

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA - LINCOLN

WOMEN'S CLUB

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- **Febr. 7th - 1:00 p.m.**
General Meeting
Humor, Laughter, & Play
- **March 12th - 9:30 a.m.**
General Meeting
Comics as History
- **April 3rd**
Spring Luncheon

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Message from UNLWC 2023-24 President, Marilynn Schnepf

Dear UNLWC Members,

It's hard to believe that the new year has already started!

Our 2023-24 year, which started in May, is filled with many fun events. The Fall Welcome at President Ted Carter's home was especially interesting since it was recently announced that he would be leaving Nebraska and would become President of The Ohio State

University at the end of 2023. Lynda Carter has been a hostess for this fall event and an honoree member of our club. She will be missed. I have enjoyed getting to know her and wish her well as she moves to Ohio. We also had the opportunity to meet Mrs. Temple Bennett, wife of Chancellor Rodney Bennett who had just arrived in Lincoln.



Lynda Carter, Joyce Besch, Arlene Smith, Cheryl Trzupek, Marilyn Schnepf, and Nancy Weller.

I encourage you to think about becoming a UNLWC officer or a member of the Board. I realize it is often difficult to find members willing to be in charge of club activities. We have many interesting groups who are in need of members willing to be leaders next year.

Please read this Spring Newsletter to learn about past fall events and upcoming meetings and activities. I have really enjoyed participating in these events, getting to know more members, and look forward to many more new activities and spring events.



Spring Luncheon Wednesday, April 3rd

Please join UNLWC for "Springtime in Paris" on Wednesday, April 3rd, downtown at the Talon Room (250 N. 12th Street). The luncheon will include our basket raffle contributed by UNLWC interest groups to raise funds for UNLWC scholarships. Following lunch, we will have musical entertainment and a short business meeting.

For longtime Lincoln residents, the Talon Room is located downstairs in the former Spaghetti Works Building. A city parking lot is directly across the street.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Karen Buckley and Deb Miller
Spring Luncheon Co-Chairs



Welcome New Members

Reach out and get to know our eleven new members who joined in 2023!

Sylvana Airan, Temple Bennett, Cindy Conn, Pam Edwards, Alice Henneman, Mary Pat Larson, Claudia Livers, Laurie Logsdon, Sara Mushlitz, Alissa Sandin, and Connie Soucie.

Spring Events UNLWC Programs and General Meetings

**Humor, Laughter & Play for a Happy and Fun-Filled Life
February 7th, 2024 - 1:00 p.m.**

**Southern Heights Presbyterian Church
Located at the SE corner of S. 40th St. and Old Cheney
Humorist Bill Peterson**

Kindhearted humor for Valentine's Day is clearly an ally of University staff, health professionals, clergy, student, counselors, and lay persons supporting university students in their need to finance their education and gain the knowledge to engage in a satisfying career. Through this process, humans fight a battle against human suffering, depression, illness and it should be taken seriously. We of all people need to lighten up and care what joy we have in our lives! Whoever said, "Laughter is the best medicine" was right on! Known throughout the Midwest, humorist Bill Peterson will instruct us on laughing so we can fully enjoy the Oz Black cartoons next month.



Comics as History - The Cartoons of Oz Black March 12, 2024 - 9:30 a.m. Professor Richard Graham

Oz Black was a graduate of both Lincoln High School and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln before going on to be the cartoonist for the Lincoln Star, Minneapolis Tribune, and Denver Post. Based on a large digitization project, this talk will focus on the various cartoons and comics Oz Black did that depict the life and times of Nebraskans from over a century ago. Richard Graham, associate professor of University Libraries, will discuss what makes comics and cartoons so interesting and highlight the prolific work of Oz Black, making connections to historical events and issues, past and present.



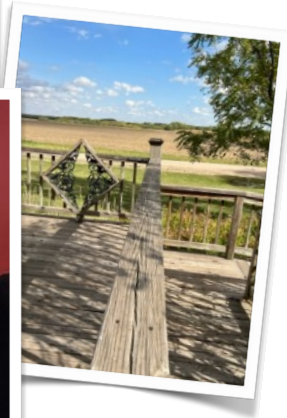
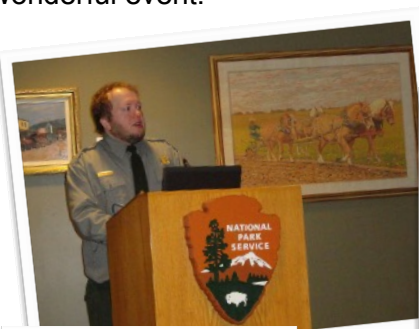
A panel from the Oct. 14, 1923, edition of "Here in Lincoln" depicts Big Ten overtures toward Nebraska.

