

THE NEWSLETTER OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
WOMEN' S CLUB

Spring Term, 2016

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President's Letter

UVA Women's Club member:

Wishing you a happy winter and wondering at the moment whether that predicted snow storm is really coming. By the time you read this, you will be the wiser, and still warm and happy, I hope.

You know the picture that a duck presents when it serenely crosses the pond, and yet you know it is paddling like mad, underneath? Something like that happens with your Club when a lot of work is being done by committee chairs and officers, especially when suddenly a computer system crashes. Your newsletter creators, Martha Weiss and Helena Taylor, are the picture of serenity and you'd never know what went into producing this newsletter! Likewise the webpage creator, Kris Bean, has to do a lot of work to keep the web page up to date. But it was Grace Giras's computer system that crashed, and therefore more of you than usual are receiving this newsletter in print. We'll have to recreate the email-only address list because it's costly to mail all these newsletters. Grace, who is the Membership record-keeper and Club Treasurer, at some point will be sending you a one-question survey to find members who are willing to receive the paperless, e-mail only, newsletter.

Serious duck-paddling created the Interest Group schedules in this newsletter. CHECK OUT which ones you'd like to attend. Club-wide activities are being planned, too. If you've let us know that you or your spouse are retired from the University, you'll have received an Honoraries' Tea invitation. With delightful tea-time fare and entertainment, Lou Williams and Yvonne Osheim, Honoraries' chairs, are planning something that will charm our honored, retired members. Be sure to RSVP if you've received an invitation. The Club is charged for no-shows, so let them know if your situation changes. If the public schools are closed by inclement weather on February 11 the Tea will be cancelled.

As you'll see in this newsletter, an Evening at the Theater is also being planned. Out of all the plays being presented by UVA's Drama Department, we selected this play as being especially fitting for a group of strong women, as we are. On the other hand, the heroine gets into all sorts of troubles — we wouldn't know anything about that, would we? I hope to see you at the University Drama building on February 27.

Board members will get notice of the Winter Board meeting, to be held late in March or early in April.

April 12 will find current and new and prospective members gathering for coffee at Martha Weiss's home (10 a.m.). We do have new members this year but remember that the BEST WAY to get someone interested in the Club is to ASK THEM! Our table at the Benefit's Fair showed that many women have never heard of the Club, and were intrigued. But, still, there's nothing like being asked by a friend to join the group.

A small group of members will get to be docents for the day at Carr's Hill during Virginia Garden Club's Garden Week. Our day to be involved this year is Monday, April 25. I'll be asking for volunteers, but you can let me know if you'd like to participate. It's one of our most-popular activities as we learn about each of the public rooms in Carr's Hill and share the stories with Garden Week visitors.

The Spring Luncheon is always a delightful occasion. This year we are planning a location, menu and program that should be especially interesting. Put May 3 on your calendar and we'll send you the details closer to the event. The luncheon is also the time of our annual meeting and election of officers. The by-laws stipulate that the past president, this year Gale McCartney, will chair the nominating committee. You may be getting a call from her!

Finally, remembering the sobering but also hopeful conversation we had at our Fall meeting, regarding sexual assaults and, especially, programs aimed at prevention at UVA — do respond to the call from our Philanthropy chairs, described in this Newsletter. We pool our gifts and provide a meaningful donation to the Women's Center at UVA, for which they are very grateful. I might point out that we do NOT require you, our dear members, to put on a massive event to raise money! Just think of all the free time (and money, too) you garner by our not having a FUNDRAISER. So, please be generous in your response to our one request for contributions from members.

And, finally, finally — I only get to write two letters a year for Newsletters, so this is my last one and I'm sorry that the year is speeding by so quickly. I'm having fun. I hope you are, too, whether you're paddling like crazy or drifting along and enjoying the ride.

Sincerely,

Sally Thomas (phone: 434-295-1819)

Spring Events 2016

COME TO THE THEATER!

When: Friday, Feb. 26, 7 p.m. reception, (intermission also), Room B006
8 p.m. performance. Thanks to Sima Brown and her committee!

Where: The Ruth Caplin Theater, UVA Drama Building
Free Parking at the Culbreth Road Garage, with accessible parking spaces located near the elevator. (Please let me know if you need especially accessible seating in the theater.)

Cost: \$16/person, reception included. Senior and other discounts already taken.

How: Get money (checks should be made out to UVA Women's Club) for each ticket

desired to Sally Thomas, 889 Leigh Way, Charlottesville VA 22901

Why? It will be fun! Here's the Drama Department's own description:

"A beautiful young princess disguises herself as a man to pursue her heart's desire, who just happens to be an exiled prince posing as a philosophy student who intends to right a family wrong by murdering her and usurping her throne. What can possibly go wrong? Everything can, and does, go hilariously wrong in this commedia classic that comes complete with cross-dressing disguises, dueling schemes and schemers, sharp wordplay and more!"

One more note: please let me know the names of persons in your party, so you can be seated together and we can provide name tags. If you have a season ticket subscription, we hope you'll join us at the reception.

Honoraries and Valentine's Tea

Invitations have been sent for a Valentine's Tea for Honorary members (those who are retired from the University or whose spouses are retired). The tea will be held on **February 11, 2016**, at the Darden School from 2-4 p.m. Entertainment at the event will be provided by the Lark Quartet who sing barbershop. **Please respond by February 4th whether or not you are attending the Honorary Valentine's Tea.** We need an accurate head count for Darden so we do not overpay, and we want to have a nametag ready for you when you arrive." As always, hats and gloves are lovely but not necessary and there is no charge for the event.

