President’s Letter

Dear Women’s Club Members,

Happy 2015! I hope you had a nice holiday and are enjoying good health as we begin a new year full of exciting events and activities.

Before I tell you about the new semester, I want to give you a brief recap of last semester.

In a historic change, Women’s Club members voted at the Fall Sign-up, or by proxy beforehand, to **open Women’s Club membership to all women across Grounds who are affiliated with the University through past or present employment**. UVA has worked hard over the past decade to dispel any appearance of elitism, and our previous member eligibility requirements caused our organization to be out of step with the University; it was time to make the change. The new Membership sections of the Constitution and By-laws follow the wording and list the employee categories used by UVA’s Human Resources and are included in this newsletter.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Fall Sign-up and made the day special. This annual gathering was a successful collaboration of many Standing Committees including Reception~Nametags, Interest Groups, Social~Decorating, Philanthropy, Trips, Handbook and even our Photographer. We enjoyed a beautiful and delicious buffet. Interest Group Chairs creatively displayed their annual calendars and enticed new members, and our speaker, 4th year Sarah Hill, captured our hearts. It was a very nice day!

A Club-wide Bus Trip to Kennedy Center for a matinee showing of **Little Dancer** was a highlight of the semester. The day also included a tour of Kennedy Center and lunch. Special thanks to Trips coordinators Edith Weber and Liz Marshall for a wonderful day that was perfect in every way! Interest Group members enjoyed a wide variety of meetings and field trips, and most ended the semester with a holiday gathering. Thank you to all of the group leaders who planned so many special events!

**Women’s Club’s Spring Semester** is chock-full of things to do, so take a look at the **Interest Group** activities and **Club-wide** events listed on the following pages and mark your calendars. There are many opportunities for interesting get-togethers and enjoyable outings with your Women’s Club friends.

**The Newcomers–Recruitment Committee** will host a **Spring New Member Coffee** at 10:00 on **Tuesday, March 10th** at the **home of Martha Weiss**. Although **Women’s Club membership is open to all women across Grounds affiliated with the University through past or present employment**, the most effective way for us to grow is by extending personal invitations. Mark your calendar and **bring a friend**! Besides fun and fellowship with other University women, our organization offers a wonderful opportunity for service through our Philanthropy Projects and lifelong learning through our Interest Groups and Club-wide Events.
**Honoraries**, our standing committee that makes sure our Club includes events to “honor” our UVA retirees or spouses, is once again planning an **Honoraries Tea**. The hat and gloves (optional) event will take place **Tuesday, March 31st in Darden’s Dining Room**, the same location as last year. If you are a retired UVA employee, or the spouse of a retired UVA employee, mark your calendar and be on the lookout for your invitation, which will include all the details.

We are also planning an **“Evening at the Theatre” for April 23rd at the Culbreth Theatre** to see **Wonderful Town**, a “charming and high-spirited Broadway classic” with music by Leonard Bernstein. A reception in the Helms Theatre before the musical will be organized by the Club’s **Social~Decorating Committee**. **Reception 7:00, Performance 8:00**. Details concerning tickets are included in this newsletter.

The final Club-wide event for the semester will be our annual **Spring Luncheon on Tuesday, May 12th at the Greencroft Club**. Details will be forthcoming. Our speaker is travel writer and sketch artist Candace Rose Rardon. From Candace’s website: “In 2008, I graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Virginia with a BA in English with distinction. In 2012, I finished my Master’s in Travel Writing with distinction from London’s Kingston University, where I was also awarded the Faber & Faber Creative Writing MA Prize.” At the luncheon, Candace will tell us about some of her adventures and experiences traveling the globe. You can become better acquainted with this talented and interesting young lady by visiting her website: [http://www.candaceroserardon.com/](http://www.candaceroserardon.com/). She is looking forward to speaking to our group, and I know you will enjoy meeting her! Candace will have books, note cards, and a few prints for sale.

Finally, in response to the tragic events of last semester at UVA, Women’s Club is sponsoring a **Fund Drive** to support our current **Philanthropy Project - The Women's Center on Grounds**. We hope to present this gift to Women’s Center Director Sharon Davie at our May luncheon. More details can be found in the **Philanthropy Committee** report in this newsletter.

I can hardly believe we are more than halfway through the 2014-2015 year. The time has certainly passed quickly. I continue to enjoy serving as your president, and I appreciate your consistent vote of confidence. You are truly THE BEST! As I said before, thank you to all of the lovely and hard-working women who make this organization a wonderful and worthy asset to the UVA Community. Your investment of time and energy is greatly appreciated!

