

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA - LINCOLN

WOMEN'S CLUB

Promote friendship | Strengthen bonds of common interest | Provide service to UNL



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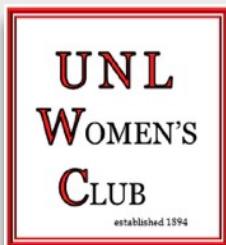
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Message from UNLWC 2025-26 President, Nancy Weller

Welcome members to the 2025-26 year of the UNLWC. I am honored to be your President for the upcoming year of a club that has been serving the University and its students for 131 years. The mission of our club is "to promote friendship among members, to strengthen the bond of their common interest and to provide service to the University including funding scholarship." It's a testament

to our talented members that they have adapted over time to meet these same goals as stated in 1894.

The club has done many things to support UNL students over the years. At present we have an excellent scholarship program. Next spring will be awarding nine scholarships to students for \$2,500 each. We also support the Husker Pantry and other needs that might be presented to us. Be sure to check out the newsletter for the wide variety of interest groups, events and programs that are available for members to explore. The hard-working board has done an excellent job in organizing activities that are sure to be both educational and fun.

The first event of the year will be the Annual Fall Welcome. The 1:30 affair will be held at Lincoln Southwood Lutheran Church. Besides interest groups being on hand to showcase their activities, we were lucky enough to reschedule club member Debra White who was scheduled at our February General Meeting. She will tell the history behind how school spirit developed at UNL. She will also share her book *The Spirit of Nebraska*. A dessert bar will be provided. Our Fall Tour will be a bus ride to the Joslyn Art Museum in Omaha. We will have a wonderful day with a private guided tour of the museum with lunch available at the Museum. The Fall Brunch will be on Nov.5 at the Landing in Lincoln.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as President during the upcoming club year. I couldn't find a greater group of gals to get to know and work with. I'm looking forward to serving with our dedicated board and seeing many of you at our numerous events and activities during the year.

*Nancy Weller
2025-26 President*

Membership is open to any person who is interested in the activities, well-being, and continuance of the University of Nebraska and the UNL Women's Club.



Photo by Jill Bates

Fall Welcome Event

You and a guest are invited to the Annual Fall Welcome Tea.

Date & Time: Thursday, September 18, 1:30-3:00

Location: Fellowship Hall, Southwood Lutheran Church, 4301 Wilderness Hills Blvd, Lincoln, NE

Speaker: Club member Debra White--author and former UNL Yell Squad member

Interest Groups: Browse interest groups to see if one suits your fancy.

Members check your email soon for an invitation and RSVP as requested.

Fall Brunch Wednesday, November 5th

Mark your calendar for the UNLWC Fall Brunch on Wednesday, November 5th! We will gather at 10:30 a.m. with brunch served at 11:00 in the Williamsburg Room at The Landing, 3500 Faulkner Drive.

Our special speaker will be Rhonda Revelle, UNL Softball Coach.



Additional details and registration forms will come to you via email later this fall.

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Fall Tour Thursday, October 2nd

Set aside October 2 for our tour to the Joslyn Art Museum in Omaha!

The newly renovated Joslyn Museum is beautiful to see and to examine the vast array of art. We will depart at 9:00am on October 2 by bus. Upon our arrival at 10:00 am, we will be greeted by Gallery Volunteers who will provide us with tours of the museum. We will have lunch in the Durham Cafe at 11:00am and then have time to visit parts of the museum not seen on the tour and visit The Shop. We will depart for Lincoln at 1:30pm.



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Admission to the Museum is free, the buffet lunch is \$18.00. The bus fare is \$38 round trip for 40 people and \$30 per person if we have 56 passengers. Please invite a guest to join you.

If you have any questions, contact contact Rita Kean.

Watch your email for additional information and a registration form.

We hope you can join us!

Committee - Rita Kean, Pam Edwards, and Janice Lawrence



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"Story City, Iowa"

Artist: Grant Wood, 1930

This painting is on permanent display at Joslyn Art Museum.

UNLWC Fundraising



I am delighted to report that through your generous donations in so many ways, \$17,353 was raised towards scholarships supporting UNL students. We were able to match our anonymous challenge that resulted in \$5,000. We also raised funds through our gorgeous quilt raffle, John Cook autographed volleyball raffle and the lovely Interest Group basket raffle from the Spring Luncheon. You made this a phenomenally successful year for fundraising. Thank you!

In the coming year, I will present a new matching challenge. Watch for your annual membership renewal letter. I'll have more details on how you can help make a difference in a UNL student's life.