Fall Tour - October 11, 2023

Twenty-eight participants enjoyed a beautiful fall day touring the Homestead National Historical Park near Beatrice. Historian Jonathan Fairchild presented a program focused on how women homesteaders used their power to push for equality in the eyes of the law.

Following the tour, members enjoyed delicious samples at Grandma's Fruitcakes, ate lunch at the Black Crow and visited Cedar Creek Pottery east of Beatrice.

Thanks to Co-Chairs Julie Albrecht, Cheryl Alberts, and Valerie Ellsworth for organizing this wonderful event.

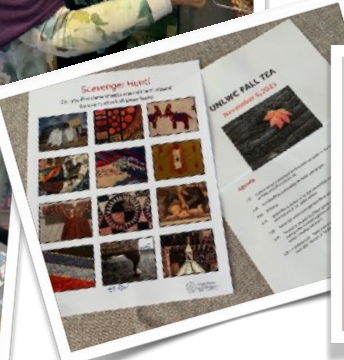


Fall Tea - November 8, 2023

Approximately 60 members and guests attended the UNLWC's Fall Tea held on November 8 at the International Quilt Museum in Lincoln. The afternoon began with a lovely buffet, followed by a welcome from Marilyn Schnepf, UNLWC President. Marilyn shared how quilts made in her family impacted her life. Next, Carolyn Ducey, Curator of Collections, offered insights and background about the IQM and its collections. Finally, guests took part in a scavenger hunt, the goal of which was to find certain images depicted in the quilts and to answer questions regarding the displays. Throughout this time, the building resonated with oohs and aahs as well as plenty of laughter.

Forty people turned in a completed scavenger hunt. From these, four were randomly drawn for prizes. Kay Easley and Jane Zatechka each won a "Behind the Scenes Tour" of the IQM. Lois Mayo and Debby Raddatz-Portnoy both received a 25-dollar gift certificate to the IQM gift shop.

Thanks go to the IQM staff and UNLWC volunteers who helped to make the day possible. Based on the overwhelmingly positive evaluations received, we believe, "A good time was had by all!"



Co-Chairs Jill Bates and Marjorie Kostelnik with President Marilyn Schnepf (center).

UNLWC Fundraising for UNL Scholarships

We will again be having a raffle at the April 3rd Spring Luncheon to raise money for the UNLWC scholarship fund. We are asking all interest groups to donate a basket or item for the raffle. The theme of the basket/item does not have to be related to your interest group. Popular baskets in the past have included a make-it-yourself ice cream sundae basket, gift certificates, a pamper yourself basket, and a quilting basket. Use your creativity and talents.



I will send out the details of where and when to deliver your items to the Interest Group Chairs as we get nearer to the Spring Luncheon date. It's never too early to start thinking about and planning your raffle donation.

I have been making greeting cards for birthdays and anniversaries, get well and sympathy cards and other occasions that I will be selling at UNLWC events. All proceeds will go to the UNLWC scholarship fund. I'm selling them for \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00. Look for them at the programs in February and on March 12th and at the April 3rd Spring Luncheon. If you need cards before then, feel free to contact me at dblport@yahoo.com. ~ Debby Raddatz-Portnoy

UNLWC Fall Welcome



Temple Bennett and Angie Alberts joined the festivities.



Members enjoyed a beautiful setting for our September Fall Welcome Luncheon. It was Lynda Carter's birthday and after singing our birthday wishes, she snapped a quick photo of the group!

