

Spring General Meeting

The meeting date for the Spring General Meeting has changed from Thursday, March 18, 2021 to

Wednesday
March 10, 2021
(7 p.m.)
 via Zoom

The program will feature **Kristen Pool**, owner and grower of Black Dog Acres located in Freedom, Ohio. Kristen's topic will be "**Preservation of Bees.**" The General Meeting will follow the presentation.

If you haven't already done so, RSVP to Jane Gwinn at

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or via email to janeagwinn@gmail.com an invitation link will be shared with you by email.



Kristen

Kristen credits her mom for her love of fresh vegetables and passion for growing. She loves cooking with fresh produce from her farm and her friend's farms and enjoys creating new recipes. She puts back quite a bit of her winter food by canning, pickling, freezing, and dehydrating fruits and vegetables she grows or buys locally.

Kristen's favorite vegetable is cucumbers and favorite herb is cilantro. Most days, she rakes the straw out of her hair and reports to the Kent Free Library, where she is the Community and Special Services Manager.

Black Dog Mission

Black Dog Acres is a small family farm in Portage County that uses sustainable, humane, and environmentally conscious practices to produce healthy and delicious natural products. Our practices include organic seeds and fertilizers, integrated pest management, on-site composting crop rotation, cover crops, rain harvesting, and purchasing locally-grown feed and locally-made supplies.



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and the WINNERS ARE...



The UAWC Board is thrilled with the participation we received in our recent Photo Contest. We were pleased to have received a number of entries for our three categories, Nature, People and Pets. It was difficult to choose our first, second and third place winners as all the entries were spectacular. Thank you to all that entered. Winners will receive a gift card in the amount of \$25, \$15, and \$10. Congratulations to all our winners. Please be sure to contact Peggy Walchalk (330) 972-5247 or peggy1@uakron.edu to collect your prize.

NATURE



1st Place—"Snowy Walk"
- Carrie Tomko



2nd Place—"Winter Solstice"
- Susan Colville-Hall



3rd Place—"City"
- Diana Kunze

PEOPLE



1st Place—"The Ice Cream Man"
- Patricia Schorr



2nd Place—"Emily"
- Danica Houle



3rd Place—"Olivia Squared"
- Jane DeLuca

PETS



1st Place—"Barn Buddies"
- Leslie Bain



2nd Place—"Dinner Time"
- Susan Colville-Hall



3rd Place—"Who gets the seat?"
- Lorene Reed

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Featuring Denise Beck

Denise Beck has been an active member of the UAWC since 1979. Denise's connection with the University began with her husband's faculty role in the Communications Department. Later Denise began teaching Public Speaking and Group Discussion part-time.

Denise now has three grown sons and nine grandchildren. When her sons started high school, Denise took advantage of working at the University and got a degree in social work. She worked in long term care for 20 years, first as an activity director, then social worker and for the last 12 years as an administrator.

During her membership with UAWC, Denise has provided tremendous leadership and direction. From 1981-1982 and again from 1999-2000 she served as UAWC President. During her first term as President she joined with the University to start the Acme-Zip luncheon and style show in which the club participated until 1991. In 2017 Denise started organizing the annual holiday luncheon. Other positions she has held include Newcomer's Chair, Recording Secretary, Nominating Committee, and Scholarship Committee. Denise started the Discussion Group with the help of Sylvia Johnson.

When Denise arrived in Akron, she had three babies and knew no one. A member of the Faculty Women's Club invited to her a meeting. Everyone was so welcoming she felt right at home. She had enjoyed her association with the University of Akron Women's Club and made many wonderful friends over the years.

Thanks to Denise for all that she has and continues to do for our club.



"As President of the UAWC, I have adored the holiday games that Denise spearheads at our Holiday luncheon at the O'Neill House. While all members may not win the prize, all the ladies are all guaranteed a fun time and a good laugh through Denise's wit and energy in conducting the games!!"

"And ... once this pandemic is over and we are back at the O'Neill House, Denise, You are on for another game event. I look forward to it!"

*Carrie Tomko
President, UAWC*

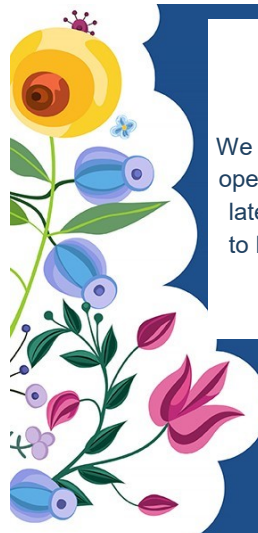
Nominations

A special thanks to the UAWC Nominating Committee, Diana Kunze, Susan-Colville Hall, Jane DeLuca, and Jane Gwinn. The committee is pleased to present this year's nominees for your consideration at the Spring General Meeting.

Special Activities Chair—Lorene Reed

Treasurer—Susan Prichard

VP/Program Chair—Pam Gujrati



Salad Luncheon and Changeover Meeting

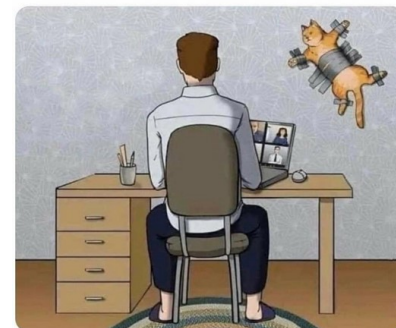
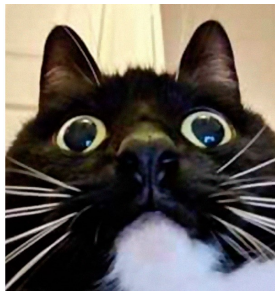
We are hopeful that COVID guidelines will be open to small to medium sized gatherings by late spring. For now we will tentatively plan to have this meeting on a Saturday in May. More information to follow.

