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Celebrating 100 Years of Building Community at UIUC

2006! What an exciting year! The Women's Club celebration of our Centennial year is in full swing. We had so much fun the first part of the year with our Centennial Gala in January, the Tuesday Tea in February, seven special scholarship recipients at our brunch in March, and a fashionable Spring Luncheon. And have you been to the Farmer's Market this summer? The Women's Club has a booth—selling tiles and promoting our club! Fall of 2006 promises even more exciting activities!

The Board has been working actively over the summer to plan many exciting events for the fall. First, we will be encouraging newcomers to join at the new-hire events in August. Fall Sign-up will be at the Krannert Center lobby this year to make sure those members who work on campus have the opportunity to sign up with us! Our efforts to increase our membership rewarded us with an increase of at least 50 members last year, and we hope to double that number during the coming year. For those of you with spouses who attend evening events and luncheons, we have introduced a special membership category for couples. For only \$30 you *and* your spouse/partner can enjoy membership benefits including paying member fees rather than guest fees for general events and, at the same time, give extra support to the Women's Club.

Our big event this fall, the Centennial Fall Luncheon, will feature as our speaker **Coach Bruce Weber!** He will be updating us on the upcoming basketball season and answering your questions. This unique opportunity will be held at the new Alice Campbell Alumni Center on October 18th. Sign up early as this event will be open to the public and may sell out. We hope this special event will make the Women's Club more prominent on campus and bring in new members.

This fall, we plan to be ever more visible on campus by hosting a monthly Women's Club networking party at Krannert Uncorked. Highlight your calendars for an after-work get together—meet new friends and old!

Be sure to check out the Tours section of the newsletter. We have several fun and informative local tours planned for all our members in addition to some special events for Newcomers. We also are looking forward to a combined tour with the Symphony Guild to Chicago and a visit to Indianapolis this fall.

Decades of Giving, the campaign to increase our scholarship endowment, has reaped good results, and we still have time and opportunities for all our members to become involved. Please read the Decades piece in this newsletter and consider increasing your scholarship donation in this Centennial year.

Last, but not least, be sure to check out all our Interest Groups. Several groups that were new last year have become quite popular. Don't miss out on any of the fun!

I am looking forward to seeing each of you some time during the coming year. Be active, be happy!

Cinda



Decades of Giving

An Opportunity to Increase our Scholarship Endowment

To all who have donated to the Centennial Celebration's Decades of Giving, thank you. Your generous donations will assist the Women's Club to assure that scholarships will continue to be given over the next century here at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. As a club, our strong belief in the importance of assisting qualified students with their educations has made an important difference in literally hundreds of students' lives over the past century.

The Decades of Giving campaign has been quite successful so far, raising nearly \$17,000, but we have yet to meet our goal of \$25,000. The importance of meeting this goal cannot be understated. As we continue to celebrate our Centennial Year, 2006, we ask that you consider giving even more than you have to assist the club in this effort. The levels of giving are listed below and are cumulative—the amount you gave last year will be added to this year's donations so you can reach a new level with an additional donation. Everyone who donates will be acknowledged in the February newsletter. As a special thank you—all members and their partners who donate at the 2006 level will be invited to enjoy a Holiday Buffet dinner with University of Illinois President and Mrs. B. Joseph White at their home this December.

1906 Decade	\$ 50
1926 Decade	\$ 100
1946 Decade	\$ 150
1966 Decade	\$ 250
1986 Decade	\$ 500
2006 Decade	\$1000



Women's Club Centennial Celebration Fall Luncheon Featured Speaker Bruce Weber

Alice Campbell Alumni Center Ballroom
Wednesday, October 18, 2006

Luncheon & Speaker 11:30 – 1:00
Tour of Alice Campbell Alumni Center 1:30



\$25 for Members & \$35 for Non-members.

There will be an opportunity to join as a member at the door.

RSVP by October 11, 2006.

Buffet Menu Choice of Soup

*Caesar and Pasta Salad, Marinated and Grilled Chicken Breasts, Roasted Beef Tenderloin
Freshly Baked Baguettes and Club Rolls
Fresh Fruit Salad, Pound Cake with Fresh Berries
Iced Tea, Coffee or Tea*

A bit about our featured speaker...

Bruce Weber joined the U of I as men's basketball coach in April 2003, and the basketball program has enjoyed unprecedented success during his tenure. In his first season, the team won its first outright Big Ten title in 52 years and advanced to the Sweet Sixteen. The centennial season, 2004 – 2005, was the greatest in Fighting Illini history, with a place in the Final Four, culminating with the team as national NCAA runner-up. With all these accomplishments, Bruce swept the 2005 National Coach of the Year awards. His leadership reaches beyond his basketball players to inspire students and others throughout our community.

