

Fall General Meeting

Virtual meeting with guest speaker

Georgia Nix Miller

Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 7 p.m.

Followed by the general meeting

Interested participants should RSVP to Jane Gwinn at H: (330) 678-2239 or C: (330) 603-3598 or via email to janeagwinn@gmail.com by Monday, November 16, 2020



Georgia Nix Miller brought her passion for the arts, education and community service to The University of Akron last fall when she joined her husband, Gary, as he began his tenure as president of the University on October 1, 2019.

Miller has a strong background in both private and non-profit sectors. She began her career in Dallas with Arthur Young in Management Consulting where she worked with teams solving complex organizational challenges for national and international clients.

Later, while living in Oxford, Mississippi, she founded Family Crisis Services of Northwest Mississippi. The organization's primary goal was to coordinate resources between public school districts, medical and human services providers, and law enforcement to better serve children and their families. During her time of leadership, the organization grew to a position of national prominence as a model program and provided services to thousands of children. In her honor, the Georgia Nix Miller Award was established at The University of Mississippi in recognition of a student serving the community.

Miller later served as CEO of the American Red Cross in California - San Joaquin Chapter where she organized and worked with relief workers after the California Central Valley Flood and Hurricane Katrina Disasters of 2004.

Known for serving the community, Miller has shared her expertise with a variety of boards and non-profit organizations within the various cities her family has called home.

While in Wichita, Kansas, Miller served on the boards of the Wichita Symphony Orchestra, YWCA and Wichita State University's Women's Studies Center. She also served on the Wichita School District's Strategic Planning Committee.

In Wilmington, NC she served on the boards of Thalian Hall Center for the Performing Arts, Historic Wilmington Foundation and UNCW's Women Studies Resource Center. While there, she also partnered with Judy Girard, retired president of HGTV, to found Young Women Leading - a nonprofit to create and sustain the first single sex female public charter school in North Carolina for girls from traditionally underserved families.

While in Green Bay, Miller worked as a consultant for The Greater Good, served on United Way Brown County's Community Partnership for Children and actively participated in raising funds and distributing scholarships for local students to attend post secondary education.

Miller is a graduate of The University of Mississippi where she studied Biology and English Literature. She and Gary have three adult children, five grandchildren and Miss Kitty. She enjoys art, music, books, traveling and exploring the great outdoors.

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In Remembrance

Anna Mae Cummings

On July 25th, we lost a beloved, long-time friend and truly exceptional lady. Anna Mae was born on October 13, 1918 which would have made her 102 this coming October. She proudly shared with two other UA Women's Club members (Marilyn Crabtree and Betty Miller) this birthday. And each year the three of them would celebrate, each lady's birthday a decade apart. Anna Mae was a great Bridge player, having played for many years. She eagerly looked forward to our monthly games. Over lunch at Rockynol, I've learned of her pride in Seville, OH where many of her relatives resided. She could tell you all about the Seville giant and was well versed on all the local lore. Anna Mae along with her best pal Chauncey resided on North Hill. Friends helped her maintain her home; Mayor Horrigan was known to shovel snow from her walk so she could get out and about. She drove until a few years ago, and then her neighbors would chauffeur her when needed. I remember how she would talk of her travels; she especially loved Paris.

She said that when she finally arrived there, it was like coming home – such an instant love of a city. Anna Mae was a working lady most of her life; independent, well-educated, proud and with a dry sense of humor. On the occasion of her 100th birthday, friends and acquaintances were invited to a wonderful celebration at Hower House. A gentleman regaled all assembled with music on the grand piano as we all shared remembrances and marveled at the tiny, witty lady we were there to honor. She then danced around the room to the music as we clapped. Oh, Anna Mae, you will be missed.

Submitted by Leslie Bain



On September 3, 2020, eleven members of the Hiking Group gathered at O'Neil Woods Metro Park for a brisk, cool hike. Please join in the next hiking adventures ...

