



The Woman's Club of WashU NEWSLETTER WINTER 2025

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A message from the president

As the snow falls and we all reflect on the previous year, I am grateful for the members of the Woman's Club and proud of the successful Fall season we all had. I want to congratulate our luncheon chairs and director who have kept the cost of symposium luncheons to 2023-24 rates or below while

maintaining quality. A big thank you to all of you who have maintained, started, restarted, and/or scheduled activities that are appealing to our members. The Club always welcomes new ideas and activities. The Learning Endowment Fund is one such vehicle you all can apply to that can help fund learning activities for the Club.

With that said, the Woman's Club has many more exciting plans for 2025! So, continue to watch your emails.

Now, a few reminders:

Guest Members are good for one year. Anyone who joins from January on will receive a full year membership even though the Club renews its membership each May to July.

The Canasta Group needs a new co-chair or chairs. If you are interested, please contact Margaret Israel, co-chair, Sarah Fowler-Dixon, WCWC President, or Liz Ojo, WCWU Coordinator at womansclub@wustl.edu.

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.

Happy Holidays, Safe Travels, and Warm Regards,



Warmly,

Sarah Fowler-Dixon
President

Upcoming events



1904 World's Fair Tour

Thursday, January 30, 2025

Join Galleries and Sights for a guided tour of the 1904 World's Fair exhibit at the Missouri History Museum. The tour is free of charge! A table has been reserved at the museum's restaurant for participants who would like to have lunch following the tour.

[RSVP for the tour](#)

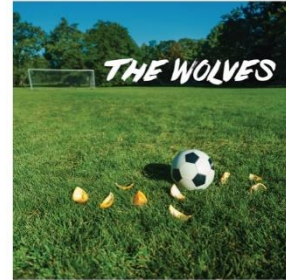


Risa Zwerling Wrighton Endowed Scholarship Luncheon

Friday, January 31, 2025

Join us for our Scholarship Luncheon and hear from Dr. Nancy Morrow-Howell while we celebrate students who are continuing their degrees in WashU Continuing & Professional Studies.

[Register for the luncheon](#)



The Wolves

[Sunday, March 2, 2025](#)

Join the Arts and Entertainment group for a showing at the Edison Theatre. Tickets for members of the Woman's Club will be covered by the Arts & Entertainment group.

[RSVP for the show](#)



Game Day for the Risa Zwerling Wrighton Endowed Scholarship

[Wednesday, April 9, 2025](#)

Join us at the Clarendale for fun, food, and fellowship to raise funds for the Risa Zwerling Wrighton Scholarship Endowment. Details to follow.



Nature Playscape Tour

[Friday, May 9, 2025](#)

Come out and learn about the Forest Park Nature Playscape. [RSVP to Jane Schaefer](#)

[RSVP for the tour](#)



The Big Dig!

[Wednesday, May 14, 2025](#)

Come out and start the planting season at the Butterfly Garden! More details to come.



Fall Game Day

September 25, 2024

Ladies of the Woman's Club met at the Clarendale for fun, food, and fellowship to raise funds for the Risa Zwerling Wrighton Scholarship Endowment.



Spring Luncheon

[Friday, May 23, 2025](#)

Join us for the annual meeting to hear a remarkable speaker, Stéphane Denève, the Director of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra. More details to come.



International Women Gathering

September 27, 2024

The International Women Group met for lunch to connect and share with each other.

Past events



Butterfly Garden and Fall Welcome Party

September 10, 2024

The event was a wonderful opening for the Woman's Club year. Scott Woodbury spoke about perceptions, history, St Louis's past and the way we interact with the world as Gardeners.

[Listen to Scott's lecture](#)



Shimmering Silks: Traditional Japanese Textile Tour at SLAM

October 4, 2024

The Galleries and Sights group toured the Shimmering Silk exhibit led by curator Philp Hu. This exhibit celebrates silk pieces that the museum has been collecting for over a century.



Endangered Wolf Sanctuary Tour

October 16, 2024

The Enjoying Nature group had a private guided tour of the facility and were able to learn about the wolves in a natural habitat.



