

The Woman's Club of Washington University



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The 2019-2020 year started off with four wonderful events enjoyed by many of our members and guests.

On August 28th, the Annual Fall Welcome event was a reception at Alumni House. Over 70 members, new faculty, parents of freshmen and newly retired staff from the university attended the event. On September 11th, Galleries and Sights offered a tour of the Gauguin Exhibit at the St. Louis Art Museum. The tour was led by Simon Kelly, Curator of Modern and Contemporary Art. Our annual Butterfly Fall Garden Party was once again held at the Elizabeth Danforth Butterfly Garden and WCWU members were joined by members of the Executive and Advisory Boards of the Woman's Society. It was a lovely event and the weather was just perfect. The new member group enjoyed a beauty workshop, too! We look forward to the next months of events and programs!

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

Welcome to 2019-2020 in the Woman's Club! I hope you are anticipating an exciting year of learning, service and celebrations. I am very honored to represent you as your president. Each of you brings and shares with us such unique talents, perspectives, and heart. It is your dedication and boundless service that makes us who we are individually and what we can accomplish collectively.



Our mission is to provide opportunities for friendship, learning, and service to our members and to the broader Washington University community. Our continuing goals this year are to increase diversity and inclusion, to engage and increase participation by members and the Washington University community, to strengthen our service through scholarships and support, and explore new ways to increase and retain membership.

This year has already started with three exciting events:

- August 28 – Fall Welcome Reception at the Alumni House provided an opportunity to meet and enjoy a pleasant evening of informal conversation with our members, our new chancellor's wife, Stephanie Martin, mothers of freshmen students, newly retired staff from Washington University, and guests.
- September 11 – Galleries and Sights offered a tour of the Gauguin Exhibit at the St. Louis Art Museum lead by Simon Kelly, Curator of Modern and Contemporary Art. A large group of members and guests attended and many enjoyed lunch together after the tour.
- September 17 – The Elizabeth Gray Danforth Butterfly Garden. The Executive and Advisory Boards of the Women's Society were invited to join us in strolling the garden, listening to Phil Valko speak on sustainability at Washington University and in fostering continuing mutual friendships.

A special thank you to the WCWU Board of Directors, co-chairs, and volunteers who made these three events memorable. Please review the pictures of these events on the front page of this newsletter.

Also, look at your Woman's Club Handbook today, mark your calendar, and RSVP to our many exciting upcoming events. Our interest groups provide diverse opportunities for learning and friendship!

I challenge you to attend a new program, try a new interest group or two, and bring a friend to one of our events. You won't regret it. I encourage each of you this year to share your expertise and heart in any small way. It is your kindness, caring and dedication that makes us the Woman's Club of Washington University.

Sincerely,

Judith H. Joerding



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Member Spotlight

Pat Sarantites by Suzanne Doyle

This Spotlight portrait of Pat Sarantites is probably long overdue. Since 1992 Pat has worked behind the scenes—with the exception of her honored, very visible two one-year stints as Woman's Club President; she's served as greeter, scribe, planner, organizer, hostess, and more. A strong pillar, or as she put it, often "the glue that held the Club together." Many members will have noticed her work at numerous luncheons she chaired, at the Centennial Celebrations in 2010 she helped to plan, and at the heart of events for International Women on campus. She has written and re-written the constitution and by-laws, composed countless thank you notes, and assembled and typed the newsletters and other publications when all the writing, design, printing, and mailing had to be done without professional clerical or computer help—challenging improvisations over long hours by committed "women being creative."



What has driven Pat to assume so much responsibility for ensuring that Woman's Club continues to thrive in its second century? Certainly this 76 year-old wife, mother, and grandmother is buoyant, joyful, and bright with energy even beyond that needed to raise her hearing-impaired daughter, now 44, to support her Greek husband, Demetrios, still on the faculty of Washington University as a professor of nuclear chemistry in his mid-80's, and to work for years as an in-home special education teacher with a physical therapy background. The foundation of Pat's devotion to the Woman's Club may be her gratitude to Washington University for granting her, as an "awkward kid" of modest means, the scholarship that enabled her to enter a prestigious school and pursue a fine education. Washington University was also where she met Dimitri, ten years older, who was working on his post-doctoral fellowship. The two were introduced through the Newman Center (now called the Catholic Student Center): "Greek Orthodox man meets Protestant girl at a Catholic spelunking trip." After Pat graduated in 1965, the two married at City Hall; two years later they traveled to Greece for a religious ceremony and community festivities, Pat beautifully dressed in a rented wedding gown.

