

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA - LINCOLN

WOMEN'S CLUB

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



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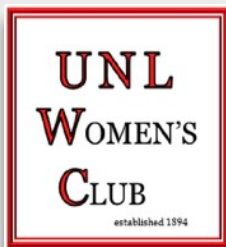
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Message from UNLWC 2026-27 President, Tina Shrader

Welcome to the UNLWC's Fall Newsletter and the beginning of the 132nd year of possibilities this friendly, caring, talented, enthusiastic, creative, thoughtful, and generous group of individuals are on the verge of experiencing. It is my privilege and an honor to be your President for the coming year. The mission of the UNLWC is to promote friendship among members, to strengthen the

bond of their common interest, and provide service to the University including the funding of scholarships. I believe we as an organization have remained true to our mission and am personally grateful for the friendships, engaging activities, interest groups, and our ongoing support of UNL students in the form of scholarships and Husker Pantry donations.

As a group we awarded a total of \$27,500 in scholarships to eleven amazing students for the 2026-2027 academic year. In the past year we have also donated hundreds of dollars and hundreds of pounds of food and personal care items to the Husker Pantry. Both of these efforts, of which we should be very proud, have a positive and long lasting impact on UNL students.

The upcoming year presents a variety of opportunities to share time with fellow members, to make new friends among the membership, to invite friends to become members, and to explore a variety of events and interest groups thanks to our hard-working Board and Interest Group Chairs. I look forward to seeing you at our events and activities.

The first event of the year will be our Fall Welcome on Thursday, September 17th at Southwood Lutheran Church from 1:30-3pm. It will be the perfect opportunity to partake in refreshments, visit with fellow members, create a new interest group, learn what's coming up in the UNLWC Universe, and even win a prize.

Thank you for making the UNLWC what it is and allowing me to serve as President. I look forward to working with all of you to make the year ahead an enjoyable and rewarding experience.

Tina Shrader
President
2026-2027



Fall Welcome Event

**You are invited
to the Annual Fall Welcome.**

Date & Time: Thursday,
September 17, 1:30-3pm

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

Program: Members will have the
opportunity to create new interest
groups.

Join us for fun, friendship, and
surprises!

Check your email soon for an
invitation and RSVP.

Fall Brunch Wednesday, November 4th

Mark your calendar for the
UNLWC Fall Brunch on
Wednesday, November 4th! We
will gather at The Landing, 3500
Faulkner Drive.

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

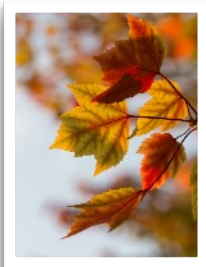
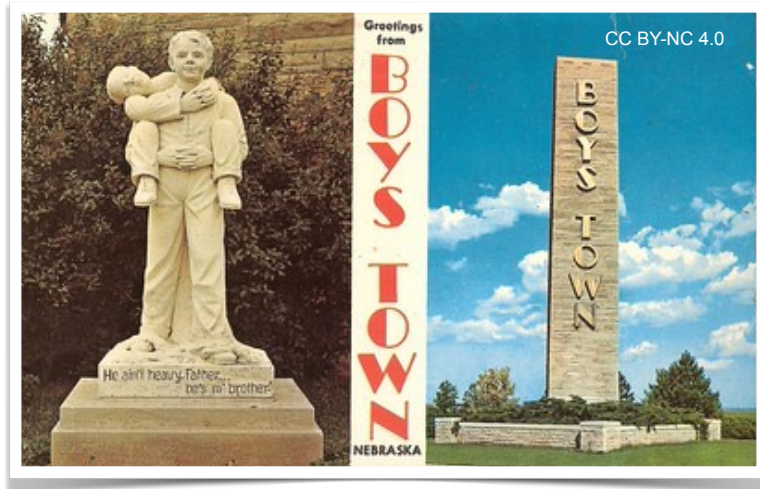


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Fall Tour Wednesday, October 21st

Get ready for an informative tour of Boys Town!

When we visit the Village of Boys Town, a National Historic Landmark District, we'll get an unforgettable glimpse into the history of an organization that has given new hope to so many at-risk children over the past 100 years. Father Edward J. Flanagan purchased the Overlook Farm in 1921 and it became the new, permanent site of Boys Town. Over the decades that followed, schools, churches and homes were built, and tens of thousands of young lives were transformed.



We will carpool and upon arrival, be greeted by Christa Monti who will lead us on a 90-minute driving tour. Short distance walking should be anticipated. Lunch at a neighboring restaurant will follow.

After lunch, stop in Ashland, visit the Cloisters on the Platte, or go shopping at Nebraska Crossing.

Watch your email in mid-September for registration information.

If you have questions, please contact Jill Bates or Luming Brewer.



