

The Woman's Club of Washington University



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The 2019-2020 year continues with wonderful events for our members to enjoy.

The Risa Zwerling Wrighton Endowed Scholarship Luncheon honored our five scholarship recipients at Norwood Hills Country Club on January 31. To learn more about our scholars, please see page 10.

Other events our members have enjoyed in the last few months include Holiday for Heroes and the Annual Campus Tour.



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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Friends,

As I am completing my tenure this year as President of the Woman's Club, may I express to you the honor it has been for me to represent you. I have had the pleasure of speaking to many of you and meeting you at our wonderful events. Words cannot express my thanks for your friendship, support and kind words of encouragement.

Our mission of friendship, learning and service is not merely our central belief, but is lived everyday with each other and in our broader Washington University community. From my unique perspective these past two years, I have seen countless individual and collective acts of kindness and concern by members in the name of the Club. This genuine concern for members, their families, and the St Louis community speak to our heart. It is your kindness, caring, and dedication that makes us the Woman's Club.

These two years have seen many highlights and transitions. To spotlight just a few:

- Renaming our scholarship the Risa Zwerling Wrighton Endowed Scholarship and honoring the beloved Chancellor's wife at a gala in her honor at Norwood Hills Country Club.
- Welcoming our new Chancellor's wife, Stephanie Martin, at our Fall Welcome Reception.
- We are now funding five RZW Scholarships through University College and changing the lives of these students.
- Our Elizabeth Gray Danforth Butterfly Garden has seen additional plantings and renovations, encouraging higher visibility and welcoming many more visitors.
- Expanded conversations and events with the Women's Society and Women and the Kemper have led to increased collaboration and membership with all groups.
- Interest Groups continue to thrive and encourage members for learning and friendship.

A special word of thanks to our WCWU Executive Board, the Board of Directors, event chairs and volunteers whose dedication make our events possible and memorable. As we continue our 2019-2020 goals to increase diversity/inclusion, engage/increase participation by members and the WU community, strengthen our service through scholarships/support, and explore new ways to increase/retain membership, we ask your help.

Like our symbol, the butterfly, each of you is special and unique. I encourage you to share your expertise and heart this year. Each of you brings such unique talents, experiences and perspectives. It is your dedication, kindness, and boundless service that makes us who we are individually and what we can accomplish collectively.

With many thanks,

Judith H. Joerding

Member Spotlight

Paulina Conner

by Suzanne Doyle

Paulina Conner is aware of her trove of gifts, their abundance and their value. Despite her natural reticence and humility, she shares her treasures generously. Quietly she revels in her earlier years lived around the world after beginning in Korea. Her first two names, Jongae and Paulina, foreshadow her multiple identities: Jongae was given her at birth, and Paulina became her baptismal name when she was christened by a nomadic missionary Orthodox priest in a Nigerian village, where her father, a World Health Organization physician, was working.

Since then she has lived in various parts of Africa and in India where she met and married her first husband, and throughout Asia and the US, settling in St. Louis with her husband, David; she maintains ties to the family's Waltzing Horse Lipizzaner Farm in upstate New York founded by her son and daughter-in-law (with full family support) and to Sunriver, a retreat in the high desert region of Oregon.



A second gift—all are interwoven—is Paulina's home directly across from Forest Park, easy walking distance between the Danforth campus and the History Museum. "We so look forward to Twilight Tuesdays every summer when people of every ethnicity and description, from young parents pushing strollers to motorcycle clubs, gather at dusk for music." The sun-warmed house, perfectly situated, was built for the couple about five years ago after David noticed a vacant lot on Lindell. He had grown up near Dogtown, attended Washington University, and wherever he worked in the world, most recently in Singapore for the Overseas Chinese Banking Corporation, he returned to St. Louis two or more times a year to fulfill his responsibilities as a University Trustee. This home and David's ties to Washington University established them within the University community, where Paulina savors her six-year involvement with the Woman's Club and, especially, her connection to the International Woman's Group as hostess and frequent cook. This year Paulina will demonstrate her prowess with kimchi recipes.

