

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY  
*Women's Club*

**Fall 2022 Newsletter**



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**"Let's Celebrate!"**

**ISUWC PRESIDENT, JEANETTE DIETERICH**



**Let's Celebrate Fall!**

Hope you all had a fantastic summer and were able to spend time with family and friends.

Fall brings cooler weather, football games, pumpkins & mums; plus the harvest of

crops across Iowa, making autumn my favorite season of the year.

Although many of us no longer need to follow the school schedule, September kicks off the year for most of our ISUWC activities. It's always fun to flip through the new yearbook to see what's happening. I welcome a little more structure in my life and yet the relaxed summer schedule is fun. Many of you plan to travel again this fall and I appreciate you sharing your adventures with us all.

Check out the details of the fall trip to Oelwein scheduled for October 7<sup>th</sup>. This looks like a full day of learning about a different way of life plus a delicious meal.

Hope to see you all on September 12<sup>th</sup> at the Fall Opener to reconnect and welcome our new members!

Jeanette

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Monday, September 12**

**LET'S CELEBRATE WITH A MORNING COFFEE BREAK**

**10:00 – 11:30 am**

**City Church of Ames**

**2400 Oakwood Rd, Ames**

**Friday, October 7**

**FALL DAYTRIP TO OELWEIN**

**Amish Boulevard of Buchanan County**

**Monday, October 17, 1:30 pm**

**WHAT HAPPENED TO THE HOTEL?**

**THE FUTURE OF THE MEMORIAL UNION**

**AT IOWA STATE**

**Steve Winfrey, Director**

**ISU Memorial Union**

**Bethesda Lutheran Church**

**Monday, November 21, 1:30 pm**

**WHAT'S NEW AT REIMAN GARDENS**

**Ed Lyon, Director, Reiman Gardens**

**Bethesda Lutheran Church**

**Monday, December 5, 2-4 pm**

**WINTER WONDERLAND**

**Holiday Social**

**Bethesda Lutheran Church**

## Newcomers News

### Welcome Everyone!

All new members of the ISUWC are invited to participate in the monthly Newcomer group starting Thursday, October 13. We meet the second Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. to explore a different place in Ames and then go to lunch. Lunch is optional. This is a great opportunity to connect with new members in a small, informal, and safe setting.

Each month you will receive an email about the program, and we hope you will keep your calendar open for these gatherings.

In October, we will experience the fall beauty of Reinman Gardens and have lunch at the IowaStater Restuarant at Gateway Hotel.

Feel free to contact the Newcomers Co-Chairs if you have questions.

Have a GROOVY Year with ISUWC!

### Newcomers Co-Chairs

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### OUR VISION

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

### OUR MISSION

To this end, our mission is to

1. Welcome and involve women of various interests, ages, and experiences.
2. Provide opportunities for individual growth and enrichment;
3. Support scholarship and community service;
4. Grow and develop as an organization.

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## 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 grandbaby 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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## JOIN US AT THE FALL OPENER!!

Please join us for the Fall Opener, "Let's Celebrate with a Morning Coffee Break", on Monday, September 12, from 10-11:30 a.m. at the City Church of Ames, 2400 Oakwood Road.

We will be serving fruit, pastries, deviled eggs and of course coffee and tea. This is a good time to sign up for interest groups and pick up your yearbook if you haven't already.

The Fall Opener is a perfect place to bring a friend who would like to join the club. Membership forms and information will be available that day. For more information, contact the Membership Co-chairs, Diane Smith ([dianemsmith1975@gmail.com](mailto:dianemsmith1975@gmail.com)) or Terri Hasselman ([thasselman@yahoo.com](mailto:thasselman@yahoo.com)). Prospective members can also go to the website [www.isuwc.org](http://www.isuwc.org) to download a membership form or pay membership dues online.

**For the first time we will be doing a book drive for Kate Mitchell school. Please bring a new or gently used book for kindergarten-5th grade.**

**See more information on the Fall Opener and Book Drive in the flyers later in this newsletter.**



## ZOOM FOR INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS

Zoom remains an option for interest groups or committees wishing to use it for meetings or to include members who cannot attend a meeting. To schedule a Zoom meeting, please email [isuwomensclub@gmail.com](mailto:isuwomensclub@gmail.com) in advance as much as possible.

## SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS UPDATE

The Scholarship Committee wants to thank the membership for the support the scholarship fund received last year. We also want to thank the Block Builders for their support through the garage sale they held and to the entire membership for their support of the holiday social silent auction. Thank you to all members for your generosity!

For the current academic year, the scholarship committee was able to award seven (7) \$1,000 scholarships. Our amazing women student recipients are very interesting, gifted and extremely dedication to their fields of studies. This year their studies include:

- PhD, Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology, Interdepartmental Program
- PhD, Major: Biochemistry; Graduate Study--Plant Pathology and Microbiology
- PhD, Civil Engineering (Structural Engineering & Intelligent Infrastructure Engineering)
- MS, Community Development; Sustainable Agriculture
- Senior, Political Science; Public Relations
- PhD, Applied Linguistics and Technology
- DVM, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

The hometowns of our recipients include Naperville, IL, Ames, IA, Prescott, AZ, Eagle Grove, IA, Denison, IA and two international students from Turkey.

Each year the Scholarship Committee members invite the scholarship recipients to a dinner so we can meet and get to know the women. It is always interesting to hear about what they are doing. One of our recipients is working on a virus that kills cancer cells. Another one is studying ways to improve our Iowa roads. Yet another one dreams of serving as White House Press Secretary or President of the United States.

In addition to the \$7,000.00 mentioned above, Block Builders gave five (5) \$1,000 scholarships to students from Iowa majoring in Apparel, Merchandising, and Design from funds raised through sales of donated fabric.

