

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY  
*Women's Club*

**October 2021 Newsletter**



Photo by Holly Beermann

***“Learning to Dance in the Rain”***

**ISUWC PRESIDENT, SHARI GLENN**



Happy Fall! What a beautiful season it is. Now if we could just get rid of the annoying bugs....

A big thank you to the fall opener committee and all others who helped make the day such a huge success. Welcome to all our new members!

The interest groups—both existing and new—are off to a great start. We have four new and fun interest groups organized and started—Ladies of the Lake, Couple's Cocktails, RummiKlub, and Wink and Dwink. The other potential groups did not have enough members sign up.

The Holiday Social committee has a great event planned this year. Be sure to read about it in this newsletter.

I am really excited about the programs planned for this year. Hope to see you there at our first one on Oct. 18th!!

Stay safe!

Shari Glenn

*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.*

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Monday, October 18**

**Business meeting 12:45 pm**

**Assembly program 1:30 pm**

**MOVING FORWARD IN HEALTH CARE**

**AFTER COVID-19**

**By Gary Botine**

**VP Mary Greeley Medical Center**

**Monday, November 15**

**Business meeting 12:45 pm**

**Assembly program 1:30 pm**

**By Jamie Pollard**

**Director of Athletics**

**Iowa State University**

**Monday, December 6, 2-4 pm**

**“AN AFTERNOON AT THE CHRISTMAS MARKET”**

**ISUWC Holiday Social**

**All meetings will be held at**

**Bethesda Lutheran Church located at  
1517 Northwestern Avenue, Ames**

## FALL OPENER REPORT

The 2021 ISUWC Fall Opener was held Monday, September 13 at City Church of Ames. There were 120 women in attendance with quite a few new members. A delightful brunch of fresh fruit and assorted pastries was served by the Fall Opener Committee.

President Shari Glenn addressed the group with "Welcome Back after COVID" and shared the news of past and future events. Other speakers talked about the Holiday Social, ISUWC Awards Fund, Fall Trip, and new interest groups. The festive fall centerpieces were auctioned off and raised \$400 towards the ISUWC Awards Fund. After brunch, members were given the opportunity to sign up for new interest groups. It was a nice morning to visit and catch up with other ISUWC members.



## INTEREST GROUPS

I would like to personally thank all the women who supported our organization by representing their interest group at the Fall Opener.

The interest group signup process continues to evolve as we deal with COVID, new interest group suggestions, and space constraints. The online sign-up option proved to be a very viable opportunity for seventy women to sign up for separate groups. Google forms allowed me to add and delete groups as they met capacity or had an opening. Instead, online sign-up was seamless! Thank you, Joyce Schafbuch, for assuming my role as Interest Group chair in the future.

We were able to fill limited openings in some groups, add members to others and successfully create four new groups. Couples Cocktails, Ladies of the Lake, Rummiklub and Wink and Dwindle.

If you are interested in joining a group and it appears there are openings in it, please contact the chair of the group. The names of chairs are found in the yearbook.

Groups with openings include Armchair Travelers (afternoon), Art and About, Biking Babes, Block Builders, Bowling, Bunco Squad, Cards and Games, Couples Breakfast, Cribbage, Culture Sharing, Friday Nights Out, Gardening, Genealogy, G.I.V.E., Golf, Hooks and Needles, Mahjong Maniacs/Mahjong Beginners, Movie Mavens, Nature Study, Stitchery, Take A Hike, and Walk and Talk.

Many of us often sign up or volunteer for more than we can manage, a common occurrence of women attending the fall opener. If you signed up for more groups than you are able to attend, please contact the chair of the group that you are no longer interested in and tell them you will be dropping out of the group. This eliminates unnecessary emails and expected RSVPs and is understood by all members.

If you have any questions, please contact me, Jonie Fitzsimmons. 515-745-4472.

Thanks everyone!

Jonie

## FRIENDSHIP COMMITTEE

The Friendship Committee sends greeting cards from ISU Women's Club to our members. Cards are sent for hospital stays, extended illness, death of a member, death of a member's relative, special birthday (#70+), special anniversary (#50+), a new grand-baby and for a special honor or award a member has received.

