Welcome from the President

UWC President Joan Clevenger

Hello, members of the University Women’s Club. It is always exciting to be at the beginning of a new year. I believe we will have a wonderful year with many interesting speakers and other activities.

One of our goals to raise enough scholarship money to provide two scholarships for deserving students. As an organization consisting completely of women, all of whom are connected closely to higher education, we are the perfect donors. I’m guessing that most of us faced a challenge or two in our path to a better education. Having a chance to help others is a very special opportunity indeed.

We are also excited to be looking into the possibility of adding new interest groups. We have already had several suggestions and welcome more from any of you.

I look forward to seeing you all this fall.

Joan Clevenger
The University Women’s Club

The University Women’s Club (UWC) was founded in 1912 by Mrs. Brown Ayres, wife of UT’s twelfth president and a busy mother of eight. Her goal was to help women get to know each other better and to promote friendship and community among women faculty, especially newcomers to the University.

As the University has expanded its mission, UWC has also broadened its scope over the years. It’s our mission to continue to be a viable and relevant organization to include all women associated with the University, including faculty, staff, alumni, and wives of faculty and staff. In addition, UWC members fund a scholarship for UT re-entry students.

We meet the second Friday of October, November (this month will be second Wednesday), February, and March for lunch and relevant presentations by stimulating guest speakers from the University community. The meetings are held at the UT Welcome Center from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Luncheon cost is $12 and parking is available.

In addition to our scheduled meetings, we will host our annual Holiday Reception at McClung Museum on December 3 and a Spring Luncheon on April 8.

Besides listening to excellent speakers at the meetings, there are opportunities to join special UWC interest groups, which include Book Review (day and evening), Financial Life Issues (speakers/discussions), International Dinner, Duplicate Bridge, Gourmet Luncheon, Swimming/Water Aerobics, and a Topic Luncheon at the Orangery.

We hope that you will consider attending our Afternoon Tea to learn more about UWC and to consider joining our organization. Annual membership dues are $16.00

Hope to see you on September 11!

UWC’s Power-Packed Programs for 2015-16

The line-up of programs and gatherings for the coming academic year is “star-studded” to say the least. UWC has been fortunate to arrange for an all-women cast of speakers for the next year. Be sure to add the dates to your calendar now! You won’t want to miss any of the programs!

University Women’s Club 2015-2016 Programs

Friday, September 11
4-6 p.m., UT Welcome Center
Welcome Back Tea (Complimentary Reception)
“Honoring the Past and the Future”

Friday, October 9
Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m., UT Welcome Center
Speaker: Melanie Wilson
Dean, UT College of Law
Topic: New Dean—New Challenges and Opportunities

Wednesday*, November 11
Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m., UT Welcome Center
Speaker: Dr. Dawnie Steadman
Professor, Anthropology
UT College of Arts and Sciences
Topic: Investigating Human Rights in Uganda

Thursday, December 3
Provost’s Holiday Reception
4-6 p.m., UT McClung Museum

No Meeting in January, 2016

Friday, February 12
Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m., UT Welcome Center
Speaker: Dr. Deborah Harrell
Associate Professor, Finance
UT Haslam College of Business
Topic: Investing in the Financial Markets
Today—Facts and Feelings

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President Elect Patricia Jobe sends her greetings.
Patricia says she’s looking forward to seeing members throughout the year.
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University Women’s Club
2015-2016 Programs (cont.)

Friday, March 11
Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m., UT Welcome Center
Speaker: Dr. Tonjanita Johnson
Vice President, Communications and Marketing, UT System
Topic: A Pinch of the Old, a Dash of the New: A Fresh Recipe for Interpersonal Communication

Friday, April 8
Spring Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.
Cherokee Country Club

UWC Scholarship Fund Sets Goal for Two Awards for 2015-16

We thank the members who so generously contributed to the UWC Scholarship Fund this past year. There was also another gift from a nonmember who wanted to contribute to this cause. From these funds we were able to offer two scholarships to reentry women for the 2015-16 academic year. The recipients will be chosen by Financial Aid based upon the criteria stated for the UWC Scholarship. When these individuals have been chosen, we will advise you more about them.

The UWC Board has set a goal to provide two scholarships each year. However, this will depend upon donations from the membership. Each scholarship is $1500 for the academic year so we need to raise $3,000 each year. After issuing the two scholarships for 2015-16, we will have $1,823 remaining in the fund.