# Thank You!!

## AUGUST MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Thank you to everyone who picked up their 22-23 yearbook on August 17. About 70% of the yearbooks have been picked up. We have 368 members, so we saw lots of people! Yearbook pickup is the least work-like thing the membership chairs do all year.

If you would like your yearbook before the Fall Opener on September 12<sup>th</sup>, please contact Diane Smith, [dianemsmith1975@gmail.com](mailto:dianemsmith1975@gmail.com) or 515-231-7184 or Terri Hasselman, [thasselman@yahoo.com](mailto:thasselman@yahoo.com) or 515-520-4529, to arrange to pick up your book.

After that, yearbooks will be available at assembly meetings.

## WHAT ABOUT NAMETAGS??

Remember to wear your ISUWC name tag to meetings so we can get to know each other better. Pat Swanson will be at the welcome table at the Fall Opener as well as at assembly meetings with name tags for new members and name tags not picked up previously.

If you misplaced your name tag, let Pat know ([pswansonisu@gmail.com](mailto:pswansonisu@gmail.com) or 515-451-0941) and she will have a new tag made for you.

## FALL TRIP UPDATE

Amish Boulevard in rural Buchanan County was chosen for this year's Fall Trip destination. 40 members will enjoy a day of information and an off-the-beaten-path look into the everyday lives of Old Order Amish with tours of an Amish farm and home, bakery, bulk food store, country stores, produce auction, and more. Participants will enjoy a typical home cooked Amish meal at noon. **This year's fall trip is scheduled for Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> – only one or two spots remain.** For more information contact [isuwomensclub@gmail.com](mailto:isuwomensclub@gmail.com).

## INTEREST GROUP SIGN UP



It's that time of year again!! Interest Group chairs have been updating their status regarding openings for new group members and we have been brainstorming ideas for new interest groups as we gear up for in-person and online interest group sign up. This is what it will look like this year:

**September 1<sup>st</sup>** – New members joining over the summer will receive an email invite to sign up online for openings in new and existing interest groups.

**September 12<sup>th</sup> – Fall Opener, 10:00 – 11:30 am** – there will be sign up sheets on each table members may fill out during our meeting time; after we are dismissed, members may move to the sign-up room where representatives from open interest groups will be available to answer any questions you might have. There will also be a table in the lobby where you can sign up for POTENTIAL NEW interest groups and suggest a group you would like to see offered in the future.

As in the past, on the **afternoon of the 12<sup>th</sup>**, online sign up will be open to ALL members seeking to join groups. Just like last year, members will receive an email with a link to the Google form to indicate their selections.

Many thanks to Jonie Fitzsimmons, coordinator-extraordinaire of Interest Groups, for sharing her knowledge and expertise of this role with Joyce S. and me as we learn the ropes. Interest Group team: Jonie Fitzsimmons, Cindy Hall Larson, Joyce Schafbuch



# Fall Opener Book Drive

*"Let's Celebrate With Books 4 Mitchell School"*

*Our vision statement says, ... "as we grow, to have an impact on our society."*

*Members of Book Buddies would like your help to meet an identified need at Kate Mitchell Elementary School. Students in Kindergarten-5<sup>th</sup> grade need more books to support individual students, their classroom libraries and the Media Center.*

*Please bring some new or gently used books to the Fall Opener.*

*There are lots of resources for gently used books in Ames: Literary Ground at Ames Public Library, Duckworth Wearing, Overflow, Goodwill, Salvation Army and garage sales. A gently used book is one that you would be proud to hand a child.*

*New children's books can be purchased at Pumpkin Patch, B.A.M. (Books-A-Million), Dog-Eared Books, Reiman Gardens, Sam's Club, Target and Walmart.*

*If you can't attend the Fall Opener, you can still participate!!*

*\*Write a check to Kate Mitchell School and mail it to Judy Dahlke, 3032 Burnham Dr., Ames, IA 50010.*

*\*Take books to Judy's house and leave them in a tote by her front door.*

*\*Email, call or text Jill Lowman and she will arrange for someone to come to your home and pick up your donations (515-735-2169, [jillelowman@gmail.com](mailto:jillelowman@gmail.com))*



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10:00-11:30

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Sign up for interest groups

City Church of Ames – DSM

2400 Oakwood Road

Founded in 1897 for faculty wives at Iowa State College, the club now welcomes all women and offers its members friendship, enrichment, and personal growth along with many opportunities for community outreach and scholarship support to Iowa State University women students.

There is a wide variety of groups that meet monthly and provide opportunities to meet other women with shared interests, including nature, travel, books, wine, food, bowling, golf, photography, and more.

For more information, visit [www.ISUWC.org](http://www.ISUWC.org) or contact [isuwomensclub@gmail.com](mailto:isuwomensclub@gmail.com)



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## BUSY SUMMER FOR ISUWC INTEREST GROUPS!!



### HOLE IN ONE!!

Sandra Baker receiving her plaque that will hold the ball she hit for a hole-in-one at our Golf interest group. Front seated is Mary Augustus and Sandra Baker; Back row, from the left, Nancy Thompson, Myrna Whigham, Jan Bond, Pat Judge, and Linda Trudeau.



Marie Schopp, Jan Bruce, and Sandy Hansen won ribbons at the State Fair!!



Above: Wine time in Ames and Lanesboro thanks to ZOOM!!

Right: Breakfast Buddies gather at Provisions for great food and conversation.







Top Left: Art & About at the Farmhouse Museum; Top Right: Block Builders at the Iowa Quilt Museum; Middle: Gardening group visiting the Briggs Terrace Home and working hard; Lower: Biking babes are everywhere!!

