Welcome from Our President

During my four short years since joining the University Women’s Club as an alumna, I have been so impressed with the welcome and inclusion all our members extend to each other and to guests and newcomers.

This inclusiveness reflects a long tradition. The University Women’s Club (formerly the UT Faculty Women’s Club, and before that, the Faculty Wives’ Club) was founded in October 1912 by Mrs. Brown Ayres, the wife of the UT President. Katie Ayres’ purpose, all those years ago, was to ensure that the wives of faculty become better acquainted. The UWC still fosters community among women associated with the university, but over the past 106 years our circle has expanded to include faculty, staff, retirees, and alumnae.

Our meetings offer members and guests the opportunity to have lunch, enjoy outstanding speakers, and develop friendships with each other. Each UWC member has her own individual UT history, and it is a real pleasure to share our stories of the University.

I am pleased to serve as President for the coming year, and I look forward to working with the Board and committee chairs, a dedicated group, which is planning for the year. We are excited to host an August event this year: the welcome back reception at the Tyson Alumni Center, which will allow us to have an additional regular meeting in September.

I want to encourage everyone to attend our monthly meetings where our speakers will cover a variety of topics featuring research and initiatives. Club members can also participate in interest groups and help fund the scholarships we give each year for re-entry students at UTK.

Whether you are a new member or a long-time one, I hope you will continue to be part of our rich history and tradition and enjoy the opportunity you have through the UWC to develop new friendships and foster old ones.

With warm regards,

Save the Date: UWC Welcome Back Reception on August 9

Make your plans to attend the UWC’s reception on Thursday, August 9, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. We will gather at Tyson Alumni Center, 1609 Melrose Avenue, next to Hodges Library. Parking will be available in Staff Lot 12 (behind the library and next to Tyson).

Not only will we have the pleasure of reconnecting with UWC friends after the summer, but we will meet in one of the architectural jewels of the UT campus.

The welcome back reception is also a perfect opportunity to introduce a friend to the UWC.

Make your reservation with Sue Todd (947-7211 or jtodd4912@comcast.net) by August 3.

To learn more about UWC activities—past, current, and future—go to our website: universitywomensclub@utk.edu
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UWC Treasurer’s Report
FY 2018
7/01/2017 – 6/30/2018

Balance on Hand 7/01/17 $1,110.66

Income:
Dues $1,648.00
Food $2,590.00
Scholarship (UWC) $163.00
Gifts/Misc. $34.00
Total Income: $4,435.00

Total Funds: $5,545.66

Expenses:
Printing $432.19
Postage $211.20
Food $3,021.52
Gifts/Misc. $104.63
Scholarships to UT* $263.00
Memorials to UT Libraries $30.00
Honoraria to UT Libraries $200.00
Total Expenses: $4,262.54

Balance on Hand 6/30/2018 $1,283.12

*Includes $100 in honor of 2017-18 UWC President June Swaney

Scholarship Fund Balance, 7/01/18 $4,353.00
Through UWC $163.00
Checks to UT sent through treasurer $975.00
Honorarium for President Swaney $100.00
Additional contributions directly to UT $637.00
Scholarship Fund Total, 6/30/18 $6,228.00
Pending 3 scholarships ($1.500 each) to be awarded, balance for 2018-19 $1,728.00

Certificate of Deposit 7/09/18: $4,449.45
Remembering Elaine Evans—Curator at McClung Museum for 41 Years

By Audrey A. Duncan, UWC Historian

Elaine was my close friend for many a year, and one of the most interesting people I ever had the pleasure to know. She was a member of the Faculty Women’s Club and later the University Women’s Club, off and on, as her time permitted. When I was president, she served as the parliamentarian. She was also a member of the UWC topic lunch group for more than a decade, which enabled us to get quite an introduction to the treasures of Egypt.

