

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Women's Club

February 2023 Newsletter

"Let's Celebrate!"

ISUWC PRESIDENT, JEANETTE DIETERICH



February is a month to celebrate....really! It's the month we celebrate presidential birthdays and now February 1st has been declared an Official Day of Recognition to honor George Washington Carver.

February is a short month so less dreary days of winter plus sometimes we do get those days with sunshine striking the snow drifts and a beautiful blue sky. Just for fun, Punxsutawney Phil determines the remaining length of winter. We can celebrate even if there will be six more weeks!

Many of our ISUWC interest groups plan something special in February, and see the information below for details of our program by Jodi Stumbo from The Bridge Home. Hope you can join us for that!!

But most important, February 14th reminds us all to tell our special people that we love them. So whether it be a furry friend, your bestie, your family, your partner or your spouse - remember to celebrate the love!

Jeanette



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, February 20th

Business Meeting 12:45 pm

Assembly Program 1:30 pm

"HOMELESS IN OUR BACKYARD"

Jodi Stumbo, Pres. & CEO

The Bridge Home

Monday, March 20th

Business Meeting 12:45 pm

Assembly Program 1:30 pm

**"WHAT SETS INDEPENDENT BOOKSTORES APART
IN THE 2023 BOOK WORLD"**

Amanda Lepper & Ellyn Grimm, Owners

Dog-Eared Books

Monday, April 17

Spring Luncheon – Noon

"LET'S CELEBRATE!"

ISU Alumni Center, 420 Beach Ave.

Meetings will be held at

Bethesda Lutheran Church

1517 Northwestern Avenue, Ames
unless otherwise noted.

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY[®]
Women's Club
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Monday, February 20th
130pm
Bethesda Lutheran Church
1517 Northwestern Ave, Ames



Jodi Stumbo
President and CEO, The Bridge Home

HOMELESSNESS IN OUR BACKYARD

Friendship ✦ Personal Growth ✦ Enrichment ✦

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SPRING LUNCHEON INFORMATION

This year's Spring Luncheon, with the theme, "Let's Celebrate!", will be held April 17, 2023, at noon in the ISU Alumni Center, 420 Beach Ave. The doors will open at 11:30. Our salad buffet will be catered by Lidderdale Country Store.

Our speaker this year will be Dr. Jeff Johnson, Pres & CEO of ISU Alumni Association.

Tickets will be available at Cook's Emporium, at the February and March Assembly meetings, and from Spring Luncheon committee members. This year's committee is Joan Greenlee, Mary Augustus, Amy Fletcher, Mary Jane Green, and Madonna Johnson.

2022 ISUWC HOLIDAY SOCIAL – ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL EVENT!!

Thanks to ALL the people who put in many hours planning, preparing and making this event possible! It takes a lot of positive teamwork to have such an event.

We raised over \$2,000 on the events Silent Auction and Quilt Raffle. The Auction included art work by Mary Jane Green and quilted items made by Block Builder members. The Quilt Raffle item was designed and pieced by Sue Twedt and quilted by Phyllis Schrag. Great thanks to those who contributed those wonderful items.

Thanks to the members providing homemade cookies and hot beverages. They certainly added to the enjoyed fellowship and were delicious!

Our entertainment was provided by "The Belles". We loved the original songs they created. They were a fun addition to our event and thank them for their talent and time.

An awesome and charitable addition to this year's event was the collection of toys for "Toys for Tots". Members were very generous in their giving and it was much appreciated by the Marines that day when they picked them up. I'm sure there were many children blessed and joyful on Christmas!



FYI . . .

--The **Nominations Committee** (consisting of Jeanette Dieterich, Shari Glenn, Barb Splett and Joyce Schafbuch) has met several times and is in the process of contacting current officers and committee members to see who would like to continue in their role and filling open spots to fill out the roster for next year. We will vote on the new slate of officers at the March 20th meeting.

--Don't forget to notify our **Friendship Committee** chairman, Sharon Olson, know when to send a card to members (hospital stays, special birthday (70+), special anniversary (50+), death of a member or member's relative, a new grandbaby, or for a special honor or award a member has received. We want to send our wishes from ISUWC!! Send info to Sharon to smolson75@gmail.com – thanks!!

