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## Welcome from the President

I am pleased and honored to help carry on the tradition of the University Women's Club by serving as your president.

This new academic year begins with the Welcome Back reception, which gives women who are associated with the university an opportunity to learn about the UWC and to enjoy conversations with old friends and new.



Monthly luncheons with outstanding speakers not only continue our educational experience but also provide a forum to develop friendships and interact with professional colleagues.

One of our most important projects is the UWC Scholarship Fund. Giving to the UWC scholarship program helps re-entry women resume their college education. Currently, two scholarships are awarded each year, and we plan to create an endowment in the future. Your gifts are extremely important to these scholarship recipients current and future.

As UWC members, we enjoy a variety of interest group activities. Many meet in members' homes. Others involve short trips, restaurant meetings, or campus locations like the Aquatic Center. New groups develop as interests are expressed. Day-Trippers and UWC Singers are the newest groups, with hiking or walking being suggested.

As we go forward in 2017-18, I am optimistic that we will make progress in meeting our UWC objectives:

- Increase our membership,
- Grow the scholarship fund,

- Provide an outstanding program of speakers and events,
- Develop closer ties to the university, and
- Update our communications.

Regards and warm wishes,

June Swaney  
UWC President

## Join Us Friday, September 8

The University Women's Club will hold its Welcome Back Tea/Reception on Friday, September 8 from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the UT Visitor's Center on the corner of Neyland Drive and Kingston Pike.

## ...And for Our 2017-18 Programs

Mark your calendars for the 2017-18 UWC luncheon programs. All meetings run from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the UT Visitor's Center.

**October 13:** "The ABC's of Healthy Aging," Dr. Karen Rose, PhD, RN, FGSA, FAAN, McMahan McKinley Professor of Gerontology, College of Nursing

**November 10:** "A Healthy Holiday," Jane Kelly, RN, BSN, CDE, and Janet Seiber, RD, LDN, CDE, UT Healthy Living Kitchen, UT Medical Center

**February 9:** "Native American Women" (tentative title), Dr. Julie Reed, Assistant Professor, History

**March 9:** "Consuming Identity:/Women's Changing Role During the Gilded Age," Catherine Shteynberg, Assistant Director, Curator and Head of Web & Media, McClung Museum

To learn more about UWC activities—past, current, and future--go to our website:

[universitywomensclub@utk.edu](mailto:universitywomensclub@utk.edu)

# Getting to Know Bee DeSelm

by UWC Historian Audrey Duncan

What a delightful afternoon I spent visiting Bee DeSelm in June. On the day before, June 2, she had just celebrated her 92nd birthday. She was very lively when we talked. Afterwards, using her walker expertly (despite a fractured elbow), she showed me around the public rooms of the assisted living facility where she now resides.

Bee and her late husband, Hal, were both born and raised in Columbus, Ohio, where they also attended Ohio State and adopted two children. Bee completed her nursing degree and Hal obtained his doctorate in botany. After a few years in Murfreesboro, Hal accepted a position in the UTK Botany Department. In 1956 the family moved to Knoxville, where they set down their roots for more than 60 years.



A photograph of Bee and husband Hal

As the babies grew and entered school, Bee began to spread her wings. She became the religious education leader at the Unitarian church she and her family attended. She joined the League of Women Voters of Knoxville and Knox County, where she spent many years working for women's rights in the workforce and



Bee's painting from late May. The lower part shows her children and grandchildren as they were on family beach trips. In the sky Bee floats upward toward the dark blue corner where Hal waits for her in the beyond.

When Victor Ashe asked her to campaign for him in his first race for the Tennessee Senate, Bee entered politics. It was a very interesting time: under the Tennessee constitution, senators must be at least 30.

As Victor was not yet 30 on Election Day in 1974, his mother, Martha Ashe, held his legislative seat until his January birthday. Bee described the pros and cons of that situation.

Soon afterwards, Bee was encouraged to run for County Commission. She won in 1976, and remained a Commissioner for the next 22 years.

She was on the Education Committee, which became one of her major projects. Another important mission for her was to assist in getting women elected to office. The Bearden branch of the Knox County Public Library was named for her in honor of her accomplishments.

Bee's first connection with the Faculty Women's Club was the newcomers group, which she joined when she and Hal arrived in 1956. She took a break for some years as she continued her nursing and political careers. In retirement, with more time on her hands she returned to the FWC (now the UWC). She became much more active in it, serving as President in 2002 – 2003. This was the year the FWC celebrated its 90th birthday with a large party at the March meeting, which included a cake, a display of memorabilia, and members sharing their memories.

