

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA - LINCOLN WOMEN'S CLUB

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• **Febr. 20th - 10:00 a.m.**
General Meeting
The Spirit of Nebraska

• **March 19th - 10:00 a.m.**
General Meeting
The Bell Affair

• **April 3rd**
Spring Luncheon

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Message from UNLWC 2024-25 President, Cheryl Trzupek

Dear UNLWC Members,

I was delighted to see many of you at our Fall Welcome in September! I am thankful to the UNL Chancellor's office for their partial financial support this year. It was a lovely afternoon. Sixty members registered to attend. Nine beautiful cakes were featured along with coffee and tea at The Apothecary North Loft.

We kicked off our beautiful quilt raffle along with the raffle for an autographed volleyball signed by UNL head coach John Cook. Both raffles will be drawn at the upcoming Spring Luncheon in April.

In addition, I was pleased to announce another excellent fundraising opportunity that will add support to our scholarship funds for this year. A very generous anonymous member has agreed to match \$2,500 if we raise the same amount prior to the Spring Luncheon. A minimum donation of \$250 is required and, based on the numbers so far, I am certain that we will reach our goal.

As President, I continue to be amazed by the talent and dedication of our members. They do the real work that keeps our group going after 130 years: everything from planning programs, raising money for scholarships, organizing special interest groups and volunteer opportunities, planning our future and much more.

Please consider whether you might be interested in helping as we move forward. We can always use your support!

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.



Spring Luncheon Thursday, April 3rd

“Reach for the Stars,” echoing our Holiday of Trees entry, will be the theme for our spring luncheon. The event will be held at the Country Club of Lincoln. Having the luncheon on a Thursday was necessary to return to this venue.

Activities will include the popular Interest Group gift baskets raffle and drawings for the beautiful quilt and volleyball signed by UNL volleyball Coach John Cook. Donations for the Husker pantry and election of officers will also be on the agenda.

Watch for more details, including entertainment. We hope to see you there!

Karen Buckley & Luming Brewer
Spring Luncheon Co-Chairs



Welcome New Members

Reach out and get to know our nine new members who joined in 2024!

Barb Barron, Nancy Comer, Judy Diamond, Catherine Jackson, Ronnie Kauk, Joan Latta Konecky, Margaret Merring, Tracy Way, and Laura Weakly.

Spring Events UNLWC Programs and General Meetings

“The Spirit of Nebraska”

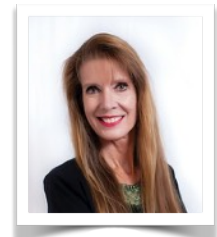
February 20, 2025 - 10:00 a.m.

Southwood Lutheran Church - 4301 Wilderness Hills Blvd.

South of 40th & Yankee Hill Road

Debra Kleve White, Author and UNLWC Member

Debra Kleve White is a graduate of the University of Nebraska (UNL) and a former Yell Squad member (1977-1980). Her education and college experiences led her toward a path of gratitude and a desire to give back to the University. In doing so, she developed a passion for history and research, concentrating on the UNL athletic department and Spirit Squad. After 15 years of research and 5 years of writing, her first book was released: *The Spirit of Nebraska: A history of Husker Game Day Traditions – The Tunnel Walk, Mascots, Cheer & More.*



“The Bell Affair”

March 19, 2025 - 9:30 a.m.

Gwendolyn A. Newkirk Human Sciences Building
First Floor Academic Classroom - UNL East Campus
Professors Kwakiutl Dreher and Michael Burton

The Bell Affair, a film created by a collaborative team of faculty at UNL, has recently premiered on Amazon Prime and has been featured in national film festivals, where it won the award for Best Animation. Director Kwakiutl Dreher, Associate Professor of English, and Producer/Art Director Michael Burton, Assistant Professor of Textiles, Merchandising, and Fashion Design, will share how their innovative project came to life during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The filmmakers will discuss the unique challenges they faced, including working with actors located across the country and filming without ever bringing the cast together in the same place. They will highlight the creative decision-making and collaboration that were essential to the film's success.



Fall Tour - October 16, 2024

18 members traveled to Nebraska City. Laura Steinman, Arbor Lodge coordinator, shared information about the women of Arbor Lodge and also coordinated a delightful tea.

Members also visited the Missouri River Basin Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center. Executive Director Doug Fieldt introduced us to the 79-acre grounds and helped us explore the world that unfolded to Captains Meriwether Lewis and William Clark on their historic Corps of Discovery, which led to the documentation of hundreds of new animals, birds, fish, plants and peoples. This center is the only one to focus on their flora and fauna discoveries.

