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March 2023

Spring General Meeting

The UAWC Spring General Meeting was held on Thursday, March 16, 2023, at the Preservation House in Akron. Twenty-five members were in attendance including the guest speaker, Leianne Neff Heppner (pictured right) and scholarship recipient DeAnne Green (pictured far right).

The corn beef and cabbage dinner was catered by Waterloo Restaurant with desserts provided by UAWC board members. Leslie Bain served as hostess and decorated the tables with green candles and green leaves.

Leianne Neff Heppner, President of the Summit County Historical Society, dressed in period dress, provided an informative and historical overview of women in the early 1900's.

New UAWC board members elected included Treasurer, Hillary Sullivan; Vice President/Program Chair, Marcia Main; and Therese Sheffer, Special Activities Chair.

Thanks to Jane Gwinn for making this such a special meeting.



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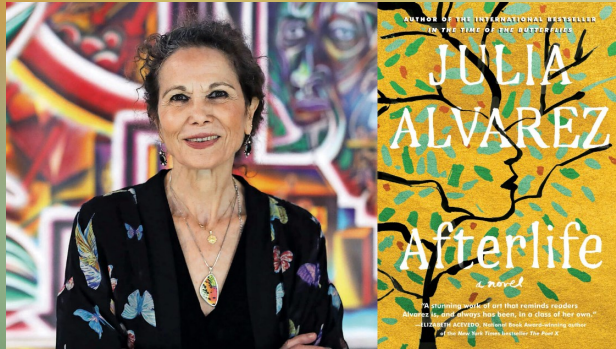
Book Review

The Evening Book Review met on March 15, 2023. Martha Vye served as host.

The book, *Afterlife*, by Julia Alvarez was wonderful! Anne shared additional information about the author and some of her other publications.

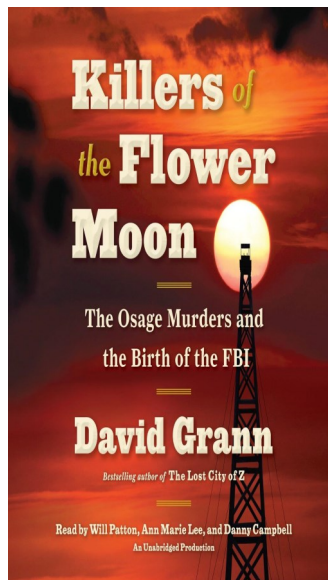
Members participated in a great discussion on what 'afterlife' means, also about illegals, immigrants, sisterhood, losing a spouse or loved one, and how they live on in our memories, representing how they live on through our memories and we thus create an 'afterlife' for them. It was a beautiful discussion.

Thanks to Susan Colville-Hall for providing the summary and picture.



More Book Review

UAWCs Evening Book Review met on February 15 at Marilyn Kirks home to discuss a nonfiction writing that encompasses more than one American story and is also a murder mystery. As Rita DiFrangia presented, "Killers of the Flower Moon" deals with a once headlining news story that is now long forgotten. It describes the Osage nation of the 1920's but also encompasses Osage history and their future that resulted from the tragedy. It's a history of law enforcement in the old west and how the FBI and J. Edgar Hoover came to power in the early part of the 20th century. It's a story about the lash between the government's desire for "Manifest Destiny as native Americans were forced to move again and again onto less and less desirable lands".

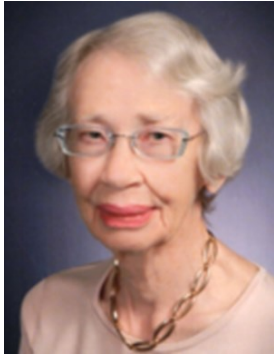
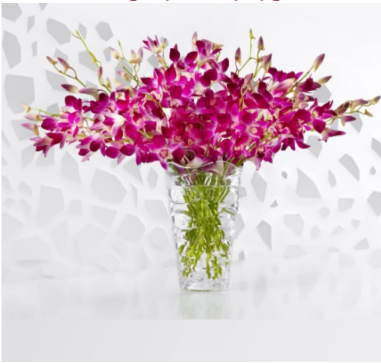


It was a very moving read that led to a healthy debate about attitudes regarding who is American, what freedom means and what fair government policy might be.

