



## Spring Luncheon and Changeover Meeting

The Spring Salad luncheon and changeover meeting was held on Saturday, May 22, 2021.

The day began with a brief business meeting followed by an excellent lunch catered by Little City Grill in Kent.

Our 2021-22 Board Officers include:

- President, Carrie Tomko
- Vice President/Programs, Jane Gwinn
- Secretary, Sue Yoder
- Treasurer, Susan Pritchard
- Newsletter, Peggy Walchalk
- Scholarships, Martha Vye
- Special Activities, Denise Beck
- Membership, Linda Sugarman
- Web Master, Leslie Bain

It was nice to see each other again!

A special thanks to Jane Gwinn for coordinating and providing a great setting for the afternoon.



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# Giving the gift of opportunity



## SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER FOR THE CAROLYN COX SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Tudor House on Turkeyfoot Lake was the location for this year's fundraiser, held on Sunday afternoon August 29, to support our yearly scholarship awards to deserving female students.

Proceeds from the Silent Auction amounted to **\$2,490.41**. The 50/50 raffle brought in \$77, (\$39) for the cause and Leslie Bain took home the other (\$38). The auction itself amounted to \$1,079 and total donations were \$1,365 (Tudor House donations \$815; checks sent by mail \$550).

Guests who contributed items were invited to the solarium of this charming waterfront home to complete a bidding sheet for their particular item(s). Donations ranged from jewelry, books, framed pictures, gift baskets, and china/pottery ware to a boat ride for two with dinner, an in-house dinner, and a boat ride for 10 people—to mention a few. The bidding was fierce on the latter items! There was plenty of time to socialize in between bids and to enjoy a variety of hors d'oeuvres, along with various soft drinks and wine.

A special thank you to the Committee--Pearlmarie Goddard, Diane Vukovich and me. Thanks also to Sylvia Johnson for lending us tablecloths, Denise Beck for supplying the recorded music, Susan Pritchard for collecting the money, and all who pitched in to help with setup and cleanup.

An outing to the Shaw Festival at Niagara-on-the-Lake has greatly supported our scholarship fund in past years. Another is scheduled for October 4, 5, 6, 2022. Please put this date on your calendar and begin to consider this trip to support our fund next year.

*Martha Vye, Scholarship Chair, 2021-22*



Scholarship Committee





## IN THE SPOTLIGHT with Sharon Gandee

Sharon, a UAWC member since the 1980s, resides in the Sand Run area of Akron, Ohio. A native of Akron, she grew up in Hawkins area. Sharon taught high school English in Wadsworth for 28 years, including the inspiration for adoption of AP courses in the school district. She is "passionate about education for all," as she shared her disapproval for inequities in education.

**Connection to The University:** When Sharon's husband Bob became the Department Head for Physical Education, Jean Maluke prompted her initiation to the organization: "You will join the Faculty Women's Club."

Upon joining the book review group, Sharon was absolutely "blown away" by the insight of older members of the group reviewing the book "The Color Purple." Reflecting on this first experience with the ladies reviewing this book, Sharon commented, "I love being in the company of these women. They were free-thinking, aware, intelligent women."

Speaking of her connection to Marie Richardson, Sharon stated that "She was brilliant. I still have flowers from her garden, as do others members."

**Offices held/Participation:** Book Review has been Sharon's major involvement, plus Tour Group and Gourmet Group, with as many as 29 people at her home for a gourmet dinner. But, book review has been her biggest connection.

**Favorite Activity:** "My favorite activity has been the Book Review group, but I have enjoyed the other social gatherings," shared Sharon. "Early on, The Faculty Women's group was really quite a social organization. The music of the band 'E5' (named for the education department band of 5) played at Christmas party and dance events which were university wide with current employees of the university." She added, "Now, most of our members are retired."

**Travel:** Sharon has experienced many traveling opportunities over the years, including Africa, Europe, and Russia. "Italy, I have traveled there several times...always my favorite."

Sharon went on to explain that "when I retired, I had three places that I wanted to go. Now my pin map has 17 pins, often traveling with the Vukovich's "member Diane Vukovich and her husband's tour group."

Sharing another extended travel experience, Sharon explained, "Bob and I spent a semester in Korea in 1992. Bob was an exchange professor. It was a real culture shock. It was very different. But, we learned to adapt to things like the food, and we learned to love it."



*Sharon with Carolyn Cox at the 2021 Spring Luncheon and Changeover Meeting*

**Family:** We have two daughters, Gabrielle and Nicole, but Gabrielle died at the age of 45. When asked about the passing of Gabrielle, Sharon responded, "We do not know what it was, that caused the death,...I know too many people who have lost kids." No grandchildren. Sharon, as many know, has been married twice...both times to Bob. It is a running joke that Bob was interviewed about caring the Olympic torch, and was quoted as saying that this torch-bearing honor was the most nervous he has ever been...besides being married. To which, a friend jokingly asked, "Which time?"