During the celebration of UWC’s 100th anniversary in 2012, the Century Challenge encouraged UWC members to contribute $1 for every year, or $100 each year, toward the scholarship. We are continuing to recognize those members who meet and go above this challenge and would encourage everyone to consider meeting this challenge so that we will be able to provide scholarship aid to two deserving reentry students each year.

What is a reentry student?
This is a question that has come up recently. A reentry, or adult student, as defined by the University, is one who has been away from an academic setting for at least three years and is at the undergraduate level. Perhaps she has started college and left for a variety of reasons and now is able to return to complete a degree. The individual must have previously completed two semesters of coursework with a 3.0 GPA for all prior semesters’ work. The individual must be degree-seeking and not already hold a baccalaureate degree.

This scholarship was set up by UWC to assist students who have fewer options for financial assistance than the average 18- to 22-year-olds.

UWC Scholarship Contributors for 2014-15

*Lisa Carroll *Theresa Leadbetter
*Joan Clevenger Sharon Littlepage
*Betty Craig *Carole Lundin
*Audrey Duncan *Verna McLain
Laura Ford Mary Nagel
Marj Gossett *Sara Phillips
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Eleanor Jaynes Dawn Thompson
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Lynn Kleinfelter
Nancy Lofaro

*Indicates met Century Challenge of $1 per year celebrating UWC’s 100 years
University Women’s Club Interest Groups, 2015–16

This year the University Women’s Club has decided to focus on our many interest groups. In addition to attending the interesting monthly meetings, members are able to learn something new, exercise a little, or expand their horizons by attending one or more UWC interest groups.

Here is contact information on our interest groups. Please feel free to contact the chair of the group that interests you for further information. Why not decide to try a new one or two this year?

**Book Review—Days:** meets in members’ homes on the second Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. The December meeting is a luncheon, and so is the May meeting, when books for the next year are chosen. Some titles for the coming year include *Bring in the Bodies* (a story of Henry XVIII), *Caleb’s Crossing*, *Isaac Storm*, and *The Lady in Gold*. Chair: Carole Lundin, 560-9522.

**Book Review—Evenings:** meets at the home of Caroline Buckner at 7:30 pm on the fourth Monday night of the month year round. Members submit suggestions for books for the coming year and the books are chosen at the August meeting. Members volunteer to review a selection. Chair: Alice Mercer, 524-2483 and Connie Greene, 522-3212.

**Duplicate Bridge:** open to anyone who has an interest in playing; prior experience is not necessary. The group meets at Elmcroft Senior Living Center, 8024 Gleason Dr., Knoxville, TN, 37919 on the first Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. A fee of $2 is collected at each meeting to cover cost of refreshments and meeting space. Chair: Imogene Posey, 584-6592.

**Financial Life Issues:** University Women Investors (UWIN) has changed its name and focus this year. The group will be known as the Financial Life Issues and the members will not be investing money as in years past. They will continue to meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 5:15 p.m. on the UT Agricultural Campus (specific room to be announced). Programs will be presented by members of the group as well as outside speakers on financial issues such as retirement, investments, Social Security, Medicare, mortgages, and other topics. Chair: Nancy Howell, 974-5869.

**Gourmet Luncheon:** meets in members’ homes or a local restaurant on the third Thursday of the month at noon. The group focuses on fellowship and friendship. This is a great way to meet more University Women in a non-structured environment. Chair: Carole Lundin, 560-9522.

**International Dinner Group:** composed of members, individually or with spouses or partners. The group meets monthly in a member’s home (usually the second Saturday night) to enjoy food from a menu chosen by the host. Each member brings a dish, recipes supplied by the host. The activities also include a Holiday Brunch in December, a night-out at a local restaurant and an end-of-year picnic. Chair: Caroline Graber, 539-9949.

**Topic Luncheon Group:** meets at the Orangery on the first Thursday of the month (except August) for lunch and a presentation. The current topic is “Archaeological Sites.” Each member will present a short program related to the main topic, followed by group discussion. When all members have had a chance to present a program, a new general topic will be chosen. Chair: Audrey Duncan, 588-8371.

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

The Day and Evening Travelogue groups will not be meeting this year.

We are always open to ideas for forming new groups. Please let us know your interests!!!