Cheryl Trzupek



Meet our 2025-26 Board Members

- President: Nancy Weller
- President-Elect: Tina Shrader
- Second VP/Newcomers: Arlene Smith
- Third VP/Membership: Deb Levitov
- Recording Secretary: Pat Hurley
- Co-Treasurers: Cindy Conn and Linda Collins



Past President Cheryl Trzupek installs our new officers Nancy Weller, Tina Shrader, Arlene Smith, Deb Levitov, Pat Hurley, and Cindy Conn at the Spring Luncheon.

UNLWC 2025-26 Committee Chairs

Advisor / Parliamentarian	Cheryl Trzupek
Courtesy	Helen Beukelman
Fall Welcome	Nancy Weller
Fall Tour	Rita Kean
Fall Brunch	Linda Rabbe and June Carrell
Fundraising	Cheryl Trzupek
Historian	Brenda Keith
Hospitality	Diane McCallister
Interest Groups	Penny McCord
Newsletter	Jill Bates
Programs	Marjorie Kostelnik and Jill Bates
Publicity / Communications	Ivette Bender
Scholarship	Tina Shrader, Debby Portnoy, and Chris Wilhelm
Spring Luncheon	Karen Buckley and Arlene Smith
Telephone	Gail O'Hanlon
Webmaster	Kelly Powell
Holiday of Trees	Debby Portnoy
Husker Pantry	Tina Shrader

Scholarship Donations



This is our 131st anniversary year!

Please consider a donation to help celebrate this occasion.

All donations are fully tax deductible and are managed by the University of Nebraska Foundation.

Donations are used exclusively for scholarships to students in all majors.

Thank you so much for your past generosity to our scholarship fund. It makes a big difference every year for student recipients.

2025 - 2026 Scholarship Awardees

Student	Hometown	Major
Ethan DeLeon	North Sioux City, SD	Nutrition, Exercise, and Health Sciences
Elijah Hiser	Seward, NE	Biology - Pre-med track
Josie Lahm	Raymond, NE	Global Studies and Environmental Sustainability Studies
Amanda Oliver	Algonquin, IL	Biological Sciences
Olivia Redding	Hastings, NE	Nutritional Health
Lauren Sturgell	Neenah, WI	Microbiology
Jacey Tran	Lincoln, NE	Biology
Bryn Westengaard	Gretna, NE	Biology - Pre-med (radiology)
Student Nine	Prefers to withhold name and info	

Thank You!

Ethan DeLeon - "I am honored to hear about my selection!"

Elijah Hiser - "This is great news! I appreciate the offer!"

Josie Lahm - "I am overjoyed to accept this scholarship. Thank you so much for this opportunity."

Amanda Oliver - "Thank you so much for selecting me to receive a UNL Women's Club scholarship. I would be more than honored to accept this scholarship to help fund my education."

Olivia Redding - "Omg! I will accept this scholarship! Thank you so much!"

Lauren Sturgell - "Thank you so much for this scholarship opportunity!"

Jacey Tran - "Thank you for selecting me as a recipient for this scholarship!"



Spring Luncheon 2024-25 Scholarship Recipients and UNL Women's Club Committee Members

UNL Women's Club Interest Groups

Interest groups are the essence of the UNL Women's Club where our mission statement comes alive. These small groups are where acquaintances develop into friendships, common interests grow into strong bonds, and our desire to serve the University turns into action.

Sign up at the Fall Welcome Luncheon or contact the Interest Group Chairs listed. If you have a new idea or are willing to help organize a new group, such as wine tasting, bunco, or some other new group, contact Penny McCord,

Watch your email for an announcement of new interest groups in September!



