

# Photo Contest



The UAWC is pleased to present our 2nd annual Photo Contest! Here's a chance for you to win prizes by sharing your creative and artistic side.

#### Rules and Guidelines:

- Three Categories**
- 1.) Hobbies
  - 2.) Volunteer Activity
  - 3.) Travel

There will be three winners per category—first, second and third place. The winning photo participants will receive—

- 1st Place per category will win \$25 gift card
- 2nd place per category will win a \$15 gift card
- 3rd place per category will win a \$10 gift card

#### Each entry must include:

- 1.) UAWC Member name and email address
- 2.) Entry category photo
- 3.) Title of photo

Please submit your entry to  
***TheUAWC@gmail.com***

**Deadline for entry is Friday,  
February 25, 2022**

*Winning photos will be announced  
and featured in our  
March 2022 Newsletter.*

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## **Spring General Meeting**

**March 17, 2022 (Thursday)**

Guest, Jensen Smith, Costume Designer at the Weathervane Theater will be our guest speaker. Dinner will be provided. Additional details to follow.

## **Performing Arts Activity Group**

**April 29, 2022 (Friday)**

**Musica Opera with Reverend Dan Doty, opera singer.  
Dinner and Performance at the Akron Woman's City Club.  
More Details to follow.**



### **About Dan Doty**

Daniel Doty is a tenor who is equally at home on the opera, theater or concert stage. As a participant of the Opera Theatre and Music Festival of Lucca, Daniel spent six weeks in the Tuscan village of Lucca, Italy, singing operatic arias at various venues associated with Lucca's most famous son, Giacomo Puccini. Daniel has appeared in Master Classes with such Metropolitan Opera stars as Martina Arroyo and Angela Brown.

Daniel holds a Bachelor of Music Education degree from Bowling Green State University. He is also an ordained minister and holds a Master of Divinity degree from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Ill. Currently, Daniel is an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ. He is the proud father of three children – Kristian, Sean and Kaetlyn. Daniel makes his home in Wadsworth with his wife, Amy, and their youngest daughter, Kaetlyn.

## **Spring Salad Luncheon**

**April 30, 2022 (Saturday)**

This will be a social luncheon. The changeover meeting will take place at a regularly scheduled UAWC Board meeting. More details to follow as they become available.



## *In Remembrance* Marilyn R. Crabtree

Marilyn R. Crabtree, 93, of Medina, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family at the Medina Hospital on Friday, January 7, 2022. She finally succumbed to a condition affecting her breathing that she had been battling courageously for many years.

She was a force of nature and an inspiration to all she met. She was intelligent, athletic, determined, artistic and talented at everything she turned her hand to: painting, tennis, gardening, home remodeling, and more. She loved books, art, square dancing, bridge, hiking, and her many friends.

She graduated from Washington University in St. Louis with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree at a time when fewer than 10 percent of women attended university. After college, she worked as an illustrator before marrying and becoming a homemaker, but she continued to paint for most of her life. After being diagnosed with bullous emphysema at 75, she doggedly continued to square dance and play tennis several times a week with a portable tank of oxygen strapped to her waist until she was 85. She was vivacious and warm, and people loved to be around her. Friends said: 'From the minute I met her, I felt like I'd known her forever.'



Marilyn loved to play Bridge, but even more she enjoyed the lively conversations we'd have when we met each month for lunch and Bridge at Rockynol or evening Bridge at member's homes. Even with all her breathing problems Marilyn was 'young at heart', always eager to hear all the news and just was such a people person. Marilyn is pictured 'dressed to the nines' as she always did (bottom right)

Her last days were blessed: Her husband told her how much he loved her; she was 'my beautiful, talented wife, my life, my heart, my soul, my everything.' She told him how much she loved him. Her children and grandchildren each told her how much they loved her and she told them the same. She said, 'I feel so warm, so loved; I could just burst.'



## Book Review

Sixteen UAWC members met to discuss Isabel Allende's *Soul of a Woman* via Zoom January 19, 2022. Ginny Ballinger led the review using questions based on themes that she selected from book (feminism, careers, beauty, passion, mentorship, sensuality, aging, and retirement). She reminded us that Isabel Allende, who grew up in Chile but is now a U.S. citizen, writes in Spanish although she is perfectly fluent in English and books (all 21 of them) are then translated into English. The Spanish title is *The Soul of a Woman: On Impatient Love, Long Life and Good Witches*. A lively discussion ensued. Several members remarked that although women have achieved a great deal in terms of rights and freedom since the 1960's and 1970's when many of us entered adulthood, there is evidence that progress is reversing itself in this country. Our discussion was not limited to issues within the U.S. border as women's issues are global ones.

