

# University Women's Club

at the University of Tennessee

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## Welcome from the President

We are halfway through our academic year, which provides a time to reflect on the past and look forward to the future. The programs last fall have been outstanding, the attendance at the luncheons has been good and included several new members. The Interest Groups report that members are actively participating, learning, and having fun. The Holiday Event at the McClung Museum was sponsored by the Provost Office. Attendance surpassed past years, the refreshments were excellent, and included a chocolate fountain "make your own" dessert, plus the UWC Singers entertained with group singing. Part of our mission is lifelong learning, fellowship, and support to The University of Tennessee. We are well on our way to accomplishing these goals.



"Thank You" notes from students signed "Class of 2016." Our Treasurer, Betty Craig, has a thermometer indicating our progression scholarship money. Check it out at our February meeting and help make it rise to the top of our goal.

I want to thank all the committee chairwomen for their contributions of time and support given to making UWC Interest Groups a success. Also, my sincere appreciation to the Board Members for their continued help in providing leadership to our organization. Happy New Year and best wishes for continued success.

Dr. Katherine Lasater  
UWC President

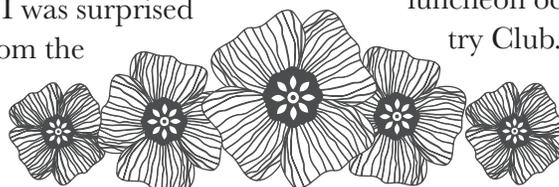
## Join Us Friday, February 10th

Ever wonder what type of person conducts high-pressure wind tunnel experiments for NASA or field-work in Antarctica and Iceland? Then be sure you don't miss the opportunity to meet and hear Dr. Devon Burr, UT associate professor of planetary science and graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy.



With Dr. Burr as the speaker at our February meeting, the UWC launches into a bright new year that will be crowned with our much-loved Spring Luncheon. The luncheon occurs on April 21 at Cherokee Country Club. Watch for details ahead!

The Scholarship Fund, however, is another goal we need to work on this second half of our year. Looking to the future, we need your help to reach our ideal of providing two scholarships for women reentering college. In many cases, this financial support makes the difference in their ability to complete a degree. Any amount you can contribute will help. To receive tax credit, make your check payable to The University of Tennessee and note for UWC scholarship fund. If you do not wish tax credit, make the amount payable to UWC and note for scholarships. I was surprised to immediately receive a letter from the University acknowledging the contribution and handwritten



## Meet Incoming UWC President

### June Swaney

As a long-time resident of Knoxville, I am happy to belong to the University Women's Club in these interesting times.



I am from South Knoxville, went to Young High School, and graduated from The University of Tennessee. My work career was largely at UT where I was employed in the Human Resources department, retiring as an associate director of personnel. I lived with my husband in Blount County where we built our house and enjoyed traveling in our motor home, wintering in Florida and South Texas. After my husband died, I moved to Texas into an active retirement community, recently returning to Knoxville to be near family.

I am thrilled to be working with such talented, experienced, and capable women. I would like to get to know you; and as we approach the 2017-1018 year, I welcome your ideas for continued success.

## UWC Scholarship Recipients for 2016-17

Your dollars donated to the University Women's Club scholarship are at work! Let's meet the two women returning to college after some time out of school who have received the scholarships of \$1,500 each for the 2016-17 academic year.

**Sarah Neessen** is studying to teach young children. She will be doing her internship in the Lenoir City Schools spring semester. Sarah comments that the scholarship allows her to "really be able to focus on learning alongside the children in my classrooms." She adds, "Thank you again for making my dream of teaching that much easier."

**Bryn Davies** is a sophomore studying in a five-year MSBS program in Nuclear Engineering with a minor in Decommissioning and Environmental Management. She was involved fall term with a research group on campus doing computer simulated modeling of effects of ion bombardment on tungsten in experimental nuclear fusion reactors. This semester, she will be working with a group modeling fuel cycles and environmental aspects of waste management for fission reactors. Her long-term goals are to work with a national laboratory facility or private company researching and engineering new ways to reduce, recycle and store used nuclear fuel. Currently she works two part-time jobs, maintains a 3.8 GPA, and has a four-year-old boy.

Bryn comments, "This scholarship will allow me to work less outside of school, have more time to dedicate to my studies, and spend a bit more time with my son and husband. I cannot begin to express my gratitude to the UT Women's Club and I humbly accept your offer of this scholarship. It means a great deal to not only me, but my family as well."

## University Women's Club Interest Groups

The UWC offers members an array of interest groups, for enjoyment, learning, and also excellent opportunities for members to get to know each other better.

