

The Woman's Club of Washington University NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2024



A Message from the President

As the temperatures rise, so do activities for the Woman's Club. We are in the process of planning exciting events for the 2024-25 season. Of course, all this would not be possible if it were not for our wonderful directors, chairs, and co-chairs who spend many hours putting these events together for us all to enjoy. I want to send a heartfelt thank you to all of you who continue to make this Club run. If others are interested in getting more involved, please reach out to me.

Member Resources

Search the directory.

Join an interest group.

Browse upcoming events.

Serve and learn.

Keep learning with OLLI.

Visit Ibby's garden.

Read past newsletters.

Keep up with WashU news.

Travel with WashU.

Make a gift or tribute.

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The Club continues to subsidize luncheons and other activities to limit, as much as possible, individual costs to members for our events. Tributes, donations, and membership levels beyond the basic level all help to make this possible. Thus, I'd like to remind members to renew their membership for this exciting new year as well as encourage all members to invite family and friends to be guest members.

As we plan for Fall 2024, don't forget to take advantage of the special interest groups that meet year-round. This is a nice opportunity to stay connected through the dog days of summer. As always, if you are interested in starting a new special interest group, please contact me.

Have a safe summer!

Sarah Fowler-Dixon

Upcoming Events



Join WSWU for "The Tempest" at Tische Park

Wednesday, August 22, 2024

Reception at 5:30 pm and Performance at 6:30 p.m.

Join the Women's Society of Washington University for their Fall Welcome Event, the St. Louis Shakespeare Festival production of the Tempest. Light bites and refreshments will be provided with guest speakers Lisa Weingarth, Senior Advisor for St. Louis Initiatives and Tom Ridgely, Producing Artistic Director.

Register for Shakespeare in the Park



Butterfly Garden and Fall Welcome Party

Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

This is a free event for members and guests to enjoy the garden in its fall glory and appreciate the work done throughout the summer along with drinks and appetizers. Our speaker is <u>Scott Woodbury</u>. He was in charge of the Whitmire Wildflower Garden at the Shaw Nature Reserve for three decades and is a well-known horticulturalist focusing on native plants.



Fall Game Day for the RZW Scholarship

Wednesday, September 25, 2024 starting at 9:45 a.m.

Come out and play with other members of the club to raise funds for the Risa Zwerling Scholarship Endowment. Play Bridge, Canasta, Mah Jongg, Pinochle, Gin Rummy, Scrabble, or your choice of game! Lunch and parking details will be sent after registration.

Register for Game Day!



Join Arts and Entertainments for "Pride and Prejudice"

Sunday, October 25, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

WashU's Performing Arts Department will be present "*Pride and Prejudice*", an adaptation by Kate Hamill. It is a brilliant comedic romp where finding a soulmate is serious play and true love is a madcap ordeal with confounding rules but a huge payoff.



Fall Luncheon and Symposium

Friday, November 1, 2024

The Luncheon is a time for members to gather and hear from a remarkable speaker. More details to follow.

Past Events



Galleries and Sights visit the GRIOT Museum

April 18, 2024

The Museum provided a very welcoming introduction to the group. The visit lasted approximately two hours and the participants thoroughly appreciated exploring the museum. They enjoyed lunch at Pastaria afterwards.

Pictured L to R: Sissy Price, Assimo Azariadis, Annaliesa Hanebrink, Barb Feiner, Karen Fields, Gloria Lubowitz



2024 Spring Symposium Luncheon and Annual Meeting

April 19, 2024

Members and guests of the club convened at Meadowbrook Country Club to enjoy lunch and a lecture by Andrew Jorgensen, the General Director of Opera Theatre of Saint Louis. Andrew spoke about the history of the Opera Theater of Saint Louis and about the importance of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the theater. The ladies also welcomed the 2024-2025 Executive Board, many who continued service from the last year.

Spring Luncheon Recording Part 1



Faith Berger's Art Studio Visit

May 3, 2024

Faith gave a tour of her home studio and gave a brief history of her artist's life. She took the ladies on a tour of her fabulous house that ended in the basement where her studio was full of her unique and expressive pieces. It was a successful event enjoyed by all.



Assembly Series - *Digital Transformation Increasing the Public's Access to Healthcare Turning Failure into Performance* with Jennifer Pahlka

May 6, 2024

Jennifer Pahlka, founder of Code for America and the U.S. Digital Service and former US Deputy Chief Technology Officer, discussed how the agency responsible for healthcare.gov not only recovered from a high-profile failure but transformed into a high-performing institution. She emphasized that access to health insurance and healthcare is the key to the overall health of the US population.



Faith Berger's Art Exhibit at Neiman Marcus: An Arts and Entertainment Feature

Faith Berger's *Atmospheric Realities* series was launched at the Neiman Marcus Mariposa art exhibit opening for the season. Included in the exhibit are rugs made by Lisa Hilton using Faith Berger's paintings. The rugs can be used as wall hangings or floor rugs in any space or size, allowing yourself to be surrounded by art.



The Big Dig!

May 15, 2024

The amazing Butterfly Garaden friends worked hard over two days and the Ibby's Garden looked wonderful as they departed. Volunteers sorted the plant orders and accomplished some of the big bed plantings complete with bunny fences. Fantastic volunteers made magic happen!



