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Celebrating 100 Years of Building Community at UIUC

A Word from the President . . .

As I stood cutting the cake at our Night of 100 Lights, I could feel how this important "moment in time" will be forever cemented in our Club's history. It was such a privilege representing our club's present, with Joan Hood (Past President, 1979-80) representing our past and Cinda Pettigrew (1st Vice-President) representing our future. I felt proud knowing that our founder, Anna James, and the early members would be pleased that the club they began in February 1906 is still fulfilling its purpose of building community at UIUC by promoting friendship and education.

I am thrilled that so many of you joined us at our Centennial Celebration. The Illini Union Ballroom was transformed into a sparkling wonderland with trees, cozy benches, silver and blue stars, and twinkling lights. This all accented the superb musical talents of our Past President, Staphanie Price, playing with the Centennial High School String Quartet, and The Chip McNeill Quartet, featuring jazz vocalist Carolyn Sundlov. The ten Past Presidents in attendance were each honored with a white rose and thanked for their dedication to the continuation of our club. Stephanie summed up the essence of the evening with her moving toast.

I would like to thank Cinda Pettigrew, Sharon Harkness, and Stephanie Price for their creative vision and countless hours organizing this event. I also appreciate Birgit McCall, Nancy Komlanc, Kathy Marshak and Nancy Diamond, and other committee and Board members, for all of their assistance. It was a night we will all remember.

The Centennial Celebrations continue as we go back to our roots and hold a Tuesday Tea on Valentine's Day. It will be held at Clark-Lindsey Village, with arrangements headed up by Past President Gerry Reiss. We will be wearing our best hats and white gloves to honor our longest-time members.

Special thanks to Ann Long and the Nominating Committee for filling the slate of officers for next year's Board. Please consider serving if the committee calls you about one of our vacancies. We appreciate everyone who has volunteered their time on the Board and committees, as we all lead very busy lives.

Looking back to December 2005, our bus tour enjoyed the wonderful Lincoln Museum in Springfield. It is a must-see destination for everyone. We would also like to thank Mary White for opening her beautifully decorated home to us for our annual Holiday Tea. The event was even more special with Judy Ikenberry in attendance.

We look forward to our Scholarship Brunch on March 11. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear from our award recipients how our scholarships affect their lives. Your donation to our Decades of Giving will guarantee the continuation of this 81-year tradition of helping students.

What a busy start to our centennial year. I hope you will join us at these exciting events.

Sandi

Interested in seeing *Wicked* ?

Please contact Sandi at 359-1161

or sandit@insightbb.com



A Night of 100 Lights Centennial Celebration



Roy and Ann Campbell, Kathy Marshak and Jan Merchen enjoy the evening.

Joan Hood, Sandi Thomas & Cinda Pettigrew cut the cake.



Honored Presidents pose with a rose and a smile.

The Centennial Celebration continues . . .



Stephanie Price's Toast:

Author Kristin Hunter writes: "First it is necessary to stand on your own two feet, but the minute you find yourself in that position, the next thing you should do is reach out your arms for a friend." As individuals, we have stood on our own two feet. We are women of strength, women of letters, women of learning and accomplishment reaching out our arms to befriend each other, to fellowship and share our time, talents and interests. And, collectively, to serve and support rising generations of women who need our hands to lift them to their two feet. So raise your glasses to the hundred glowing years behind us and forging into the hundreds of bright years ahead. To the Women's Club of the University of Illinois!



Thanks to the organizers, Sharon Harkness, Cinda Pettigrew, Stephanie Price and Sandi Thomas



**Nadja & Carl Altstetter
share a dance.**



The Illini Ballroom, decorated in gala style.