We were disappointed not to have an in-person gathering but managed to engage members through technology thanks to Hillary Sullivan. Members connecting were Ginny Ballinger, Hillary Sullivan, Martha Vye, Marsha Friedman, Eileen Simon, Denise Beck, Diana Kunze, Marilyn Kirk, Carrie Tomko, Sharon Gandee, Pam Gujrati, Rita DiFrangia, Ann Duff, Laura Monroe, Patricia Schorr and Susan Colville-Hall.

Next month's Book selection for February 16 is *Rust: A memoir of steel and grit* by Eliese Goldbach. Diana Kunze is the discussion leader. We will determine if the meeting will be Zoom or in-person based on membership preference two weeks prior to the meeting so be sure to watch for it in your email messages. Enjoy your reading in the meantime. You might want to add Hillary's suggestion based on the evening's discussion *Run to Win – Lessons in Leadership for Women Changing the World* by Stephanie Schrock.

# In the Spotlight

## Diane Vukovich

Diane and her husband, Tom, have lived in the Goodyear Heights area of Akron (in a house built in 1919) since they both joined The University of Akron in 1972. Diane has been a member of the UAWC (then named Faculty Women's Club) shortly after arriving at the University. Carolyn Cox had an office right next to Diane, and it was Carolyn that motivated Diane to join and stay active!

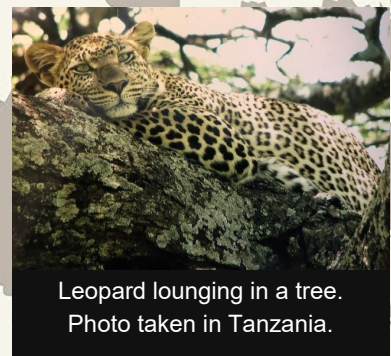
Diane and Tom both worked at the University. He started as an academic advisor and held several other positions, including interim dean of University College, before becoming Associate Provost for Student and Enrollment Services. Diane earned her Ph.D. in Education at the University in 1975 and started teaching Basic Mathematics and Developmental Chemistry in the Department of Developmental Programs. She was active in her professional associations and served as president of both the Ohio and the National Association of Developmental Education. Diane remained with Developmental Programs throughout her career at the University and became Assistant Director and then Director of the Department. She also worked for many years with a partner in the Mathematics Department to write grants to support teacher training workshops for middle and high school math teachers. Both Diane and Tom retired via the last of the University's 'buy-out' programs in 2000.

Diane has held various positions through the UAWC serving as President and member of the Scholarship Committee in which she will chair for the 2022-23 fiscal year. She enjoys seeing everyone at the General meetings and wishes she had time to participate in other activities offered. However, she is also very active with the Akron Woman's City Club. Her and Tom also serve as program co-chairs for the Association of The University of Akron Retirees, and they both volunteer at the Akron Zoo.

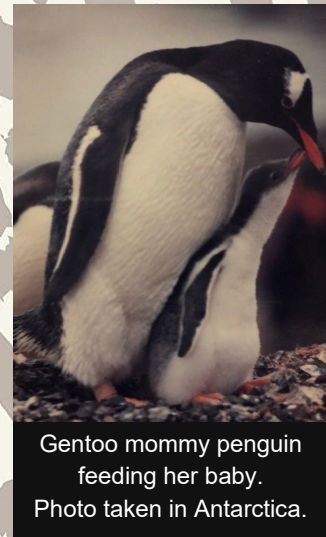
Tom and Diane love to travel. They have been to over 75 countries and all the continents. Diane's most memorable trips are Antarctica and Tanzania. The scenery and wildlife is spectacular in both places. Everywhere you look there is a photo waiting to be taken! Soon after the Vukovich's retired, their dear friend, Velma Pomrenke, encouraged them to put together travel groups, and it's been great fun. They usually book with Overseas Adventure Travel because they normally limit their group size to 16 or less, have fantastic tour leaders, and always include a "home visit" in the itinerary. Experiencing the wonders of the world and its people with your friends makes each trip even more special. Of course, all their travel plans outside the country were cancelled in 2020 and 2021. They were, however, able to spend several weeks touring some of the national parks in Colorado, Utah, and Arizona this past fall. Bryce Canyon was the amazing! Diane and Tom are waiting to see if their trip to Iceland in February will happen. The Passion Play in Oberammergau and the Scotland trip, which were both scheduled for the summer of 2020, are also booked for this summer. Will they happen? We will just have to wait and see. Norway, which was booked for 2021, is now scheduled for August of 2023. Let Diane know if you want to join them!



