

### THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON WOMEN'S CLUB

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## **Carolyn Cox Scholarship Fundraiser**

On a hot and sunny July 24, thirty-two members and guests gathered at the Hampton Woods Condominium Clubhouse for a relaxing afternoon and to raise money for the Club's Carolyn Cox Scholarship Fund. If you are wondering why we were not at Tudor House, the answer is a huge increase in the rental fee. We thank Betty and John Miller for coming to our rescue and arranging for us to use their condominium's clubhouse.

Attendees brought a wide variety of delicious hors d'oeuvres, and the Scholarship Committee members, Diane Vukovich, Therese Sheffer, and Sharon Gandee provided the wines and soft drinks. As usual, Denise Beck was in charge of the music. Everyone was overjoyed to see Carolyn Cox in attendance.

Many attendees brought items for our Silent Auction. A special thank you to Carolyn Cox for donating many things including Vera Bradley purses, some lovely teacups, and other decorative items. Several of the auction items, such as Martha & Mel Vye's "Dinner & Boat Ride" and Diane & Tom Vukovich's "Loge Tickets to a University of Akron Football Game," produced some very competitive bidding. In addition to the Silent Auction, there was a 50/50 Raffle and a Basket Rafflle. Thank you to the Club Sections and the individuals who brought the baskets. Many attendees also placed generous checks in our "Thank You for Helping Our Scholarship Grow" flowerpot. And thank you to those Club members who sent a donation but could not attend.

Judging by the lively conversations and laughter, everyone had a very enjoyable time while supporting a very important cause. The event raised a total of \$2,462 for the Carolyn Cox Scholarship Fund.



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We must bid farewell to Nancy Foye-Cox and her husband, Raymond. They have just moved to Rhode Island where Raymond, bored with retirement, has accepted an instructorship at the University of Rhode Island. As Nancy says, "Our siblings all live on the east coast. Raymond's son is in Alexandria, VA, and his brother lives in Warwick, RI. It has been more than 20 years since we lived near our families." Raymond was born in Cambridge, MA and grew up in Glastonbury, CT. So, for him, this is going home to New England after all these years. Nancy and Raymond have lived in Akron since 2000. They have just purchased a townhouse condo, and their new address is: 8 Jupiter Lane, Unit C, Richmond, RI 02989. You can reach Nancy at (330) 867-3181 or nancyfoyecox@yahoo.com.

Those who knew Nancy are well aware of her advocacy for women's issues. She grew up in Miami, FL and attended Florida State University. In Akron, she worked for the Summit County Prosecutor's Office where she provided support to victims of crime, inside and outside the court-room. She was on the Episcopal Diocesan Council, the Juvenile Court advisory committee, the ASPA national council and active in civil rights and social action committees. Her bio on Google states that she is retired, however we don't think that will last long once she gets settled in Rhode Island. We, in the Women's Club wish her well!!





We are 100 years old! Yes, our organization will be celebrating our 100th anniversary in 2023! Are you interested in joining other ladies in our committee to plan celebrations for this historic event? Please contact Carrie Tomko at <a href="mailto:cat22@uakron.edu">cat22@uakron.edu</a> or 330-338-9115. Already, there are four members with GREAT ideas!



Fall General Meeting - Thursday, November 17, 2022

> Spring General Meeting -Thursday, March 16, 2022



<u>Please note</u>: The Shaw Festival trip for Fall 2022 has been cancelled. Plans for 2023 are in the works.





#### **Gourmet Dinner**

Our Gourmet dinner was held at the Vye's on Saturday, May 28. We started early so we could enjoy a pontoon boat ride. Seventeen people attended. The theme was *Spring Picnic by the Lake*.

The afternoon concluded with a lovely pontoon ride on Portage Lakes with Captain Jane Gwinn!

Three of the four gourmet dinners for September, October & May of next year already have hosts. We only need a host for April. Please let Jane Gwinn know if you would like to host.







Three melon skewers Cheese puffs Spinach & Feta Spirals

#### Main Dishes:

Nam & Leek Quiche Oven fried chicken with Parmesan cheese Easy crab cakes

#### Salads:

Picnic vegetable salad Strawberry salad with tangy balsamic

#### Desserts:

Best Lemon Squares Moist Fudgy Brownies





Did you know that Pere David's Deer (a species extinct in the wild – Chinese had all but wiped them out) are flourishing at the Wilds in Southern Ohio? This species would be gone but for the intersession of a priest in China who rescued a few of these deer and brought them to America where they have been given a 're-birth'. This is but one of the stories behind the Wilds. This isn't your everyday zoo. All the animals are endangered and the Wilds is an Ark of sorts – allowing species to survive and thrive.

Our group of 13 ladies arrived at our overnight accommodations – two cabins at Straker Lake and a yurt at Nomad Ridge – both operated by the Wilds. Those at the cabins (expecting rather primitive conditions) were surprised at the amenities and gorgeous surroundings. Each cabin had a large screened-in deck overlooking the lake with its own dock and rowboat – which some of us took around the lake. We had a truly gourmet dinner – all of us bringing food to share. In the evening we marveled at the lightning as a late-night storm approached, and in the morning watched the sun rise over a field of Black-eyed Susans and Queen Anne's Lace.

