



WCWU Spring 2023 Newsletter

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to our Spring-Fall 2023 programs. As it was announced in our last Newsletter, we continue enriching our membership after welcoming the WAK group, and we are thrilled to have you as family members of WCWU. And let us remember that **Our Mission** is to provide opportunities for friendship, learning, and service to our members and to the broader Washington University community.



It has been a great honor to lead our 113 year old Club with the expertise and advice of a dedicated Executive Board listed at the side bar. **I do not have enough words to thank you for the extraordinary service you have provided to the Club.**

We persevered during the pandemic and grew stronger by taking advantage of technology such as Zoom, when the in-person meetings were not possible. Now, with pandemic restrictions eased, we are returning to in-person meetings, but be assured that our member's personal health and safety are still the most important consideration for the Club and Washington University. As we approach our Transition Meeting in late May, let us give a warm welcome to the slate of women who have agreed to be considered for leadership of WCWU. We look forward to future programs, initiatives, and your unbounded creativity!

A full description and more details about upcoming events are found in this Spring Newsletter. Please join one or more of our Special Interest Groups (SIG), or if **YOU** want to start a new one, just let us know, we cannot do this without you!

The Handbook is ONLINE! It is easily accessible as well as our password-protected Membership list. This was accomplished by a great amount of work by our Executive Committee, Chairs of events and volunteers, I deeply thank all of them! If you need a printed copy of the directory for whatever reason, just reach out to Laura Vetter.

In closing, let me quote these words of Aristotle
"Excellence is an art won by training and habituation.
We do not act rightly because we have virtue or
excellence, but we rather have those because we have

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acted rightly. We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act but a habit.”

My sincere thanks for having trusted me as your President. I have learned so much from each one of you! Muchas Gracias!



Carmen S. Dence

Risa Zwerling Wrighton Scholarship Endowment Event

On January 27, we gathered together via Zoom to celebrate our 2022-2023 Risa Zwerling Wrighton Scholars. While we were not able to see each other in person, we were glad to be able to gather virtually and hear from our scholars, and Risa Zwerling Wrighton. Among other guests joining our members were Dean of University College, Sean Armstrong. He presented some of the proposed changes coming with the school's new Strategic Plan. Alexandra Mei, a landscape architect and educator in design from Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts at Washington University, concluded the program with her talk on landscape architecture and its importance in the community.



The Risa Zwerling Wrighton Scholarship Endowment Event Committee consisted of Scholarship Director Linda Smith and Director of Symposium Luncheons Elena Maksaeva. They spent many hours and months planning the event and organizing the logistics, and we are grateful for their time and expertise. The event went off without a hitch with many members and guests being able to participate online.

A recording of the entire presentation is accessible by clicking [here](#).

RISA ZWERLING WRIGHTON SCHOLARS 2022-2023

Atlee Winningham

Major: B.S. Integrated Studies (Professional Track)

Minor: Health Care

Hometown: St Louis, MO

Year: Senior

Gray Wilde

Major: Industrial and Organizational Psychology

Minor: Certificate in Somatic Studies

Hometown: Bonita, CA
Year: Senior

Vanessa Hardin

Major: BS - Psychological and Brain Sciences
Minor: Certificate in Forensic Psychology
Hometown: St. Louis, MO
Year: Senior

[The Risa Zwerling Wrighton Endowed Scholarships](#) are funded by members of the Woman's Club through donations made specifically to the endowed fund. Members can indicate a donation, in addition to their membership contribution, when they renew their membership or at any time during the year. Donations can be made online or by check mailed to the WCWU office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SPRING SYMPOSIUM LUNCHTIME LECTURE AND ANNUAL MEETING

Friday, April 28, 2023
11:00 – 2:00 p.m.

The Ritz-Carlton
100 Carondelet Plaza, Clayton, MO 63105

Part 1:

Woman's Club Annual Meeting and New Board Installation.

Part 2:

Speaker:

Kwofe Coleman

President and CEO of The Muny

Menu:

Oregano Chicken Breast

Oregano Marinated Chicken Breast, Spinach & Arugula, Beets, Creamy Feta Cheese & Strawberries

Vanilla Bean Crème Brûlée

Served with a Honey Orange Madeleine

Coffee, tea service

A cash bar with a selection of house red & white wines will be available for purchase

Parking is free in the hotel garage

Questions? Contact:

Barbara Bindler: (314) 432-4324, bgbindler@aol.com

Jennifer Luner: (314) 469-8668, jluner@charter.net

Please RSVP by Friday, April 21. You can pay by credit card and [register online](#). If you

prefer to pay by check, please send the check for **\$38** to:

Woman's Club of Washington University
c/o Laura Vetter
7425 Forsyth Boulevard
MSC 1247
St. Louis, MO 63105

Please invite a friend, or a few, to join you- guests are welcome!