**Other Interesting Notes:** During the time period of 1970-1972, Sharon explained that she and Bob took leaves of absences from their work and pursued graduate degrees at The Ohio State University in Columbus: A Master's degree for Sharon and PhD for Bob. Sharon reflected fondly on this move, sharing the planning and passion behind their educational choice: "We saved up the money, paid for our graduate education and health insurance. We lived on an extremely limited income for two years with two kids, a 5-year-old and a 1-year-old. That was a delightful time."

Other interesting notes from Sharon include that she and Bob have entertained international university students with Global Ties, which is a program that connects foreign students with a host, where "the students live with their host for a week or two, until they find accommodations," explained Sharon.

Also, Sharon and Bob are part of a small private gourmet group with four couples, meeting quarterly for over 30 years.

**Favorite quote:** "If you disagree, silence is consent."

Coincidentally, as the interviewer of Sharon Gandee for this piece, I, Carrie Tomko, can state that the reason that I chose Sharon for this "spotlight" is due to the fact that I have always admired Sharon's powerful communication attribute, with a willingness to take a solid stance on a subject, yet being open to discussion, but always firm on commitment to her beliefs. She communicates this dance of firmness and fairness with an elegance that I personally admire in Sharon's communication wheel house.

**Concluding Comment:** Stated Sharon, "I have shared a lot with this group of ladies...it allowed us <Bob and Sharon> to meet people like Betty and John Seiberling...Betty was a treasure...so down-to-earth...so many fascinating women...!"

## Book Review

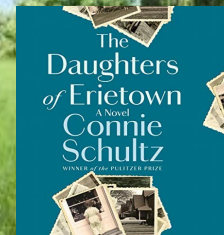
Our July Book Review went well. Denise Beck did a fine job leading the group discussion about **Daughters of Erietown** by Connie Schultz. A hearty Thank You goes to Denise for responding in short notice to the need for leadership. The group consisted of Denise Beck, Pearlmarie Goddard, Patricia Schorr, Carrie Tomko, Sharon Gandee, and Martha Vye. Most found the book to be interesting, but "light" in content and, therefore, good for the summer reading selection. A big THANK YOU goes to Martha Vye for hosting the Summer Reading Selection and for providing refreshments as well.

The group agreed upon **Caste** by Isabel Wilkerson to be our October selection. Please locate a copy for your reading pleasure. It takes a while to get through. Sharon Gandee kindly volunteered to host the September 22 meeting in which we select the remaining books to review for the year. Confirmation will be forthcoming.

- Susan Colville-Hall



Photos from the July 28th Book Review

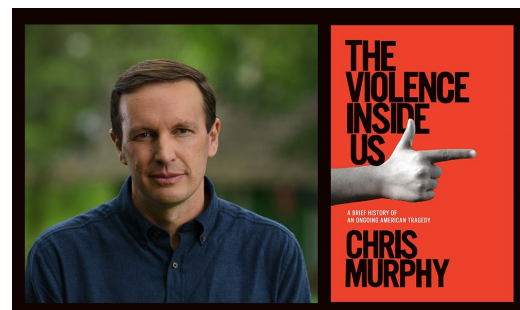


## Wednesday, May 19, 2021

Fourteen members attended Book Review Zoom for Chris Murphy's, **The Violence Inside Us**.

The Review:

Diana Kunze was a lively and well-informed reviewer. She presented a short biography of Chris Murphy, a well-known the junior senator from Connecticut, and the background on gun violence in the U.S. Many members liked the author's wealth of information about gun violence, the background on the NRA and the government's lack of response detailed across the events. A question arose over whether males were really had a greater predisposition to violence as purported by the author. Overall, there was a great deal of discussion and a sense of satisfaction with this as updated and authoritative resource on gun violence in the U. S.



# Let's talk about it

## Discussion Group

Discussion Group gathered on July 22, 2021 to talk about Critical Race Theory.

This group meets the second Thursday of the month at 3 p.m.

Please join us on Thursday, October 14, 2021. Send suggested discussion topics to Denise Beck at ([Beck490@gmail.com](mailto:Beck490@gmail.com)).

Thanks to Susan Colville-Hall for sharing these great photos from the June 17th and July 22nd Discussion Groups.



## Hiking the Richfield Heritage Preserve

On August 19, 2021, Susan Colville-Hall, Bev Cinovec, Hillary Sullivan, Leslie Bain, Therese Sheffer, Denise Beck, Patricia Schorr, and Linda Sugarman hiked the Richfield Heritage Preserve. Trails abound in the green space here and remnants of life in the late 1800s and early 1920s pop out of the woods again and again. We hiked almost 3 miles by the time the morning was over.