Pat and Dimitri have lived in University City near the campus since 1970. They have devoted themselves to the house, built like many in that neighborhood shortly after the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair; they've stripped and refinished the rich wood baseboards, the trim around windows and doors, and the lovely ceiling beams, and renovated the first floor, adding a bright sitting room and bathroom, accommodating possible future disabilities. The house, like one of Pat's smiles, bursts with the evidence of the family's interests and priorities: restored stained glass windows, textiles given to Pat by women from across the globe, who were welcomed and supported by the International Women's committee, and radiant glass like a sunlit glacier acquired in Sweden during one of Dimitri's sabbaticals (when the couple also attended a Nobel ceremony and dinner in Stockholm). Most prominent in the living room now are the playthings of Pat's granddaughter, who has grown to become a lively, increasingly articulate four year-old from her beginnings as a "miracle preemie" born at 23 weeks.

This little girl, who spends many hours with her doting grandparents, clearly possesses her grandmother's heart. But Pat still also loves the Club and the University. She thinks perhaps with her grandparenting, the annual two weeks the couple spends in a small Greek town that has become a second home to them, and her gardening, she will no longer seek administrative positions with the Club. Nevertheless, the Club and countless collaborative projects in which she has been engaged are the sources of Pat's dearest friendships and valued learning experiences. Of course, she will stay, and who knows what activities, what social mission, might tempt her next week, next month, next year.

October 2019

NEW ACQUISITIONS TOUR AND COFFEE AT THE KEMPER ART MUSEUM

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2019 – 10 A.M.

Tour will be led by Meredith Malone, showing some of the new acquisitions into the museum's permanent collection. Hosted by the Women and the Kemper. Please call Sylvia Silver at (314) 863-4853 or email sarks317@sbcglobal.net for more information.

POWELL SYMPHONY HALL TOUR

New Date! Saturday, October 19, 2019 - 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

718 N. Grand Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63103.

RSVP required. Please RSVP by October 15, 2019.

Please see page 22 in the 2019-2020 handbook for complete information and parking directions.

To RSVP: Please email Iris Malone at irismalone007@gmail.com.

FALL SYMPOSIUM LUNCHEON

Friday, October 25, 2019, 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Maggiano's Little Italy
#2 The Boulevard, Richmond Heights, MO 63117

Program Part 1:

"Women's Sport in America: How Title IX Changed the Game"

Featured Speaker: Sarah K. Fields, JD, PhD

Washington University School of Law Alumna

Professor and Associate Dean, University of Colorado, Denver

Program Part 2:

Silent Auction

A Fundraiser for the Risa Zwerling Wrighton Endowed Scholarship Fund

Luncheon Cost: \$38

Extensive menu, served family style! Please see the full menu on the RSVP form on page 38 of your 2019-2020 handbook.

Parking is free in the garage and parking lot at The Boulevard.

Questions: Contact co-chairs:

Anna Birman at (314) 322-5436, anna.birman@gmail.com or

Elena Maksaeva: (314) 724-1423, maksaeva@hotmail.com.

RSVP by Tuesday, October 15, 2019. Please use form on page 38 in your handbook.

November 2019

PAST PRESIDENTS' LUNCHEON

Thursday, October 31, 2019 - 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Bartolino's Osteria

2103 Sulphur Ave. at Hampton, St. Louis 63139

This is an annual event only for past presidents of the
Woman's Club of Washington University.

Parking is free in the lot next to the restaurant which is located in the Drury Inn. Driving south on Hampton Avenue, turn right (west) on to Sulphur just past Interstate 44.

Questions: Contact Pat Sarantites: (314) 862-6615 or sarantites@gmail.com.

RSVP by October 25, 2019 to: sarantites@gmail.com or (314) 862-6615

Cost for lunch is about \$25 and is payable to Bartolino's by check, cash or credit card at the event.

GAME DAY – Fall

Risa Zwerling Wrighton Scholarship Endowment Fundraiser

Wednesday, November 6, 2019 - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Gatesworth, Colonnade Room, One McKnight Place, St. Louis, MO 63124

All card table games are welcome. Enjoy a day of fun, food and fellowship. Donation of \$40 is fully tax deductible. Lunch is provided. All proceeds support the WCWU Risa Zwerling Wrighton Scholarship Endowment Fund. If you cannot attend but would like to support the scholarship fund, please mail a donation.