Parking is available both on the streets and in metered spaces in the lower level of Krannert's parking garage. Enter from either Illinois or Oregon Streets. Bring quarters!

Reservation Form for Fall Luncheon & Tour

Wednesday, October 18, 2006 11:30 – 1:30

Name _____ Phone _____ E-mail _____

Number of Members _____ Number of Non-Members _____ Number for Tour _____

Names of Guests _____

Price: Members \$25, Non-Members \$35 Total Enclosed _____

Mail to: Nancy Uchtmann, 208 Pell Circle, Urbana, IL 61801 Deadline: October 11

E-mail: 6Hnuchtmann@insightbb.com Phone: 384-7875

Local and Fall Tours

August 29

Walking Tour of the Campus

10:15 AM

We will meet at Levis Faculty Center at 10:15 AM and the tour will begin at 10:30 AM. The Levis Center is at 919 W. Illinois Street in Urbana. Please make reservations by August 23rd. Contact Alma Bellafiore at 351-7039 or at almabl@mac.com.

November 9

Doris Kelly Christopher Hall Tour

10:30 AM

The center is located at 1105 West Nevada Street in Urbana. This new facility, the Doris Kelly Christopher Hall, is the home of The Family Resiliency Program. Mrs. Christopher, along with her husband and daughters, founded the company called The Pampered Chief. The Pampered Chef Family Resiliency Program studies family relationships as they endure the stresses of modern life. After our tour we will have lunch at Bevier Hall at our own expense. Mary at Bevier is reserving a private dining area for us. Please make reservations by October 26th. Contact Alma Bellafiore at 351-7039 or at almabl@mac.com.

November 14

Food Shopping Tour to Chicago with Symphony Guild

7:00 AM

On November 14th, as part of the Symphony Guild In Good Tastes series, we will join in for a fun food trip to Chicago. We will be guided by Bob Rowe of Classic Events fame as he guides us on a gourmet walking tour in the Lincoln Park neighborhood. Contact Vivian Larson at 367-0800 for more information and to make reservations.

December 6

Art and Shopping in Indianapolis

8:00 AM

A tour to the Indianapolis Art Museum and shopping afterwards is being planned for December 6th. A bus will be leaving Champaign at 8:00 AM. Details will follow in the next newsletter.

Women's Club List Serve

Do you want to receive timely reminders and announcements about Women's Club events?

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 a very convenient way for quick club communications.

Questions? Ask Ann Campbell at 352-1487 or annc@prairienet.org.

Spring Luncheon



**Hats, gloves, clothes, and more
from throughout the 20th century.**



**Members enjoying
Mary Stasheff's
program.**



**Dorothea Smith selling some Motawi
tiles to Olive Garrigus at the
Farmer's Market in Urbana.**

**If you'd like to help sell tiles at the
Market and recruit new members,
contact Dorothea at 367-0567.**



**The Original Newcomers,
founded in 1928.**

photo courtesy of Olive Garrigus

A Century of History for the UIUC Women's Club

by Nancy Komlanc and Vivian Larson

“We're Not Getting Older–We're Just Getting Better: 1957 - 1982” – Part Three

The month of October, 1962 forever changed the course of the Women's Club at the University of Illinois as the “Tuesday Tea and Newcomers Group” voted to incorporate as one organization with the new name: “The University of Illinois Women's Club.” In three short years the Club had a membership of 860 (can you believe 614 attended the October dessert?). There were seventeen distinct Interest Groups. One such group was the sewing group concentrating on millinery and leatherwork, instead of the crafts and sewing projects we see in today's group. The Newcomers Group continued its efforts now as an interest group as well, providing friendships to new members of the community. Regular meetings were held providing programs about the community and the University, and social teas, brunches, and lunches strengthened the growing organization.

The Dean of Students' office was very much involved in the Women's Club scholarship program. The office provided names, encouraged applications, and interviewed each student. After the custodian of scholarships and the committee met to determine the recipients, the custodian met with the Dean to clear selections. The Women's Club 100 years of success at the University of Illinois has helped hundreds of students financially. The scholarship fund, started in 1915, was originally used as loans to needy students, but by the time of our incorporation in 1962 and the prosperity of the United States, the Women's Club was able to invest these funds and establish a permanent scholarship. Initially, the scholarships were awarded to successful female candidates, thus in our own small way, we helped to promote greater female attendance at the University. During these 25 years, we gave approximately 67 scholarships or the equivalent of \$14,000.