The third gift, at Paulina's life core, is the family she and David have forged, uniting her two sons, both IT specialists in New York and New Jersey, her granddaughter and grandson, with David's two children, who live in St. Louis along with three granddaughters and a new baby boy. Since they married in an intimate ceremony at Sunriver on January 8, 2013, they have focused on strengthening ties within this extended family. They travel to the horse farm, famous throughout the dressage world for training clinics, two or three times a year. Grandchildren gather regularly in Paulina's kitchen for treats and play.

Lastly among her gifts, is Paulina's passion for the arts; she has resumed her piano lessons, and she paints-- prolifically. Decades ago in India she painstakingly illustrated 300 Himalayan butterflies and beetles for a private entomology collection. After that tight, meticulous rendering she decided to work in a larger, looser, and more personally meaningful way. Now in her home studio downstairs and at Forest Park Community College, semester after semester with a group of devoted peers, she has created books of Korean and Indian folklore for her grandchildren, a massive charcoal drawing of horses thundering toward the viewer, many lively portraits, and journal-sized landscapes—all of subjects "I don't want to forget."

Clearly Paulina's life has taught her that every place and relationship is precious and can be fleeting. She is determined to cherish them all and to communicate their beauty to all who know her.

February 2020

ORCHID SHOW AND LUNCH

Missouri Botanical Garden

Wednesday, February 12, 2020 - 10:30 a.m.

4344 Shaw Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63110

We will tour the annual Orchid Show with a docent. You will enjoy a once-a-year opportunity to see a rotating display of hundreds of the permanent living collection inside the Orthwein Floral Display Hall. Entry is free to the Missouri Botanical Garden on Wednesday mornings for St. Louis City and County residents. If not a Garden member, an additional charge of \$5 to the Orchid Show will be due. An optional lunch follows in Sassafras Café.

Co-Chairs for event are Diane Wyse Jackson and Jennifer Luner

Parking: Ample free parking on adjacent lot

Questions: Contact Jennifer Luner: (314) 469-8668 or jjluner@charter.net.

RSVP: by Friday, February 7, 2020 to Jennifer Luner, (314) 469-8668 or jjluner@charter.net Please indicate if staying for lunch.

GALLERIES AND SIGHTS TOUR OF THE MILLET AND MODERN ART EXHIBIT-ST. LOUIS ART MUSEUM

“From Van Gogh to Dali”

Curator Simon Kelly will lead the tour

Thursday, February 20, 2020 – 10:30 a.m.

Meet at Taylor Hall. Lunch will follow at the museum cafeteria for those interested.

Tickets for this event are limited. Please call Assimo Azariadis to obtain a ticket or to place your name on a wait list:

Assimo Azariadis at (314) 925-8162 or email assimoaz@gmail.com.

THEATRE AT THE EDISON

“Men on Boats” By Jacklyn Backhaus

Sunday, February 23, 2020 - 1 p.m.

Meet in the Orchid Room in the Danforth University Center (DUC)

Join us for a light lunch in the Orchid Room with pre-theatre talk by Director Andrea Urice. Performance of “Men on Boats” begins at 2 p.m. in the Edison Theatre. The play recounts the story of John Wesley Powell’s expedition down the Green and Colorado Rivers. This dynamic and funny piece of writing is a provocative lens for examining an extraordinary American moment.

Cost is \$20 and includes lunch and theatre ticket.

Parking is available in the DUC parking garage.

Questions: Contact **Janice Berg**, (314) 800-4168, PL1JB@sbcglobal.net or

RSVP by Monday, February 17, 2020. Use RSVP form on page 44 of your handbook or call the Woman's Club office at (314) 935-7085.

February/March 2020

ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING for 2020-2021

Thursday, February 27, 2020 - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

West Campus, Room 350

All Board members are asked to attend and all interested members are welcome. Beverages and treats provided throughout the day.

Parking is available in the West Campus garage. Pull a ticket when you enter and put it on your dashboard. You will be given a validation ticket to use upon exiting the garage at no charge to you.

Questions: Contact Judy Joerding at (314) 961-7988 or jjoerding@wustl.edu

RSVP: by Thursday, February 20, 2020 to (314) 935-7085 or womansclub@wustl.edu.