Directions and parking for the Gatesworth: From I-64/40 take I-170 Northbound for 2 miles to Delmar Blvd. exit. Turn left on Delmar, staying in the left-hand lane marked I-170 South. Turn left onto the Southbound I-170 entry ramp. Halfway down the ramp, bear right and stop at the stop sign. The Gatesworth gatehouse is directly ahead. Park anywhere in the lot on your right.

Questions: Contact Jennifer Luner, (314) 469-8668 or jjluner@charter.net. **RSVP by November 1.** Please use form on page 40 of the 2019-2020 handbook.

November 2019

8th ANNUAL WALKING TOUR

Saturday, November 9, 2019 - 11 a.m.

Mr. Leslie Markle, Art Curator at the Kemper Art Museum will give the tour and teach about the artwork located around campus. Weather permitting. The tour will last approximately 90 minutes unless it is extended with a stop in the South 40 to see Tom Friedman's Swamp Creature Friends.

Meet at the entrance to Knight and Bauer Hall

This event is free and hosted by the New Member Group of the Woman's Club of Washington University. All members, family members and guests are welcome to attend. The New Member Group events focus on family friendly, evening and weekend events and are scheduled to accommodate members and potential members who work during weekdays.

Parking: Park in either the Danforth University Parking Garage or in the Millbrook Parking Garage. Parking is self-pay.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, November 6, 2019. Contact Emily Harrison at (618) 977-0426 or emily.harrison@wustl.edu.

HOLIDAY CARDS FOR HEROES

"Cookies & Cards" Signing Event



This is a "Meet the Leaders Outreach Event" co-sponsored by the Gephardt Institute for Public Service, The Women's Club of Washington University and the Office of the Provost.

Tuesday, November 12, 2019 - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Danforth University Center (DUC), Room 276

Please come and make and/or sign a card of support and thanks to a member of the Armed Forces, veterans and their families. We will be in need of people who can either bake cookies or donate generic cards (no glitter, please) the day of the event. Everyone is welcome! **No RSVP is necessary for this event.** Questions? Contact Jane Schaefer at (314) 727-6263 or email janeschaefer79@gmail.com.

Parking: Park in the DUC garage or in the garage at West Campus and take the shuttle to the Danforth Campus. The shuttle stop is at Jackson and Forsyth and the shuttle picks up every 10 minutes.

SAVE THE DATE

RISA ZWERLING WRIGHTON SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT LUNCHEON

Friday, January 31, 2020, 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

See page 23 in your handbook for more information
and page 42 for menu and reservation information.

Questions: Contact Co-Chairs **Paulina Conner:** (541) 241-0288; jpaulinad@gmail.com,

Betsy Lawlor: (314) 406-3795; elizlawlor@gmail.com

Contributions

Contributions to the Risa Zwerling Wrighton Scholarship Endowment Fund were made by the following individuals this year. Thank you for your generosity!

Deborah Aumer	Elaine Greenbaum	Diana Padratzik
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Elise Glickert	Elena Maksaeva	Judith Wilson
Marjorie Gold	Audrey Mathews	Mark Wrighton
	Judith McKelvey	Maureen Wulf

Contributions to the Lecture Series were made by:

Marcia Bernstein, Paulina Conner, Diane Greenspan, Analiesa Hanebrink and Judith McKelvey.

Contributions to the Elizabeth Danforth Butterfly Garden Fund were made by:

Gisela Ahadi, Marcia Bernstein, Paulina Conner, Fran Lang, Charmaine Leonard, Judith McKelvey, Nancy Thompson, Carol Uetake-Shapiro, Isabel Van Essen, Ellen Wallace and Diane Wyse Jackson

Did You Know?