BLOCK BUILDERS KEEP BUSY!!

Block Builders members love making quilts. Most of us do not need any more quilts for ourselves, so we are making quilts for others. New ISUWC and Block Builder member, Lin VandeBerg, co-president of the IA-Des Moines Chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace, has received over 50 twin size and lap quilts made and donated by Block Builders and their friends!



INTEREST GROUP REMINDER

“Make new friends, but keep the old...one is silver and the other gold.” That line certainly hits home when thinking about the Iowa State Women’s Club. Each year we have the opportunity to renew, refresh and initiate friendships through the interest groups to which we continue to belong and to those we join.

Interest Groups thrive through the participation of their respective members. To that end, it is important that we are thoughtful of our fellow members. Last fall, Interest Group chairwomen received an updated version of the ISUWC Constitution with ByLaws and Standing Rules. Article V Interest Groups included several points we’d like to share:

A minimum of ten members (eight for a couples group) shall be considered necessary for the organization of a new interest group. Non-members may occasionally attend Interest Group meetings as guests of a member. (Section 1)

Before the March cabinet meeting, each Interest Group shall elect its new officers. (Section 4)

It shall be understood that Interest Group meetings held in public spaces are automatically open to the public. Other open meetings shall have the approval of the Executive Committee. (Section 5)

As the year continues and your groups continue to meet, please be aware of the points made in the Bylaws. New friendships and old bonds continue to grow when we follow guidelines that are agreed upon.

PLEASE NOTE:

SHOP, the student-serving food pantry on campus, is in need of empty egg cartons (cardboard or styrofoam) and plastic grocery bags. They can be dropped off in 1306 Beyer during open hours: 1-6 p.m. Monday, 5-8; Tuesday, 2-7 p.m. Wednesday and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday.

Bring your empty egg cartons to the February Assembly meeting on the 20th, and Marlene Geiger will deliver them to campus.

ISUWC Newcomers group has had a busy fall, with LOTS of members enjoying the programs: hydroponic lettuce at Nebullam, Inc, glass blowing at Ciccotti Art Studio in Napier, and a tour and lunch at Wheatfield in Ames. Thanks to VaLinda, Brenda, and Amy for leading the group this year!!



Megan Fairall deliver food collected by the new Hot Shots group to the little pantry near Collegiate UMC. The Holy Walkamolies keep movin' !!

Yes, sometimes we let
hubbies join in the fun!!



Dionysus Circle members
sampled Texas wines and cuisine
recently – great idea, Y'all!



Take a Hikers are a hearty bunch –
yes, they climbed those stairs!!

Taste Buds enjoyed a
program and lots of tasty
dishes – all about eggs!





Rayanne Burrack loads up her car with contributions to ACCESS by GIVE members to help with the January need!

Lots of celebrating – and rightfully so!! Mahjong Maniacs, Gardening, Culture Sharing and Wine Time members take some time to celebrate the season and each other!!



YEARBOOK UPDATES

Two new pages – new members/contacts below and new group right – to add to the 2022-2023 ISUWC Yearbook. Please print, clip, and paste to your book to keep it current. Also note updates to members whose contacts have changed.

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MYSTERY BOOK CLUB (2022)

Chair..... Sharon Olson

Who did it? This group of sleuths enjoys reading and solving mysteries. The sleuths meet the 1st Monday, 11 am, at the Ames Public Library. Membership is open to anyone who enjoys mysteries or solving them.

December 5

Book 1st to Die: A Novel by James Patterson
 Discussion Leader..... Sharon Olson

January 2

Book A Murder is Announced by Agatha Christie
 Discussion Leader..... Mary Sue Derks

February 6

Book TBA
 Discussion Leader..... TBA

March 6

Book TBA
 Discussion Leader..... TBA

April 13

Book TBA
 Discussion Leader..... TBA

May 1

Book TBA
 Discussion Leader..... TBA

MEMBERSHIP

Mary Sue Derks
 Barbara North
 Sharon Olson

Trish Strah
 Elaine Trinkle
 Denise Vrchota