*by Caroline Graber, Interest Group Chair, 539-9949.*
OUT OF THE ASHES
UWIN Dissolves, New Interest Group Evolves
By Sharon Littlepage

Like the proverbial phoenix, a former UWC interest group is metamorphosing into a brand new organization this fall.

In May, members of University Women Investors (UWIN) partnership voted to disband after nearly 17 years. The club was established to educate women about stocks and investments and required considerable research and reporting at each monthly meeting.

“The new group will still focus on sharing information about women and their money but will be a ‘lighter’ version of the original organization, requiring no financial investment or legal obligations,” said Betty Craig, UWIN’s longtime financial partner.

Nancy Howell, a member of the reorganization committee, explained that the new group will cover topics like retirement, taxes, Social Security, Medicare, health care coverage, investments, mortgages and consumer loans, credit ratings, and related issues.

“Our plan is to have an outside speaker at one monthly meeting followed by a group discussion the next month,” she said. Meetings will be held the fourth Tuesday of each month beginning at 5:15 p.m. on the UT agriculture campus. A room location is yet to be determined.

Breaking up after nearly two decades together was hard to do, Craig revealed. “We’d ridden the stock market up and down several times, but teaching ourselves about investing was the underlying goal. It’s always a fluid situation.”

Three of the nine active UWIN members (Debbie Woodiel, Linlin Shih, and Craig) were founding “mothers” of the partnership, and 34 women with University of Tennessee connections were part of the group over the years.

UWIN was established following a program on investment clubs in 1998 at a general Faculty Women’s Club meeting. Kathryn Aycock developed the partnership agreement and bylaws. The first purchase was 200 shares of Clayton Homes, a local Knoxville company that Warren Buffett’s Berkshire Hathaway later added to its brand, Berkshire B.

“Our club had some investments that did very well, and some that did not,” Craig observed. Overall, though, our choices beat the S&P average, and we are pleased about that.” During the past 18 months, the group was researching and investing in Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) and used the business cycle to explore sectors of the market.

The ’60s Brought Growth in Membership and Activities to the University Women’s Club
by UWC Historian Audrey Duncan

When I read through the records of the University Women’s Club in the UT Library’s Special Collections, I soon realized the ’60s produced a great deal of growth in membership and in its activities. Why, I wondered did this decade bring about so many changes? Was it due to the increased growth of the university, or the earlier influence of WWII resulting in the feeling that women needed to take a greater part in life away from home.

In 1962 Mrs. Earl Ramer became the club’s new president, and she stated that there were going to be some changes made. With the count of members and prospectives reaching close to 1,000, the University Women’s Club must adapt its outlook. “I’m a great believer in putting everyone to work. When you work in a group, you feel a part of the group.”

First of the changes for the University Women’s Club will be clockwise she stated. There will be morning meetings, afternoon and evening sessions—to suit the varying schedules of teachers, mothers with preschool children, and mothers who had free time in the mornings.

To match the UT theme of the year, “Let’s know our University better,” meetings would be held at different places around the campus. Mrs. Ramer further stated that the club was making plans for small interest groups such as literature, choral, bridge, and financial investments. “Demand will determine the supply,” predicted Mrs. Ramer. It was also at this time that the club formed the auxiliary group for the UT Hospital.
President at Home—Mrs. Earl Ramer, new president of the U-T Faculty Women’s Club, uses a few minutes away from a busy schedule to work on her needlepoint at her home. Professionally she is director of Kingston Korner Kindergarten, Thackston School and the Little Red School House.

One extremely interesting group originated during the summer of 1962, and I am including an article written by Betsy Morris for the News Sentinel:

Harmonizers Come Out Singing in the Rain

They are rather pleased with the sound of their own voices. They are going to sing all summer and are already building up to a program for the UT Faculty Women’s Club in the fall.

The new Faculty Women’s Club Chorus isn’t a month old, yet, but it is coming out loud and clear. Pleased to direct you:

When the Faculty Women’s Club currently added interest groups, UT Vice President and Mrs. Herman Spivey invited those who would like to sing to meet at their home on the evening of July 3.

Would Dr. Juliaette Jones, assistant professor of music education, care to be the director? Would she! She’d “love it, just love it.”

Excellent beginning:

July 3rd, ah, it was a dark and stormy night. “We consider it a good omen,” Dr. Jones delights at the outcome. “Eighteen singers braved the weather.”