Contact Interest Chair Caroline Graber (865-567-4307 or [cgraber@aol.com](mailto:cgraber@aol.com)) for information on how to take part. You'll find book review groups that meet in the day and evening; a dinner group, water aerobics, a topic luncheon group, and another focused on financial life issues.

Two new groups expand members' horizons in different ways. Join the Day Trippers group to visit area and regional attractions. Destinations ahead include Gatlinburg, Chattanooga, the Clinton Spring Antique Fair, and Berea Craft Fair. In UWC Singers, you can participate with members who like to get together and sing, all for fun. No formal voice experience is needed! Both groups would be delighted to welcome you.



## Changing Times

by UWC Historian Audrey Duncan

I was fascinated to see how our interests have changed as I browsed through the activities of the Faculty Women's Club (FWC) in the 1930s and compared them with the interests of the 2016 UWC. In the 1930s women were generally minders of the home and family, thus when they went out it was more for entertainment, a chance to kick up their heels a little, have fun, and not think of the everyday humdrums. The 2016 gal is already in the big world. She is more interested in what is happening and how can she participate or contribute. I present a few descriptions of early events:

### Old Play Given at Party:

Russian Christmas music sung in Russian and a performance of one of the earliest known English plays, "The Second Shepherd," an old miracle play, will be presented at the FWC Christmas Party for the entire faculty of UT. To be held at the Ossoli Clubhouse.

**Lawn Party for Faculty:** The FWC will give a garden party for the UT faculty at 4:00 p.m. next Saturday on the lawn of the Shields' home on Temple Ave. The program consists of a one act play, a comedy, entitled "The Leap Year Bride." A string trio will also perform.

**Barn Dance:** The FWC held a Barn Dance at the UT Morgan Farm on Saturday night. Some ladies wore grass skirts.

**Mothers and Children Pose for Paintings:** The topic of a recent FWC tea was "Living Portraits of Famous Madonnas" where FWC members with their children posed in costume against a picture frame background, representing Raphael's "Madonna of the Chair" and "Holy Night"—by Correggio, fifteenth century Italian artist, in these two examples.

**Patriotic Dinner:** On February 14, 1934 the FWC held a patriotic dinner at the Andrew Johnson hotel. The center table decorations consisted of miniature cherry trees, and the other tables had cherry tree branches bearing candied cherries. Streamers of



red, white and blue were also used, and the place cards were small flags.

**UT Faculty to be feted at Banquet:** "Music and flowers will be plentiful at the banquet and dance

at Cherokee Country Club, when the FWC of the University of Tennessee will honor the faculty of UT.” The club will be decorated as a blooming orchard, and spring flowers will be used on the tables. Songs will be sung by a quartet from the Knoxville Men’s Chorus, a trio composed of a pianist, cellist and flutist will play during dinner, and Bob Lavin’s orchestra will play for the dancing.



**FWC presents Life in Sweden at its recent gathering in April of 1939:** Some wore Swedish costumes, others made Swedish food, they heard Swedish music, and speakers told of life in Sweden. They were told the women made their costumes to endure. They put fine weaving into them, fine handwork, gay colors, but they were made to be serviceable as well. It was not unusual for a costume to see hard service for more than 50 years!

**An event from the '40s:** The Red Cross unit of the FWC celebrated the first anniversary of its connection with the FWC. Mrs. James D. Hoskins, wife of the president of the University of Tennessee, founded the unit. Mrs. M.B. Sheperd of Edinborough, Scotland, and Mrs. Charlotte Crawford from Stratford-On-Avon attended. They are living with relatives in Knoxville for the duration of the war.

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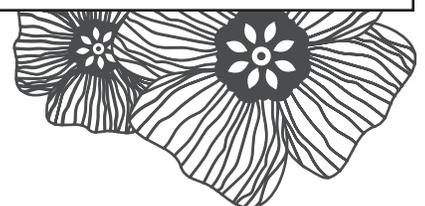
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**University Women's Club  
Spring Programs**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2017**  
**Luncheon. Speaker: Dr. Devon Burr**  
**Associate Professor,**  
**Earth and Planetary Science**  
**Topic: Searching for Rocks from**  
**Space and Antarctica**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2017**  
**Luncheon. Speaker: Dr. Kelsey Ellis**  
**Assistant Professor, Department of**  
**Geography, Topic: It can happen here!**  
**Toward a Tornado-ready Tennessee**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2017**  
**11:30-1:00 p.m., Spring Luncheon**  
**Cherokee Country Club**

Programs in February and March are held at the UT Visitors' Center at the corner of Neyland Drive and Kingston Pike. Lunch is served promptly at 11:30 a.m., followed by a program that concludes at 1:00 p.m.

Watch your mailboxes for reminders and meeting and spring luncheon RSVP information.

