

The Carolyn Cox Scholarship Fund

Every long-lived organization has its quiet heroes; people who provide the on-going effort and support that ensures the long-term survival of the entity. For The University of Akron Women's Club (UAWC), one of these people is Carolyn Cox. Over the years, Carolyn has supported the UAWC through participation in our programs and by hosting events in her home.

Here are two things you may not know about Carolyn. One fascinating detail is that Carolyn has been instrumental in saving and propagating a magnificent tree; a tree thought to be extinct for over 5 million years...the Dawn Redwood (pictured far right). The Dawn Redwood can now be found in several locations in Summit County including the homes of our members who have planted the seeds that Carolyn gave us.

The second thing you may not know is that Carolyn Cox led the effort to create our scholarship fund. Beginning almost 30 years ago in 1992, Carolyn envisioned the creation of a \$10,000 scholarship fund for UA's women students. She has consistently supported that fund with her donations, and with additional donations in the memory of others.

That original \$10,000 has grown through donations and fund-raisers until, for the past three years, we have been able to fund three \$8,000 scholarships each year (a total of \$24,000) to three groups of remarkable UA women.

It is with these memories and our fond affection for Carolyn that the Board of the UAWC has voted unanimously to rename our annual scholarship the Carolyn Cox Scholarship Fund.



Several members of the UAWC Board presented Carolyn with this special award on Friday, March 20, 2020.



In my personal thoughts as President of the UAWC, Carolyn Cox has planted many seeds in her life, not just trees. I personally remember the first time I met Carolyn Cox at my first UAWC meeting. She was so vibrant and peppy, inspiring me to join the UAWC that night! And, I have remained with the club for 14 years, now serving in my second term as President. For me, proposing this idea to the UAWC Board was simply the BEST award to recognize this dedicated lady that has inspired and continues to inspire so many people!

Carrie Tomko, UAWC President

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A Very Special Thank You

I was beyond flabbergasted and very humbled last week when four board members arrived on my porch amongst the current pandemic situation. I was so surprised and so honored by what the board had done to put my name on the scholarship fund. My first question was is that legal? Which gave us a little laugh. I hope this is the right thing to do to continue future contributions to the fund.

As most of you know the scholarship fund started about 30 years ago when I was president of the club and it has been one of my main interests all of these years. Our original plan for the three member rotating scholarship committee has worked very well with interesting and varied activities for raising money. Over the 30 years many of you have served on that committee and I thank you very, very much. Someday when we can meet together again I would like the opportunity to tell you the history of how the fund started at the beginning and what a success it is now.

I have been very pleased to have heard from so many of by email, phone and US mail so I guess it's all right with the club members as well as the board members. Thanks to Carrie Ann Tomko, Leslie Bain, Jane Gwinn, and Penny Marquette for sharing with me and my son, Tony, and all of the surprise and laughter that was presented that day. My heartfelt thanks and I hope we can meet face-to-face very soon.

With thanks, Carolyn Cox

*Save
the
Date*

Spring Luncheon and Changeover Meeting - is cancelled due to the current pandemic situation. All other activities and programming will be on "to be determined basis" — *Stay tuned and stay well!*

UAWC Scholarship Fundraiser

Sunday, August 2, 2020

at the beautiful Tudor House

Music Bingo and Raffle Baskets

NASA Glenn Tour

Saturday, July 11, 2020

SHAW Festival 2020

October 6, 7 & 8, 2020

**GET
ON
BOARD**

Board Nominations (2020-2022)

The Nominations Committee is pleased to present our nominees for the 2020-2022 term.

President - Carrie Tomko

Secretary - Sue Yoder

Membership Chair - Linda Sugarman

Scholarship Chair - Denise Beck

A very special thanks to Leslie Bain, Jane Gwinn, and Peggy Walchalk for serving on this year's nomination committee.

Public Tour at NASA Glenn Research Center

Interested in a stimulating tour? Here's one for you.

To celebrate the 20th anniversary of a continuous human presence on the International Space Station this year, **NASA's Glenn Research Center** is offering 45-minute guided tours once a month from April through October on a Saturday. The tours will provide an inspiring, behind-the-scenes look at America's world-class research facilities.