*A special Thank You to Members who have
Joined our Centennial Celebration's*

Decades of Giving

1906 Decade

Mary and Lachlan Blair
Helen Burch
Sandy and Martin Camargo
Ann and Roy Campbell
Peri and David Ceperley
Polly Dodson
Ruth and Frederick Fliegel
Roxanne and John Frey
Rita Gentry
Lois and Robert Johannsen
Jane and Walter Myers
Mary-Louise and John Mylin
Wilma and William O'Brien
Debbie and Steve Rugg
Melvin Skvaria
Becki and Earl Swanson
Jane and Ralph Swarr
Bonnie and Robert Switzer
Tam and Lun Shin Wei
Nancy Works
Denise and Ron Zook

1926 Decade

Jeanne and Byron Balbach
Val and Harry Cook
Margaret and William Everitt
Elaine and William Hall
Ingrid and Bruce Hutchings
Rebecca and Reino Kallio
Margaret and Rich Martin
Elizabeth and George Miley
Gay and Donald Roberts
Marie Griffith Tompkins

1946 Decade

Nadja and Carl Altstetter
Helen and Richard Ayers
Rita and Dennis Campion
Mary and Oscar Gaddy
Yoko and Saburo Muroga
Joan and James Stukel
Cecelia and Morton Weir

1966 Decade

Shirley and Jerry Walker

1986 Decade

Geraldine Reiss

2006 Decade

Nancy and Harold Diamond
Anastasia and James Economy
Susan and Mike Haney
Sharon and Terry Harkness
Joan and Peter Hood
Sheila and Philip Krein
Vivian and Carl Larson
Marguerite and Walter Maguire
Kathy and Steve Marshak
Cinda and Jim Pettigrew
Barbara and John Scott
Sandi and Brian Thomas
Joy Thornton-Walter and John Walter

**Contributions to Decades of Giving will continue
to be accepted throughout 2006.**

*All contributions to the UIF Women's Club Scholarship
Endowment Fund are tax deductible.*

A Century of Giving by the Women's Club at UIUC Fostering Community and Scholarship

by Nancy Komlanc and Vivian Larson

For a century students have turned to the Women's Club at UIUC for help to finance their education. Even in its earliest years the Women's Club gave Tuesday Tea Loans to needy students. In 1918 the Fund held \$25. By the late 1930's the University of Illinois Women's Campus Loan Fund provided loans in increments of \$5 to \$50 to "needy girls . . . without this timely assistance they could not have remained in school." The 1950's Fund contained a maximum of \$675, with money coming from fundraisers and Women's Club's dues. Small loans of up to \$100 were given to male and female U of I students, US and foreign. The amounts were large in comparison to 1953 tuition and fees of \$73 per semester! Since then the balance of the funds is always invested: Women's Club members decided they "wouldn't let a dime be idle."

In 1954 the U of I Dean of Women and Dean of Students expressed a real need for student scholarships rather than loans. That year the Women's Club started granting \$100 scholarships, still coordinating the application process. By the 1970's fundraising efforts raised the balance of the U of I Women's Club Special Grant and Scholarship Fund to \$3,350. Over the years additional money has been placed in endowments so that scholarships can be granted from interest earned. By 1997 two separate funds were in place. The Judith Life Ikenberry Endowment awards an annual \$1,000 scholarship to a student majoring in the creative arts. Additionally, deserving students receive at least two scholarships annually from interest earned by the Women's Club Scholarship Fund, as well as from funds from annual gifts. Because of our unstinting efforts and our strong beliefs in higher education, since 1973, the women's Club has provided more than \$86,000 in scholarship money to over 180 deserving UIUC students.

In the spirit of giving, the Women's Club calls again for your creativity and generosity. As past president Ingrid Hutchings said in 1997, "We welcome any and all of your ideas as we plan to meet the challenges of the next century." A major part of the 1906-2006 Centennial Celebration, Decades of Giving has been launched to increase our scholarship endowment. We encourage all members to remember our roots and give generously so the legacy of the Women's Club at UIUC will continue to support student scholarships for the next 100 years.

Newcomers' Group News

Members in their first two years with Women's Club are included in our Newcomers' group. Please encourage eligible members to join us at any time during the year.

Winter Newcomers' Event (Please note: non-Newcomers are also invited to attend this one!)

