

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY Women's Club

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Iowa State University Women's Club

"Weaving Friendships | Inspiring Growth"

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Recently, I attended my 40th Peoria High school reunion where two of my classmates surprised me by complimenting my writing. Both had worked with me on *The Opinion*, our school newspaper. The first remarked: you had a way

with words. The second complimented my story telling. I was stunned they'd noticed. Our teacher advisor had never remarked on my writing.

Several years ago, I visited Peoria High and sat for an afternoon in the library thumbing through *The Opinion*. I became flummoxed when my reporting was missing one semester. Sitting at a wooden table, the articles spread before me, I suddenly remembered my mother had grounded me from writing for the paper that semester.

High school was hard for me. When I was thirteen, my family relocated to Peoria, Illinois from Germany. Of course, I made friends in high school, but cliques had formed in elementary schools, and my brother and I had to work hard to fit in. I fit in by writing for *The Opinion*.

Then why didn't I study journalism in college? Because everyone including myself didn't take note of my passion for writing. Not my counselor, nor *The Opinion* advisor. And my mother? Well, she steered me towards a degree in interior design at Iowa State.

Perhaps you're thinking Ana's message sounds a lot like a therapy session. Perhaps. But I share this story to make a point about noticing the talents of others. Eventually I made my way back to writing. But what if someone had noticed my passion for writing sooner? Life is populated by what ifs. It occurs to me my life story is why I am passionate about the scholarships my husband and I created at Iowa State. We delight in funding dreams. And when Mary Jane Green told me about the fifth scholarship award our club couldn't give last year, I decided to mention this at every opportunity during my presidency. The ISU Women's Club has been awarding money to women since 1913. The club missed funding a woman's dream last year.

As your interest group discusses worthy causes this year, I encourage you to support our scholarship endowment. Actually, let's not forget to support our endowment fund every year to maintain ISU Women's Club's longstanding tradition of supporting the dreams of women.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER 18, 2019

12:45 Business Meeting

1:30 pm "Days for Girls"

by Carol Helland and Mary Ross,

Days for Girls, Ames, IA Team

Art and About and Book Club, Hostesses

DECEMBER 11, 2019

2:00 to 5:00 pm

"Holiday Social at The Knoll"

Holiday Social Committee, Hostesses

November meeting will be held at **Bethesda Lutheran Fellowship Hall**, 1517 Northwestern Avenue. The Holiday Social is at **The Knoll**, 111 Knoll Road, ISU Campus.



HOLIDAY SOCIAL



Please see the invitation on the last page of the newsletter. **ISUWC Members who signed up at the Fall Opener and October Assembly need not sign up again. A reminder of selected times will be sent prior to the event.**

MEMBERSHIP

ISUWC membership for 2019-2020 has reached 409. This number includes 295 two-plus years members, 56 honorary members, and 58 new members. Welcome to ALL!

YEARBOOK CONTACT UPDATE

Please correct your yearbook to reflect this change:

Judy Dahlke, add email jkdahlke@mchsi.com

SHARING FRIENDSHIP

Help extend the hand of friendship by contacting Sharon Olson or Marilyn Barquist if you know a member who should be remembered with a card. Cards are sent for hospital stays, extended illness, death of a member, death of a member's relative, birthdays-70+, anniversaries-50+, and a special honor or award that a member has received.

FALL TRIP HIGHLIGHTS



Fall Trip Riders

Forty one members left early on October 15 to meet the Cyclone bus in the Hy-Vee Lincoln Center parking lot for a wonderful day in Northeast Iowa. After a three hour bus ride, members were met by docents at the Laura Ingalls Wilder Museum in Burr Oak. They provided a lot of information about the year the Ingalls family lived in Burr Oak and operated the Hotel as well as the life and times of Laura.

A delightful lunch was served by a Mennonite caterer at the Wildberry Winery near Decorah. The lunch location provided an opportunity to sample wines made at the winery. Next stop was 'Seed Savers' to learn a little about the organization and to browse or purchase garden items available in the gift shop. Arriving in Decorah, members were welcomed at the Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum; there was also time for exploring Decorah's historic downtown. The last stop in Winneshiek County was at Dunning Springs where travelers enjoyed the beautiful waterfall and freshwater stream. Enroute to Ames, a stop was made in Waterloo to pick up box meals from Subway for supper on the bus. It was a marvelous day. Check Facebook for more photos, they tell the story well.



