

## Fall General Meeting

The University of Akron Women's Club members gathered via Zoom the evening of November 19, 2020 for the annual Fall General Meeting. Although this meeting was different than previous years, the members still enjoyed a terrific and informative meeting.

Denise Beck was pleased to introduce Ebum Adedji and Ti'Yarine Maera, two of the Carolyn Cox Scholarship winners joining the evening program. Ashley Brown and Megan Neff are the other two scholarship recipients. See "Scholarship Winners" on page two for additional information about the winners.

Georgia Nix Miller, wife of the UA's President, provided an informative talk on her life and accomplishments in various places in the country, and what eventually brought her and Gary to Akron.

The general business portion of the meeting took place as usual. Items covered at the meeting included the following:

- Voting for the 2021 slate of officers took place electronically
- Budget recommendations from 2019-20 were presented
- The Christmas luncheon for 2020 has been canceled
- The Shaw Festival trip is being booked for October 5, 6, and 7, 2021
- Martha Vye will be Scholarship Chair for 2021
- Spring General Meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2021
- UAWC current membership is at 53



Georgia Nix Miller with husband Gary, UA President.

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UAWC Members in attendance at the Fall General Meeting. Carolyn Cox joined the meeting via teleconference.

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The University of Akron Women's Club

## Carolyn Cox Scholarship

The UAWC Scholarship Committee was pleased to award four \$2,000 scholarships this year. The winners were announced at the Fall General Meeting held on November 19, 2020.

Congratulations to our winners!



### Ebnoluwa (Ebn) Adedeji

My name is Ebnoluwa Adedeji and I am from Lagos, Nigeria. I am currently a junior in the University of Akron Nursing program. I am also an AHEC Scholar, the Treasurer, and a Peer Mentor of the Nursing Class of 2022. My hobbies include reading, traveling, writing, playing hockey, cooking, and crocheting. After graduation, I am interested in becoming a travel or emergency room nurse. Eventually, I would like to return home to create a women's medical wellness and resource center for victims of domestic abuse, rape, and the threat of female genital mutilation. I am passionate about contributing to and providing a safe space for women to heal, survive, and thrive in society. I am extremely grateful for this opportunity and cannot wait to see where the future takes me.

### Ashley Brown

My name is Ashley Brown and I am a 37 year old adult learner. I have my associate of science and my Licensed Practical Nursing diploma. I am in my final year of the social work program at the University of Akron. I will be graduating with my bachelor's degree in social work with a minor in psychology in the spring of 2021. I plan on obtaining my master's degree in social work, through the advanced standing program in June of 2021. I enjoy helping others reach their full potential.



### Megan Neff

My name is Megan Neff and I am a sophomore at the University of Akron Wayne College. I am in my first year of the nursing program at Wayne. I graduated from Wadsworth High School in 2019, where I was involved in a career technical program to earn my STNA license. I have worked in two assisted living facilities that helped jump start my career in nursing. I first worked at the Inn at Coalridge in Wadsworth as a dietary server for two and a half years, until I transitioned to a resident assistant position in the facility and worked for another year. I have since moved on to working at The Village of St. Edwards in Wadsworth, where I have worked as a STNA for a year now. These jobs have helped prepare me for a career in nursing and I have been able to apply some of what I have begun to learn in the nursing program at my workplace. I hope to graduate with my BSN in 2023 and begin working in a critical care setting at a hospital as a registered nurse. My ultimate goal is to gain critical care experience and someday work as a flight nurse aboard a local transport helicopter! Thank you for choosing me as a recipient of this scholarship, as it will help ease my burden of paying for my schooling.

### Ti'Yarine (T'Ree) Maera

T'ree is a Nursing Major. She was born in Thailand and moved to the United States in 2010. She feels blessed noting how Akron Public Schools and the University of Akron have changed her life as she fulfills her dream of becoming a nurse. This scholarship means more than just money to her. It means that there is another door to her life to fulfill her dream to assist those that need help. Knowing the campus, the staff, the system, and what it takes to be a successful student will not only make her journey a success, but a great addition to her experience, perspective, passion and determination.



# Spotlight stories



## Marsha Friedman

The University of Akron Women's Club welcomes our newest member, Marsha Friedman.

Marsha, a Copley resident, joined the Women's Club in October, 2020. Her connection to The University of Akron comes through her friend, Kate Waits. Marsha states that she joined the club specifically because she was looking for a book group. Kate invited Marsha to a book review meeting and the rest is history.