Thursday, October 8, 2020 (10 a.m.)

Pine Woods Trail at Virginia Kendall, CVNP, leaving from Octagon Parking Lot, 1.8 miles.

Thursday, October 22, 2020 (Time TBD)

Oak Hill Trail at CVNP, 1.7 miles.

If you are interested in the next hiking adventures please contact Leslie Bain at lbain220@gmail.com. Leslie will provide more details to hikers as the dates get closer.





LOOK
who's In the
SPOTLIGHT



Patricia Ann Campbell Schorr

Please welcome Patricia to the 2020 UAWC membership.

Patricia received her Master's Degree for the Foreign Language Practitioner with a concentration in French in 2008. Susan Colville-Hall, who developed the degree program, was Patricia's advisor. Patricia's husband, Gordon Schorr, is a chemical engineer and retiree of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company in Akron. Gordon also serves as a senior fellow at The University of Akron Research Foundation, and continues work with University Innovation Ventures.

Patricia enjoys being involved in the UAWC hiking group and book review. When it becomes safe to do so, she looks forward to joining the gourmet dinner and performing arts group.

During her senior year in high school, Patricia participated in a full year exchange program in Chile, residing with a Chilean family and attending high school with their children.

While completing her BA in Spanish at Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas, she attended a Spanish summer studies program at the Instituto Tecnológico in Monterrey, Mexico. When Patricia's husband's employer transferred him to Le Havre, France, they lived there for three years. During their residence she learned to speak French, and the first two of their three children were born there. Patricia and her family have also traveled several countries in Europe and spent a week visiting Dakar, Senegal.

During her teaching career, Patricia participated in a summer service/immersion program in the Dominican Republic, spending a total of two months living with a local family in a small village.

For eight years Patricia also assisted in coordinating a student immersion/exchange program with a high school in Spain, accompanying her students for two-week stays in Barcelona during their spring break.

While completing her master's degree, Patricia participated in the University of Vermont's summer study program in Quebec.

Patricia and her husband enjoy traveling, camping and hiking throughout the U.S., Ontario and Quebec. Over the years she has visited all but seven states.

Though Patricia has some piano background, she enjoys traditional folk music, and prefers playing the guitar. She brought her guitar with her to Chile and fell in love with the strums and rhythms of Latin music. In France she also learned to play and sing traditional songs. Many of the songs became marvelous teaching tools during her career.

For three years Patricia taught 1-8 Spanish at Spring Garden Waldorf School, which is currently located on Jacoby Road in Copley. For 24 years she taught Spanish and French at Walsh Jesuit High School in Cuyahoga Falls, retiring in 2015 to spend more time with her seven grandchildren.

Patricia enjoys knitting and is a member of several knitting clubs in her community. She is also a member of Spanish and French Meetup groups.

Patricia currently resides in Uniontown. She is delighted to join a group of women with such diverse interests and educational backgrounds and looks forward to getting to know you. She is especially grateful to her former professor, Susan Colville-Hall, whom she admires a great deal, for inviting her.

Welcome to our group Patricia, we're glad to have you with us!

The A.K.R.O.N. Pledge

Our students, faculty and staff are taking the pledge to ensure their health and the health of others by taking the AKRON Pledge.

- **A**lways wear a mask while on campus
- **K**eep at least 6 feet away from people
- **R**efrain from touching my eyes, nose and mouth
- **O**ften wash or sanitize my hands and keep my space clean
- **N**otice any symptoms? Stay home and call my doctor or health Services right away.



WHC Dean's Office staff from left to right, Sarah Psihountakis, Kim Roy, Peggy Walchalk, and Dane Quinn at the top.

The Williams Honors College staff accepted the pledge, will you? Visit <https://www.uakron.edu/return-to-campus/pledge> to find out more.



Microsoft Teams



Webex Meetings



Is this Our New Normal?