All the best,
Gale McCartney

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**Spring Events 2015**

**Spring New Member Coffee**
Tuesday, March 10, 10:00
Martha Weiss, host

**Honoraries Tea**
Tuesday, March 31
Darden Dining Room
Watch for invitation

**Evening at the Theatre** *
Thursday, April 23
Reception: 7:00, Helms Theatre
Performance: 8:00, Culbreth Theatre

**Spring Luncheon**
Tuesday, May 12
Greencroft Club, details forthcoming

*Women’s Club’s Annual “Evening at the Theatre*

Join us for an evening performance of UVa Drama Department’s **Wonderful Town** on Thursday, April 23rd at the Culbreth Theatre. The Box Office has reserved a block of seats for us, and Women’s Club’s Social ~ Decorating Committee is planning a reception in the Helms Theatre before the musical. The ticket price of $18 per person includes the reception. Please contact Gale McCartney to reserve your seats; the deadline for purchasing tickets is April 15. Checks should be made out to UVA Women’s Club. Reception 7:00, Performance 8:00.

Gale McCartney.
Philanthropy Report - Spring 2015

Fund Drive for Women’s Center’s Sexual Assault Prevention Program

Women’s Club’s current Philanthropy Project is the Women’s Center at UVA. Because of last semester’s events that increased sexual assault awareness at UVA and helped launch a campaign across Grounds to address the issue, and due to Women’s Club’s desire to participate in the solution, the Philanthropy Committee is sponsoring a semester-long fund drive to raise money for the Women’s Center. Our gift will be designated specifically for Women’s Center’s Sexual Assault Prevention Program, and will hopefully be presented to Director Sharon Davie at our Spring Luncheon. In order to present all of our contributions as one gift, there are two options for giving. 1. If you do not need a receipt for taxes, make your check out to “UVA Women’s Club,” and send to club Treasurer Grace Giras. She will deposit it and include the amount in one check from Women’s Club. 2. If you would like to have your own personal receipt for tax purposes, make your check out to “Maxine Platzer Lynn Women’s Center,” AND send/give it to Becky Williams or Liz Marshall, so that it will be part of our “big” gift. It won’t be cashed until the Women’s Center gets it in May, so you may want to hold off writing it until April or early May. It will go in the same envelope with the Women’s Club check and be part of the TOTAL GIFT. For questions, contact Becky or Liz.

Philanthropy Committee – Co-chairs Becky Williams and Liz Marshall

Grocery Shopping for Cancer Research

Just a reminder that if you shop at Kroger, you can direct some of your grocery money to the UVA Patients & Friends Cancer Research Fund. Just let Becky Williams know that you want a gift card, give her $5.00 and she’ll take care of it. It will come loaded with the $5.00. You then take it to Customer Service or to the cashier when you check out, and, using your own credit card so that you get your points, put as much money on it as you want. Reload each time the card gets low. **For every $5000 spent cumulatively with these cards, the Cancer Center receives $250 for research.** There is no risk or extra money spent. The cards make great gifts too! If you are interested, get $5.00 to Becky Williams, and she’ll take care of the rest. Questions? Call her.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

**BRIDGE CLUB**

7:15 pm. Alternate Thursdays. Lucille Digges

**NEEDLE ARTS**

Bring your needlework and enjoy friendship and conversation in a relaxing environment. Fourth Thursdays (usually) at 10:00 AM. Carolyn McPherson
ANTIQUES GROUP

Antiques—4th Wednesdays at 9:30. We enjoy programs about antiques of all kinds and we visit historic buildings and collections in addition to having an annual auction. Contact Gale McCartney for more information.

ANTIQUE GROUP SCHEDULE 2015

January 28, 2015, 9:30 ~ Family History “Show and Tell” Robin Cherry, Host
February 25, 2015, 10:00 ~ Antiques Group Roadshow with Sandra Perry. Bring a treasure to be appraised. Bremo Auctions
March 25, 2015 – To be announced

Our 4th Wednesday April 22 meeting falls in the middle of Historic Garden Week, April 18-25, so we are considering a field trip earlier in the month. Watch for an email announcement

Mark your calendar and join us for a year of great fun!

Gale McCartney Pat Shutts Betty Hopson

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP..... We meet at members’ homes or at the UVA International Center on the third Wednesday of the month at 12:30 P.M. for book discussions and yummy desserts. For further information, please contact either Hope Pribram or Carol Hogg.

2015 BOOK CLUB SCHEDULE

Jan. 21 Carol Hogg Marjie Giuliano The Cat’s Table Michael Ondaatje
Feb. 18 To Be Announced Ali Rie Miller The Girls of Atomic City Denise Kiernan
Mar. 18 Ginny Adams Pat Shutts The Round House Louise Erdrich
April 15 Carol Hogg Wendy Craig Sister Carrie Theodore Dreiser
May 20 Jo Martin Edith Weber The Invention of Wings Sue Monk Kidd

WALKING / HIKING GROUP
Everyone is invited to "take a hike!" On the first Tuesday of each month, all members are invited to join together to take a leisurely hike in some of the prettiest places in Charlottesville. We meet at **9:30 or 10:00 a.m.** at the designated spot. An email will be sent to all members in plenty of time to share details of the walk. This year we are not treating this as an Interest Group. Instead we hope all members will consider participating. For questions, call Edith Weber.