2023 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	Maria Eisenhauer	Judy Jensen	Penny McCord	Carol Rundquist
Mary Avery	Doreen Eisentrager	Julie Johnson	Miriam McCornick	Ruth Ann Schulte
Jill Bates	Valerie Ellsworth	Colleen Jones	Meredith McGowan	Catherine Sellmyer
Ivette Bender	Lana Etling	Rita Kean	Debra Miller	Linda Shearman
Carolyn Brandle	Jane Green	Brenda Keith	Diane Mohrhoff	Mary Beth Shomos
Nancy Brandt	Carolyn Grell	Carol Kendrick	Toni Morehouse	Tina Shrader
Luming Brewer	Priscilla Grew	Gail Keown	Lovell Moser	Rogene Silletto
Ruth Brown	Cathi Haisch	Sharon Knight	Sheree Moser	Jerilyn Timmons
Mary Bruning	Sandy Hanson	Marjorie Kostelnik	Sara Mushlitz	Cheryl Trzupek
Maureen Burson	Aldine Harmon	Kay Lamphear	Nan Nelson	Bonnie Varvel
Marion Carr	Wanda Hein	Deborah Levitov	Gail O'Hanlon	Anne Vidaver
June Carrell	Diane Herrmann	Laurie Logsdon	Rhonda Obermeier	Ernie Von Bargaen
Eileen Carroll	Karen Heusel	Mary Lutz	Cheri Peterson	Karen Walkin
Mary Clark	Carolyn Hug	Janet Martin	Kelly Powell	Jessie Waller
Linda Collins	Pat Hurley	Ruth Massengale	Debby Raddatz-Portnoy	Nancy Weller
Nikki DeFrain	Karen Janovy	Lois Mayo	Barbara Rader	Myra Wilhite
Jean Detlefsen	Mary Jensen	Diane McCallister	Carolyn Riefler	Judith Yeck
Kay Easley				Chris Zygielbaum

Donations for the 2023-24 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, both collection drives held in the Fall semester reflected the group's commitment to UNL students and the Husker Pantry.

The first drive at the beginning of the Fall Semester focused on personal care items. Twenty bags loaded with high demand items and \$320 in cash donations were collected at Holmes Lake Park on a sunny morning in August.

The second donation opportunity took place at the Fall Tea. Attendees were invited to drop off their donations prior to entering the International Quilt Museum. Fifteen bags filled with canned tuna and chicken, jars of peanut butter, and assorted grocery items along with \$220 in cash donations were delivered to Husker Pantry following the Tea.

Stay tuned for the next donation opportunities following the General Meetings in February and March.

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

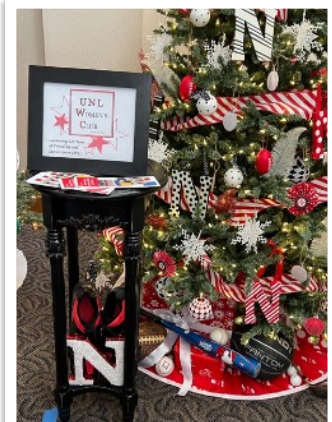
A sympathy card is sent to the family of a member who has passed away. An annual memorial donation of \$300 is made to the NU Foundation UNLWC Scholarship Fund in honor of all those who have died. This donation from UNLWC is sent in April, along with a letter listing the individuals in whose name the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

We remember the member who passed away since the Fall 2023 Newsletter.

Joanne Rice

Holiday of Trees

The 51st Annual Holiday of Trees Event was held by the Heritage League Women's Club at Westminster Presbyterian Church with the proceeds from this year's event going to the Foundation for Lincoln Public Schools to purchase athletic shoes for students. Over the course of the past 50 years, the Holiday of Trees event has donated more than \$250,000 to Lincoln area nonprofits, charitable organizations and community projects.



Join an Interest Group!

Current groups include Arts & Crafts, Book Clubs, Bridge Groups, Community Outreach, Couples Gourmet, Group Therapy, International Club, Meals on Wheels, Newcomers & Friends, Nooners, Piecemakers, and Variety Club.

Contact Penny McCord if you would like more information.



International Interest Group: Over coffee and morning goodies, members celebrated getting to know each other by sharing stories of participation in family celebrations in other countries including Israel, India, Pakistan, Korea, The Philippines, Germany, and China. 16 members and 4 spouses enjoyed this holiday celebration.



Group Therapy members unwind at Hacienda Real and gather at Miriam McCormick's to celebrate Christmas.



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



The Variety Club cheered the Husker women's soccer team on to the Elite Eight and enjoyed lunch at the Upstream Brewery following a visit to Lauritsen Gardens.

Bridge Group Changes

First Thursday Bridge meets at Olive Garden. Chairs are Janice Lawrence and Bonnie Vogel.

Fourth Thursday Bridge meets at The Preserve Lounge. Chair is Kay Rockwell.

Both groups meet at 12:30 with an optional 11:30 lunch. Check the Fall Newsletter for contact information.



Book Club members enjoy lively discussion each month. One group read the 2023 One Book One Lincoln choice, Remarkably Bright Creatures.