Over the past six months our lives have changed dramatically in the way that we think, act, and communicate. One way this pandemic differs from a century ago is our communication options. Although we have not been able to meet in person for our Special Activities, we do have technology options. So thank you Zoom, Cisco WebEx, and Microsoft Teams (and others) for allowing us to stay in touch.

I'm pleased to say that over the last few months I have received numerous photos from members who have creatively gathered and stayed in touch while following CDC guidelines. It has been a thrill to receive the information and know that your inventive ways to stay in touch and keep active are working well. Let's keep the momentum going!



Hikers at O'Neil Woods Metro Park.



Gathering at Rita DiFrangia's home.



Take out lunch with Denise, Bev, and Diana at Rita DiFrangia's home.



Social distancing hike at Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens.



Feel free to share your photos and stories with me at peggy1@uakron.edu.





Things to Do

Bridge Group

(on hold due to COVID 19)

Discussion Group

- October 1, 2020

Evening Book Review

- October 21, 2020
- November 18, 2020

Gourmet Dinner

(on hold due to COVID 19)

Hiking Group

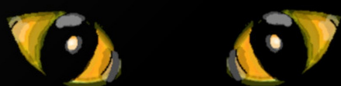
- October 8, 2020
- October 22, 2020

Performing Arts Group

(on hold due to COVID 19)

Tour Group

(on hold due to COVID 19)



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: Susan Coville-Hall

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Betty Miller

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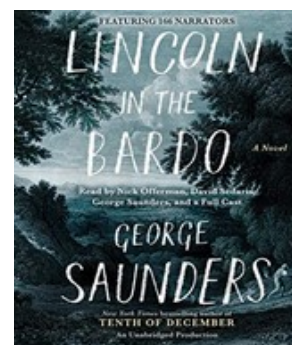
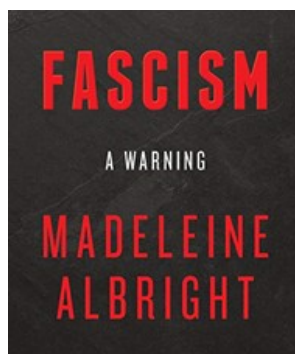
(H: 330-869-8193)

(C: 330-696-7921)

The Evening Book Review Group meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. to review book. Because of COVID 19, meetings are being held virtually.

October 21 (via Zoom) **Fascism**, by Madeleine Albright (Leslie Bain, reviewer)

November 18, (via Zoom) **Lincoln in the Bardo**, by George Saunders (Kirklyn Kuzdrall, reviewer)



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 currently on hold due to COVID 19

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

This group meets the fourth Thursday of each month. Before playing, participants enjoy lunch at noon in the Rockynol Dining Room with Bridge beginning at 1 p.m. Announcement 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: **Bridge dates are currently on hold because of COVID 19**

DISCUSSION GROUP

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

Sylvia Johnson (330) 644-3090
Sylvia 5@uakron.edu

The Discussion group has been meeting virtually via Zoom every other Thursday at 3:30 p.m. and are facilitated by Denise Beck. Topics include current events or other timely subjects.

Thursday, October 1, 2020 (3:30 p.m.) via Zoom, discussion topics will include the debate and other hot topics.

If interested in joining, contact Denise Beck. The process is easy to connect and Denise will send the invitation to the Zoom location.



Hiking Group

Chair: Leslie Bain (330) 819-2846
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This group hikes at various locations throughout the area in late spring, summer and fall.

Because of COVID 19, very shortened hiking schedule this year.

- **Thursday, October 8, 2020 (10 a.m.)**
Virginia Kendall (CVNP) Pine Grove Trail 1.8 miles.
- **Thursday, October 22, 2020 (time TBD)**
Oak Hill Trail (CVNP) 1.7 miles

THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON WOMEN'S CLUB

c/o: Peggy Walchalk
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We're on the Web at www.uakron.edu/uawc/



Membership form for Spring 2020 — Spring 2021

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):

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