Virtual “Let’s Talk”

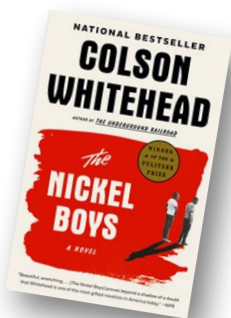
The **Discussion Group** met twice during the month of February. The first Discussion Group was held on the 4th with 12 members in attendance discussing plastic pollution. The second discussion was held on the 18th with 9 members in attendance discussing the topics of impeachment and COVID 19 vaccinations. The group is hopeful that all will be vaccinated soon and an in-person meeting can take place as early as May 13, 2021. Please see the Special Activities section of the Newsletter for future meeting dates.



How to prepare for a Zoom meeting



BOOK REVIEW



Nickel Boys Review

With 14 group members attending*, Denise Beck guided the discussion through the horrors that took place at the Arthur G. Dozier School for Boys as Elwood, the 11-year-old who was wrongfully committed to this reform institution, tells his experiences. Colson Whitehead is a master storyteller who revealed the secrets of this boys’ reform institution while exposing the process by which Americans try to hide or erase the uncomfortable stories of slavery, Jim Crow and today’s racism. It wasn’t until 2012, when University of South Florida anthropologists uncovered graves of the boys who died under the mistreatment they received there that the world began to care. The discussion covered topics of trauma, friendship, racism, the historical influence on society, and hope. It was a lively examination of many issues raised by this talented author. Thank you, Marsha Friedman, for linking us through Zoom.

Our next meeting will be 7:30 pm, March 17, with the book, *A Woman of No Importance*, in review. Hope to see you then. Contact Susan Colville-Hall at colvillehall@uakron.edu if you wish to be added to the list.

*(Betty Miller joined us after the photo op)



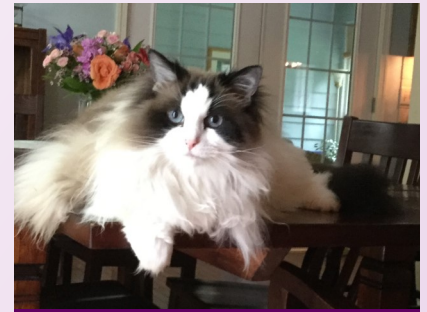
HONORABLE MENTIONS



"Peaceful, Pink in the Pasture" - Carrie Tomko



"Zippy & UAWC Members" - Leslie Bain



"Cat Closeup" - Diana Kunze

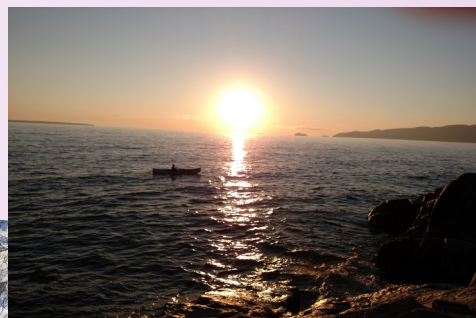
"Walking the Straight line in the time of COVID" Susan Colville-Hall



"Girl with Mask" - Diana Kunze



Sharing our honorable mention photos from our Photo Contest. Thanks to Denise Beck, Jane Gwinn and Peggy Walchalk for serving on the Photo Contest committee. Keep capturing those special moments as we hope to host more contests in the future.



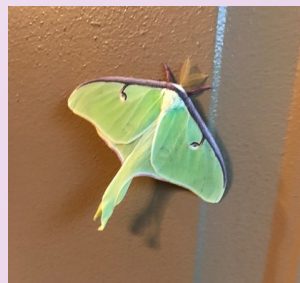
"Sunset over Agawa Bay, Lake Superior" - Patricia Schorr



"The Taming of His Cattle" - Carrie Tomko



"Snowy Day Shadow Play" - Danica Houle



"Luna Moth" - Lorene Reed



"My Early Summer Garden" - Leslie Bain



THINGS TO DO

Discussion Group

- March 18, 2021
- April 1 and 15, 2021

Evening Book Review

- March 17, 2021

Bridge Group

On hold due to COVID

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. At this time there are no plans to participate in the Shaw 2021 Festival.

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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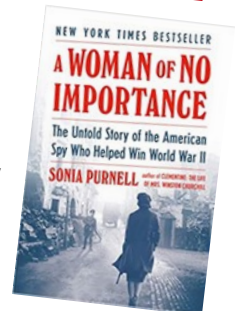
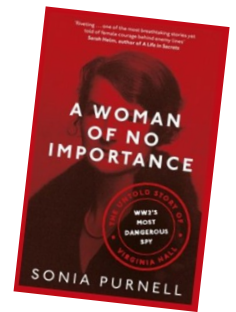
H: 330869-8193

C: 330-696-7921

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, March 17, 2021 "A Woman of No Importance"
by Sonia Purnell; Reviewer Pearl Marie Goddard



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 - C: (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. 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) 322-2942
beck490@gmail.com

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

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

Schedule: **Thursday, March 18, 2021** 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

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

There are no hikes scheduled at this time.



THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON WOMEN'S CLUB

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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