About thirteen members enjoyed the discussion. Marilyn's delicious refreshments were enjoyed by all.

Summary presented by Susan Colville-Hall

In Remembrance



Kathryn Zbinden, former UAWC member, died peacefully on March 18, 2023.

Kathy graduated from Evansville's Bosse High School in 1948 and went on to study at Wittenberg College, where she earned a degree in Home Economics in 1952. She married Hans Zbinden in 1953.

The couple later settled in Akron, Ohio, where Kathy's focus was always on her family, church, and service to others. She was active in the PTA, volunteered in the school library, and assisted with her daughters' Girl Scout troop activities. She developed her library volunteering into employment as the beloved "Story Lady" in Akron's elementary school libraries. She created and presented story programs ranging from Peter Rabbit to Indonesian shadow puppets to Colonial American lore. Kathy was also involved with the "Busy Fingers" sewing group and served on the Altar Committee for her church.

Kathy and Hans loved to travel. After retiring they took cruises to Scandinavia and Alaska, attended the Shaw Festival in Ontario, Canada, visited New Orleans and New York, Germany and Italy. Their last big trip was to see the ancient Mayan lands.

The UAWC remembers Kathy as a lovely lady who was very active in our club. She served on the Board as Special Activities Chair (2007), and led the afternoon Book Review group for several years (2007-2009). She also served on our nominating committee several times over the years. Kathy and Hans were a lovely couple. We remember her as a kind, generous, thoughtful and intelligent lady.

For more please visit: <https://www.tributearchive.com/obituaries/27532289/kathryn-zbinden/akron/ohio/billow-s-funeral-homes-crematory>



All are invited to UAWC's Annual Salad Luncheon

Saturday, April 29, 2023 at Noon

at Leslie Bain's home located at
13403 Mt. Eaton Rd., Doylestown

Please bring your favorite salad to share.

RSVP to Leslie Bain by Monday, April 24, 2023

lbain220@gmail.com or by
phone to (330) 485-4252 (h) or (330) 819-2846 (c)

The UAWC Board would like to welcome our newest Board members.

Therese Sheffer — Special Activities Chair

Marcia Main — Vice President and Program Chair

Hillary Sullivan — Treasurer

Thank you for accepting your nomination to serve as a Board member.
We look forward to working with you!



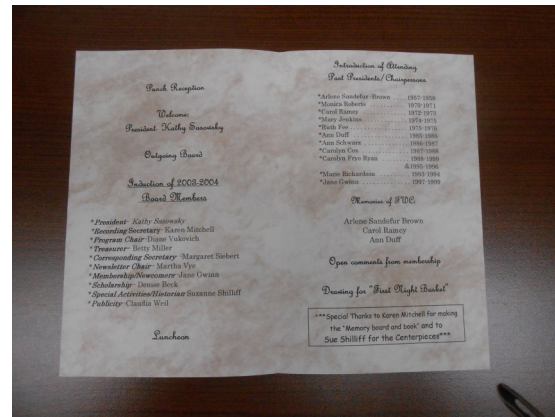
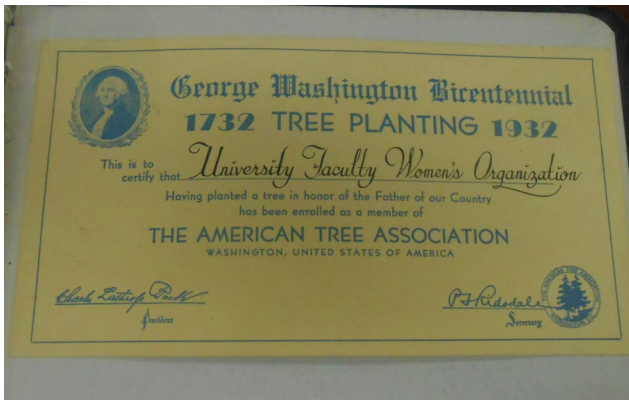


SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM UAWC PRESIDENT CARRIE TOMKO

Hello, as President of The University of Akron Women's Club and Committee Chair for our 100th anniversary celebration, I invite you to complete a the following survey.