We are proud that the club has not raised membership or luncheon costs over the last three years. We value your support and dedication to The Woman's Club, and will continue to maintain pre-pandemic pricing for events and membership dues as long as possible.

Membership forms will be available at the luncheon for those who would like to pay their dues for the coming year.

SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT GAME DAY

Wednesday, March 29, 2023
9:30 am – 3:00 pm

THE CLARENDALE
Lake Forest Lounge

We will serve lunch with dessert, coffee, and tea near noon.
A full day of **FOOD, FUN, & FELLOWSHIP** for only **\$40/person** donation.

WAK TOUR OF THE TORKWASE DYSON: BIRD AND LAVA EXHIBITION

Wednesday, April 19, 2023
10:00 am

The Kemper Art Museum

There will be a free, private, guided tour of the [Torkwase Dyson: Bird and Lava](#) exhibition at the Kemper Art Museum.

RSVP by April 14 to Laura Vetter at 314-935-6013 or womansclub@wustl.edu

GALLERIES AND SIGHTS TOUR OF THE MONET/MITCHELL: PAINTING THE FRENCH LANDSCAPE EXHIBITION

Thursday, April 27, 2023
10:30 am

The Saint Louis Art Museum

There will be a free, private, guided tour of the exhibition: [Monet/Mitchell: Painting the French Landscape](#). An optional lunch with the curator at the Panorama restaurant will follow the tour.

THE BIG DIG!

**Tuesday, May 9, 2023
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**



Rain Date Wednesday May 10, 2023

The Elizabeth Danforth Butterfly Garden is located on Forsyth Boulevard directly across from the Danforth University Center (DUC). Parking is available in the DUC's underground parking garage.

Come help us with our spring planting!

RSVP to Lee Anne Quatrano
(314) 322-3842 or lquatrano@gmail.com
Co-Chairs: Lee Anne Quatrano, Elena Maksaeva

BOARD OF DIRECTORS TRANSITION MEETING

All Current and New Board Members

**Thursday, May 25, 2023, 9:00-11:00 a.m.
Via Zoom**

Questions: Contact Carmen Dence at: (314) 813-0325 or
carmensdence413@gmail.com

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS & SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY



The Butterfly Garden group had a special visit with the Blue Morphos at the Butterfly house.



Members enjoy fun and fellowship at the Fall Scholarship Endowment Game Day

The International Women Group has been active this fall!



Pumpkin carving for Halloween



Sharing a meal for Thanksgiving



Visiting the "Coloring STL" exhibit at the History Museum



Botanical Gardens



Sheldon Art Museum



Celebrating St. Patrick's Day

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The current membership of the Woman's Club stands at 268, up from 162 last year. This high number is greatly due to the members of Women and the Kemper joining our club as guest members for the year. We are so happy they have joined with the Woman's Club and hope they will elect to become members and continue to remain active participants in the Club.

Membership renewal will begin in late April with the membership renewal letters being available at the Spring Symposium Luncheon and Annual Meeting. If you are unable to attend the luncheon, *online renewal is highly recommended*. Forms to renew can be filled out online and members can pay with a credit card. It is easy and safe and information is protected by the Washington University data processing protocols. You may access the renewal form on the Membership page of the Woman's Club website or by clicking this link: [WCWU Membership Renewal](#).

Renewal forms will be mailed to members after the luncheon if they do not attend and do not feel comfortable renewing online. If you have any questions regarding membership, please contact our Membership Chair, Jane Schaefer at janeschaefer79@gmail.com.

OPPORTUNITIES AND UPDATES

OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN

Washington University in St. Louis has many opportunities for learning virtually. Please visit the following websites for more information:

Lifelong Learning Department: <https://osher.wustl.edu/>

Virtual Connections: <https://alumni.wustl.edu/events/>. These events require registration to receive a Zoom link.