Glenn tours will take place at Glenn's Lewis Field. Tours are free, but reservations are required. On each tour, visitors will explore a laboratory and see where scientists and engineers conduct research to develop propulsion, power and communications technologies for NASA's aeronautics and space missions. At the end of each tour, guests will visit Glenn's Gift Shop.

Leslie and I have chosen the tour mentioned below because it features laboratories necessary to the success of the International Space Station, and the July date seems preferable to the other offerings.

Tour: Graphics & Visualization (GVIS) Laboratory and the Reconfigurable User-interface and Virtual Reality Exploration (GRUVE) Laboratory. ***"Come see things in a different light!"*** so the news release says.

When: **Saturday, July 11, at either 10 or 11 a.m. (11 is our first choice)**

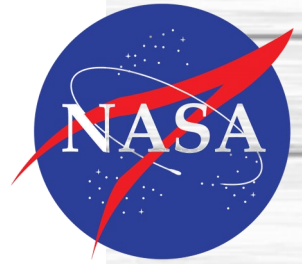
Where: Glenn Lewis Field, 21000 Brookpark Road, Cleveland
(just west of the Cleveland Hopkins Airport)

Restrictions/requirements:

The program is limited to U.S. citizens and Lawful Permanent Residents. A tour bus departs from Glenn's main gate, where attendees must present a government-issued identification (driver's license, state ID, green card) for admission. Spouses are invited to join the group.

Because advance registration is required one month prior to the tour, we will request the tour on June 11.

Please **call or e-mail Martha Vye**, 330-644-7490, vye@uakron.edu by **June 5** if you plan to join the tour.



The University of Akron's Current State

Given the current pandemic situation, most offices and student services at the University are working remotely. Spring classes have switched to on-line instruction beginning March 30, 2020. Spring Commencement has been postponed. For any questions regarding the situation, please visit the main website at www.uakron.edu

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SHAW FESTIVAL TRIP - Niagara-on-the-Lake, Canada

Sponsored by The University of Akron Women's Club

Many thanks to all our friends who have supported The University of Akron Women's Club scholarship fund. We are proud to announce our eighth trip to enjoy the plays of the Shaw Festival at Niagara-on-the-Lake. The dates for 2020 are October 6, 7 & 8, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday. As usual, the proceeds from the trip will continue to support the scholarship fund of the UAWC. Your loyal participation enables this trip to continue.

**** PASSPORTS for land crossing into Canada ARE REQUIRED******

The fee for the trip will include:

- * Comfortable round trip transportation (*bus with bathroom*) and all tips and admissions.
- * Three plays come with the package, you may purchase a fourth.
For play information check shawfest.com.
- * We will ALL see a one-act play together on day three, *Flush*, based on Virginia Woolf's novella.
- * Your choice of two of these five plays: *Gypsy, Charley's Aunt, Desire Under the Elms, The Raven's Curse* and *Trouble in Mind*.
- * Two nights at the elegant and beautiful Prince of Wales Hotel.
- * Dinner on Tuesday evening & lunch on the way home on Thursday.
- * Time to enjoy the ambiance of the picturesque village of Niagara-on-the-Lake

We will make one comfort stop on the way home after leaving the Duty-Free shop. We plan to arrive in Akron about 8:30 pm Thursday evening. All of this, plus wonderful traveling companions for only:

\$725.00 per person, based on double occupancy. Single supplements - \$300.00

You will not want to miss this exciting trip. Please send your deposit of \$100.00 soon to reserve your place.

PLEASE NOTE:

Your deposit is 100% refundable until July 30, 2020. Final payments are due by July 30, 2020.

ALL FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE AFTER July 30, 2020.

Please make checks payable to: The University of Akron Women's Club and **mail to:**

Sylvia Johnson, tour coordinator, 398 Silk Court, New Franklin, OH 44319

If you are interested in purchasing trip insurance I would suggest that you contact one of the providers of this kind of insurance. Please check www.insuremytrip.com or call, 800-487-4722. This information is being provided as a service to you, the UAWC would not receive any compensation from any insurance organization.

Questions? Please contact Sylvia Johnson, member of UAWC, at 330-644-3090 or email sylvia5@uakron.edu.