Walking Tour of Anne O'C. Albrecht Nature Playscape

May 15, 2024

Members of the club met at the Forest Park Nature Playscape and enjoyed looking at lots of native plants in bloom and the rocks and trees put there for children to play on and others to sit on in this large, amazing place. We encourage everyone to visit this amazing place in Forest Park in your own time. The Nature group will plan another opportunity for Woman's Club Members to visit this place in the fall.

Click here to find a map of the Nature Playscape.

Did You Know?

- **Guest Membership** Anyone wanting to try out the Woman's Club before committing to joining can participate in Special Interest Groups and Events for a year free. Anyone participating in January will receive the rest of the year as well as the following year free. For example: someone who starts participating in January 2024 will start her paid membership in May 2025.
- The **Canasta Group** needs a new co-chair or chairs. If you are interested, please contact Margaret Israel, co-chair, Sarah Fowler-Dixon, WCUC President, or Liz Ojo, WCWU Coordinator at womansclub.wustl.edu.
- Our **Fall Symposium** is being retooled to help reduce costs.
- Arts & Entertainment is a merger with Women in the Kemper and Afternoon at the Edison. Arts & Entertainment is working with Edison Theater to bring Club members discounts as well as a chance to once again see a play together.

- All our **Special Interest Groups** maintain their own email lists. If you are interested in participating in a special interest group, contact the chair or co-chairs to be added to that group's email list.
- Several of our Interest Groups meet year-round! You can join Arts and Crafts, Butterfly Gardeners, Canasta,
 Dancing Damsels, Mah Jongg, Out and About or Scrabble all summer long. Check the <u>website</u> for more
 information about each group or <u>print a schedule</u>. You can sign up for any special interest group by contacting the
 Chair or Co-Chairs or join us at the Fall Welcome Reception on **September 10th at 4:30 p.m.** where information
 on all the special interest groups with sign-up sheets will be available.

Membership Report

The current membership of the Woman's Club stands at **138** members and guests.

There is still time to renew by credit card <u>online</u>. Your information will be safely protected by Washington University's data processing protocols. If you prefer to pay via check, you may print out a <u>membership form</u> and mail the form and a check into the office (7425 Forsyth Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63105). You will also have an opportunity to renew at this year's Fall Welcome Reception.

If you have any questions regarding membership, please contact our Membership Chair, Jane Schaefer.

As we finalize our membership drive and prepare for the 2024-2025 year, we will publish our Tier Members, 20+ Members, and Honorary Members.

Email Communications Notice

If you or a member you know has not been receiving our email communications, please use the following instructions in the last email received from us to opt back in or subscribe.

In order to complete the opt-in process:

Locate an email that they previously received from the womansclub@wustl.edu.

Click on the Manage link in the email footer.

Fill out the form and make any changes to your information that you'd like.

A pop-up window will appear asking if you're sure that you want to resubscribe.

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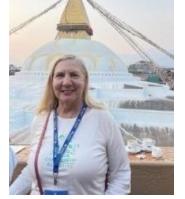
A confirmation email will be sent to your inbox.

Click on the link to confirm your subscription.

If you do not click this link, you will remain opted out.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the Woman's Club coordinator, Elizabeth Ojo, at 314-935-0491.

News From Our Members





Patti Bubash

Patti Bubash '96 took a trip in April with the Fulbright Alumni Travel Program to Nepal. It was a 10 day cultural tour where she visited many Hindu and Budda temples and took an airplane flight tour of Mt. Everest and visited three underprivileged schools where they donated uniforms for girls.



Linda Lindsey

Linda Lindsey was in Japan in July as a delegate to celebrate the St. Louis-SUWA Sister City (SSSC) 50th anniversary celebration. 17 delegates were in Japan for the celebration. She is on the SSSC board.



Linda also journeyed to Antartica in January for an expedition arranged by her Case Western Reserve University alumni organization where she joined 122 alums from 7 other schools. It was a once in a lifetime experience!



Phyllis Markus

Phyllis Markus was honored at the 2024 Women of Achievement Award Luncheon on May 14 for her work in Multicultural Advocacy to positively impact and enhance the quality of life in our community. The St. Louis Women of Achievement Award is the oldest ongoing program in the area whose sole mission is to honor and recognize the volunteer efforts of women.

Tributes



Donations to the Woman's Club

The Woman's Club is thankful for the contributions from its members and friends in the community who continue to support the ongoing educational activities of the organization. A special shoutout to Dr. and Mrs. Debra Barash and Stephanie Huff for their donations this past cycle.

Obituaries



Diane Bohner

Diane passed away on March 15, 2024.



Diana Bose

Diane passed away on May 15, 2024.

Opportunities

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

The Woman's Club Directory is Online

The Woman's Club directory for the 2023-2024 season is available online! You can access the directory online on the <u>membership</u> <u>page</u> of our website and clicking on the "Woman's Club Directory (PDF)" button in the green box. Feel free to print a copy at home. *Once completed, the Directory for the 2024-2025 season will be made available for members.*

The NEW password is: WCWU23-24

Please note the password is case and space sensitive

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

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