



University of Delaware Women’s Club Newsletter  
April 2017—from the UDWC Steering Committee

Spring WOY Luncheon—Maura Perkins,  
Woman of the Year, April 5, 2017  
Newark Country Club



**CONGRATULATIONS, MAURA!**



The Spring Luncheon was at the Newark Country Club.



Baby granddaughter steals the show!



NSO members, Louisa, Laura and Kathleen, play for us.



Flowers of musical scores and paper pianos set the theme.



Maura gave everyone seed packets to celebrate Spring.



Judy Taggart reads Mayor Sierer's Proclamation for Maura.



Maura speaks on her career and volunteer activities.



Music by three Newark Symphony Orchestra members accompanied guests and UDWC members as they entered the dining room and found their seats. The tables were decorated with a musical theme by Catriona Binder-MacCleod. After the meal, Karen Schueler led a short business meeting, followed by Flo Waibel who reviewed the many reasons that Maura Perkins was nominated and selected as the 2017 Woman of the Year. Karen presented Maura with a certificate from the UD Women's Club; Judy Taggart read the Proclamation that honored Maura from Newark's Mayor Polly Sierers. Maura decided to give her \$150 charity donation check from UDWC to the UDWC Scholarship Fund.

Karen had a personal gift for Maura of a silk scarf painted with symbols of Maura's interests in colors that Maura wears. Maura gave a short talk about her career and her community involvements such as the Newark Symphony Orchestra. Kathleen Chapmond, Louisa Marks, and Laura Rogers performed a selection of classical music. The luncheon concluded with a drawing for a gift certificate to the UD Creamery and distribution of the paper flower arrangements.



Flowers from Maura for the musicians

Among the reasons Maura was nominated are her work as a volunteer for the Newark Symphony Orchestra and as a parent volunteer at Tower Hill School, her experience as a court appointed advocate for children through the CASA program due to her legal training, and her many years helping at the Wilmington Flower Market. She is also a notary public. Her hobbies are hiking, gardening, cooking, and photography.

Maura has been a mainstay of the UDWC, serving as Membership Chair, and Treasurer, and as an invaluable 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.

## Results of the Vote, April 5, 2017

The majority voted to authorize Karen Schueler, as Treasurer for a second term, and Peggy Sacher, Membership Chair, to be on the bank signature card for our PNC Account. The vote was 23 of 26 votes cast (three ballots were not marked).

However, we did not meet the required majority of the membership to approve the proposed changes in the By-laws. Twenty-six ballots were returned from a membership of 59 members eligible to vote, and the vote was 25 for and 1 against. We needed a minimum of 30 people voting for the changes for them to pass. The Executive Committee will meet on June 8, and reconsider these proposed Amendment changes. The Committee may consider allowing voting via email as another by-law change.

### *The UDWC Scholarship Fund*

*Thanks to our generous members and Maura's donation, we raised \$1121 with our call for donations this spring. Added to the fall donations of \$505, we now have a total of \$1626 dedicated to this fund. Well done, everyone and many thanks.*

*Checks keep coming in, and the Executive Committee will consider the final amount that we can contribute to our Scholarship fund at the June 8 meeting.*

## Special Interest Groups

**Book Club, 2<sup>nd</sup> Weds. Day**—Laura Balascio, [avocet@udel.edu](mailto:avocet@udel.edu)

**Book Club, 2<sup>nd</sup> Weds. Eve.**—Colleen Hick, [cdhick@udel.edu](mailto:cdhick@udel.edu)

**Walking Group**,—Judy Taggart, [JudithTaggart1@verizon.net](mailto:JudithTaggart1@verizon.net)

**Stitchery, 1<sup>st</sup> Weds. Eve.** (Note: meeting will be May 10 at Karen's, and June 7 at Diane's). Karen Schueler, [kschuelr@udel.edu](mailto:kschuelr@udel.edu)

**Cooking & Baking with Renata**, several times per semester— [Renata@udel.edu](mailto:Renata@udel.edu)

**Main Street Movies 5 Interest Group. New Group!**

May 16, afternoon. Let's go to a Tuesday Matinee, \$6, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, at the Main Street Movies 5 in Newark Shopping Center. Co-Chairs: Peggy Sacher, [PeggieD@aol.com](mailto:PeggieD@aol.com) and Nancy Allinger, [nancya@udel.edu](mailto:nancya@udel.edu)

*Proposal for 2017-17, that the Stitchery Group become a Stitchery and Crafts group to include some hands-on craft sessions such as silk painting, paper art, beadwork, etc. Let me know if this interests you. Karen Schueler.*

### **UDWC Steering Committee 2016-17**

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Mary Nairn (website) [www.udel.edu/WomensClub](http://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.*