Dave Green, Preserve Director, presented a history of the Richfield Heritage Preserve and answered questions about this awesome green space at the end of our trek on this historic site. The park housed the Girl Scout Camp from all of greater Cleveland for 70 years up to 2000. Photos from camp days of Bev Cinovec demonstrate one historic element of these lands. Inventor James Kirby lived here for a good portion of his productive life and created a variety of inventions inspired by the surrounding environment and used the environment to tryout his new fangled ideas. Dwellings for the Neil family dotted a part of the landscape.

A very copious lunch at Linda Littler's followed the hike.  
- Susan Colville-Hall



Photos from the Richfield Heritage Preserve hike (above) and Bev Cinovec's Girl Scout camp days (right).



## Our UAWC Hikes

During a rare morning sun May 6th, 10 UAWC Hikers and Jacob, the German Shepard, discovered two trails: Tallmadge Meadow in Munroe Falls Metro Park and Adell Durbin Park and Arboretum in Stow. A great hike was had by all, with new faces for these different places, followed by a scrumptious lunch on the patio at Lemongrass Grill in Munroe Falls! Rita DiFrangia and Susan Colville-Hall, co-leaders, Jane DeLuca, Jane Gwinn, Therese Sheffer, Bev Cinovec, Leslie Bain, Diane Wolfe, Patricia Schorr and Linda Sugarman.



Above—photos captured at Tallmadge Meadow Metro Park in Munroe Falls.



Christine Nine joins UAWC with her first hike on May 27, 2021 at the Gorge Metro Park. Welcome, Chris!



More hiking photos from the Gorge Metro Park and lunch at Leo's restaurant in Cuyahoga Falls. Jane Gwinn organized the hike and Leslie Bain was the guide.



## THINGS TO DO

### Discussion Group

- October 14, 2021

### Evening Book Review

- September 22, 2021
- October 20, 2021

### Hiking Group

- September 16, 2021
- September 30, 2021

### Bridge Group

*On hold due to COVID*

### Gourmet Dinner

- September 25, 2021

### Performing Arts Group

*Sunday, October 24—  
"The Butcher of Baraboo"*

### Tour Group

*Future tours TBD*



## Women's Club News and Notes

Due COVID 19 concerns some 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. **The Scholarship Committee has announced that the Shaw Fest is scheduled for October 4, 5, 6, 2022—this is great news so mark your calendars!**

**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:** Denise Beck (330) 322-2942 ([beck490@gmail.com](mailto:beck490@gmail.com))

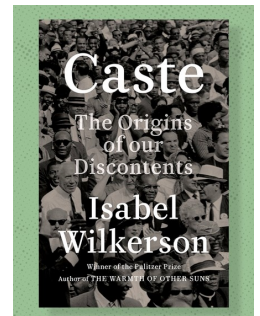
### Evening Book Review

<b>Co-Chairs:</b>	Susan Coville-Hall	Betty Miller
	<a href="mailto:colvillehall@uakron.edu">colvillehall@uakron.edu</a>	<a href="mailto:bmiller@uakron.edu">bmiller@uakron.edu</a>
	H: 330-686-1860	H: 330869-8193
	C: 330-714-3765	C: 330-696-7921

The group regularly meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. to review book and enjoy dessert.

**Wednesday, September 22, 2021 - Annual Potluck** beginning at 6:30 p.m. with a social gathering and culinary delights. Hosted at Sharon Gandee's (580 Northwood Drive, Akron, 44313). RSVP by September 19th to Kirklyn Kuzdrall ([kirklyn19@att.net](mailto:kirklyn19@att.net)) or Susan Colville-Hall ([colvill@uakron.edu](mailto:colvill@uakron.edu)). Bring your suggestions for books!

**Wednesday, October 20, 2021—** *Caste* by Isabel Wilkerson



**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.

**Saturday, September 25, 2021—** Jane and John Gwinn hosts.



## 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) 322-2942  
[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 second Thursday of the month at 3 p.m.

**Schedule:** **Thursday, October 14, 2021** at the home of Lorene Reed. Topic to be announced. Please send suggestion topics to Denise Beck.



#### Performing Arts Co-Chairs:

Susan Colville-Hall (330) 686-1860 H  
(330) 714-3765 C  
[colvill@uakron.edu](mailto:colvill@uakron.edu)

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

**Sunday October 24th** *The Butcher of Baraboo* at The None Too Fragile Theater, details to follow. For more information contact Susan or Therese.



### 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.

**September 16** at Beech Creek Botanical Gardens  
**September 30** at Springfield Bog Metropark

# 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/](http://www.uakron.edu/uawc/)



## Membership form for 2021-22

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 **Susan Pritchard, 5134 S. Main Street, New Franklin, OH 44319**

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*

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

Scholarship Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Name of Sponsoring Club Member*

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