New Member Coffee

Please bring a friend to the **New Member Coffee** on Tuesday, April 12, 10:00, at the home of Martha Weiss, 350 Grassmere Road, 22903. Remember, Women's Club is now open to all women across Grounds who are affiliated with the University through past or present employment, personally or through a spouse or domestic partner. Although we are

getting the word out about our organization, the best way for us to grow is still the old-fashioned way – through a personal invitation from a friend or acquaintance. For more information, contact Ramona Shugart or Gale McCartney. See you there!

Philanthropy Report - Spring 2016

Were you on the Lawn to watch the hundreds of trick-or-treaters last Halloween? If so, you know what an impact our candy and dollars have on bringing loads of smiles to the ghouls and goblins. Thank you so much!

We are also very fortunate to have formed a relationship with the UVA Maxine Platzer Lynn Women's Center, and they appreciate our members' contributions so much. If you haven't had a chance, drop by sometime to see the "Breathing Room", established in part by funds from the UVA Women's Club. If you wish to make a contribution to the Women's Center this Spring, send a **check made out to the Maxine Platzer Lynn Women's Center, and mail to Becky Williams** before the Spring luncheon where I'll announce the grand total.

Philanthropy Committee: Becky Williams & Liz Marshal

HELP RAISE MONEY FOR CANCER RESEARCH AT UVA

The Kroger Plus Card program has changed! You no longer need to use one of the Kroger gift cards. Now all you need to do is register your Kroger Plus number in their Community Rewards Program and a percentage of the money you spend will be donated to the UVA Cancer Center. Here's how:

- Go to the Kroger website at: krogercommunityrewards.com
- Click on **Sign In/Register**.
- Click on **SIGN UP TODAY** in the **New Customer?** box.
- Enter your email address, create a password, and select your preferred store via your zip code.
(You will be sent an email within 24 hours verifying your email address. When it arrives to your inbox, click on the link provided to confirm.)
- Enter your Kroger Plus Card number and Last Name to connect your card with your new account.
- Click on **Enroll** in the **Community Rewards** section.
- Enter your information (name, address, phone, birthday, etc.).
- On the next screen, enter **NPO number 84938** in the space provided and click **Search**.
- Select UVA Cancer Center from the list, and click **Confirm**.
- (If you have lost your Kroger Plus Card, call 800-576-4377 and select option 4 to get your card number.)
- Now use your Kroger Plus card and help raise important dollars for cancer research!

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

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.

Spring 2016 Antiques Calendar

January 27, 2016, 9:30 ~ David Ramazani - master craftsman and furniture maker. David has built more than 3000 pieces of furniture since he started in 1981.

Host: Carolyn Adams, 185 Walnut Lane, Charlottesville

February 24, 2016, 9:30/10:00 ~ Appraisals by Sandra Perry. Bring ONE item to be appraised. Refreshments 9:30, "Circle Time" 10:00.

Host: Ramona Shugart

March 23, 2016, 9:30 ~ Historic Home Tour in Albemarle County ~ to be announced.

April 27, 2016 ~ during Historic Virginia Garden Week April 23 – 30, so we may end our year in March. Retired Faculty Year end Luncheon is often this week, too. Stay tuned.

Gale McCartney
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Pat Shutts

Betty Hopson

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

We will be meeting on the third Wednesday of the month at 12:30 for book discussions and dessert. If you are interested in joining us or have any questions please call either Hope Pribram or Carol Hogg.

On FEBRUARY 17, 2016, we will gather in the large meeting room at Northside Library to discuss The Cellist of Sarajevo by Steven Galloway.

On MARCH 16, 2016, we will gather in the library of Westminster Presbyterian Church to discuss The Orphan Train by Christine Baker Kline.

On APRIL 29, 2016, Lucille Diggs will host the group for a discussion of Still Life with Bread Crumbs by Anna Quindlen.

On MAY 18, 2016, Jo Martin will host the group for a discussion of All the Light You Cannot See by Anthony Doer.

WALKING/HIKING GROUP

All Women's Club members are invited to "take a hike!" We will join together to take a leisurely hike in some of the prettiest places in Charlottesville. We will meet at 10AM on the following dates:

March 1, 2016
Thomas Jefferson Parking Trail
Parking Lot
Rt. 53 / Monticello
Edith Weber, 293-3672; cell 566-4667
eew8@embarqmail.com

April 5, 2016
Ivy Creek Natural Area
Marjie Giuliano

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

GARDEN GROUP

UVA Women's Garden Group has a busy spring planned ahead. At our **February meeting** we will share our knowledge with our fellow members with our annual "Garden Group Knows". Nancy Grimes is our host for this meeting. During our **March meeting** we will try our hand, once again, at flower arranging. This meeting will be hosted by Carolyn Adams. April and May will be road trips for the group. In **April** we will carpool to Richmond for Historic Garden Week to enjoy tours of some beautiful gardens and homes. Our annual spring trip will be on **May 11th** to Winchester Va to visit Glenn Burnie Gardens and Museum.

Carolyn Adams 296-4875 or cell: 434-409-4541 or fleur4u@gmail.

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. Winter / Spring Events are being planned. Our annual theme dinner— A Spanish Fiesta—will be held in April, date to be announced.

PLEASE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS IN 2015-16

Clerico Carol Maier
Dame Peggy
DeGood Drene
Doherty Ashley
Hogan Sharon
Homyk Mona
Howell Susan
Martel Kristen
Pace Mary Anne
Rainwater Laine
Riser Heather Moore
Roberts Georgeann
Sawyer Angela
Smith Anne
Strickland Mary Jane
Taylor Josie

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