

A Taste of the Tropics Fundraiser

The Scholarship Committee hosted a boisterous fundraising event amidst the blistering July heat on July 21, 2019. The lovely air-conditioned Tudor House was quite comfortable in the 92 degree heat that Sunday afternoon! The "tropical" treats in the dining room were enjoyed by all, washed down with a cup of rum punch, non-alcoholic punch, or our ever present wine selection.

As of July 21st our scholarship donations totaled \$1,410 with more promised in the mail! In addition to our "donation for entry" fee, our raffles added more to our scholarship offers. The 50/50 raffle netted \$39 with Mel Vye taking home his "half" of \$38. (*Having no coins on hand we split in favor of the scholarship!*) But we must say, the gift baskets prepared by the Special Interest groups were by far the biggest hit of the afternoon bringing in an additional \$245! Mel Vye doubled his winnings for the day by taking home the Book Review basket, Mary Leahy won Sylvia's Discussion Group basket, Diana Kunze got the Bridge Groups' basket, Jane Gwinn went home with the Hiking basket, and last but not least, Neoma Ruebel won the Gourmet Group's basket. And as if this wasn't enough frivolity, the Leahys brought the day to a lovely close with a breezy ride around Portage Lakes on their pontoon boat for our nautical guests.

All we can say to everyone is thank you, thank you, thank you! Especially the Committee – Denise Beck, Martha Vye, Susan Coville-Hall, and me, Rita Klein **with a very special thank you to Sylvia Johnson**. Don't forget, there is a fall event coming up that also adds to our scholarship funds – the Trip to Niagara-on-the-Lake for the Shaw Festival – a glorious way to have a marvelous time and support our scholarship! A couple seats are still available! Contact Sylvia Johnson.

- Submitted by Rita Klein, Scholarship Chair



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Fall General Meeting
Thursday, November 14, 2019

Annual Holiday Luncheon
Wednesday, December 11, 2019

Spring General Meeting
Thursday, March 19, 2020

Spring Salad Luncheon and Changeover Meeting

On Saturday, April 27, 2019, The University of Akron Women's Club hosted the annual Spring Salad Luncheon and Changeover meeting. Members enjoyed a variety of tasty dishes while welcoming new board members and thanking exiting officers. Joining and continuing on this year's board will be (pictured below, left to right) Penny Marquette, Treasurer; Sue Yoder, Secretary; Carrie Tomko, President; Jane Gwinn, Vice President/Program Chair; and Jane DeLuca, Special Activities Chair. A special farewell and gift were presented to Denise Beck and Dancia Houle for their contributions as officers on the previous board.



Welcome new member and Special Activities Chair (2019-20) Jane DeLuca who has been a member of the UAWC since 2018. Jane's career at UA began in 1979 as office manager and Secretary to the Chair in the School of Music. From 1985—2000 she provided administrative and budget support for six deans within the College of Engineering (COE). During that time Jane served as liaison for the dean, in dealing with UA and COE administrators, business and community leaders, as well as various committees, faculty, and students. Jane retired in 2000 via UA's Early Retirement Incentive Program.

Jane DeLuca



IN THE
spotlight

Jane has traveled extensively throughout the USA including NYC, Boston, Cape Cod (from Falmouth to Provincetown), and San Francisco being one of her favorites. Other than wintering in Florida, she has not visited many of the southern states. She has hiked in Gatlinburg, TN, visited the Carolina beaches, and explored Savannah, GA. New Orleans is on her bucket list. Along with her husband, Bill, they have hiked extensively, trekking through Bryce, Zion, Grand Canyon, Sedona AZ, Yellowstone (fabulous), Glacier Nat'l Park, and parts of the Appalachian Trail. With family or friends, she has explored all of beautiful Italy (her roots) several times. Jane has also toured or visited Canada, England, Mexico, Paris France and attended Mass in Notre Dame Cathedral. She was heartbroken when it burned.

Some of Jane's favorite things is spending time with family and friends, reading (memoirs, good fiction—loves a good story), book clubs, haunting second-hand bookshops with her daughters, hiking, exercising with friends, and "lunching." She used to enjoy biking and gardening, but says she's not as spry as she used to be. However, she still enjoys Sudoku, crossword puzzles, and word scrambles.

Jane truly love's the UAWC's objective – scholarship money for women. Anything we can do to help young women get a foot up is truly a step in the right direction. She is considering joining the hiking, book club, discussion group, and possibly considering joining the gourmet dinner, although she hasn't been able to mesh her schedule just yet.

Together with her first husband, David Cunningham, she has three daughters and one son. David passed away in 1988. Jane later met and married William DeLuca in 1990. Williams was welcomed into the family and now together Jane and he are the proud grandparents of eleven grands and one tiny six-month great granddaughter. The family gets together as often as possible with now growing-up and grown-up schedules. Jane and Bill currently reside in Munroe Falls.

Please extend a warm welcome to Jane when you see her!

- story contributed by Carrie Tomko

In Remembrance

Iris Kuehls

Iris passed away in early Spring. A memorial celebration was held in July by her family and friends to commemorate Iris's life and many contributions.