Past President Luncheon

October 23, 2024

Past Presidents from the last twenty years met at Bartolino's Osteria to honor each other as former Woman's Club leaders.



"Pride and Prejudice" at Edison

October 27, 2024

Members and their guests watched Kate Hamill's reimagining of 'Pride and Prejudice' at the Edison Theatre. The Performing Arts Department showcased the artistic and scholarly achievement of their faculty and students.



Fall Symposium Luncheon and Lecture

November 1, 2024

Dr. Mary Ruppert-Stroescu's presentation at the Hearth Room Cafe showed us how fashion impacts people and how harnessing the power of textiles and clothing can improve lives.

[Listen to Mary's lecture](#)



International Women's Thanksgiving

November 22, 2024

The International Women's group celebrated their annual Thanksgiving luncheon by sharing dishes native and foreign.



Holiday Flower and Train Show

December 4, 2024

The Enjoying Nature group visited the Botanical Garden for a guided tour of the holiday exhibit and the new Soenberg Arid House.



International Women Holiday Luncheon

December 21, 2024

The International Women's group met for a holiday lunch representing twelve countries.

Membership report

The current membership of the Woman's Club stands at 170 members and guests.

Thank you to everyone who renewed their memberships, transitioned from guest members to new members, or invited a friend to join! This new year will bring more activities, luncheons and events for everyone to participate in.

20 Year & Tier Members

Benefactor Members

Lee Anne Quatrano

Sponsoring Members

Assimo Azariadis, Elissa Cahn, Barbara Feiner, Margaret Israel, Charlene Kass, Alki Lappas-Case, Charmaine Leonard, Linda Smith

Sustaining Members

Gisela Ahadi, Carole Bever, Barbara Bindler, Paulina Conne Sharon Britt, Carmen Dence, Sarah Fowler-Dixon, Elaine Greenbaum, Annaliesa Hanebrink, Connie Kahn, Catherine Krucylak, Jacquelyn Lipsitz, Sara Loyet, Gloria Lubowitz, Tedi Macias, Phyllis Markus, Judith McKelvey, Georganne Nixon, Sibylle Ott, Pat Owens, Paula Smith, Celia Sutera, Nancy Tankersley, Serry Thakor, Michael Tilton, Susan Tiltor Helen Wall

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20+ Year Members

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50+ Year Members

Marcia Bernstein, Betty Hudgins, Jan Kardos, Audrey Mathews, Pat Owens, Sibylle Ott, Marcella Rose, Rose Marie Salisbury, Sylvia Silver, Carolyn Stern, Nancy Thompson

If you know of anyone who would like to join the Woman's Club, membership is open to all! They can [join online on the Membership Page](#), or can [print out a membership form](#) and mail the form with a check to the office address below:

The Woman's Club of WashU
University Advancement, MSC 3100
7425 Forsyth Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63105

News from our members



Mary Ruppert-Stroescu had her TEDx talk published! She also won an award for a paper of distinction at the International Textile and Apparel Association for her abstract *Developing an Aesthetic Language for Fashion Design Communication*.

[Listen to her TEDx Talk here](#)



Patti Bubash, member and alumni, recently completed her certification to teach English as a Second Language through Webster University.

Tributes

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. Tributes can be made [online by selecting where you want it designated](#) or mailed to the Woman's Club Administrative Coordinator at 7425 Forsyth Blvd, MSC 3100, ST. Louis, MO 63105.

A special shoutout to **Assimo & Costas Azariadis, Charlene & Dr. Michael Kass, Karen J. Fields, and Dottie Schainker** for their additional contributions to the **Risa Zwerling Wrighton Endowed Scholarship** and the **Elizabeth Danforth Butterfly Garden**.

Obituaries



Charlotte Hansleman passed on September 2, 2024.

Opportunities

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 2024-25 season is available online! You can access the directory online on the [membership page](#) 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.

Reach out to Liz Ojo at womansclub@wustl.edu if you have any issues or need to update your information.

The password is: WCWU24-25

Please note the password is case and space sensitive

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