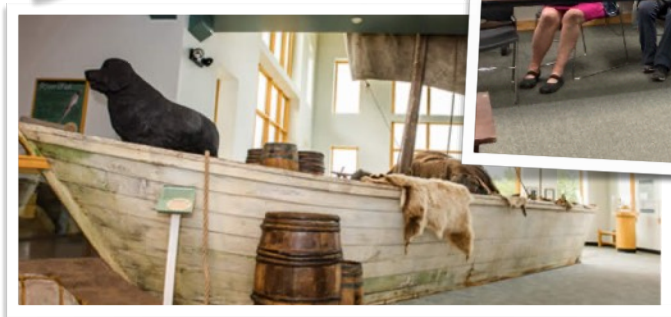
Thanks to Julie Albrecht for organizing this wonderful day, assisted by Cheryl Alberts, and Cathi Haisch.



Photo from arbordayfarm.org



Photos from <https://lewisandclarkvisitorcenter.org/>



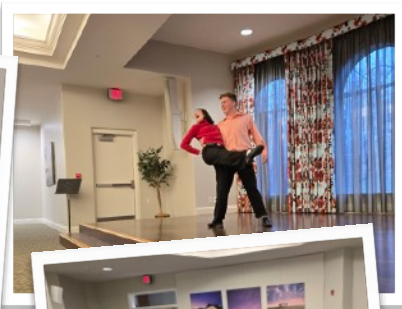
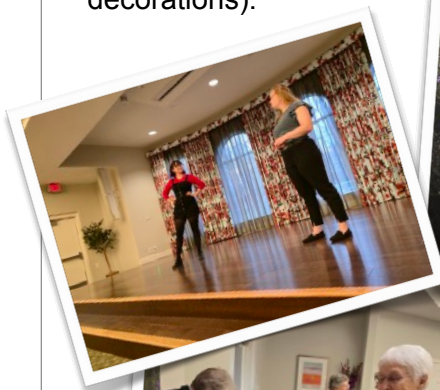
Fall Brunch - November 13, 2024

69 attendees gathered on November 13th at The Landing in Lincoln for the Fall Brunch. A delicious chicken salad, various flavored scones, coffee, tea, and ice cream for dessert were served. The entertainment was provided by Dr. Suna Gunther's UNL Broadway vocal students.

The event was co-chaired by Lois Mayo, Carol Rundquist, and Jane Zatechka, assisted by UNLWC Treasurers Cindy Conn and Linda Collins (reservations), Kelly Powell (name tags), and Debby Raddatz-Portnoy (table decorations).



Co-Chairs Carol Rundquist, Lois Mayo, and Jane Zatechka.



Holidays for Little Huskers



UNLWC Board members participated in the Holidays for Little Huskers program which provides Christmas gifts for UNL students and their children. This year, they provided gifts for a father and two children. Each child received three Lego sets and their father was given socks as requested. An Amazon gift card completed the gift.

Board members have participated in this program for the past three years. Because the timing of the collection overlaps the Husker Pantry donation drive in at the Fall Brunch, board members decided to make this project a "board only" endeavor.

Program coordinators reported that 193 children and 121 student parents/guardians received gifts.

UNLWC Holidays for Little Huskers Coordinators are Karen Buckley and Tina Shrader.

UNLWC Fundraising for UNL Scholarships

Spring Luncheon Basket Raffle

It's that time again for each interest group to start thinking about ideas for a basket or an item for the Spring Luncheon raffle. This has been a fun and successful fund raiser for our scholarship fund.



Your basket or item doesn't have to be related to your particular interest group. Some ideas are a chocolate lover's basket, a pamper yourself basket, make your own ice cream sundae basket, or a coffee lover's basket. Use your imaginations!

Details about where and when to drop off your baskets or items will be e-mailed to the interest group chairs as we get closer to the date of the Spring Luncheon. Thank you all for your creativity and generosity in supporting our UNL Women's Club scholarship program.

Debby Raddatz-Portnoy

Quilt and Volleyball Raffles

This year, thanks to a generous donation from Nancy Weller, we are delighted to have a quilt which will be raffled at our spring luncheon. The quilt pattern is Garden Fair by Blackbird Designs. It was pieced by Dorothy Vinson, Nancy's mother. The quilt is 86 inches square, perfect for a queen sized bed.

We are also raffling a volleyball autographed by Husker volleyball Coach John Cook.

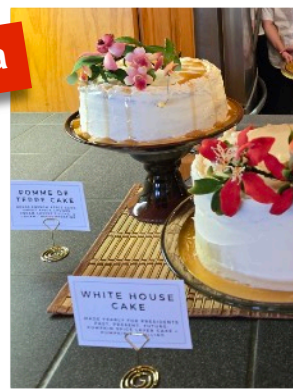
Raffle tickets are \$5 and will be sold at UNLWC meetings and events. The quilt has been on display several times this year.



UNLWC Fall Welcome Tea



President Cheryl Trzupke greeted members.



Members enjoyed a beautiful Haymarket setting and delicious desserts for our Fall Welcome Tea at the Apothecary. Officers Linda Collins, Cheryl Trzupke, Arlene Smith, Cindy Conn, and Nancy Weller.