- Ingrid Neufeind plays violin in the St. Louis Philharmonic Orchestra.
- New member Michele Ryan has written a mystery entitled *Tunnels, Cappuccino, and a Heist*. Set in St. Louis, Paris and Cairo, the book, written under her pen name Michele Bonnell, is available through Amazon or the W.U. Bookstore.
- The Scholarship Gala held last spring at Norwood Hills Country Club to honor Risa Zwerling Wrighton and our four scholarship winners had close to 125 members and guests in attendance.
- David Ochola, one of our recent RZW scholars, became a U.S. citizen in a February naturalization ceremony at Harris Stowe University. David was born in Kenya.
- Our Woman's Club Orchid Show tour at the Botanical Garden last spring was attended by 23 members and guests. It was docent-led.
- Lorraine Gnecco's husband, Steve Legomsky, has published his first novel: *The Picobe Dilemma*. Recently retired from the WU Law School where he specialized in Immigration Law, he is enjoying his new role as a novelist.
- Carmen Dence received the Anthony Ramirez Esperanza Award just this month from the Hispanic Leaders Group of St. Louis.
- In September, 25 members attended the Galleries and Sights tour of the St. Louis Art Museum Gauguin exhibit. It was led by the museum's curator, Simon Kelly.
- The Mah Jongg and Canasta Interest Groups are now offering the option of donating \$50 to the Risa Scholarship Endowment for a year of play or continuing to submit \$2 each time members attend a Tuesday afternoon get-together. Members loved the \$50 donation option! In September, the two interest sections collected a total of \$1,000 in donations for the Scholarship Endowment.
- A group of students from St. Michael's School recently toured the Butterfly Garden to enjoy its beauty and to learn how it was developed by Woman's Club volunteers over a 20-year period. The students are studying volunteerism and how it can impact our society.

Courtesy Notes

Ada Yim, a recent member of the Woman's Club, passed away on June 8. Originally from China, she was an Olympic hopeful track athlete, a top Hong Kong model, and a teacher/mentor to aspiring models endowing them with skills, grace and confidence. Ada was a participant in the International Women's Group. She is survived by her husband, David Bussmann.

Judith Wilson, who was a member of WCWU, passed away on June 23. She graduated from Harvard University (Radcliffe College) in 1962 and later earned Master of Arts degrees at the University of Washington and Washington University, as well as an MBA at University of Missouri-St. Louis. She is survived by her husband James, son Andrew and daughter Amy and four granddaughters.

Nancy Thompson's husband, Bryant, passed away on May 20 after a long illness. Bryant was an OB/GYN in private practice, a father of 3 and grandfather of 7. In retirement he enjoyed his passion, gardening, both at home and on the grounds of his church.

Sponsoring Members 2019-2020

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Sponsoring members renew their membership in the Woman's Club of Washington University at \$250 or more per year. We thank these members for their generosity towards the club. Thank you to our Sponsoring members!

Membership Report

There has been a wonderful response to the efforts of our members to bring new members into the club. At this time, 23 new members have joined since membership renewal began in May!

At this time, we have 243 members; honorary, guest and general members.

Please remember that guest members receive free one-year membership (until the next renewal period). If you know someone who would be interested in a guest membership at no charge, please fill out the membership form online at <https://womansclub.wustl.edu>. There is also a form on the web site you can print out to give to those who show an interest in our club.

The New Member Group is spearheaded by Iris Malone and Emily Harrison. This group focuses on family friendly, evening and weekend events that are scheduled to accommodate members and potential members who work during weekdays. If you have any questions about the membership process, please call Membership Director Linda Hamberg at (314) 361-1473 or email drindahamberg@aol.com. You can also call the Woman's Club office at (314) 935-7085 for information.

The New Member Group enjoyed a hair and make-up tips workshop at V. Vegaz Style Salon on the Loop on September 29th. This is just one of the many events organized for members and potential members who work during the week or are otherwise not able to attend weekday events and programs.

The next event is the 8th Annual Walking Tour of the Danforth Campus. This year, it will be most interesting as there are so many new buildings now completed and a new landscape. Any member can attend! Please RSVP to Emily Harrison at (618) 977-0426 or email emily.harrison@wustl.edu.



Upcoming Events at a Glance

October 16, 2019	New Acquisitions Tour of Kemper Art Museum
October 19, 2019	Powell Symphony Hall Tour with New Member Group
October 25, 2019	Fall Symposium Luncheon and Silent Auction
October 31, 2019	Past Presidents Luncheon
November 6, 2019	Fall Game Day
November 8, 2019	8 th Annual Walking Tour
November 12, 2019	Holiday for Heroes
January 31, 2020	SAVE THE DATE! Risa Zwerling Wrighton Scholarship Endowment Luncheon

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