

THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON WOMEN'S CLUB

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Congratulations to the winners!

UAWC's Annual Photo Contest

Thanks to all who entered the second annual UAWC Photo Contest! We had a number of beautiful entries. Many thanks to our judges, Denise Beck, Linda Sugarman, Carrie Tomko and Suellen Yoder. You had a tough task!

Each category includes three prizes —

1st place a \$25 gift card 2nd place a \$15 gift card 3rd place a \$10 gift card











Volunteer Activity Category





2nd Place "Teaching Cooperation" Akron Rotary—Susan Colville-Hall











In Remembrance

Jean Umbarger Questel

Long time UAWC member, Jean Umbarger Questel, passed away on February 10, 2022. She was 95.

Jean earned both a B.A. in 1948 and an M.A. in 1984 from the University of Akron. She taught English in the Mayfield, Copley, Columbus, and Stow Public Schools and Developmental English at the University of Akron. She was an enthusiastic volunteer, guiding at Stan Hywet Hall, tutoring for Project Learn, hosting for First Night Akron, and reading for WEYE Seeing Eye Radio. She was also involved in volunteer activities at the Weathervane Theater and Good Neighbors. In 2006, Jean was named Volunteer of the Year by the Ohio Chapter of National Association of Social Workers.

Jean served as President of the League of Women Voters of the Akron Area. She was also president of the Silver Lake Garden Club and joined numerous bridge and book clubs. She traveled the world. Jean married John Madison Questel in 1953. She is survived by her children, Lynn (Raymond Russell), John, and Cliff (Laura Brownstone), and granddaughters, Rose and Anna Questel and Mya Martin. The family wants to thank Lynda Barth and her staff at Angel Helpers, especially Debbie, Christie, and Val, for their care and compassion.



Book Review

Twenty avid members linked up on zoom for our February Book Review of *Rust: A Memoir of Steel and Grit* by Colette Goldbach. Diana Kunze delivered a brief, but thorough introduction to the author, the book and the city of Cleveland and its steel industry, all essential components to understanding the power of this eloquent piece of non-fiction. For the discussion Diana focused on the important themes of the book: survival, restrictive religion, politics, life as a steel mill worker, union laborers, student debt, personal relationships, mental illness, rape and sexual assault. All were issues that drew out lively discussion, debate and references to personal experiences.

Book review members expressed great appreciation toward the author in her descriptive ability of the local setting. Goldbach presents a formidable portrait of her city and gives an honest account of a complex and challenging life, one that few of us would be willing to "bare" to the public eye. The memoir was a success in engaging readers through the challenges Goldbach faced.

It was also definitely an eye-opener on the inter-workings of the steel mill and a metaphor (or road map) on how to overcome life's many obstacles. For those with an interest in the historical aspect of Cleveland in the Flats, Eileen Simon suggested we consider a tour of the downtown Cleveland in the Flats with a guide knowledgeable about the steel mill history and other workings. Everyone seemed interested in the historical visit so we will investigate this possibility.







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

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.



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.
- * 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 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.

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THINGS TO DO

Discussion Group

March 10, 2022

Evening Book Review

March 16, 2022

Hiking Group

March 31, 2022
 Organizational meeting

Bridge Group

On hold due to COVID

Gourmet Dinner

April 23, 2022

Performing Arts Group

April 29, 2022

Tour Group

Future tours TBD



Women's Club News and Notes

Due COVID 19 concerns some Special Activities will be scheduled as conditions permit, and **limited to individuals who are fully vaccinated as defined by the CDC**. Please check with your Special Activity Chair or Co-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: Denise Beck (330) 322-2942 (beck490@gmail.com)

Evening Book Review

Co-Chairs: Susan Coville-Hall Kirklyn Kuzdrall

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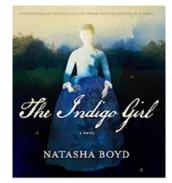
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The group regularly meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. to review book and enjoy dessert.

Wednesday, March 16, 2022 - The Indigo Girl by Natasha Boyd

Hostess: Anne Biermann Reviewer: Rita DiFrangia Dessert: Diana Kunze



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. All costs are shared equally (bring receipts). Bring your own beverage as well.

April 23, 2022 at the home of Leslie Bain and co-hosted by Norma and Richard Wroble.

May (date to be determined) hosted by Martha and Mel Vye.

MORE FUN THINGS TO DO

Bridge Group

Chair: Leslie Bain - H: (330) 485-4252

C: (330) 658-1965 Ibain220@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



Co-Chairs: Denise Beck (330) 322-2942

beck490@gmail.com

Sylvia Johnson (330) 644-3090

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The Discussion Group meets on the second Thursday of the month at 3 p.m.

Schedule: March 10, 2022 (3 p.m.) via Zoom. Topic will be determined at the meeting.



Performing Arts Chair:

Therese Sheffer (330) 836-0150 H

(330) 730-2997 C

therese.sheffer@gmail.com

Save the Date: Friday, April 29, 2022 for

Musica Opera



Hiking Group

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

An organizational meeting followed by lunch —Thursday, March 31, 2022 at 10 a.m. at the home of Bev Cinovec. **Covid vaccinations required for attendance**.

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We're on the Web at www.uakron.edu/uawc/



_____ Afternoon Bridge _____ Book Review

____ Gourmet Dinner ____ Hiking ____ Tour Group

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 _____ __ Work Phone ____ Home Phone ☐ New Member \$20 ☐ Associate* \$10 ☐ Sponsored Membership \$20 *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. 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):

_____ Discussion Group Performing Arts Group