GAME DAY – Spring

Risa Zwerling Wrighton Scholarship Endowment Fundraiser

Wednesday, March 4, 2020 - 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. All proceeds support the WCWU Risa Zwerling Wrighton Scholarship Endowment Fund. If you cannot attend but would like to support the scholarship endowment fund, please mail a donation. Make checks payable to Washington University.

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 Friday, February 28, 2020. Please use form on page 46 of your 2019-2020 handbook.



March/April 2020

Meet the Leaders Roundtable Discussion

Gender (In) Equity: Where are we, where do we go?

Thursday, March 25, 2020 4 to 6 p.m.

Stix International House - 6470 Forsyth Blvd.

(across the street from the Danforth Campus; east of the Butterfly Garden and next to the Whittemore House)

The **Roundtable** is an ongoing spring program of the Woman's Club designed to provide members with greater exposure to timely issues with experts from the St. Louis region and Washington University community by providing new perspectives and avenues for engagement. This year we will have representation from Washington University's Women, Gender Studies and other St. Louis women-centered community organizations.

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

Parking at Stix House is extremely limited. If you are in need of handicapped parking, please notify the Woman's Club office when you RSVP and onsite parking will be arranged for you. Otherwise, parking in the DUC garage is recommended, as is carpooling.

To RSVP for this event, please email ndunaway@wustl.edu or call (314) 935-7085

Questions? Contact Judy Joerding at womansclub@wustl.edu or call the Woman's Club office at (314) 935-7085.

GALLERIES & SIGHTS

A Visit to the Griot Museum of Black History

Wednesday, April 1, 2020 - 9:45 a.m.

2505 St. Louis Ave., St. Louis

Cost: \$7.50 (does not include optional lunch at a restaurant in the Galleria area).

Co-Chairs for the event are Gloria Lubowitz, Karen Johnson Fields, and Assimo Azariadis

Meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Galleria parking area, south entrance next to Macy's (nearest Hwy 64/40). We will carpool. If you do not wish to carpool, there is parking on the street at the museum. **Please RSVP** by March 25, 2020.

To RSVP, mail a check to: **Woman's Club Administrator
Washington University
7509 Forsyth Boulevard, Suite 150
Campus Box 1190
St. Louis, MO 63105**

Questions? Contact Gloria Lubowitz at gh.lubowitz@sbcglobal.net or (314) 863-6314

April/May 2020

SPRING SYMPOSIUM LUNCHEON AND ANNUAL MEETING Wednesday, April 29, 2020

11 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

The St. Louis Club, Clayton's Pierre Laclede Center
Louisiana Room, 14th Floor - 7701 Forsyth Blvd., Clayton, MO 63105

Part 1:

Woman's Club Annual Meeting and New Board Installation

Part 2:

Featured Speaker:

Adrienne D. Davis, Vice Provost

William M. Van Cleve Professor of Law, Washington University in St. Louis

**Introduction to Washington University's
Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity & Equity**

Parking is free parking under building – bring your ticket to the luncheon for validation.

Questions: Contact Barbara Bindler (314) 432-4324, bgbindler@aol.com or
Carmen Dence: (314) 813-0325 or carmensdence413@gmail.com.

RSVP by Wednesday, April 22, 2020. **Cost: \$38.** Please use form on page 48 of the 2019-2020 handbook.

THE BIG DIG! Tuesday, May 5, 2020 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Rain Date Wednesday May 6, 2020, same time

Elizabeth Danforth Butterfly Garden
Located on Forsyth Blvd, directly across from the
Danforth University Center (DUC)

Come help us with our spring planting!

RSVP to Lee Anne Quatrano,

(314) 322-3842 or lquatrano@gmail.com

Co-chairs: Elena Maksaeva and Lee Anne Quatrano

BOARD TRANSITION MEETING

**All Current and New Board Members
Thursday, May 7, 2020
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

West Campus, Room 350

9:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Final 2019-2020 Board Meeting

Potluck lunch for all provided by current board members

12:45 p.m. – 3 p.m. First 2020-2021 Board Meeting

RSVP by May 1, 2020 to
(314) 935-7085 or womansclub@wustl.edu.

Questions: contact Judy Joerding at:

(314) 961-7988 or jjoerding@wustl.edu.