Monday, February 6, 2006, 5:30 pm: Tour of U of I Basketball Facilities and Dinner at El Toro

Meet at 5:15 in the parking lot of Bielfeldt Athletic Admin. Bldg, 1700 S. First St. (Go south of Kirby on First Street and turn left into the Bielfeldt parking lot, which is south of the building. It's the building shaped like a loaf of bread.) We'll spend an hour touring the basketball practice facility, and then at 6:30 we'll go to the Assembly Hall for a tour. Afterward, approximately 7:30, those who wish to go will meet at El Toro Mexican restaurant, 1805 S. Neil Street, for a late dinner. Spouse or guest welcome. The only cost is for your meal.

RSVP to Newcomer Chair Kathy Marshak, kmarshak@prairienet.org, and tell me if you plan to attend the tour only, dinner only, or both, so we have a good estimate of numbers.

Our final scheduled event of this academic year will be Friday, April 21, 2006, 4:30-6:30: Wine and cheese in the garden (with spouses), home of Joy Thornton-Walter, 820 Dodds Drive, Champaign; 351-5197

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Joy Thornton-Walter, walter@math.uiuc.edu*

A Note of Appreciation from Joan Stukel . . .

"13 Sept., 2005...Dear Women's Club Members, I was recently notified that you have made a contribution in my honor to the UIF Matching Gift Endowment Fund for the Andrew Mellon Foundation Grant. I am deeply honored that you would choose to remember me in this way. I will remember our relationship fondly. It has been my pleasure to get to know many of you during the past ten years. My very best to you. Cordially, Joan Stukel"

Scenes from the Holiday Tea & the Lincoln Museum Tour & the Board at Work



Judith Ikenberry & our Hostess Mary White



Club Members & the Grand Christmas Tree at the Lincoln Museum in Springfield



Board Members getting ready for the Tuesday Tea



Club members pose with the "Lincoln Family"

Be Part of Our Centennial Celebrations,

Join us for "Tuesday Tea" on Valentines Day

Tuesday February 14, 2006

1:00-3:00pm

Clark-Lindsey Village, 101 W. Windsor Rd, Urbana

Pull out your hats & gloves, and join the fun. We will even have some extra hats to share. We will honor our older members, and enjoy tea, cookies and conversation. Musical entertainment provided by Stephanie Price and friends. Invite a friend for this special Women's Club 100th Anniversary Celebration.

Reservation for Tuesday Tea

___ Yes, I can attend Tuesday Tea Name _____

Number Attending _____ Phone _____ E-mail _____

Names of Guests _____

Cost - \$10 each Total Enclosed _____

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Friday, February 10, 2006. Make checks payable to Women's Club at UIUC.

and from the Scholarship Committee . . . The Scholarship Committee looks forward to presenting six \$1,000 scholarships to six deserving students. We are currently busy reading all the applications and will conduct interviews with the applicants within the next few weeks. It is always a tough decision, deciding on the final recipients. Please join us as we honor these outstanding young people. The winners will tell us a little bit about themselves at the brunch and it is always gratifying to hear how our awards influence their lives. Also, the **Board Election** will be held at the brunch

Sign Up for our Scholarship Brunch

Saturday March 11, 2006

10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Illini Union Colonial Room

Menu

Frittata Florentine

Grilled Ham/Turkey Sausage

Seasonal Fresh Fruit Tray

Assorted Pastries, including Scones & Pecan Rolls

Orange and Apple Juices

Coffee, Decaf & Hot Tea

Reservation for Scholarship Brunch

Name _____ Phone _____ E-mail _____

Number Attending _____ Names of Guests _____

Cost - \$15 each Total Enclosed _____

RSVP by Tuesday March 7, 2006

Please mail to Jane Myers, 2213 N. Cottonwood, Urbana, IL 61802 (367-0630) wjmyers@netscape.com



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Upcoming Events

- Tuesday Tea: Tuesday February 14, 2006, 1:00 – 3:00, Clark-Lindsay Village
- Board Meeting: Monday February 27, 2006, 7:30 pm, 820 Dodds Drive, Champaign
- Scholarship Brunch: Saturday March 11, 2006, 10:30 – 12:30, Illini Union Colonial Room
- Spring Luncheon: Wednesday April 26, 2006, Urbana Country Club
- Deadline for next Newsletter submissions: Wednesday March 15, 2006. Please e-mail hcangellaris@yahoo.com