



University of Delaware Women's Club Newsletter

Spring 2017—from the UDWC Steering Committee

Past Activities of the 2016-17 Year:

Our fall reception was hosted by Eleni Assanis, wife of the newly installed UD President, at Daugherty Hall on September 26, 2016. We were all so pleased to have a chance to get to know her better. We also had as speakers, Michelle Parnell, Manager of the ACCESS Center talked about the importance of the UDWC



Scholarship donation for women returning to school; Ryan Keenan invited all to take advantage of the STAR Campus health and wellness programs; and Bob Taggart reviewed the history of Daugherty Hall, formerly the First Presbyterian Church.

Thank you, Eleni!

November 30 Field Trip:

The weather cooperated, and ten of us toured Nemours Mansion from bedrooms to basement, decorated for Christmas, concluding with lunch out at Elizabeth's.



At the Spring Luncheon, we will have a brief business meeting. 1.) The Steering Committee is proposing several updates to the UDWC By-laws that need a vote from the membership. These changes are listing in this newsletter. You will get paper ballots at the luncheon, or may send in your vote if you are not able to attend that day. 2.) We also need to update the signees for our checking account. Karen Schueler has agreed to serve again as Treasurer, and Peggy Sacher, Membership Chair, has agreed to be the second person on the bank account. These names need to be approved by the membership. If you have questions about these items please contact Karen, Peggy or Judy.

Spring WOY Luncheon

April 5, 11:30-1:30

Newark Country Club



Congratulations, Maura—our Woman of the Year!

The nomination of Maura Perkins by Flo Waibel was approved by the Woman of the Year committee this past February. Maura has been a mainstay of the UDWC for many years, serving as Membership Chair, and Treasurer, and has been invaluable as a resource for the Women's Club about the ins and outs at UD, from helping us locate newcomers, to keeping us informed of employee wellness programs at the STAR campus.



Maura currently works as the Graduate Program Coordinator for the UD Department of Physics and Astronomy. She has used her legal training as a court appointed advocate for children through the CASA program, has been a volunteer for the Newark Symphony Orchestra, a parent volunteer at Tower Hill School, and helped many years at the Wilmington Flower Market. She is also a notary public. Her hobbies are hiking, gardening, cooking, and photography.

In honor of Maura's interest in the Newark Symphony Orchestra, musicians Kathleen Chapmond, Betsy Erickson, and Laura Rogers will perform at the luncheon, held at the Newark Country Club.



When you make your reservations for the luncheon, please note our 'no work' fundraiser, and contribute to our annual scholarship fund on the reservation form.

If you are not able to attend the luncheon, please donate, using the coupon in this newsletter. Every little bit helps women students returning to college. PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE BY MAIL IF NOT ATTENDING THE LUNCHEON.

The following proposed bylaw changes were approved by the Steering Committee at its February 9 meeting:

Here are the current bylaws on our website:

<http://sites.udel.edu/udwc/udwc-web-site/udwc-bylaws/>

Background info: "The purpose of this club shall be to welcome newcomers to the University community, promote social, informational and service opportunities for its members and to further the interests of the University of Delaware."

The proposed changes are in **bold italics**.

Article II-Membership

A. Membership is open to women employed by the University of Delaware (UD), current and retired; Wives, female domestic partners and widows of UD employees, current and retired; Female UD graduate students and the wives or female domestic partners of UD graduate students

Change to:

Membership is also open to any woman who supports the University of Delaware Women's Club's (UDWC) purpose and who wants to participate in UDWC activities.

Article X- Woman of the Year

A- Eligibility – same

(Add B)

B- Criterion: The Woman of the Year shall have made substantial volunteer contributions to UD or to the broader community.

C- Deadline - was part B, same

D- Vote; was part C, same.

Article XI- By-Law Amendments

By-laws must be approved by the majority of the membership and take affect (***change "affect" to "effect"***) the following year. Amendments can be made with a 2/3 vote of the executive board.

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The rationale for the proposed changes:

Article II- Membership

There are many women who would like to join us and participate in our activities who are not direct members of the UD community. Many of them are alumni, married to alumni, daughters and daughters-in-law of faculty, for example. We are a small group of women who could benefit from new members who support our purpose. (see Background info.)

Article X - Woman of the Year

The bylaws are quite clear about the Woman of the Year Eligibility, Deadline and Voting. But it does not address what the award is for. This amendment clarifies the purpose of the award.

Article XI - Amendments

To correct the typo (affect should be effect).

Special Interest Groups and Coordinators:

Book Club, 2nd Weds. Day—Laura Balascio, avocet@udel.edu

Book Club, 2nd Weds. Eve.—Colleen Hick, cdhick@udel.edu

Walking Group,—Judy Taggart, JudithTaggart1@verizon.net

Stitchery, 1st Weds. Eve.Karen Schueler, kschuelr@udel.edu

Cooking & Baking with Renata, several times per

semester— Renata@udel.edu

Main Street Movies 5 Interest Group. New Group!

Let's go to a Tuesday Matinee, \$6, once a month, at the NEW Main Street Movies 5 in Newark Shopping Center.

Chair: Peggy Sacher, PeggieD@aol.com

Contact Peggy if you have not received the 2016-17 membership list.

UDWC Steering Committee 2016-17

Peggy Sacher (Membership), PeggieD@aol.com

Karen Schueler, (Treasurer), kschuelr@udel.edu

Judy Taggart, Catriona Binder-McCleod, Flo Waibel,

Ulrike Diedenhofen, Debbie Farris

Mary Nairn (website) www.udel.edu/WomensClub

CONSIDER JOINING THE UDWC STEERING COMMITTEE in 2017-18. Maybe you have a new Special Interest Group to propose for next year, or you have had a brainstorm about a great fund raising event. We want to hear from you. Contact any of the Steering Committee members.

DONATION TO UDWC SCHOLARSHIP FUND

(Make check payable to UDWC; mail to Karen Schueler, 35 Darien Rd, Newark, DE 19711)

I cannot attend the Luncheon but wish to donate to the UDWC Scholarship Fund:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Amount of donation: \$ _____

Date: _____

UDWC By-Law Changes Ballot

(If not attending the April 5, 2017 Luncheon)

Article II—Membership Clause changes

YES NO

Article X—Insertion of clause B for Criterion of WOY and subsequent re-lettering of clauses

YES NO

Article XI—By-Law Amendments

Change wording

YES NO

I approve the following UDWC Committee members to sign checks from our PNC account:

Karen Schueler, Treasurer YES NO

Peggy Sacher, Membership Chair YES NO

Your Name (please print) _____

Signature _____

You must be a current member of the University of Delaware Women's Club to vote.
Mail ballot by April 5, 2017, to Karen Schueler, 35 Darien Rd, Newark, DE 19711.