Parking is in the West Campus garage. Use any visitor space. Validation cards will be available at the meeting.

There were many events the last few months that kept our members busy. The International Women's group enjoyed an American Thanksgiving feast at the home of Paulina Conner.

The Past President's Luncheon was held on October 31st at Bartolino's Osteria in downtown St. Louis.

Other events included Fall Game Day at the Gatesworth and a tour of the Powell Symphony Hall was held in the fall. Thank you to all our members who organized these wonderful events.



Member Donations September through December 2019

Risa Zwerling Wrighton Endowed Scholarship Fund

Assimo Azariadis
 Lonette Aronson
 June Bierman
 Paulina Conner
 Betty Epstein
 Karen Johnson Fields
 Carol Gronau
 Margaret Israel
 Judith H. Joerding

Betsy Lawlor
 Jennifer Luner
 Diane Rankin
 Suzy Shoonmaker
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 Paula Smith
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Courtesy Notes

Charlotte Eldredge, Past President of the Woman's Club from 1985-1986, passed away on October 10, 2019. She had been active in the Club for over 60 years and was a member of the Afternoon Literature group. She is survived by four children, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Lorraine Gnecco, Past President of th Woman's Club in 1996-1997 and 2009, passed away October 15, 2019. Her memorial service was held January 20, 2020 in Graham Chapel. Always with a sunny smile, Lorraine was a beloved friend to all in the Club. Lorraine was a founder and co-chair of the International Women. In addition, she volunteered for many meaningful programs including a local food pantry, University City in Bloom, and an organization for developmentally disabled adults. She is survived by her husband, Stephen Legomsky, two daughters and three grandchildren.

Dolph Bridgewater, Washington University Board of Trustee for 23 years and husband of Woman's Club member Barbara, passed away on October 31, 2019. Known for his commitment to public service, he served as Director of National Security under President Nixon. He served as President and CEO of Brown Shoe Company and was later a senior consultant for TIAA-CREF. Strongly believing in education, he supported many scholarship initiatives. He is survived by his wife Barbara, three daughters and 10 grandchildren.

James M. McKelvey Sr., Dean Emeritus of the School of Engineering at Washington University and husband of Past President Dr. Judith McKelvey, passed away November 13, 2019. He continued to teach until 2007. In recognition of his service, the James M. McKelvey Sr. Hall at Washington University was named in his honor in 2017. He is survived by his wife, Judith, his two children and five grandchildren.

Carol Sagner, a former Woman's Club member, passed away December 26, 2019. An employee of Washington University, Carol worked in the Graduate Office for 48 years. A lover of music, she was a member of the Bach Choir for 40 years. Carol literally went around the world many times and loved daring adventures in her travels.

Betty Novick, a 12 year member of the Woman's Club, passed away January 22, 2020.. She was born in Vilno, Poland, the daughter of Shmuel and Rosalia Meke. A Holocaust survivor, she met her husband, the late Bernard Novick, in a post WWII D.P. camp, they were married on July 6, 1948. They were married 53 years and owned a scrap metal recycling business in Wichita, Kansas. Betty is the mother of Woman's Club member Charlene Kass. Services have been held in Wichita, Kansas.



2019-2020 Risa Zwerling Wrighton Endowed Scholarship Winners



Jo Christina

Major: Psychological and Brain Sciences

"Having struggled with chronic illnesses for most of my life, I thought for a long time that I would never be able to succeed alongside everyone else. A few years ago, I could barely leave the house and now I am the recipient of a scholarship! It's incredible! This scholarship means so much to me. Being recognized for my performance and potential absolutely made my day, week, month and year!



Christopher "Guido" Eischhorn

Major: Economics

I am grateful both economically and emotionally. I am a young husband with a wife who is currently switching career paths and the alleviation of financial burden as we both make our way through school is so helpful. Emotionally, the reward is validating; it indicates my hard work has achieved something, a feeling that's usually difficult to grasp in the midst of an education, when rewards are mostly intended to come later.