<https://www.boystown.org/about/visit/>

UNLWC Fundraising



Photo by michelle henderson on Unsplash

This year we raised \$15,316 for scholarships supporting UNL students thanks to your generous support. That includes our anonymous match challenge that resulted in \$6,000. We also raised funds through our gorgeous quilt and baby blanket raffles. You made this an extremely successful year for fundraising.

In August watch your mail 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 2026-27 Board Members

- President: Tina Shrader
- President-Elect: Karen Buckley
- Second VP/Newcomers: Arlene Smith
- Third VP/Membership: Deb Levitov
- Recording Secretary: Cathy Jackson
- Treasurer: Linda Collins



New officers (L-R) Linda Collins, Tina Shrader, Karen Buckley, Cathy Jackson, Arlene Smith, and Deb Levitov at the Spring Luncheon.

UNLWC 2026-27 Committee Chairs

Advisor / Parliamentarian	Nancy Weller
Courtesy	Helen Beukelman
Fall Welcome	Tina Shrader
Fall Tour	Jill Bates
Fall Brunch	Pat Hurley
Fundraising	Cheryl Trzupek
Historian	Brenda Keith
Hospitality	Diane McCallister
Interest Groups	Cathi Haisch
Newsletter	Jill Bates
Programs	Melinda Pearson
Publicity / Communications	Ivette Bender
Scholarship	Debby Portnoy, Chris Wilhelm, and Jane Zatechka
Spring Luncheon	Kate Andrews
Webmaster	Kelly Powell
Holiday of Trees	Debby Portnoy
Husker Pantry	Tina Shrader

Scholarship Donations



This is our 132nd 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.

2026 - 2027 Scholarship Awardees

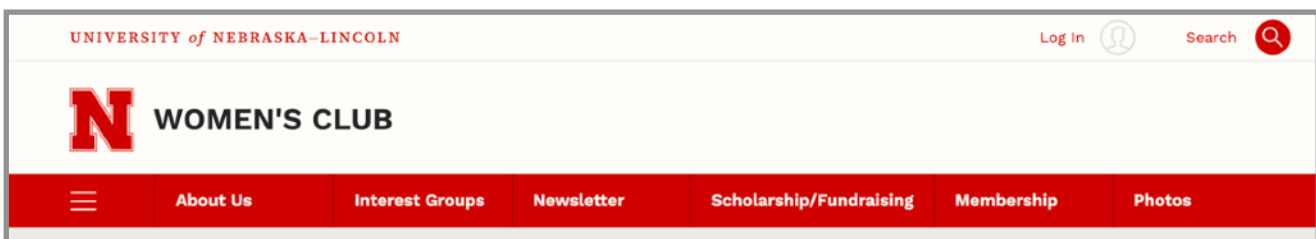
Student	Hometown	Major
Owen Cox	Allen, TX	Psychology with Neuroscience Option
Layla deKoning	Beatrice, NE	Human Development and Family Sciences
Elijah Hiser	Seward, NE	Biology
Josie Lahm	Ceresco, NE	Global Studies and Spanish
Valerie Lierman	Oakland, NE	Psychology
Bethany Miller	Fremont, NE	Hospitality, Restaurant, and Tourism Mgmt
Amanda Oliver	Algonquin, IL	Biological Sciences
Isaac Olsen	Harrisburg, NE	Animal Science and Grassland Systems
Olivia Redding	Hastings, NE	Nutrition, Health Sciences
Jacey Tran	Lincoln, NE	Biology
Jacob Wood	Palmyra, NE	Veterinary Science

Spring Luncheon 2025-26 Scholarship Recipients



L to R: Ethan DeLeon, Lauren Sturgell, Jacey Tran, and Olivia Redding

Check out the UNL Women's Club website
<https://womensclub.unl.edu/>



UNL Women's Club Interest Groups

Interest groups are the essence of the UNL Women's Club, bringing our mission statement to life in meaningful ways. 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.

If you have a fresh idea or are eager to help launch a new group — whether it's wine tasting, bunco, puzzling, photography, table games, investing, or something entirely different — please reach out to Cathi Haisch. You can also add your suggestion to the Interest Group Registration form, which will be mailed out in August, or sign up during the Fall Welcome event. Be sure to keep an eye on your inbox in September for exciting announcements about new interest groups!