Iris had several great loves — her family, her music, and the students she taught. Her love for teaching special needs children and her support of mental health charities reflected even more as she led the UAWC hiking group as team captain during a mental health 5K walk held several years ago.

In addition, Iris was incredibly intelligent, an ace bridge player, and active participant in our book club. She knew how to be a good and helpful friend to many people. She was a long time member of the Faculty Women's Club, now the University of Akron Women's Club .

Iris showed great courage and will be missed by all.



Hiking photos featuring Iris Kuehls, shared by Leslie Bain.



Helen Weyrick

Former UAWC member and friend, Helen Weyrick passed away on June 7, 2019. Helen was born in Akron and attended Garfield High School and later became a nurse from Akron City Hospital's Firestone School of Nursing.

Helen served as a Cadet Nurse during World War II and worked at area hospitals. She later graduated from The University of Akron and taught nursing for many years. After retiring, Helen volunteered with the American Red Cross helping at blood drives and teaching CPR.

The UAWC was fortunate to have Helen as an active member from the 1970s into the 1990s. Many of us may recall her involvement with Bridge Club, both Women's and couples with her husband Bob. Helen was also active in the original day Book Club and was a 66-year member of the North Springfield Presbyterian Church where she served as a Sunday school teacher, elder, church librarian, and with the Presbyterian Women. She was a proud to be a member of The Daughters of the American Revolution. Helen enjoyed reading, quilting, crafts, shopping, traveling, and writing poetry, and she never wanted to be disturbed while watching Jeopardy.

Preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, University of Akron Dean Robert Weyrick, she is survived by her sons, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Committal will be with her husband at the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery. A Witness to the Resurrection Memorial Service in Helen's memory was held on June 17, 2019.

Edward Mazak

On May 24, 2019, Colonel Edward P. Mazak, Jr. died peacefully with his loving wife, Marcia at his bedside. Ed was born in Akron, Ohio. He earned degrees from The University of Akron, the Air Force Institute of Technology, and The George Washington University. Ed received a regular commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Air Force. Assignments included two tours at Wright Patterson AFB in Dayton; Kirtland AFB and Sandia Army Bases in Albuquerque, NM and the Pentagon in Arlington, VA.

Ed is husband to our active and longtime UAWC member, Marcia Mazak. Together they traveled extensively, taking numerous trips to Europe and the Caribbean, as well as an extensive visit to China and Southeast Asia. Ed and Marcia were married for 69 years.

Gourmet Dinner

On May 18, 2019, Norma and Richard Wrobel hosted the gourmet dinner. Fifteen people attended and gathered at the Crossings inside the Golden Pond Clubhouse (at John and Jane Gwinn's).

The theme was bring a favorite picnic dish. The dinner started with three appetizers—crab dip, cheese crackers and an olive tapenade served on the patio of the clubhouse. The main dish was barbecue chicken and ribs. Delicious side dishes included: potato salad, fresh veggie salad, pork and beans and two desserts; fresh strawberry pie and apple cake.

- Submitted by Jane Gwinn



Special Activities Corner

Our Special Activities groups and committees have been busy bees this summer. There's a big buzz for upcoming plans as well. Please consider joining one or more of our groups. A complete list of special activities is included on the 2019-20 membership form.



Book Club photos from July 16, 2019 at Sharon Gandee's home



The Scholarship Committee met on June 14, 2019



The Hiking Club hit the trails at Virginia Kendall Park— June 20, 2019



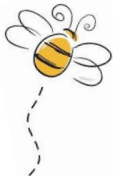
Hiking Club at the Portage Lakes Trails.

Despite the weather forecast of 30% chance of rain, eleven brave hikers showed up for a hike in the streaming rain at Virginia Kendall on Thursday, June 20th. Wet clothes and destroyed coiffures were soon forgotten as they enjoyed a delightful lunch prepared by the talented hands of Linda Littler at her charming home in Peninsula. Historically speaking, wet clothes and dripping hair has almost become a prerequisite for our yearly luncheon at Linda's.

- photo and story shared by Diana Kunze

HIKING SCHEDULE—Remainder of 2019

| Date | Trail | Contact | Time |
|--------|--|-----------------------------|----------|
| 15-Aug | Bedford Res. - Bridal Veil Falls/Hemlock Creek | Denise Beck | 9:00 AM |
| 29-Aug | Hell Hollow & Penitentiary Glen (Lake Co) | Leslie Bain | 9:00 AM |
| 5-Sep | Cleveland Metroparks Zoo | Sue Yoder & Linda Sugarman | 10:00 AM |
| 19-Sep | Kent along the River | Jane Gwinn & Rita DiFrangia | 10:00 AM |
| 3-Oct | Akron Zoo | Susan Colville-Hall | 10:00 AM |
| 17-Oct | Secret Arboretum - hike led by James Chatfield | Leslie Bain | 10:00 AM |
| 31-Oct | Crowell-Hilaka G.S. | Penny Marquette | 10:00 AM |





Things to Do

Bridge Groups

Women's Afternoon

- August 22, 2019
- September 26, 2019

Women's Evening

- August 5, 2019
- September 2, 2019

Discussion Group

- August 13, 2019
(Luncheon)

Evening Book Review

- September 18, 2019

Gourmet Dinner

- August 24, 2019

Hiking Group

- August 15, 2019
- August 29, 2019
- September 5, 2019
- September 19, 2019

Women's Club News and Notes

The University of Akron has partnered with the City of Akron and ArtsNow to support and provide feedback on the emerging "Cultural Plan" for Akron and the region. Please feel free to share your voice and input by participating in their survey at - www.akronculturalplan.com. To learn more about local Arts, Culture, Fun, Every Day, visit www.summitlive365.com.