2024 Fundraising Campaign

We recognize those members listed below who have given to the Scholarship Fund as of September 30th. Members who requested their donation remain anonymous are not listed, as well as those who sent their donations directly to the NU Foundation.

All donations are greatly appreciated!

Cheryl Alberts Irwin	Carol Grell	Marjorie Kostelnik	Carol Riefler
Marybell Avery	Priscilla Grew	Maria Kraft	Carol Rundquist
Jill Bates	Cathi Haisch	Mary Pat Larson	Ruth Ann Schulte
Ivette Bender	Anita Hall	Ruth Massengale	Catherine Sellmyer
Helen Beukelman	Sandra Hanson	Penny McCord	Tina Shrader
Carolyn Brandle	Aldine Harmon	Miriam McCornick	Deanna Sincovec
Nancy Brandt	Wanda Hein	Meredith McGowan	Arlene Smith
Luming Brewer	Priscilla Henkelman	Deb Miller	Norma Sturgeon
Marion Carr	Alice Henneman	Diane Mohrhoff	Susan Taylor
June Carrell	Karen Heusel	Toni Morehouse	Jeralyn Timmons
Eileen Carroll	Caroline Hug	Lovell Moser	Cheryl Trzupke
Mary Clark	Pat Hurley	Sheree Moser	Bonnie Varvel
Nancy Comer	Karen Janovy	Sarah Mushlitz	Anne Vidaver
Pat Crews	Judy Jensen	Gail O'Hanlon	Erny Von Bargaen
Nikki DeFrain	Mary Jensen	Rhonda Obermeier	Karen Walking
Jean Detlefsen	Julie Johnson	Cherie Peterson	Jessie Waller
Kay Easley	Rita Kean	Kelly Powell	Tracy Way
Maria Eisenhauer	Brenda Keith	Sarah Purcell	Nancy Weller
Dorene Eisentrager	Carol Kendrick	Debby Raddatz-Portnoy	Myra Wilhite
Valerie Ellsworth	Gail Keown	Monica Reid	May Ann Williams
			Jane Zatechka

Donations for the 2024-25 year are welcome at any time,
including at the Spring Luncheon on April 3rd.

Please be sure to make your donation checks payable to NU Foundation.

Mail your check to:
UNLWC, PO Box 5781, Lincoln, NE 68505.

Thank you for your contributions.

Husker Pantry

Thanks to the generosity of UNLWC members, the Husker Pantry received two car loads of food and personal care items, along with \$710 in cash donations. The response and support of members to the Fall semester's Back to School collection and the Fall Brunch are greatly appreciated.



Back to School



Fall Brunch

Future opportunities to donate will occur at the General Meetings in February and March (depending on the venue accessibility) and at the Spring Luncheon.

Thank you for all you do to support UNL students and the Husker Pantry.

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 Diane Mohrhoff.



In Memory

A sympathy card is sent to the family of a member who has passed away. An annual memorial donation of \$300 is made to the NU Foundation UNLWC Scholarship Fund in honor of all those who have died. This donation from UNLWC is sent in April, along with a letter listing the individuals in whose name the gift is made.

We remember the members who passed away since the Fall 2024 Newsletter.

Judy Frederick, Delores Haberman, Dr. Colleen Jones, Venita Mittelstaedt, Ann Parady, and Deb Sesow

Holiday of Trees

The 52nd Annual Holiday of Trees Event was held by the Heritage League of Lincoln at the Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Proceeds of this year's event went to the CEDARS Carriage House (a home for pregnant and parenting teens facing homelessness). The theme of our UNLWC tree was Reach for the Stars!



Members who decorated the tree were Debby Raddatz-Portnoy, Nancy Weller, Diane Mohrhoff, Kelly Powell, Miriam McCornick, and Cheryl Trzupek.

Join an Interest Group!

Current groups include Arts & Crafts, Ballroom Dance Club, Book Clubs, Bridge Groups, Culinary Arts, Gourmet Dining, Group Therapy, Husker Pantry, International Club, Mahjong, Meals on Wheels, Newcomers & Friends, Nooners, Piecemakers, and Variety Club.



International Interest Group members heard from Dr. Dave Wilson, former Peace Corps volunteer who forged a friendship with an Afghan family who adopted him. Khatera Mohmand and Fariha Mohmand, granddaughters of the couple that adopted Wilson, shared stories of their efforts to flee Afghanistan and eventually build new lives with their families in Lincoln.



Group Therapy members share smiles during dinner at Carmela's.

Watch your email for the monthly Interest Group calendar.

Contact Penny McCord if you would like to suggest a new interest group.



Newcomers and Friends meet for coffee every Wednesday morning at 9:30. Everyone is welcome!



Book Club members met at Nancy Weller's home to discuss *The Maid* by Nita Prose.



Nooners met for a Christmas lunch at The Venue.



Variety Club spent a morning viewing the beautiful flowers in the Sunken Gardens, followed by lunch at Tico's.