The Brown School has a variety of presentations and webinars on the calendar. Visit <https://brownschool.wustl.edu/events/Pages/default.aspx> for a list of upcoming events, and to register.

For more events visit <https://atwashington.wustl.edu>

UPDATES

This year we have lost a few of our beloved members of the Woman's Club.

Barbara Bridgewater passed away on August 21, 2022. Her obituary can be viewed [here](#).

Billie Teneau passed away on February 22, 2023. Her obituary can be viewed [here](#).

A contribution to Washington University's Olin Library will be made in memory of these valued members.

DID YOU KNOW?

- *Laura Vetter*, our Woman's Club Coordinator was married on September 29th, 2022, at Tower Grove Park to her longtime partner since Webster College days, Kellen Key, in a private ceremony with only their parents attending. They had a reception the following evening at Stone Shelter in Tower Grove with nearly 100 in attendance. A few weeks later they celebrated again with family in Laura's hometown of Lost Nation, Iowa, where about 50 people were in attendance. Our sincere best wishes and congratulations to Laura and Kellen!
- *Galleries and Sights* had 18 attendees at their October tour of the delightful exhibit of German artist Katharina Grosse's work. The informative tour at the W.U. Kemper Museum was led by Sabine Eckmann, PhD, who is director and chief curator there.
- In December, G & S met at the St. Louis Art Museum for an insightful tour of *Global Threads: The Art and Fashion of Indian Chintz*. Curator of the exhibit, Genny Cortinovis, led 24 people through this exhibit and afterwards many joined for lunch together at Panorama, SLAM'S lovely dining room.
- *Game Day* was held at Clarendale Clayton on October 27th. Eighteen women participated and a wonderful meal was shared by all. Jennifer Luner and Ellen Norris chair that group. The next get-together is scheduled for March 29th.
- The *Woman's Club Fall Symposium* at Maggiano's had over 40 attendees who ate delicious family-style Italian food and experienced a delightful presentation by Tim Bono, PhD. who spoke about the *Science of Happiness*. Suzanne Greenwald chaired that event.
- The *International Women's group* is now meeting every other Friday. Their events have included (among many weekly meetings): a pumpkin-carving party for Halloween, Thanksgiving feast at Paulina Conner's home, and a St. Patrick's celebration/information Day. Pat Sarantites and Paulina co-chair this group.
- *Out and About* continues to meet monthly. Their restaurants have included Companion and the Hilton in Frontenac. They also visited the MO Botanical's Christmas exhibit. Usually about 10 members attend. (It's a great time to bring guests.)
- *Mee Jey*, an international Woman's Club member, recently won an International Award in art which includes up to a one-month residency at the Mother House Studios in London and mentoring sessions with Sylvie Gormezano.
- *University College* just completed a new Strategic Plan. In the months ahead, we will share information about a new initiative they are undertaking and will let you know what the renamed College will be called.

- *Carmen Dence* reports that the Dancing Damsels Group still practices almost every other week in her home, and they've invited to the Cinco de Mayo celebration where Grupo Atlantico will be performing. They hope you'll watch them perform May 6th from noon to 1 p.m. on the Nebraska Stage, at the Cherokee Street celebration.
- *Patti Bubash* participated in a ten day tour of Slovenia in May, 2022, with the Fulbright Association Alumni Travel program. In September she participated in a tour of the Grand Canyon, Lake Mead, and the Hoover Dam with a different group.
- *Ellen Norris* has recently moved to The Gatesworth Retirement Center. Sylvia Silver, Marcia Bernstein and Karen Johnson Fields are living in The Clarendale Clayton. Pat Owens and her husband now reside at Mission Pointe.
- *The Book Group* meets one afternoon a month to discuss the books they've read. If interested in joining (or just sitting in on a group), contact Gloria Lubowitz or Jennifer Luner for more information. (Virtual participation is possible.)
- *All interest groups* are listed on our website. Please visit [this link](#) for more detailed information.
- *The Woman's Club* has not raised membership dues in the past eight years. The Club is planning to keep its membership fees the same for next year and into the foreseeable future.
- *The Woman's Club* plans to keep luncheon costs the same as they were prior to the pandemic. The Club will subsidize the luncheon costs out of cash reserves as a thank-you to our wonderful members. Please plan to join us at these important and delightful luncheon events.

If you've news to share, please send an email to Laura Vetter, Woman's Club Coordinator or Karen Johnson Fields

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our Woman's Club community!

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