In 1966, through numerous meetings, it was decided that the University of Illinois Foundation would receive and hold funds of the Women's Club to be designated as the University of Illinois Women's Club Loan Fund. This fund was to be administered by the Foundation with assistance from University officers and with recommendations from the Women's Club. The custodian, as chair of the University of Illinois Women's Club Loan Fund, served as liaison between the Club and the Foundation in its administration of the fund. During the year 1975, the Club By-laws Revision Committee revised the scholarship section. The procedure of handling money and awarding scholarships and loans had been changed by a vote of the membership to transfer the funds from the Foundation to a new account.

Our next significant change occurred in the 70's as we officially incorporated as a not-for-profit organization and our scholarship fund reaped the benefits. Soon after, the Club needed to meet changing affirmative action policies and welcomed men into membership roles and offered scholarships to male students. At the end of the decade, we officially renamed the organization “The Women's Club at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign”. Whatever our name has been, we have been an organization that has touched lives in friendship, education, and service.

Hence, "we're not getting older - we're just getting better."

Women's Club Interest Groups ***2006 - 2007***

One of the most rewarding aspects of participating in the Women's Club is belonging to the various Interest Groups. In these informal social gatherings, members meet to explore common interests. As a paid member you may join or visit any Interest Group at any time during the year. Please join with our couples membership for activities involving couples. Sign up for the groups of your choice at the opening meeting on Friday, September 1st. If you can not attend, please mail in your membership dues and then contact the Interest Group Chair of your choice to join that Interest Group.

Barbara Garlick, 762-9088, K-9SoundSolutions@comcast.net
Interest Groups Chair

ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES: Members and invited speakers present programs on personal collections, house tours, special tours, etc. This very large group often holds an auction to benefit the Women's Club scholarship fund.

2nd Wednesday - 1:15 PM

Sandy Beak, 344-6856

BOOK EXCHANGE: This group is starting its 32nd year this fall. Each member buys one new fiction book that is rotated among members in groups of seven to nine people. At the end of seven months each person will have read a variety of new books.

No scheduled meetings

Roxanne Frey, 333-5685 frey@uiuc.edu

BRIDGE: The bridge groups are always very popular. All groups meet in members' homes or designated facility. Pre-arranged partnering is not done. You may play regularly or be a substitute.

Contract: 1st Thursday - 12:30 PM

Shirley Walker, 352-7428

Evening: 4th Tuesday - 7:30 PM

Chifan Belmont, 344-2428 chifan.cheng@juno.com

Afternoon: 2nd Monday - 12:30 PM

Shirley Walker, 352-7428

Mary Ann Espeseth, 352-8845

CAMPUS LUNCH GROUP: Are you on campus during the day working or studying? Come and join us for lunch. Meet us in the Illini Union Ballroom once a month.

Times may vary

Sandy Camargo, 344-0023 scamargo@uiuc.edu

CINEMA: Let's talk about movies! Depending on the interests of the group, we can view or discuss current popular films, classic films, and/or foreign films.

2nd Monday - 7:00 PM

Sandy Camargo, 344-0023 scamargo@uiuc.edu

COSMOPOLITAN: Our dual aim is to help women from other countries feel welcome during their stay here and to provide programs of interest to both foreign and American women who enjoy learning about other cultures. Join us for informal programs, conversation, and refreshments.

2nd or 3rd Thursday - 7:30 PM

Sarah Wisseman, 352-7547 wisarc@uiuc.edu

Carrol Bunick, 359-0961 abunick@uiuc.edu

CREATIVE CRAFTS: Share fun times and craft ideas with others. Each month is a different project in a member's home.

4th Monday - 1:00 PM

Susan Haney, 356-2464 haneys@prairienet.org

FRENCH: Members of this group read, converse, and once a year wine and dine, in French. Come to the first meeting prepared to greet old friends and meet new ones. The group meets twice a month.

2nd & 4th Thursdays - 1:30 PM

Andree Aboussouan, 367-8522

Carole Rebeiz, 356-3675 ccrebeiz@aol.com

FRIENDSHIP: Our purpose is to extend our interests to friends and members who are not able to participate in our activities by themselves due to illness or old age. We visit members and friends in their residences and send greetings cards and take them to some of our club activities.

3rd Thursday - 1:30 PM

Helen Burch, 328-1186, hcburch@aol.com

FUN CLUB: Looking for new friends to have fun with? We'll see movies, try out new restaurants, go shopping, or just socialize together. We will continue to try to find new and fun things to do every month or every other month. You can come with the whole group or find people within the group who share your desire for certain hobbies and activities.