UNLWC Interest Groups 2026		
Interest Group	Date/Time	Chair(s)
Book Clubs		
Book Club I - Monthly 1st Wednesday	Monthly 9:30 a.m. No meeting in July	Chris Gay
Book Club II - Monthly 1st Tuesday (Closed to new members)	Monthly 9:30 a.m. No meeting in July and August	Deb Miller Chris Wilhelm
Book Club III - Monthly 3rd Friday (Closed to new members)	Monthly 10:00 a.m. No meeting in July	Julie Albrecht
Bridge Group - Monthly - 1st Thursday		
	Monthly 11:30 a.m. Lunch at Olive Garden Play at 12:30 p.m.	Carol Grell
Newcomers & Friends		
New members and other members who wish to participate in coffee and conversation	Weekly on Wednesday at 9:30 Location varies	Arlene Smith
Piecemakers & Needlework		
Members work on knitting, quilting, crochet, or embroidery. Beginners welcome!	Weekly on Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. Location varies	Carol Thomas
Variety Club		
Join in a variety of activities each month - movies, lunch, discussion, performances, tours, etc.	Monthly Times and dates vary	Karen Buckley Chris Wilhelm Cathi Haisch
Arts & Crafts		
Members participate in craft projects or visit local arts/craft exhibits.	Monthly September - June Dates and times vary	Debby Raddatz-Portnoy Kelly Powell

Interest Group	Date/Time	Chair(s)
Group Therapy aka Ladies Night Out	Monthly August - May	Kelly Powell
Monthly - usually 3rd week of the month	Dates and time vary	
Dining at various local eateries or hosted potluck dinners.		Eileen Carroll
Mahjong	Monthly	Judy Diamond
<i>Beginners welcome!</i>	Time and day to be determined	
A monthly group of women who enjoy playing American or Chinese mahjong.		Meg Mering
		Laura Weakly
Dance Club	Location and time varies with each dance opportunity.	Janice Lawrence
Social ballroom and line dance opportunities in the Lincoln area.		
UNLWC Volunteerism	Date and time to be determined	Chris Read
Flexible volunteer opportunities that do not require a monthly commitment.		
For additional information, contact Interest Groups Chair, Cathi Haisch.		

Newcomers and Friends

The purpose of the group is to familiarize new members with all UNLWC has to offer and to help new members form friendships. All new members are automatically enrolled for three years and all UNLWC members are eligible to join. The group is primarily social by nature, and typically meets on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 throughout the year at various coffeehouses, restaurants, and occasionally at a park.



New members at the Spring Luncheon



Membership Dues

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

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

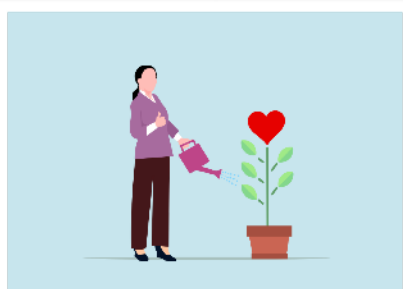
Returning members' dues are \$40 with a \$5.00 discount when paid by September 30. First-time members' dues are \$35 regardless of date joined.



Courtesy

Helen Beukelman serves as courtesy chair.

Please contact her if you know of a member who would be cheered by receiving a card from our organization.



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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:

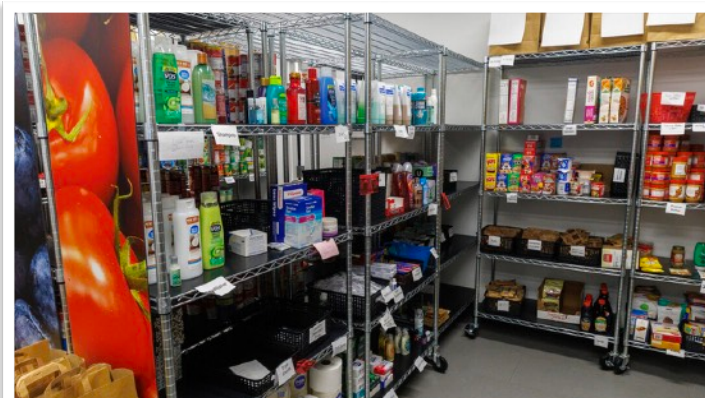
Carol Riefler, Gloria VanAckeren, and Janet Martin

Husker Pantry

Thanks to the generosity of the membership, a car load of food and personal care items, along with \$390 in monetary donations was delivered to the Husker Pantry following the Spring Luncheon.

The Husker Pantry greatly appreciates the UNLWC's continued support of the students the Pantry serves.

The next donation opportunity will take place at the Fall Welcome.



From the Husker Pantry website:

Buy online from Amazon Wish List. Purchase from the pantry's curated wish list and Amazon will automatically ship the items to the pantry.

UNLWC Snapshots

Programs:
Central Library
and Children's
Book Illustrations



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leadership,
Nancy!



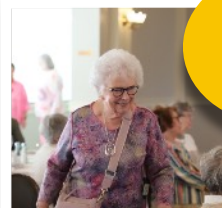
Collab
with OLLI



Spring Luncheon
Check-In



Carol



Brenda



Vickie

Spring Luncheon
Models



Cheryl



Mona

Debby



Melinda



Chris