We rely on our membership to let us know when a card needs to be sent. Please let us know if you become aware of any of the events listed above, and we will be glad to send wishes from ISUWC.

Sharon Olson, Friendship Committee Chair  
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## ZOOM FOR INTEREST GROUPS MEETINGS

The club still has a ZOOM subscription available for any interest group or committee to use either for an entire ZOOM meeting should a group not be able to meet in person OR to bring a meeting to a member who is distant or unable to attend. Already this fall, two groups have used this option with success to bring a meeting to members who cannot attend in person. To schedule a Zoom meeting, please email [isuwomensclub@gmail.com](mailto:isuwomensclub@gmail.com) as much in advance as possible.

## SCHOLARSHIP FUND

During this past year, our members have been very generous in their contributions for our Scholarship Fund. The Scholarship Committee wants to thank the membership for the support the scholarship fund has received this year. We also want to thank Block Builders for your support through the garage sale you held.

Thank you to all members for your generosity and continued support!



## CLUB INFORMATION

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## ISUWC COVID POLICY

**As a hostess of a small group:** You have the right to ask that unvaccinated people not attend your meeting. You also have the right to determine if masks should be worn by the attending members.

**For large groups (such as Assemblies):** We strongly encourage all members to wear masks. If you have chosen to not get vaccinated, you MUST always wear a mask. This policy may change as conditions change.

## GENERAL MEETINGS REMINDER

Don't forget to attend the fall programs at 1:30 PM at Bethesda Lutheran Church, 1517 Northwestern Street.

**October 18** – Gary Botine, Vice President/Chief Financial Officer at Mary Greeley Medical Center. Gary will discuss what is happening with Covid 19 and what the future holds for healthcare.

**November 15** – Jamie Pollard, Director of Athletics for Iowa State University. Get the latest on what is happening with ISU Athletic teams and facilities.



## YEARBOOK CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS

### Corrections:

Joleen Dietz phone number is 515-708-4622.

Sharon Fenton's cell phone number is 525-290-7451. She no longer has a landline.

Amy Zehr's email address is: [jakezehr@gmail.com](mailto:jakezehr@gmail.com). It is *jale* in the yearbook.

### New members:

Wendy Livy, 1020 Ash Ave., Ames, IA 50014, 515-290-3121, [qualitymotorsltd@aol.com](mailto:qualitymotorsltd@aol.com)

Daphne Reyes, 2003 Ashmore Dr., Ames, IA 50014, 515-290-3999, [reydap@gmail.com](mailto:reydap@gmail.com)

Nancy A. Newell, 2901 Wessex Dr, #120, Ames IA 50014, 651-387-6208, [nanewel61@gmail.com](mailto:nanewel61@gmail.com)

## INVITATION TO JOIN BIKING BABES

The Biking Babes have a planned overnighter in June of 2022. They are inviting people to join the group and participate in the overnighter at Prairie Woods Eco Spirituality Center outside of Cedar Rapids. Besides biking there is labyrinth walking, a tour of the grounds with a naturalist, a guided meditation, and a wine and cheese evening function. All meals are included as well as overnight accommodations for under \$110. Contact Mary Lou Nosco, Mavis Butler or Jeanette Dietrich for more information.



## SNEAK PEEK OF RAFFLE QUILTS!

Members of Block Builders were busy last winter creating not one, but TWO raffle quilts to benefit the Scholarship Award Fund. ISUWC members will have a chance to win a beautiful, totally original quilt, either in an ISU or Holiday theme.

We previewed the quilts at our Fall Opener and you were able to purchase tickets that day. Tickets will also be on sale at the October and November Assembly meetings and at the Holiday Social in December, where the drawing will be held. They can also be purchased from any Block Builder member.



These are one-of-a-kind creations: the ISU quilt was an exciting project in which members each made a row of their choice, assembled them, and came up with a perfect tailgating/throw quilt for any ISU occasion!

The Holiday themed quilt used the "Gather the Pack" pattern with "Holiday Wishes" fabric by Jan Shade Beach, along with some exquisite machine quilting by our own Phyllis Schrag. This is a treasure you will be thrilled to display year after year!