Current committee members include, Carrie Tomko, Diana Kunze, Sylvia Johnson, Mary Leahy, and Peggy Walchalk. If you would like to join as a committee member, please contact Carrie at (330) 338-9115.

Founded in 1923, our organization will be celebrating its 100th anniversary this year in 2023. Along with the members of the 100th anniversary celebration committee, I am conducting a survey to determine celebration event ideas, as well as timing for those events, which will align with the preferences of our membership.



UAWC 100th Anniversary Celebration Survey

Please circle all the items that apply as a preference for you as a member to attend a celebration event.

1—Would you attend a 100th anniversary celebration event? **Yes or No**

2—What month(s) is(are) best for you to attend a celebration? **Circle all that apply.**

April 2023	July 2023	October 2023	January 2024
May 2023	August 2023	November 2023	February 2024
June 2023	September 2023	December 2023	March 2024

3—Would you consider attending the following events? **Circle all that apply.**

- A tea party (silver tea set), donning old-fashioned hats (see images). **Yes or No**
- A themed party, such as a “beach” night, cruise night, nursery rhyme night (see image above), or some other idea for a theme _____. **Yes or No**
- A tree planting event on behalf of our organization (see image above) **Yes or No**
- A group photo (see image above) **Yes or No**
- A formal evening with a program (see image above) **Yes or No**

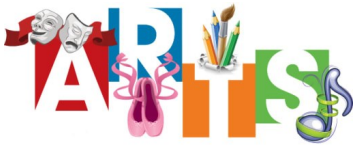
Other ideas and/or suggestions for celebration? _____

Sincerely,
Carrie Tomko

The University of Akron Women's Club
1923-2023: A 100 Year Celebration of University of Akron Women promoting scholarships and enrichment

Carrie Ann Tomko
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PLEASE RETURN TO CARRIE TOMKO at
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Wadsworth, OH 44281
or by email to cat22@uakron.edu



Performing Arts Announcements

Music @ Main: Joe Augustine Trio

Location: Akron Summit County Public Library---

Main Library

Sundays 2:00pm - 3:30pm

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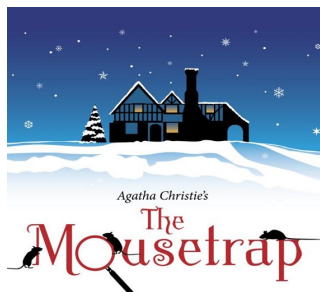
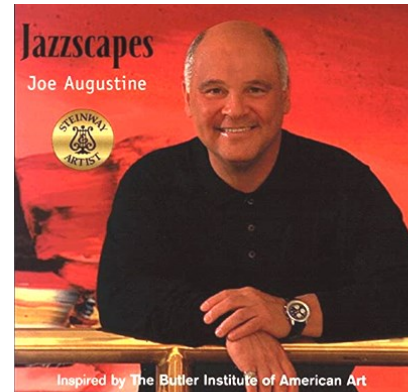
August 06, September 17

Age group: Teen, Adults

Event type: Music Live Performance - Jazz with Steinway artist Joe Augustine and fellow musicians Jim Rupp and Dave Morgan.

The Joe Augustine Trio has performed in a variety of settings...from symphony orchestras to concert halls, to jazz clubs. Joe is one of only 1,600 Steinway artists in the world. As an accomplished pianist, Augustine pulls material from the Great American Songbook, the last 50 years of pop music, and his original compositions.