Marsha's first book review was in November when the group reviewed *Lincoln in the Bardo*. She notes that she was looking for a group that focused on the book and didn't turn the meeting into a social hour, so well done, book club!

Travelling is a favorite of Marsha's as she has ventured to various parts of the United States, as well as Mexico, Canada, Israel, the United Kingdom, and Spain.

Marsha is a fan of folk, rock, and musical theater which she misses terribly. She has four children and ten grandchildren.

In her spare time, Marsha enjoys biking, hiking, gardening, cooking and baking. Perhaps we can encourage Marsha to join other UAWC groups. Please be sure to say hello and welcome Marsha to the group. Maybe her interests will lead her to other UAWC groups!



The Book Review met via Zoom on **Wednesday, October 21, 2020** (7:30 p.m.) facilitated by Anne Biermann. Fourteen members and guest Ginny Ballinger, were in attendance as they reviewed the book, *Fascism* by Madeline Albright. Betty Miller and Susan Colville-Hall co-chaired the review.



*Madeline Albright is one of America's most admired public servants, the first woman to serve as U.S. Secretary of State. Her book is a personal and urgent examination of Fascism in the 20th century and how it's legacy shape's today's world.*

The Book Review also met via Zoom on **November 18, 2020** at 7 p.m. Kirklyn Kuzdrall served as reviewer for the book *Lincoln in the Bardo* by George Saunders. There were thirteen members present including Carolyn Cox who participated by telephone.

Susan Colville-Hall noted that Kirklyn gave a fantastic review. She clarified so many points and highlighted sections to make the dialogue meaningful in its historical setting. Most agreed that it was a powerful work, difficult at first to figure out what was going on and who the characters were, but very creative and moving.

*Let's talk  
about it*

## Discussion Group

The Discussion Group met on Thursday, October 15th and again on October 29, 2020. Denise Beck facilitated the discussion as the members met via Zoom. .

Discussion topics included

- The transition of power after the election
- The composition of Biden's nominees to his cabinet
- Complications with COVID
- How members spent their Thanksgiving holiday



*Stay home  
Stay safe*

As the pandemic continues to spread with cases and deaths on the rise, please stay home, stay well, keep in touch, and stay connected. Perhaps the best advice of all is to stay positive and test negative.



## THINGS TO DO

### Bridge Group

*On hold due to COVID*

### Discussion Group

- *December 3, 2020*
- *December 17, 2020*

### Evening Book Review

- *January 13, 2021*

### Gourmet Dinner

*On hold due to COVID*

### Hiking Group

*Returning in Spring*

### Performing Arts Group

*On hold due to COVID*

### Tour Group

*On hold due to COVID*



## 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](mailto:sby17@roadrunner.com). Sue will send appropriate card on behalf of the club.*

## Special Activities

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

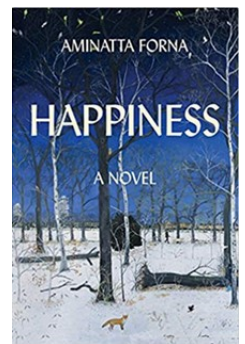
### Evening Book Review

<b>Co-Chairs:</b>	Susan Coville-Hall	Betty Miller
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The group regularly meets on the third Wednesday of each month from September through May at 7 p.m. Because of COVID 19, meetings are being held virtually.

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

**Wednesday, January 13, 2021** "Happiness" by Aminatta Forna  
Reviewer Anne Biermann



**Gourmet Dinner** **Chair:** Jane Gwinn (330) 678-2239  
[janeagwinn@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:lbain220@gmail.com)

**Co-Chair:** Bev Brockett - C: (330) 618-6256 [alnbev.bb@gmail.com](mailto: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. 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:** [Bridge dates are currently on hold because of COVID 19](#)

### DISCUSSION GROUP

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

Sylvia Johnson (330) 644-3090  
[Sylvia5@uakron.edu](mailto:Sylvia5@uakron.edu)

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

**Schedule:** **Thursday, December 3, 2020 and December 17, 2020** at 3:30 p.m.

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  
[lbain220@gmail.com](mailto:lbain220@gmail.com)

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

There are no hikes scheduled at this time.

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# THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON WOMEN'S CLUB

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## 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