Laura Ingalls Wilder Museum

HISTORIAN BOOKS READY FOR VIEWING

Historian Scrapbooks are available for viewing on the club's website, www.isuwc.org. Take a look back at all the fun, fellowship, and friendship that was shared and enjoyed!

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU

Jill Lowman and Linda Rosa, Publicity Co-chairs, and Jonie Fitzsimmons, Facebook coordinator, need ALL members to help with publicizing ISUWC. Tell your friends and neighbors, share newsletters, like us on Facebook and share postings. Take photos and send to Jill or Linda; please include group name. Send the same to Jonie at joniefitz@gmail.com for posting to Facebook.



PLEA FOR SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

The Iowa State University Women's Club (ISUWC) recognizes the academic, personal and community accomplishments of full-time Iowa State University women students through an award endowed by the club. This award is intended as an honor for personal achievement. Financial need is not a consideration for this award. Recipients receive one-half of their award in the Fall Semester and the other half in the Spring Semester. A student may receive the award only once.

This past year, due to dwindling endowment fund donations and investment interest, only four scholarships were awarded instead of five. As your interest group considers its yearly worthy cause contribution, please consider targeting that money to the Scholarship Endowment Fund to keep our long-standing tradition alive. Contributions are tax deductible and may be sent to ISU Foundation, 2505 University Blvd, Ames, IA 50014 or to Karen George, ISUWC Treasurer, 2834 Cambridge Dr., Ames, IA 50010.

SCRAPBOOKING HELP WANTED

Do you like scrapbooking? Would you enjoy scrapbooking as an ISUWC Club Historian? If so, we need you.

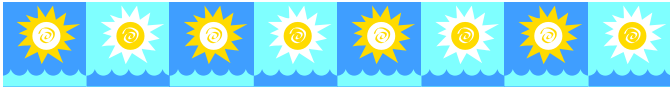
Club Historians, Jan Bond and Cindy Fells, have produced the club's annual scrapbook known as the Historian's Book for the past several years. The books are available to view on the club's website, www.isuwc.org. The 2018-2019 Historian's Book will be ready by the end of 2019. Jan and Cindy will be retiring as Historians after the 2018-2019 book is complete. As they prepare their final edition, they would very much like to mentor the new Historians at the time they are putting together this years' booklet so the transfer of the office will be as smooth as possible. For more information about being a club historian, contact Cindy Fells.

WEBSITE REGISTRATION

At the Fall Opener, the new ISUWC website at www.isuwc.org was unveiled! Thank you to Molly Doolittle of Blue Rock Designs and the web development team of Joyce Schafbuch, Ann Sandine, TJ Fuligni, and Jonie Fitzsimmons for their work over the summer to create a new, modern website for the club. There is an option for each member to register to access information under the **Members** tab. 50 members have registered thus far. To register, follow these easy steps:

1. Go to the www.isuwc.org. Hover over the **Members** tab at the top of the page.
2. Select either **Forms** or **Directory** from the drop-down menu.
3. When the Create An Account window opens, choose **Register**.
4. When prompted, entered your name, email, user name and password. Submit.
5. Wait for a reply email approving your registration.

Once registration is approved, members will be able to log in to the membership section using their user name and password.



UPDATE ON NEW INTEREST GROUPS

A number of new interest groups have formed since the Fall Opener. Here's a rundown on these groups:

SCRAPPY LASSIES

CHAIR: SANDY STEVENSON

This scrapbooking group is organized and meeting the 4th Tuesday at Ames Public Library. Members inspire one another and share techniques and ideas for scrapbooking and other gifts-from-the-heart. Presently there are six members in this group but membership is open to others who would enjoy this medium. Contact Sandy Stevenson for more information. **Members:** Carol Bond, Sue Ann Daley, Lisa Kuehl, Sheryl Soden, Sandy Stevenson, Sherry Yockey

WINE GROUP

CHAIR: MARYBETH BUCHELE

A new wine group will soon make its appearance on the club calendar. Ten interested members gathered on October 29 to organize. This group is looking for two more members. Look for more information on this group.