Note: If you have any news to share, contact our Secretary, Sue Yoder at (330) 666-5238 or email to sby17@roadrunner.com. Sue will send appropriate card on behalf of the club.

Special Activities

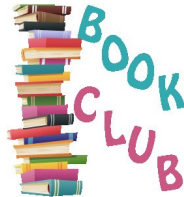
Chair: Jane DeLuca, (330) 968-9887 (delucajane12@gmail.com)

Evening Book Review

Co-Chairs: Sharon Gandee (330) 864-4659 and Kirklyn Kuzdrall (330) 923-8662
ssgandee@gmail.com kirklyn19@att.net

The group regularly meets on the third Wednesday of each month from September through May at 7 p.m. for dessert with book review beginning at 7:30 p.m.

On July 16th the members met at Sharon Gandee's for a one-time summer meeting to review "Where the Crawdads Sing".



September 18, 2019

Salad dinner and meeting to determine book selections as well as reviewers and hostesses for the coming year.

Gourmet Dinner

Chair: Jane Gwinn (330) 678-2239
janeagwinn@gmail.com

The Gourmet Dinner Group meets four times a year: Aug/Sept, October, April & May.

August 24, 2019 Hosts Martha and Mel Vye (1 p.m.)

October 19, 2019 Hosts Jan and Carl McMillin

April (TBD) 2020 Hosts Diana and Gerhard Kunze & Denise Beck

May, 2020 TBD



Co-Chairs: Leslie Bain Home (330) 485-4252 or Cell (330) 819-2846, or lbain220@gmail.com

Martha Vye (330) 644-7490 or vye@uakron.edu

Plans are in the works for September / October. Details and information to follow.



MORE FUN THINGS TO DO!

Bridge Groups

Women's Afternoon

Chair: Leslie Bain - H: (330) 485-4252 / C: (330) 658-1965 lbain220@gmail.com

This group meets the fourth Thursday at noon for lunch and 1 p.m. Bridge at the Rockynol Independent Living apartments dining room. We now order directly from the many lunch options available on their menu.

Schedule: August 22, 2019
September 26, 2019

Women's Evening **Chair:** Anais Webb (330) 322-6209 or awebb629@gmail.com

Evening bridge meets the first Monday evening of the month at 7 p.m. and ends by 10 p.m. The group meets at member homes. Call Anais for location and to reserve a spot.

Schedule: August 5, 2019 at Bev Brockett's
September 2, 2019 (TBD)

DISCUSSION GROUP

Co-Chairs: Denise Beck (330) 699-6941
beck490@gmail.com

Sylvia Johnson (330) 644-3090
Sylvia5@uakron.edu

Schedule: Luncheon— **Tuesday, August 13, 2019 (12:30 p.m.)**
at Denise Beck's home (892 Lynnhaven Lane, Akron,
OH 44313). Lunch will be provided by Denise and Sylvia.
This meeting will be to determine best discussion topics
and the locations.

Hiking Group

Chair: Leslie Bain Home: (330) 485-4252 or
Cell: (330) 819-2846 or
lbain220@gmail.com

Schedule: **August 15, 2019** (9 a.m.)
Bedford Reservoir
August 29, 2019 (9 a.m.)
Hell Hollow & Penitentiary Glen
September 5, 2019 (10 a.m.)
Cleveland Metroparks Zoo
September 19, 2019 (10 a.m.)
Kent along the River



THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON WOMEN'S CLUB

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We're on the Web at www.uakron.edu/uawc/



Membership form for 2019-2020

(Fiscal year—June 1 to May 31)

Please send this completed form, along with a check made payable to UA Women's Club, to **Penny Marquette, PO Box 707, Bath, OH 44210.**

Your Name _____ Spouse's Name _____

Your Department _____ Spouse's Department _____

Mailing Address (Street) _____

City, State, Zip _____ Email address _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Membership Status Active \$20 New Member \$20 Associate* \$10

Sponsored Membership \$10

*Associates are those who have been active dues paying members and are now in retirement status. Associates who are regular participants in special activities **are encouraged** to pay full dues.

Signature of Sponsoring Club Member

Please check here if you wish to receive newsletter via U.S. Mail

Scholarship Donation \$ _____

Please let us know what special activities you might be interested in (check as many as you like):

_____ Afternoon Bridge _____ Evening Bridge _____ Discussion Group _____ Evening Book Review
_____ Gourmet Dinner _____ Hiking _____ Tour Group