Andrew Manley

Major: Industrial and Organizational Psychology

I would like to thank the Woman's Club and Risa for the kindness and generosity they have shown me. This scholarship enabled me to take summer classes last semester, which I would not have been able to afford otherwise. This allowed me to plan to finish my degree a semester earlier than I otherwise would have been able to do. Moreover, I have received support and advice from many of the members of the Woman's Club, which has been enlightening and helpful. I've been working toward my BS for quite some time now, and having people that understand the difficulties and wish to see me succeed has been invaluable. I very much appreciate the help and look forward to seeing you at the luncheon!



John Schuler

Major: Sustainability: Management & Organizations

This scholarship means a lot to me to say the least. My wife and I have two children, ages 1 and 3 in daycare, and that cost is just astronomical. This scholarship helps us meet that monthly obligation along without us having to take on additional debt; it has both short term and long term benefits for my family.



Sawyer Smith

Major: English Literature

Receiving this scholarship has relieved a lot of my financial stress and allowed me specifically this semester to take five classes (15 credits) instead of only four, which will mean I can graduate sooner. Thank you so much!

Did you know?

- In October, Joyce Best was given the Ethics in Action Award by the Ethical Society for her many humanitarian activities throughout her lifetime. The award recognizes an individual or group in the St. Louis community that has provided courageous and dedicated service to the rights and dignity of their fellow human beings.
- Judy Joerding attended the October meeting of the International Honor Society in Education Conference (KDP) in Norfolk, VA where she gave two presentations.
- Tedi Macias has retired as co-chair of the Butterfly Garden. We can't thank her enough for her devoted service over many, many years. Elena Maksaeva has agreed to move into that position and work with Lee Anne Quatrano.
- "Holiday for Heroes" held at the Danforth Center on November 12, 2019 had between 45-50 people attend, and they wrote almost 900 cards to thank veterans for their service. 15 ROTC students attended the event along with Club members, and many students who were eating and studying in the downstairs dining room also volunteered to sign cards for veterans.
- Jane Schaeffer and her beautiful Golden Doodle, Dakota, visit retirement homes six times a month through the APA's Pet Reach program. They also recently visited Webster Groves H.S. three times to provide the students stress relief during finals week.
- Thanks to Host Emily Smith, Scholarship Day Games took place at the Gatesworth on November 6th with 14 participants. \$560.00 was contributed to the RZW scholarship fund.
- Sarah Fields who was our Fall Symposium speaker is the daughter of Karen Johnson Fields. A WU Law School graduate, Sarah is an Associate Dean of Students at the U. of CO – Denver.
- The Canasta Interest Group members now wear sporty new magnetic name tags and they meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday every month at Chevy's. It's our understanding that the restaurant's staff absolutely loves these card players! New players are always welcome.
- The Silent Auction at the Fall Symposium raised \$2,515 for the Risa Zwerling Wrighton Scholarship Endowment Fund!
- Carol Gronau and Hayes Harrison have taken over the leadership of the afternoon literature group following the passing of our wonderful Lorraine Gnecco who led it for many years.
- Our longtime member Elsie Glickert celebrated her 95th birthday on February 2nd. Elsie worked with the Dept. of Sociology and was a former alderwoman in University City. She is involved with the restoration of the Sutter-Meyer Farmhouse, the oldest building in University City that once belonged to Elsie's family.

Membership Report

The Woman's Club currently has 248 members, including honorary and guest members.

There is a concerted effort by the New Member Group to reach out to women who work during the week and are not able to attend daytime events such as luncheons and Interest Groups. The New Member Group is spearheaded by Iris Malone and Emily Harrison. This group focuses on family friendly, evening and weekend events.

If you have any questions about the membership process, please call the Woman's Club office at (314) 935-7085 or email womansclub@wustl.edu.

Upcoming Events at a Glance

February 12, 2020	Orchid Show and Lunch
February 20, 2020	Millet and Modern Art Exhibit-St. Louis Art Museum
February 23, 2020	Theatre Matinee at the Edison
February 27, 2020	Annual Planning Meeting
March 4, 2020	Spring Game Day
March 25, 2020	Meet the Leaders
April 1, 2020	Griot Black History Museum Tour
April 29, 2020	Spring Symposium/Annual Meeting
May 5, 2020	Big Dig
May 7, 2020	Board Transition Meeting

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