Times and places TBA

Lori Beers, 344-0034 lbeers@insightbb.com

GERMAN: This group welcomes anyone who would enjoy an afternoon of conversation in German, with updates from those recently returned from Germany and from current periodicals. Fluency is welcome, but not required.

2nd Monday - 1:30 PM

Anne Ehrlich, 344-1039 idlenot2000@yahoo.com

GOLF: The Golf group is looking for other Club members to build friendships through playing golf.

Times and places TBA

Nancy Komlanc, 398-2699 nkomlanc@ncsa.uiuc.edu

GOURMET: Enjoy international meals, with a touch of class, and pleasant conversation with others from a varied cultural community at only a fraction of restaurant prices. Working from detailed recipes, we all share cooking and costs. Sign up alone or as a couple on a regular or substitute basis.

1st Saturday - 7:00 PM

Cathy Emanuel, 351-4033 Cathy.Emanuel@carle.com

Karen Paulsen, 398-3190 kpaulsen@uiuc.edu

KNIT 'N' THINGS: Beginners as well as experts who enjoy any type of handwork are welcome. We exchange patterns, information about supplies, shops, instructions, and shortcuts. Call your babysitter and join us for a pleasant and relaxing afternoon.

1st & 3rd Mondays - 1:15 PM

Wilma O'Brien, 359-7128 wobrien19@yahoo.com

Pam Collopy, 367-5833 pam@DFMconsulting.com

LET'S DO LUNCH: Members meet monthly for lunch at different local area restaurants. Spouses and guests are welcome.

2nd Friday - 11:30 AM

Doreen Halberstam, 359-0255

Faye Puckett, 355-1053 hpuckett@uiuc.edu

LITERATURE: Selections from a variety of literary forms reflect the diverse interests of the group. Members are encouraged to read the literature and participate in the discussion that follows the presentation.

Afternoon: 4th Wednesday - 1:00 PM **Jean Creswell, 359-1877 jrcreswell@uiuc.edu**

Evening: 3rd Monday - 7:30 PM **Mary Lee Spence, 384-2856 c-spence@uiuc.edu**

NEWCOMERS: Activities are geared towards introducing newcomers to Champaign-Urbana. The group is open to those in their first two full years in Women's Club. Social interaction is our aim. Some activities can accommodate young children.

Schedule in newsletter

**Joy Thornton-Walter, 351-5197 walter@math.uiuc.edu
Jody Endres, 344-7255 jody.endres@insightbb.com**

PARENT-CHILD PLAYGROUP: Bimonthly playgroups at The Illinois Disciples Foundation are a wonderful opportunity for parents to socialize while the children enjoy playing together. New members with infants through preschool children are invited to join any time throughout the year.

2nd & 4th Thursdays

9:30 AM - 11:30 PM

Alyssa Nevin, 384-2901 alysanevin@hotmail.com

SPANISH: Members with at least a basic knowledge of Spanish meet for conversation and to discuss literature, travel, history and current events related to the culture of Spanish-speaking countries.

2nd & 4th Mondays - 8:00 PM

Claudia Reich, 337-0760 claudia@life.uiuc.edu

SUPPER CLUB: Couples and singles gather once a month for a potluck dinner. In October, December, and May the whole group meets together. The other months the group is divided among several homes.

3rd Saturday evening

**Shirley Splittstoesser, 367-3330 splitts@life.uiuc.edu
Mary Ruth Getz, 356-5767 m-getz@uiuc.edu**

TUESDAY TEA: Join us every month for Tea and conversation at Clark-Lindsey Village. This is a great chance to drop in and meet with friends and remember how our Women's Club got its start. We will enjoy special themes and programs in a casual setting. Hats are optional! Everyone is welcome, and bring a friend.

3rd Tuesday – 2:00 - 3:30 PM

Clark-Lindsey Village

**Gerry Reiss, 367-5177 reissgerry@hotmail.com
Sandi Thomas, 359-1161 sandit@insightbb.com**

TIMES MOVIE REVIEW: Calling all movie lovers!! Join us as we hit the box office for the latest movies—then stick around and help review the film over drinks or dinner.

2nd Wednesday

Times and places TBA

**Barbara Garlick, 762-9088
K-9SoundSolutions@comcast.net**

WALKING AND HIKING: Come and enjoy the various beautiful parks around our area. You can meet wonderful people, see beautiful scenery and get some great exercise, all at the same time. Some of the adventures will be walks; others will be hikes.