NAME: _____ Email _____

ADDRESS: _____ City/St _____ ZIP _____

PHONE: _____ ROOMMATE: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: (deposit \$100.00 per person) _____



THINGS TO DO

Bridge Group

- April 23, 2020 (TBD)

Discussion Group

- April 23, 2020 (TBD)

Evening Book Review

- April 15, 2020 (TBD)

Gourmet Dinner

- April 25, 2020 (TBD)
- May 16, 2020 (TBD)

Hiking Group

Returning in Spring

Performing Arts Group

Organizing Meeting (TBD)

Tour Group

July 11, 2020 (TBD)



Women's Club News and Notes

In light of the current COVID 19 situation, Special Activities will be scheduled as conditions permit. Please check with your Special Activity Chair to make sure your program is taking place on the scheduled date.

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)

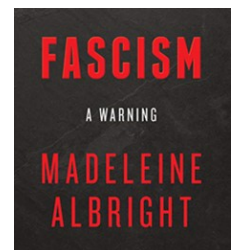
Evening Book Review

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. Members of the group voted to cancel the March 18th review with several members voting to reschedule Laura Monroe's review to sometime this summer.

If you have a suggested date for a summer book discussion; especially if you are willing to host, please let Kirklyn know.

Wednesday, April 15, 2020 "Fascism" by Madeline Albright
Reviewer Leslie Bain; Hostess Eileen Simon; Dessert Pam Gujrati



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

The Gourmet Dinner Group meets four times a year: September, October, April & May. Couples or singles are welcome. A different theme for each dinner is set by the hostess (for instance, Italian night using all Italian recipes). Hostess will research and send recipes to each participant to make a different dish to share. All costs are shared equally (bring receipts). Bring your own beverage as well.

Dinners are "to be determined"

April 25, 2020 Hosts Diana and Gerhard Kunze & Denise Beck, "**Buona Mangiata!**"

May 16, 2020 Leslie and Roger Bain will host. Norma and Richard Wrobel will plan the menu.



MORE FUN THINGS TO DO

Bridge Group

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

Co-Chair: Bev Brockett - (330) 618-6256 alnbev.bb@gmail.com

Back-up: Anais Webb - (330) 322-6209 awebb629@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.

Announcements of upcoming monthly dates will be sent out to participants to make sure there are enough players to fill bridge tables (multiples of 4).

Schedule: Thursday, April 23, 2020 (to be determined)

DISCUSSION GROUP

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

Sylvia Johnson (330) 644-3090
Sylvia_5@uakron.edu

The Discussion Group meets on the third Thursday of the month.

Schedule: Thursday, April 23, 2020 (7 p.m.)
Wait and see due to pandemic situation
Location and topic (TBD)



TOUR GROUP PLANNERS

Co-Chair: Leslie Bain (330) 819-2846
lbain220@gmail.com

Co-Chair: Martha Vye (234) 281-2259
marthavye@gmail.com

If anyone has a suggestion for a spring tour, please contact Leslie or Martha. They will also keep an eye out for something interesting.

Saturday, July 11, 2020—NASA Glenn Research Tour



Hiking Group

Chair: Leslie Bain (330) 819-2846
lbain220@gmail.com

This group hikes at various locations throughout the area in late spring, summer and fall.

Plans to meet and organize this year's schedule will be announced soon. In the meantime, maintain safe distances and enjoy the emergence of spring!



Co-Chair Susan Colville-Hall (330) 686-1860 H
colvillehall@uakron.edu (330) 714-3765 C

Therese Sheffer (330) 836-0150 H
therese.sheffer@gmail.com (330) 730-2997 C

Organizational Fall meeting will be sometime in August if social distancing is lifted.

THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON WOMEN'S CLUB

c/o: Peggy Walchalk
517 Hilbish Avenue
Akron, OH 44312



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



Membership form for 2020-21

Regardless of your anniversary date, please pay your annual dues in June or July if possible.

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 _____ and Department (If appropriate) _____

Mailing Address (Street) _____ Email address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Cell Phone _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

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

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

Sponsored Membership \$10

Name 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 _____ Book Review _____ Discussion Group _____ Performing Arts Group
_____ Gourmet Dinner _____ Hiking _____ Tour Group