UNLWC Interest Groups 2025 8/1/2025

Interest Group	When They Meet	Chair(s)	Interest Group	When They Meet	Chair(s)
Book Clubs	For all who enjoy reading & discussing books with friends.		Newcomers & Friends - New members + others who wish to participate in coffee & conversation.	Weekly - Wednesdays at 9:30 am. Location varies	Arlene Smith
-Book Club I - 1 st Wednesday	9:30 a.m. No meeting in July	Judy Jensen			
-Book Club II - 1 st Tuesday	9:30 a.m. No meeting in July or August	Deb Miller Chris Wilhelm	Variety Club - Join in different activities (movies, lunch, discussion, volunteering, performances, etc.)	Monthly - times and dates vary	Karen Buckley Chris Wilhelm; Cathi Haisch
-Book Club III - 3 rd Friday	10 a.m. No meeting in July	Julie Albrecht			
Bridge Groups	Meet monthly for bridge & friendship. Most are open for substitute members.		Piecemakers & Needlework Group – Members work on quilting, knitting, crochet, or embroidery work. Beginners welcome.	Weekly - Tuesday at 9:30 am-noon. Location varies.	Carol Thomas
-1 st Thursday Bridge	Monthly except July 11:30 lunch at Olive Garden play at 12:30	Carol Grell			
-3 rd Monday Bridge & Lunch	At the Preserve 11:30 optional lunch Play at 12:30	Kay Rockwell	Arts & Crafts - Members participate in craft projects or visit local arts/crafts exhibits.	Monthly September through June, dates & times vary.	Kem To
-Bridge Marathon	October - April	Kay Rockwell	Group Therapy (aka Ladies Night Out) - Dinner out at various local eateries or hosted pot luck dinners.	August - May Usually third week of the month.	Miriam McCornick; Kelly Powell

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Mahjong - Beginners welcome with others who like to play mahjong	Monthly – Time and location TBD	Judy Diamond Meg Mering Laura Weakly
Dance Club – Social dancing opportunities in the Lincoln area.	Locations and times vary by each dance opportunity	Janice Lawrence
Gourmet Dining – Members with gourmet cooking skills create menus with wine pairings, assign dishes, and host unforgettable meals. Members share meal expenses	Meets monthly during the academic year.	Laura Damuth
International Club - Programs with guest speakers or lunch outings to learn about other countries & cultures.	October – May Dates & times vary.	Kay Rockwell; Kathy Phillips 3 Open Positions
Husker Pantry - Supports UNL students through donations of food, personal care items, paper products, and cleaning supplies to the Husker Pantry	Collections at various times throughout the year	Tina Shrader
Meals on Wheels - Delivers hot meals to the elderly & disabled. Tabitha trains & schedules workers.	Flexible. Does not require a weekly or monthly commitment.	Chris Read can provide a ride along if interested.
Contact Penny McCord if you would like to suggest a new interest group.		



Interest
Group Chair
Luncheon



During the summer, Newcomers and Friends meet every Wednesday at 9:30 at Holmes Lake Park and the third Wednesday at an indoor location. The rest of the year they meet at different locations around Lincoln to enjoy companionship and lively conversation with no holds barred.

Membership Dues

Membership renewal forms will be mailed along with a fundraising letter again this year. Please watch for this mailing in mid-August.

UNLWC dues shall be payable September 30 for the UNL academic year.

Returning members' dues are \$40 with a \$5.00 discount when paid prior to September 30. First-time members' dues are \$35 regardless of date joined.

JOIN!
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Courtesy

Cards are sent to members who are hospitalized or for special events such as a significant birthday or anniversary.

If you know of a member who has passed away, please advise our Courtesy Chair Helen Beukelman.



In Memory

In memory of a member who has passed away, a card is sent to the family expressing our sympathy. It also states that each year a memorial donation of \$300 is made to the NU Foundation UNLWC Scholarship Fund in honor of all those who have passed away. This donation from UNL Women's Club is sent in April along with a letter listing the individuals in whose name the gift is made.

The names of members who were recognized by the club with a monetary donation to the Foundation are:

Dr. Colleen Jones	Ann Pardy
Venita Mittelstaedt	Judy Frederick
Deb Sesow	Delores Haberman
Vera Mae Lutz	Veronica Kauk
Laura "Rogene" Silletto	

Husker Pantry

UNLWC's first Husker Pantry donation opportunity this Fall will take place at the Fall Welcome on September 18, 2025.

Approximately 1/3 of the UNL student population is food insecure. During the 2024-2025 school year the Husker Pantry served an estimated total of 5,446 students and distributed approximately 56,664 food and personal care items.

Your continued generous support of our club's efforts to support the Pantry makes an immeasurable difference and has a lasting impact on the lives of UNL students.



From the Husker Pantry website:



Donate from your garden. Fresh homegrown vegetables and fruits are always welcome at the pantry. Send a quick note to pantry@unl.edu at least 24 hours in advance indicating your anticipated drop-off day and time, plus the produce varieties you will bring.



UNLWC Snapshots

Spring Luncheon - Reach for the Stars!



Big Ten Women's Club Conference in Iowa City



Arts & Crafts



Piecemakers and Needlework Group

Dance Club



Book Club 3 read *Gone With the Wind*, watched part of the movie, and enjoyed pecan pie and mock mint juleps!



Group Therapy Cheers!



Variety Club - Miniature Golf and Husker Women's Basketball