Until a recent fall, Bee had belonged to the UWC water aerobics interest group for 10 years. She still attends the monthly lunches if a ride is available.



Bee DeSelm "playing" her violin pillow

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*\*All phone numbers are in area code 865.*

## 2017-18 Interest Groups

Membership in interest groups is limited to UWC members who have paid their dues (\$16) for the year. To ensure your eligibility, please pay your dues at the September reception. If you cannot attend, you may send your check to Jean Hulsey, UWC Treasurer, 104 Morgan Hall, Morgan Circle, Knoxville, TN 37919.

**Book Review-Daytime:** Meets in members' homes on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. The December meeting is a luncheon. At the May meeting and luncheon books for the next year are chosen. Contact: Carole Lundin, 560-9522 [calundin@att.net](mailto:calundin@att.net)

**Book Review-Evening:** Meets at the home of Caroline Buckner at 7:30 p.m. on the 4th Monday of the month year round. Members submit suggestions for books for the coming year, with books selected at the August meeting. Members volunteer to review a selection. Contact: Mary English, 584-2747 [menglish@utk.edu](mailto:menglish@utk.edu)

**Dinner Group:** Members, individually or with spouses or partners, meet monthly in a member's home, usually the evening of the 2nd Saturday of the month, to enjoy food from a menu chosen by the host. Each member brings a dish, and the host supplies recipes. Activities also include a holiday brunch in December and a night out at a local restaurant. Contact: Julia Malia, 673-6184 [jmalia@utk.edu](mailto:jmalia@utk.edu)

**Water Aerobics:** Participants are led through an easy, but active water aerobics workout Thursday mornings 9:30-11 a.m. at the UT Student Aquatic Center pool September – April. Membership in the Aquatic Center is not required. Swimming expertise is not required. A small, one-time donation (usually about \$25 each semester) goes to fund a lifeguard for the season. Parking permits are available through UT. Contact: Judith Jennings, 522-3452

**Topic Luncheon Group:** Meets at Cherokee Country Club the first Thursday of the month (except August). This year's topic is "Great Women of the World, Past or Present." Each member presents a short program on the topic, followed by discussion. When all members have presented a program, a new general topic will be chosen. Contact: Audrey Duncan, 588-8371 [audreyaduncan@comcast.net](mailto:audreyaduncan@comcast.net)



## *Interest Groups, continued*

**Day Trippers:** Members get together to go on trip to local interest sites that can be done in one day from Knoxville. Contact: Joan Clevenger 233-0777  
[joan.clevenger@aol.com](mailto:joan.clevenger@aol.com)

**UT Singers:** An informal group of UWC members who like to get together and sing. Time and date of first meeting TBA. Contact Kathy Lasater 966-5009  
[drkathyl@aol.com](mailto:drkathyl@aol.com)

**UWC Walkers:** We'll meet at one of the area's many greenways for walks (30-45 minutes, depending on the group's preference) on designated mornings or Saturdays. Explore our local greenways while getting a little exercise. Contact: Nancy Howell 661-0091  
[nhowell@utk.edu](mailto:nhowell@utk.edu)

## **UWC Treasurer's Report** *June 30, 2017*

<b>Balance on Hand 5/3/17</b>	\$1,495.69
<u>Income:</u>	
Dues	\$ 164.00
Scholarship (to UWC)	\$ 100.00
Total Income:	<u>\$ 264.00</u>
Total Funds:	\$1,759.69
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Printing	\$ 18.83
Postage	\$ 95.20
Scholarship (to UT)	\$ 200.00
Honoraria	\$ 200.00
Memorials (9 @ \$15)	<u>\$ 135.00</u>
Total Expenses:	\$ 649.03

**Balance on Hand 6/30/017** **\$1,110.66**

**Scholarship funds (to UTK)** \$ 425.00

**Certificate of Deposit:** \$4,392.42  
*on 6/30/17 including \$14.10 interest*

## **UWC Treasurer's Report** *July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017*

<b>Balance on Hand 7/1/2016</b>	<b>\$ 659.17</b>
<u>Income:</u>	
Dues	\$ 2,069.00
Food	\$ 2,597.00
Scholarship (UWC)	\$ 761.00
Gifts	\$ 12.00
Total Income:	<u>\$ 5,439.00</u>
Total Funds:	\$ 6,098.17
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Printing	\$ 440.27
Postage	\$ 563.80
Food	\$ 2,787.44
Scholarship (to UTK)*	\$ 861.00
Memorials (to UT Libraries)	\$ 135.00
Honoraria (to UT Libraries)	\$ 200.00
Total Expenses:	<u>\$ 4,987.51</u>