Mrs. Spivey, who is the chairman for all of the interest groups, received sopranos, altos, soggy raincoats and dripping umbrellas. Mrs. Earl Ramer, Faculty Women’s president, was there to give a welcome.

Very adaptable:

Clyde (Mrs. Graham) Hoffman and Donna (Mrs. Phillip) are chorus chairman. After that, organization has been informal because the singers want to sing. The first night they tried everything from romantic songs by Robert Franz to the Harry R. Wilson arrangement of “Itiskit, Itiskit,” the children’s song about that misplaced yellow basket. They branched out into three-part harmonies where they proved adaptability by switching parts. Dr. Jones is sure that she spotted some solo material.

“They have studied voice, some have been active in musical groups in years past, and now they are singing again.”

Serious about homework:

They all took their songbooks home for more practice.

Dean E. C. Merrill of the College of Education has offered the Claxton educational building auditorium (air-conditioned, it is) for group rehearsals for the remainder of the summer.

The songbooks are still open, and so is the chorus membership, all women of UT are invited to join in.
Some of the men have shown an interest as they would like to sing also. So far they have received sweet smiles – no invitations.

This was followed by another article in the Knoxville News Sentinel some eighteen months later with a wonderful picture of the chorus showing how the group had grown.

Chorus sings at banquet:

The U.T. Faculty Women’s Club Chorus will be “guest artists” for the Tennessee Valley Section, American Society of Civil Engineers convention banquet tomorrow evening. The dinner will be at the ballroom of the University Center.

The chorus, directed by Dr. Juliaette Jones of the U.T. Music Education Department, was organized 18 months ago as an interest group of the U.T. Faculty Women's Club. Members are U.T. teachers or the wives of U.T. teachers. Co-chairmen for the year are Mrs. Alvin Nielson and Mrs. George Wiegers. Mrs. Floyd Lardon is accompanist.

At tomorrow’s banquet, the chorus will sing selections from Rogers and Hammerstein’s “The King and I” and “Oklahoma,” “the French Bergerette,” “Tell Me, Mama,” and Peter de Rose’s “I heard a Forest Praying.”

Mrs. Graham Hoffman and Mrs. James Arnold will be contralto and soprano soloists with the chorus in the Appalachian mountain ballad, “He’s Gone Away.”

A specialty number, Marjorie Elliott’s “Three Little Maids,” will be sung by Mesdames Mack Breazeale, Lawrence DeRidder, and Robert Lide.

The records show that the chorus group sang many times at the University Women’s Club events during the 1960s.

Membership notes in 1964-1965 showed the following:

March 13, 1964: 360 paid members
March 14, 1965: 438 paid members with an additional 389 in the inactive files.

The 1960s do appear to be a very active time in the University Women’s Club, with a particular stress on new interest groups.
Treasurer’s Report

Below is an accounting of the funds received and expended by the University Women’s Club.

Balance on hand 7/1/2014: $1,493.09  
Balance on hand 6/30/2015: $1026.97

Income:

Dues  $1,980.00
Food  2848.00
Scholarship through UWC  1877.00
Miscellaneous  10.00

Total Income: $6,715.00

Total Funds Available: $8208.09

Expenses:

Printing  $451.85
Postage  533.26
Food:  
  Fall Reception  $645.08
  Spring Luncheon  1162.65
  Other Lunches  1867.43
  Total Food  3675.16
Scholarship  1977.00
Website  125.00
Flowers (reception, Spring lunch)  73.85
Speakers Honoraria  200.00
Memorials (9 @ $15)  135.00
Bank Charge  10.00

Total Expenses: $7,181.12

Certificate of Deposit 6/30/2015 $4278.87

Scholarship Fund:

Balance on hand 7/1/2014 $4,226.00
2 scholarships awarded 2014-15 @ $1500  $3,000
2014-15 donations to UWC  $1,877.00
2014-15 donations to UT  $1,720.00
Balance on hand 6-30-2015 $4,823.00
2 scholarships to be awarded 2015-16  $3,000.00
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We Have an Intern!

Meet Tory Salvador. Tory is a graphic design student at UT and will be graduating December 2015. She was born in Michigan but has spent the last nine years living in Knoxville, TN. Tory is filling in as newsletter intern for Elea Wright for this Fall issue. The internship allows her to apply the design skills she has learned and to expand her portfolio, and the UWC benefits from her talent and the opportunity to advance a bright, young UT student in preparation for her career.

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