<https://services.akronlibrary.org/event/7823589>



A group of strangers are stranded in a snow storm with a murder in the midst. Will they reveal the killer before they themselves become victims? The World's Longest Running Play, "The Mousetrap" will keep you on the edge of your seat to the chilling end.

Weathervane Community Playhouse Theatre presents:

Agatha Christie's The Mousetrap

UAWC Performing Arts Group: Members, Partners, and Friends

Let's get together to attend this play on **Sunday, May 7th at 2:30 p.m.**

- (1) **Purchase your tickets as soon as possible**, online at (<https://www.weathervaneplayhouse.com/events/8x10-theatrefest>) or by calling the box office at (330) 836-2626
- (2) **Arrive at the Theatre at 2:00 p.m.** for a coffee, tea, or beverage
- (3) After the performance we will **dine together at Papa Joe's Italian Restaurant** (1561 Akron Peninsula Rd., Akron, 44313)
- (4) Please email Therese Sheffer (therese.sheffer@gmail.com) or Linda Mar (Imarx0605@att.net) by May 5, 2023 if you plan on joining the group for dinner at Papa Joe's

Thank you, UAWC Performing Arts Group Co-Chairs, Therese and Linda



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: Therese Sheffer

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C: (330) 730-2997

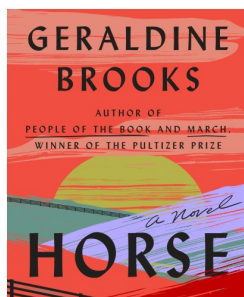
Evening Book Review

Co-Chairs: Susan Coville-Hall
colvillehall@uakron.edu
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Anne Biermann
abierm@me.com
(330) 869-0175

This group regularly meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. for dessert followed by meeting and reviews at 7:30 p.m. .

April 19, 2023 *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks
Host: Laurel Winters Reviewer: Kirklyn Kuzdrall



May 17, 2023 *A Northern Light* by Jennifer Donnelly
Host: Sharon Gandee Reviewer: Denise Beck

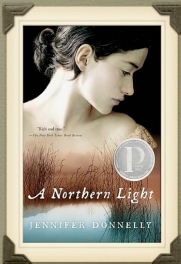


A NORTHERN LIGHT
BY JENNIFER DONNELLY

IN 1906, A BRUTAL MURDER TOOK PLACE DISGUISED AS A TRAGIC WATER ACCIDENT.

*MATTIE, IS A 16 YEAR OLD GIRL WITH HOPES AND DREAMS, WORKING AT THE GLENMORE HOTEL. A GUEST ASKS HER TO BURN A SECRET PACKET OF LETTERS. HOURS LATER THAT GUEST IS FOUND DEAD.

*MATTIE HAD PROMISED TO BURN THE LETTERS BUT



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MORE FUN THINGS TO DO

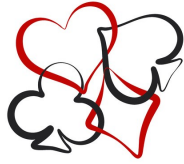
Bridge Group

Chair: Leslie Bain -

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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

GOURMET DINNER GROUP

Chair: Jane Gwinn

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janeagwinn@gmail.com

The Gourmet Dinner Group meets four times a year. Couples or singles are welcome. All costs are shared equally (bring receipts). Bring your own beverage as well.

April 19 Host: Sharon/Bob Gandee & Denise Beck

May 20 Host: Jan and Carl McMillin

September and October (TBD)



DISCUSSION GROUP

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

Sylvia Johnson (330) 644-3090
Sylvia 5@uakron.edu

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



Performing Arts Co Chairs:

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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.

Schedule will be shared in Spring 2023.

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 2024

Dues for the 2023-2024 year are due starting July 1, 2023 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 [Hillary Sullivan, 2740 Ashton Drive, Hudson, OH 44236](mailto:Hillary.Sullivan@uakron.edu)

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