**Balance on Hand 6/30/17** **\$ 1,110.66**

*\*Includes \$100 in honor of 2016-17  
President Kathy Lasater*

**Certificate of Deposit 6/30/17** \$ 4,392.42

### **Scholarship Funds raised 7/1/16 – 6/30/2017**

Made out to UTK	\$ 2,996.00
Made out to UWC	<u>\$ 861.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,857.00</b>



The UWC extends its heartfelt thanks to Betty Craig, who has served on the Board for many years and as our Treasurer since 2010. Betty's dedication to UWC and her meticulous attention to all the important details of our club finances and of the Scholarship fund have ensured the stability of our organization.

# Account of UWC Scholarship Funds July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

**Funds Submitted Directly to UWC**  
**Balance on Hand 7/1/2016**                    **\$ 4,446.00**

Income:  
 Checks made to UWC                    \$ 761.00  
 Honoraria for President Lasater        \$ 100.00  
 Checks to UT:                                \$ 2,996.00  
 Total:    \$ 3,857.00  
 Total Funds:                                 \$ 8,303.00

Expenses:  
 Two scholarships @ \$1500 each  
 given in 2016-17                                \$ 3,000.00

**Balance of Funds through UWC as  
 of 6/30/17**                                        **\$ 5,303.00**

**Additional Funds Submitted  
 Directly to UT Foundation for  
 UWC Scholarship:**  
 Year 2014-15                                 \$ 435.00  
 Year 2015-16                                 \$ 1,265.00  
 Year 2016-17                                 \$ 350.00

**Total Additional Funds**                    **\$ 2,050.00**

**Total Available Funds for UWC  
 Scholarships, 6/30/2017**                    **\$ 7,353.00**

**Pending:** Two \$1,500 scholarships  
 to be awarded in 2017-18                    **\$ 3,000.00**

**Balance in Fund for 2018-19**             **\$ 4,353.00**

## Congratulations to UWC Members!

Between July 1, 2016, and June 30, 2017, 38 members contributed a total of \$3,757 to the UWC Dollars for Scholars scholarship through the UWC Treasurer. The Club also made a

\$100 donation to the fund in honor of President Kathy Lasater's service in 2016-17, bringing the total to \$3,857. This amount ensures that two \$1,500 scholarships will be awarded for the 2017-18 school year, with funds left to start 2018-19.

Our continuing support of the Scholarship Fund is entirely due to the generosity of our members. Our 2016-17 member donors were as follows:

- Barbara Ashdown
- \*Penny Beasley
- \*Caroline Buckner
- Sandra Butler
- \*Lisa Carroll
- \*Joan Clevenger
- \*Betty Craig
- \*Patricia Crumpton
- \*Audrey Duncan
- Linda Dunlap
- Doris Hall
- Shannon Hampson
- Nancy Howell
- Eleanor Jaynes
- \*Joan Johnson
- \*Patricia Kennedy
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- \*Verna McLain
- Alice Mercer
- \*Ann Orr
- Martha Lee Osborne
- \*Marjorie Reynolds
- \*Ginny Rowlett
- Rebecca Sewell
- Dava Shoffner
- Melissa Smith
- Sharon Smith
- Paula Stewart
- \*June Swaney
- \*Janet Tidwell
- Dawn Thompson
- Sue Todd

*\*Met or exceeded the \$100 challenge for our 104 years of existence*

**University Women's Club**

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**Mark Your Calendar for  
Two Special Events**

In addition to our welcome back reception and our four regular luncheon programs on the second Friday of October, November, February, and March, UWC holds two more special events.

**Holiday Reception:** We will be the guests of the Provost's Office for this annual holiday reception on Wednesday, December 6, at UT's McClung Museum in Circle Park. Parking will be available in Circle Park for this event.

**Spring Luncheon:** Our spring luncheon and business meeting will be held at Cherokee Country Club on Friday, April 13, from 11:30 a.m. till 1:00 p.m. This meeting will introduce the new 2018-19 Board and always includes an excellent program of music or other entertainment.

