liberate?  
How about a talent that you would like to share?  
Now's your opportunity! Just before the Spring Luncheon begins, we will hold a  
Silent Auction. You can contribute to it in several ways: bring some of  
your treasures to donate, volunteer one of your talents,  
or find something that strikes your fancy and buy it!  
All proceeds will benefit the Scholarship Fund for next year's winners.

Tables will be set up and ready for your treasures and talents by 11:00 AM.  
Come early to place your items in the Auction and to bid on other members' found treasures  
and amazing talents. After the luncheon and program, the highest bidder on each item  
wins that item. Susan Haney will be collecting the proceeds afterwards.

If you can't make it to the luncheon but would like to donate,  
please give Susan a call at 217-356-2464 to make arrangements to have  
your treasures picked up for the Auction. Thank you!

## ***Name Change Reminder***

We are voting to change the name of the Women's Club at the Spring Luncheon. Our proposed new name is: **University Connections – Building Community at the University of Illinois**. The luncheon is on Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Champaign Country Club. You will have to be present to vote as is set forth in our constitution.

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## ***A Special Thank You to the 2006 – 2007 Board***

As President of the 2006 – 2007 Board of Directors for the Women's Club, I can truly say that I have enjoyed working with each member of the Board. Every member did an outstanding job during the year and made my year as President quite pleasant. The entire Board worked in harmony and with shared goals. Together we have made the year both fun and memorable. Thank you so much!

Cinda Wombles Pettigrew

## ***Are You Feeling Web Savvy?***

We are looking for individuals who are interested in working with our webmaster to maintain our website. Do you know php or HTML (you need to know how to code "from scratch" *not* using tools such as FrontPage or Dreamweaver)? Have you used css? Are you familiar with mySql?

If you have any of these skills, and you're interested in helping out a little or a lot, please contact Birgit McCall at 217-356-6654 or [bdmccall@uiuc.edu](mailto:bdmccall@uiuc.edu) to discuss your skills, interests, and availability.

## *New and Returning Members & Corrections*

### *As of 10 April 2007*

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**Corrections**

Vera Waisvisz's e-mail: [waisvi@aol.com](mailto:waisvi@aol.com)

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### *Membership Eligibility*

The Women's Club welcomes all who wish to become members. Although it has traditionally been an organization for women who are affiliated with the University, you need not be either to be a member today. Non-University people can apply for membership through a current Club member.

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### *Delinquent Dues*

If you are not current with your dues, please send them to Sandy Camargo, 202 W. Pennsylvania Ave., Urbana, IL 61801. Forms can be downloaded from our website below. Thank you!

### *Women's Club List Serve*

Do you want to receive timely reminders and announcements about  
Women's Club events, like the interest group meetings and tours?

If you are not on our e-mail list serve, follow the List Serve link from our webpage

<http://www.uiucwomensclub.org>.

It's easy and convenient for quick club communications.

Questions? Ask Ann Campbell at 217-352-1487 or [annc@prairienet.org](mailto:annc@prairienet.org).

## *Newcomers' Group*

Our definition of "newcomer" is your first or second year of residence here, *or* your first or second year of membership in the Women's Club. We thank you for a wonderful year. We have had a great time getting to know you all, and we look forward to seeing you again at next year's Women's Club events. We hope you have had just as great a time as we have. Our year is rapidly winding down, but we still have one last fabulous event on tap. Why don't you come, meet new people, and make some new friends while having some fun? *Please note the change in meeting place and time.*

### **End of Year Garden Party**

### **Wine and Cheese**

**5:30 – 7:30 PM Friday, April 20**

Cinda Pettigrew's home, 21 Greencroft Drive, Champaign

Joy Thornton-Walter, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Newcomers

217-351-5197, [joytw@insightbb.com](mailto:joytw@insightbb.com)

### ***Tile Sales at the Farmer's Market***

Once again we will be selling tiles at the Farmer's Market on Saturday mornings from 8 – 11 at Lincoln Square. We are looking for volunteers to help with the booth. Not only do we help our scholarship effort, we also increase our visibility and attract new members while there. Please contact Dorothea Smith at 367-0567 or Jan Merchen at 356-2310 or [merchenjan@aol.com](mailto:merchenjan@aol.com) if you can assist them with this. Thank you!

### ***Newsletters Needed for Archives!***

Vivian Larson is looking for old newsletters to put into our archives. We are hoping to bind another book for our archives this year, so it is especially important to get these to her. Give Vivian a call, and she'll be happy to make arrangements to pick them up. She is also interested in photos of Women's Club events throughout the last few decades that you may have. You may contact her at 367-0800 or [v.larson1@insightbb.com](mailto:v.larson1@insightbb.com). Vivian thanks you!



### ***Tuesday Tea Valentine's Day Celebration at Clark-Lindsey Village***

Special guests were Moms & Tots from our Parent-Child Playgroup. We all enjoyed the musical talents of Joanne Conerty on the piano. One of our oldest members, Past President Mildred Johnson, enjoyed visiting with the others.

## ***Upcoming Women's Club Events***

Woodfield Mall and IKEA	Thursday, April 19, 7:00 AM	Hobby Lobby Parking Lot
Women's Club Networking	Thurs., April 19, 5:00 – 7:00 PM	Krannert Uncorked, Krannert Lobby
Newcomers' End of Year Party	Friday, April 20, 5:30 – 7:30 PM	Cinda Pettigrew's home
Spring Luncheon	Wed., May 2, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM	Champaign Country Club
New Board, Old Board Luncheon	Wednesday, May 9, 11:30 AM	Carrol Bunick's home



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