1st Saturday or Sunday

**Ann Campbell, 352-1487 annc@prairienet.org
Peri Ceperley, 359-9333 peri@ceperley.com**

WINE LOVERS GROUP: Whether you are a wine connoisseur or someone who would like to learn more about wines, this is the special interest group for you! This group will explore the world of wine through tastings, talks by local experts, and some wine dinners. Watch the website and newsletter for more information.

Times and places TBA

**Margaret Martin, 344-1759
margaretha.martin@insightbb.com**

Newcomers' Group

We welcome all newcomers to get acquainted with life in this wonderful university community by joining us in some strictly-for-fun events. We encourage returning members to bring new people. 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.

In addition to our Newcomers programs below, please note that the club’s Tour Chair has arranged a **WALKING TOUR OF CAMPUS** on Tuesday, **AUGUST 29th**. We will meet at the Levis Faculty Center at 10:15 AM. Also be sure to attend the club-wide **SIGN-UP DAY**, Friday, **September 1st**.

Get-acquainted Lunch Buffet **Noon Tuesday, September 12**
Joy Thornton-Walter’s home, 820 Dodds Drive, Champaign

Behind-the-scenes Tour of Illinois Football & Dinner at a Restaurant **Wednesday, October 11**
Tour guide will designate where we gather at 5:00 PM.

Pub Crawl—Selection of Urbana and Champaign Hot Spots **5:30 PM Thursday, November 9**
Gathering location TBA

Museum Visiting **Champaign County Historical Museum** **10:00 AM Thursday, February 1**
Barbara Peckham, Board President of the Champaign County Historical Museum, will be our guide, then it’s lunch at the Krannert Art Museum. We can go on to Spurlock if desired.

Tour Selected Ag and Vet Med Facilities **Possibly an Afternoon in March**
If there’s interest and arrangements can be made.

End of Year Garden Party **Wine and Cheese** **4:30 - 6:30 PM Friday, April 20**
Jody Endres’s home, 204 W. Nevada Street, Urbana

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Jody Endres, Asst. 2nd Vice President. 217-344-7255, jody.endres@insightbb.com.*

Upcoming Women’s Club Events

Walking Tour of Campus	Tues., Aug. 29, 10:15 AM	Levis Faculty Center
Fall Sign Up	Fri., Sept. 1, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Krannert Center for Perf. Arts Lobby
Women’s Club Networking Party	Thurs., Sept. 21, 5:00 PM See website for October Meeting	Krannert Uncorked, Krannert Lobby
Fall Luncheon	Wed., Oct. 18, 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Alice Campbell Alumni Center
Alice Campbell Alumni Center Tour	Wed., Oct. 18, 1:30 PM	Alice Campbell Alumni Center
Doris Kelly Christopher Hall Tour	Thurs., Nov. 9, 10:30 AM	Doris Kelly Christopher Hall
Symphony Guild in Good Taste	Tues., November 14	Details TBA
Art and Shopping in Indianapolis	Wed., December 6, 8:00 AM	Details TBA
Holiday Tea	Mon., Dec. 11, 4:00 – 6:00 PM	NCSA Atrium
Winter Murder Mystery Dinner	Under Investigation	
Scholarship Brunch	Sat., Mar. 10, 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Illini Union
Spring Luncheon	Wednesday, May 2	TBA

Women's Club at the University of Illinois

2006 - 2007 Membership Form

Please make checks payable to: **"Women's Club at UIUC"**
Mail to: Sandy Camargo, 202 West Pennsylvania Avenue, Urbana, IL 61801

Name _____ Spouse's Name _____

Street _____ City/St/Zip _____

University Affiliation _____ Phone _____

Univ. Affil.: Self
Spouse Age: <40 Newcomer
Family Member 40-69 Continuing Member
Visiting Prof. 70+ Year/Decade Joined _____

E-mail (please print) _____ I do not have e-mail

DUES: Regular, \$20 _____
Couple, \$30 _____
Grad Student, \$10 _____

Scholarship donations are encouraged.
Please make checks for donations to UIF.

Women's Club Fall Sign-Up

Krannert Center for Performing Arts Main Lobby

Friday, September 1st from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM



Parent-Child Playgroup



Walking and Hiking

Join us for our annual fall sign-up. Try a new interest group, sign up for a tour, meet new members, and see old friends.



Cosmopolitan Cooking
Demonstration

This year join interest groups with a friend, your children, and your partner. Try a new craft, become a gourmet cook, learn a new language, rediscover literature, sample foreign travel, meet for lunch, see movies, have fun!



Wine Lovers



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