SUDS SISTERS

CO-CHAIRS, JOYCE SCHAFBUCH, SHERRY YOCKEY

Seven (7) prospective members have met and are proposing the 1st Thursday as a meeting date for this beer appreciation group. Their next meeting is at Boulder Tap, November 7 at 5 pm. Contact Joyce or Sherry for more information.

COUPLES BREAKFAST

CO-CHAIRS: JONIE FITZSIMMONS, POLLY GILBERT

The first breakfast outing for this group was October 28. They are meeting the 4th Monday at 8:30 am with members hosting each outing. Presently there are seven members so membership is open to other couples who would like to join them for breakfast and great conversations.

- November 25 – Hosted by Polly Gilbert (Lee Smithson), The Café
- December 16 – Hosted by Polly Gilbert (Lee Smithson), Provisions Lot F
- January 27 – Hosted by Carol (Jim) Kenton, Panera Bread
- February 24 – Hosted by Catherine (Bruce) Kjartanson, Arcadia Café
- March 23 – Hosted by Donna (Jim) Sogard, The Grove
- April 27 – Hosted by Carole (John) Stevens, Café Milo
- May 25 – Hosted by Margery (Jim) Baker, Stompin' Grounds
- June 22 – Hosted by Jonie (Fitz) Fitzsimmons, The IowaStater Restaurant
- July 27 – Hosted by Carol (Jim) Kenton, Perkins Restaurant & Bakery

A BOOK CLUB

CHAIR: LAUREL MAIR

While a name is still to be chosen, this group has 10 members and is meeting in members' homes. A yearbook page will be forthcoming and distributed as soon as a name is chosen. This group wishes to remain at 10 members.

TWO BY TWO

CO-CHAIRS: SHARI GLENN, SILVA WILLIAMS

Host couples take turns hosting monthly events on the 2nd Sunday. A yearbook page has been made and distributed to the membership.

EUCHRE

CHAIR: DONNA GROOMS

TREASURER: CINDY HALL

Meeting the 2nd Tuesday, 1 pm, at Games, Grinds, and Gallery in the North Grand Mall, this group has 15 members. A yearbook page will be forthcoming and distributed.

MAHJONG

CO-CHAIRS: JONIE FITZSIMMONS, JULIE THOMPSON

Maniac obsession brings this group together twice weekly, Tuesday and Friday at 10 am, at Games, Grinds, and Gallery in the North Grand Mall. Membership is open. A yearbook page has been made and distributed to the membership.

A VOLUNTEER GROUP

CHAIR: SHERRY YOCKEY

Twelve (12) members have indicated interest in this group. They will meet soon to define their mission. Look for more information from this group in the future.

DONATION TO SCHOLARSHIP FUND



PIECING TOGETHER FUNDS FOR STUDENTS

It's incredible what a little house cleaning can do when you are a quilter! The Block Builders donated a check to the scholarship fund for \$1310. Monies were earned by the group at their Quilters Garage Sale and from a machine quilting class taught by Phyllis. The challenge - what can your group do to help earn money for the scholarship fund?



HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE AT THE KNOLL

Members of the Iowa State University Women's Club are invited to The Knoll for a Holiday Open House Wednesday, December 11, 2019

The Open House is not a 'sit down' occasion, but a chance to enjoy holiday treats as you stroll around The Knoll, visit with fellow members, listen to beautiful music, and view the festive décor.

Because of the increased size of the ISUWC membership and limited space for visitors at The Knoll, attendance must be limited to smaller groups arriving at the following designated times.

2:00-2:45 pm

3:00-3:45 pm

4:00-4:45 pm

*Members may sign up to attend this event at the November General Assembly OR by contacting Dorothy Kirkland (kedor571@yahoo.com) to select a preferred time. **We respectfully ask for you cooperation in adhering to this time schedule so all may enjoy their time at The Knoll.***

*Parking for this event will be available at the Memorial Union Parking Ramp or at the East Parking Deck north of The Knoll. Due to construction the east ramp is only accessible by driving from the north on Union Drive. **Carpooling and drop off are encouraged.***



The vision of the Iowa State University Women's Club is to create unity through friendship, promote a sense of belonging with each other and within the community, and as we grow, to have an impact on our society.