

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
Women's Club
Summer 2020 Newsletter

"And The Friends We Meet Along The Way..."

ISUWC PRESIDENT, JOYCE SCHAFBUCH



Hellooooo ISUWC members! It's been a long time since we met as a group and I miss seeing everyone. Canceling the March Business Meeting and Assembly Program, the Spring Luncheon in April, and scheduling the May Annual Meeting via Zoom was interesting indeed. We wanted to send you this special Summer Edition newsletter to keep

you in the loop of what's going on when and where, and we will continue to update information as decisions are made.

I want to take this opportunity to thank last year's President, Ana McCracken, for her leadership, and especially navigating through the Covid-19 challenge as it unfolded last spring. I enjoyed working with Ana and look forward to her playing a continuing role in ISUWC!

Our theme for this coming year is, **"And the friends we meet along the way..."** I feel this is even more fitting than when I chose it originally, since we are so aware of friends we have not been able to see and gather with. I, for one, will be grateful when we can gather together again—until then, the "new normal" will have to do!

Please take a moment to read through the information in this newsletter. We will post updates on the website, Facebook, and email members as events develop.

Stay well,

Joyce Schafbuch



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

YEARBOOK DISTRIBUTION—to be determined

Monday, August 17

BUSINESS MEETING, 9:30 AM

**Big Bluestem Shelter, Moore Memorial Park
3050 Northridge Parkway**

Monday, September 14

FALL OPENER, 10 AM–Noon

Big Bluestem Shelter, Moore Memorial Park

No FALL TRIP due to Covid-19 concerns

Monday, October 19

BUSINESS MEETING, 12:45 PM

ASSEMBLY PROGRAM, 1:30 PM

Bethesda Lutheran Church

Monday, November 16

BUSINESS MEETING, 12:45 PM

ASSEMBLY PROGRAM, 1:30 PM,

Bethesda Lutheran Church

Monday, December 7

HOLIDAY SOCIAL, 2–4 PM

Bethesda Lutheran Church

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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.

ISUWC Fall Opener

Monday, September 14, 2020

10:00 AM to Noon

**Big Bluestem Shelter, Moore Memorial Park,
3050 Northridge Parkway, Ames**

Due to the coronavirus restrictions and social distancing, the ISUWC 2020 Fall Opener has been moved to an outdoor location. Lunch will not be served. Snack bags and bottled water will be provided. Attendees will be able to sign up for various interest groups as well as pick up their 2020–2021 yearbooks.

NEW INTEREST GROUP ANYONE?

Want to try something new? With 46 interest groups to choose from, there are opportunities for everyone—either by getting involved with an existing group, joining a start-up or starting a new one. Several new interest groups have been suggested. We are currently looking at a new Couples Group, Book Club, Couples Mahjong and Disc Golf. Leadership is needed to organize and chair or co-chair each interest group for it to become viable. A minimum of 10 members is needed to start a new group. Please contact Jonie Fitzsimmons with your new ideas.



THANKS, MEMBERS!!

Another membership renewal time has come to a successful close, thanks to all of you! The bonds of friendship and support of the goals and aims of the ISUWC remain strong as we deal with the concerns of the world today.

Some numbers that might be of interest to you are in the table below:

	2020-2021 Year	2019-2020 Year
Renewing Members	319	293
New Members	10	61
Honorary Members	49	54
Total	378	408
Dropped Members (by request and no response)	40	27

The 378 for total membership might, at first glance, be concerning, but it is important to remember that our main drive to gain new members is in the fall at the Fall Opener. There will be time to gain new members throughout the year!

The number of dropped members increased this year, due to a variety of reasons. Unfortunately, the Covid-19 virus has impacted us and several women wish to put their memberships on “pause” and will gladly rejoin us when the time is right for them. Several members have moved and others have had changes in their schedules that don’t allow them to be active any longer. We also have lost some long-time members due to health concerns and moving to be closer to family. Special recognition goes to nine members

whose collective years of membership totals 400 years. They have decided not to continue. We applaud their long years of service to the club.

HONORARY MEMBERS 25 and more years

Sally Greve	58 years
Ingrid Anderson	25 years
Patricia Johnson	62 years
Mary Atherly	33 years
*Betty Keeney	32 years
Elaine Bath	44 years
Anna Nillson	57 years
Linda Hodges	37 years
Shirley Malaby	62 years

*Past President

Betty Keeney sent a message to the current membership.

“I thoroughly enjoyed the many years I was active in the ISU Women’s Club. We lived in Ames for 30 years so the ladies in this group became real friends. The variety of groups and the many talents shared by members were a valuable learning experience. With sincere regret, I drop my membership, but this seems like an appropriate time to do so since we have moved. I will still think of special events such as the Spring Luncheon. Best of luck for future planning and continuation of the group.”

The ISUWC appreciates each one of you as an active, contributing member! Thank you!

Marie Schropp, Membership Co-Chair

PHOTO GALLERY



Left: Summer flowers from Linda Trudeau's garden. By Linda Trudeau



Right: Our garden interest group annually plant flowers at the corner of Lincoln Way and University.



"Praying for Rain" (Angel Fire, NM) By Ana McCracken

Reminder to all members: Please send photos to Jonie Fitzsimmons for posting on Facebook.

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