The Open-Air Safari tour was in the morning; and we met up with our yurt ladies (they had been watching the animals from afar with their binoculars and listening to the burping male deer during the night). Our young lady bus driver and tour leader (a Kent state student – the Wilds employs lots of college students for their summer season) proceeded to drive us through the sally gate (a double gate entrance that keeps the Wild's animals in and the Ohio native animals out). We then had our ADVENTURE – armored Asian rhinos, Sichuan Takins, Persian Onagers (wild donkeys), brown-striped Grevy's Zebras, elands, scimitar-horned Oryx, Dhole giant foxes, southern white rhinos, ostrich, and on and on. All roaming free in vast rolling fields dotted with trees and inviting lakes.

The Wilds was originally a strip-mined area (hence the many long, deep lakes) that had been reclaimed and then transferred to the Columbus Zoo, that now operates it. You can read more about it at their website: <a href="https://www.thewilds.columbuszoo.org">www.thewilds.columbuszoo.org</a> It all is just 2+ hours south of Akron.



# HIKE MORE WORRY LESS

July 7th hike at Deep Lock Quarry Park on Riverview Rd. (part of the Metro Park System). We hiked the shorter Quarry Trail, which is 1.4 miles long, shaded, and considered a "moderate" level hike - very nice. Leslie provided an overview of geology and history of the park. We then ate lunch at Michael's AM Restaurant in the valley, and everyone enjoyed the food they ordered.

- Sue Yoder

### **Deep Lock Quarry Park**







#### **Kendall Lake Trail**



#### **Copley Community Park**









#### Valley View Hike

We sure had a great time exploring (me for the first time) this new park/trail in the Cuyahoga Valley.

Wonderful picnic lunch following on the banks of the river enjoying the beautiful day and great hiking buddies. Thanks to Linda and Denise for organizing.

- Leslie Bain









## 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, Patricia Schorr at (330) 361-0850 (c) or email to patricia.schorr@gmail.com. Patricia will send appropriate card on behalf of the club.

# **Special Activities**

Chair: Denise Beck (330) 322-2942 (beck490@gmail.com)

Questions or concerns? Please contact Denise Beck or Activity Chair/Co-Chair directly.

## **Evening Book Review**

Co-Chairs: Susan Coville-Hall

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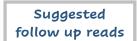
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This group regularly meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. to review book and enjoy

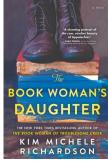
dessert.

Next meeting—September 21 for our fall potluck. Host Eileen Simon (3595 Sparrow Pond Circle, Akron, 44333









On July 13th nine UAWC reviewers met at Ann Duff's to discuss The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson. We were enlightened by the view of Turkeyfoot Lake from Ann's picture window and by the quality of discussion of a book we all found fascinating and very interesting in its historical portrayal of the Pack Horse Library Project enacted by Roosevelt's WPA program (1934-1943). Rich description of steep hills and hollers of Kentucky, the humanity of certain characters, realistic details of life in eastern Kentucky, including the rich dialect, were among qualities mentioned. All agreed that many of the problems portrayed in the novel (poverty, limited access to education and health care, women treated as 2<sup>nd</sup> class citizens, etc.) remain challenges today and, therefore, made the novel a relevant read. Two additional books were mentioned as follow up reads: The Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes and Book Woman's Daughter, a continuation of The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek, both by Kim Michele Richardson.

A big goes THANK YOU to Ann Duff who graciously hosted this review in such a delightful lake setting.

The next meeting will be September 21 for our fall potluck. The major goal will be compiling of a list of books to review for 2022-2023. Eileen Simon will host so bring a dish to share. Eileen's address is 3595 Sparrow Pond Circle, Akron 44333. Ann Biermann and Susan Colville-Hall we serve as co-chairs for this coming year.



# **Bridge Group**

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

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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

## MORE FUN THINGS TO DO

# **GOURMET DINNER GROUP**

Chair: Jane Gwinn H: (330

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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.





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

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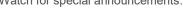
The Discussion Group meets on the second Thursday of the month at 3 p.m.



Performing Arts Chair:

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Watch for special announcements.





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

Scheduled hikes—September 1, 15, and 29th and next month October 13 and 27th

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



#### Membership form for 2022-23

Dues for the 2022-2023 year are due starting July 1, 2022 and should be paid at the end of June or the beginning of July if possible.

Please send this completed form, along with a check made payable to UA Women's Club, to <u>Linda Sugarman</u>, <u>1008 Bunker Drive</u>, <u>Fairlawn</u>, <u>OH 44333</u> *Linda has agreed to accept membership payments until a Treasurer is in place*.

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Please let us know what special ac	tivities you might be inter	rested in (check as many as you li	ke):	
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