Dr. Diane Vukovich



Leopard lounging in a tree.  
Photo taken in Tanzania.



Gentoo mommy penguin  
feeding her baby.  
Photo taken in Antarctica.

Tom and Diane have no children, but they do have many University students with whom they remain in contact. Diane has one sister, Rene. She lives in New Jersey. Her son, Jeff lives in Brooklyn and is the videographer for the Wildlife Conservation Society, which is based at the Bronx Zoo. Tom has one brother, Joe who is a lawyer and an Ohio state representative and senator. Later he became a judge for the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals.

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## In the Spotlight (continued)



Drs. Diane and Tom Vukovich

The Vukovich's are avid University of Akron sports fans. They have had season tickets for football since 1972 and for basketball since the JAR opened. They also remain interested in helping students pursue their educations. The couple have endowed scholarships at both The University of Akron and at Ohio Northern University. Another interest is helping students develop their leadership skills. They are both members of the leadership and honor society, Omicron Delta Kappa and also have an endowed scholarship there. At home, Diane is always busy working in the yard. That was especially so this past summer as they had new fencing put up and completely redid the backyard.

Diane is so happy to see both our Club membership and the endowed scholarship growing. Soon the scholarship committee will need to start thinking about our summer scholarship fundraiser. Everyone seems to have such a fun time at Tudor House – especially last year when we had the silent auction, which turned out to be an excellent fundraiser. Let Diane know if you would like to do that again. Other ideas are also certainly welcome. She will be asking for your ideas at the spring general membership meeting.



Diane Vukovich, President of AUAR 2015-17



Rita and Denny Klein,  
Diane and Tom Vukovich  
Picture from the AUAR  
Newsletter, Winter 2021



Picture from the AUAR  
Newsletter, Fall 2015



## THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON WOMEN'S CLUB



The University of Akron Women's Club will be celebrating its 100th year in 2023. Congratulations on being the longest running organization at The University of Akron. Celebration planning is in the works. Updates and details to follow.



# 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 2022 are October 4, 5 & 6, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday.** 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\*\*\*\***

AND at this time, proof of vaccination is REQUIRED for land crossing and attending the theatres.

MASKS are also required at the theatres. Rules may change.

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, [www.shawfest.com](http://www.shawfest.com).
- \* We will ALL see a one-act play together on day three, Chitra, at the Royal George. You may choose two of the following: Gaslight, The Doctor's Dilemma, Too True to be Good, Damn Yankees, Gem of the Ocean.
- \* 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:

\$750.00 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, 2022. Final payments are due by July 30, 2022. ALL FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE AFTER July 30, 2022.

**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](http://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](mailto:sylvia5@uakron.edu).

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ City/St \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ ROOMMATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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



## Things to Do

### Discussion Group

- *To be announced*

### Evening Book Review

- *February 16, 2022*

### Hiking Group

- *Complete for the season*

### Bridge Group

*On hold due to COVID*

### Gourmet Dinner

- *Completed for 2021*

### Performing Arts Group

- *Friday, April 29*

### 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!**

## Special Activities

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

### Evening Book Review

**Co-Chairs:** Susan Coville-Hall

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Kirklyn Kuzdrall

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

**Wednesday, February 16, 2022** - *Rust: A Memoir of Steel and Grit*  
by *Eliese Colette Goldbach*

Hostess: Pam Gujrati

Reviewer: Diana Kunze

Dessert: Therese Sheffer



### 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.

**Gourmet Dinners to be scheduled for 2022**

## 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)

This group typically meets the fourth Thursday of each month at Rockynol; however, at this time the facility is not open for group functions. Leslie Bain is open to suggestions on playing times and locations. Please feel free to contact her directly with your ideas.

**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:** January 13, 2022  
*Topic and location to be determined.*



### Performing Arts Chair:

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

**Save the Date: Friday, April 29, 2022 for Musica Opera** (see page 6 for more information)



### 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.

Hiking schedule is complete for the 2021 year.



# 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, Apt. B, 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.

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

*Sponsored Membership \$20*

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