

FALL GENERAL MEETING

Thirty ladies attended the November General Meeting on November 16, 2023, at the Hower House. This included five new members for 2023-24, a few guests and our scholarship recipients. Emily Barron a senior Zip and wonderful vocalist, provided terrific entertainment. A shout-out to Marcia Main for orchestrating the event and Jane Gwinn for picking up the food.

After socializing and enjoying the holiday decorations, the members participated in the general meeting. Carrie Tomko kicked off the meeting by welcoming everyone to celebrate our 100th year. All the membership chairs spoke and the proposed budget was approved. The Shaw Festival was a huge success and based on the strength of the dollar, around \$10,000 will be contributed to the endowment. Many thanks to Sylvia Johnson for her efforts on this endeavor. Marsha Friedman advised those who would like to read *The Covenant of Water* for the January Book Club to start early as it is a very lengthy book at 700 pages and 31 hours on audio.

The Spring General Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 18th. The 100th Anniversary Tea will be March and will be open to members and friends. A Sugar Maple tree will be planted near the Olin Hall building with a commemorative plaque. A tree ceremony will be held later in the year. Congratulations to our Scholars and Welcome to our new Members!



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In Remembrance

Long time UAWC member and Board officer, Roberta 'Penny' Marquette passed away on October 31, 2023.

Born in the Bronx, New York City, Penny grew up in Florida and graduated from the University of Florida with a degree in Broadcasting. Later, while living in the Akron area she attended Kent State University and The University of Akron. Penny pursued and secured her masters and doctorate degrees in accounting. She later worked as an accounting professor at The University of Akron for nearly 25 years.

Penny served as a volunteer at the Hospice Care Center and for Bath Township, serving as a fiscal officer. She was a master gardener and a lover of animals.

UAWC President, Carrie Tomko, shared this memory of Penny.

I first met Dr. Penny Marquette as a student in her Intermediate II Accounting course in 1988. I immediately admired her and wanted to be like her in my own lecture presentations as a faculty member at The University of Akron—real, decisive, powerful, yet empowering to her students. Dr. Marquette led by example and expected the best of a student to achieve the most.

It was later, as a member of UAWC, that I had a chance to revisit my relationship with now "Penny," not Dr. Marquette, as our roles were no longer student—teacher. Again, I wanted to be like her in many ways! Penny spoke her mind, and I always admired that about her.

She will be missed.



Holiday Luncheon

**Monday, December 11, 2023 at the Diamond Grille
77 West Market Street, Akron**

Arrive and greet members and guests at/by 11:30 a.m. (Doors open at 11 a.m.) We will be ordering individually from the menu. There will be separate checks for each attendee. **VERY IMPORTANT NOTE:** The restaurant accepts cash or check only. An ATM is available inside the dining area.

RSVP by December 1, 2023 to Marcia Main and include your name, name of any guests email (preferred) for your response and your telephone number in case Marcia needs to speak with you.

Marcia Main, mdmain1@outlook.com or by mail to 8581 Camelot Avenue, Canal Fulton, OH 44614

EVENING BOOK REVIEW

The Book Review group met on November 15th at Sharon Gandee's to discuss *Circe* by Madeline Miller. Kate Waits provided the review and Marsha Friedman prepared and shared the dessert. The group will not meet in December, but will pick up on January 17, 2024.





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: Marsha Friedman

marsha@consultmef.com

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Evening Book Review

Co-Chairs: Kirklyn Kuzdrall
kirklyn19@att.net
(330) 329-2949

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(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. .

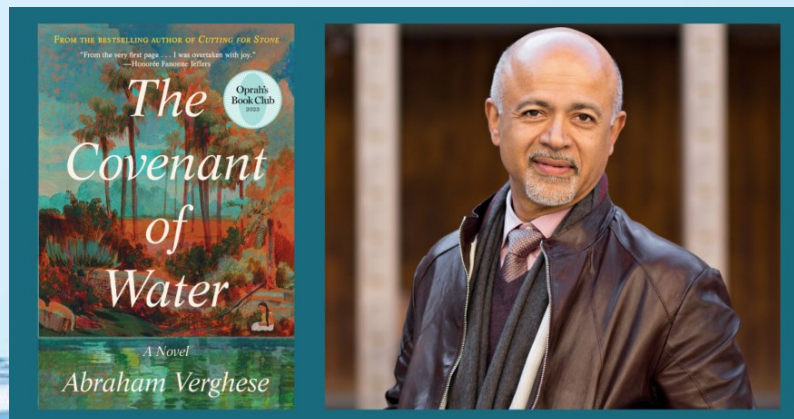
Back-up: Sharon Gandee (330) 864-4659 ssgandee@gmail.com

January 17, 2024

The Covenant of Water
by Abraham Verghese
Reviewer: Marsha Friedman
Host: Diana Kunze
Dessert: Leslie Bain

February 21, 2024

Trust by Hernan Diaz
Reviewer: Sharon Gandee



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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](#)

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):

_____ Book Review _____ Gourmet Dinner _____ Hiking _____ Performing Arts Group

Sponsored Membership \$20

Name of Sponsoring Club Member