Each quilt measures approx. 60" x 70". Tickets are \$2.00 each, or 3 for \$5.00, and since all materials and labor were donated, ALL ticket sales go toward the Scholarship Awards Fund!

## IOWA CAFÉ ADVENTURES



The Iowa Café Adventures Interest Group dined at B\*Fabulous Barbecue in Slater. It was nice enough weather to sit outside. Ana's go around was challenging. Introduction prompt: What are "you" passionate about? Answers could not include references to husbands, kids or grandkids. Rankling to start, everyone realized how little they considered or talked about themselves. An interesting conversation ensued.

Pictured in alphabetical order: Mary Augustus, SueAnn Daley, Joan Greenlee, Amy Fletcher, Ginny Huntington, Karla Kelly, Ana McCracken, Carla Persaud, Pat Swanson, Elaine Trinkle.

## SCHEDULING ROOMS AT APL

Jonie Fitzsimmons reports that the Rotary Room at Ames Public Library has technology challenges. She advises that if a group is meeting at the library and technology is needed for a presentation, a better choice is the Danfoss or PEO Rooms. APL reservations can be made at

<https://www.amespubliclibrary.org/reserve-room/room>



## ATTENTION INTEREST GROUP CHAIRS

Plans are underway for this year's Holiday Social. When our committee met in July, we brainstormed different ways to raise money to support the ISUWC Scholarship Award Fund.

The Holiday Social is scheduled for Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 2 – 4 pm at Bethesda Lutheran Church. Our theme this year is "An Afternoon at the Christmas Market," with opportunities for members to purchase holiday table runners, gift baskets, Happy Harmony mittens, and other goodies. All proceeds will be added to the Scholarship Fund.

As mentioned at the cabinet meeting in August, individual interest groups have an opportunity to make up a gift basket to use as a table decoration and then sell, with proceeds going to scholarships.

Members of Block Builders are making and donating holiday table runners and table toppers, and the gift baskets will be on top of the table runners on each table.

If your group wishes to put together a gift basket, please notify Barb Splett or Joyce Schafbuch. We will be in touch for basket collection. We will be happy to answer any questions you might have regarding this fundraising event.

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**Holiday Social Co-chairs**

## WEBSITE REGISTRATION

Members have the option to register on the club's website, [www.isuwc.org](http://www.isuwc.org), for access to *membership only information* under the **Members** tab. If you have not already registered and wish to, follow these simple steps:

1. Go to the [www.isuwc.org](http://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, enter your name, email, username, 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 username and password.



## PHOTO GALLERY



Viva la Vino members enjoyed Bourbon Barrel Wines and abundant choices from a charcuterie board.





Couples2Go catching up at El Azteca



Friday Night Out Girls





Spice Girls learned about foods unique to stadiums across the country and were treated to 'Runzas,'  
a favorite of Husker fans at Memorial Stadium in Lincoln, Nebraska.





Make me a gnome is exactly what the Stitchery group enjoyed as they spent a fun afternoon of crafting gnomes. Oh, the cuteness!



Taste Buds held a tailgating party to cheer ISU on against UNLV.

Barb Eisenmenger hosted with tasty food, and we all had a wonderful time.

# ISUWC Holiday Social

December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021

2 pm – 4 pm

Bethesda Lutheran Church

## "An Afternoon at the Christmas Market"

Join us for a delightful afternoon of holiday music, a variety of authentic Christmas candies and cookies, choice of coffee, tea, wassail, or your own creation from the Hot Chocolate bar!! And of course, the conversation is the best part :)

In keeping with the Christmas Market theme, we will have **handmade holiday table runners** and table toppers for sale, as well as **gift baskets** made by various interest groups. Handmade woolen mittens will be available from **Happy Harmony mittens**.

We will also be drawing the lucky winners of the **TWO raffle quilts** that day – one of the quilts is done in ISU colors, and the other is a holiday themed quilt.

**ALL proceeds from ALL of these tempting items go to the ISUWC Scholarship Award Fund.** What a perfect opportunity to do a little Christmas shopping – for family, friends, or yourself!!

Hope to see you on December 6<sup>th</sup>!