**WALKING GROUP SCHEDULE  2015**

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| March 3, 2015 | UVA Grounds Trail  
Debbie Stone.  
Meet at the UVA track (next to Klockey Stadium)  
981-6452 |
| April 7, 2015 | Meeting time: 10.00 a.m., Mint Springs Park Trails  
Edith Weber  
Lunch at Fardowers Restaurant, Crozet |

If you would like to join us at one or all of the walks, please e-mail or call the person who will be in charge on that day.

**GARDEN GROUP**

Each year Garden Group members enjoy several speakers, tours, one big spring trip and a chance to try our hand at flower arranging plus several social gatherings. We love to learn more about gardening, plants/shrubs/bulbs, trees, birds/insects and the wonderful outdoor world. I hope you will join us for some or ALL that is planned for the upcoming year. Second Wednesday of the month at 9:30am.

Flower Creations by Carolyn

**GARDEN GROUP SCHEDULE 2015**

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| Jan. 14th   | Speaker: Sally Brown  
Home of Ramona Shugart |
| Feb. 11th   | "Garden Group Knows"  
Home of Sherry Aylor |
| March 11th  | Flower Arranging  
Home of Carolyn Adams |
| April 8th   | SPRING TRIP "Brent and Becky Bulbs"  
Gloucester Va. |
| May 13th    | Loving Cup Winery and Lunch  
North Garden Va. |

Garden Group Members: Our Spring Bus Trip on April 8th is filling up quickly. If you are interested in the day trip to Brent and Becky's Bulbs in Gloucester, VA, send your check for $65.00 made out to "UVA Women's Garden Group" to Sherry Aylor, 1700 Stadium Road, 22903. We will leave the Pantops parking lot at 7:00 and will return home by 5:30. Contact Carolyn Adams or Sherry Aylor with questions.
GOURMET GROUP—SUPPER CLUB

If you are at all intrigued and want to share great food and wine with wonderful people, please give us a try. We would love to have new people to spice up our already delicious group.

Give us a call or email if you want to join or if you just want more information or our email announcements.

GOURMET GROUP – SUPPER CLUB SCHEDULE 2015

March 15, 2015  Perfect Pairings

Something new for the Gourmet Group! Come to a light luncheon followed by "perfect pairings" of artisanal cheeses and wine. Cheesemonger Nadjeeb Chouaf, is the owner of Flora Artisanal Cheese (which can be found in Milli Jo's on the corner of Preston Avenue and McIntire Road) in Charlottesville, will present us with a special selection of cheeses and wines at the home of Nancy and Joe Campbell. Price will be about $23 a person. The afternoon will be topped off with dessert. Note this is the day AFTER the ACC Championship game.

Call Kris Bean for more details. Notices will be sent to current Gourmet Group members the week of February 9.

A theme dinner is planned for April. Details to come.

Kris Bean

Nancy Campbell

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA WOMEN’S CLUB EXECUTIVE BOARD 2014-2015

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Changes in the University of Virginia Women’s Club Constitution and Bylaws Membership eligibility requirements as voted into immediate effect at the Fall Sign-up on September 16, 2014:

Constitution
Article Ill Membership
Changes in the University of Virginia Women’s Club Constitution and Bylaws
Membership shall be open to all women who are current or former employees of the University of Virginia, or who are a spouse, widow, or domestic partner of a current or former employee of UVa. If a woman is a member or eligible for membership, her
membership will not be affected by subsequent divorce, separation, or change in employment.

**Bylaws**

**Article 1 Membership**

Member- upon payment of dues

Women who are current or former employees of the University of the Virginia, or who are a spouse, widow, or domestic partner of a current or former employee of UVa.

The UVa employment may be full or part time, permanent, temporary, or visiting in any school or division and may be any of the following:

- Classified Staff
- University Staff (Operational and Administrative; Managerial & Professional; Executive & Senior Administrative; President’s professional staff; Senior administrative officers)
- Faculty (Teaching and Research; Professional Research Staff).
- Medical Center Employees and Resident Physicians in Training
- Temp/Wage Employees

Unless they choose not to be, members will be identified in the Handbook by the UVa School or Division/Department to which they or their spouse or partner belong.

Members who are retired employees or who are the spouse, widow, or domestic partner of a retired employee will be identified in the Handbook as **Honoraries** and will be eligible to attend special events planned in their honor.

*(Although Human Resources categories were listed and voted on, the spirit of the new member eligibility guidelines is to include all women across Grounds who are affiliated with the University through past or present employment. If the employment categories change in the future, the current board acknowledges that Women’s Club may benefit from further simplifying the wording of the guidelines rather than trying to keep up with Human Resources’ changes.)*