Elaine had a fine spirit of adventure and traveled widely on her own, but also with friends. We traveled together on her guided tour through Egypt, and she came with me to trek around Ireland as I looked for Neolithic stones and early Celtic crosses. I held her feet as she bent over backwards to kiss the Blarney Stone and then put her on a cargo boat at Cork to travel on to the Near East.

One New Year’s Eve on the Nile, she and I, with historian Arthur Haas, hired a horse and trap to go charging through the massive columns of the archeological site at Luxor. At the stroke of midnight Elaine stood up in the rolling vehicle and chanted like the Arabic women in Lawrence of Arabia.

These were also my cycling days, when I rode 28 miles every Saturday morning, out to the end of Tooles Bend Road. This sounded great to Elaine, so she bought an old bike with no gears at a garage sale. On this bike, she would strive to master the local hills. Sometimes I would pick her up, and she would hold her bike onto the side of my car until we reached our starting point.

At the McClung Museum, Elaine devoted herself primarily to ancient Egypt and secondarily to the decorative arts. Her careful research led to an exhibit on Egyptian burial practices, which was followed by a permanent gallery named in her honor. In total, she curated 20 gallery exhibits and more than 100 case exhibits.

In 2008-09 one of her last major exhibits used Egyptian-influenced objects found in Tennessee to explore the “Egyptomania” that gripped Western Europe and the U.S. in the 19th century, after Napoleon’s 1798-99 invasion of Egypt.

Elaine donated most of her estate to the McClung Museum and the UT Library. After her death in 2012, both the Museum and the Library honored her and dedicated sections of their buildings to her collections. At Elaine’s request, her ashes were taken to Egypt where her friends in Cairo scattered them in the Nile from a boat.

We, her friends, still miss her wonderful personality.
Lynne Parker to Speak on AI
September 21

Join us Friday, September 21, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. for lunch and the first of a strong group of speakers chosen for 2018-19 by our program co-chairs, Therese Leadbetter and Nancy Howell.

Dr. Lynne Parker, Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering and Interim Dean of UT’s Tickle College of Engineering, will speak on “the Artificial Intelligence Revolution and the Need for Good Ideas.” She will describe how artificial intelligence (AI) is changing nearly all areas of society with major impacts on our lives. She will address the hard challenges of AI, and the need for good ideas to address them and show that increasing the number of women in AI will expand the sources of the good ideas to overcome these challenges. Dr. Parker will briefly describe Systers: Women in EECS [Electrical Engineering and Computer Science] @ UTK, a group that aims to improve the retention of women in this critical field.

Dr. Parker received her Ph.D. in computer science from MIT. She served as Division Director for Information and Intelligent Systems at NSF, where she co-chaired a White House-commissioned task force that created the National AI R&D Strategic Plan. She also worked for several years as a Distinguished R&D Staff Member at Oak Ridge National Laboratory. She is a Fellow of IEEE and a Distinguished Member of the Association for Computing Machinery.

Three Returning Students
Advance Their Education with Help from UWC Scholarships

Three students have received UWC scholarships for the 2018-19 academic year. All have demonstrated financial need as well as the drive to complete their degrees and succeed in their careers.

Catherine Dartez is an English student entering her junior year working towards her Bachelor of Arts degree with a focus on Creative Writing. She also hopes to minor in Studio Art. Catherine lists persistence and perseverance as two of her greatest skills. “My education had a rocky start. Time and effort have improved my circumstances, my focus, and my overall well-being.” Catherine completed her Associate of Science degree from Pellissippi State Community College in December 2015 and enrolled at UTK in fall 2017, and she currently has a perfect GPA. Both Catherine and her husband are full-time students at UTK.

Hannah Reddick is entering her senior year as a Bachelor of Music student in the Vocal Music Education program, working her way through college without support. Hannah’s academic performance has been exceptional. She has a near-perfect GPA and has received only A’s at UTK. After graduating from high school in 2007, Hannah attended the University of Nevada at Las Vegas and then Belmont University. She discovered that music education is her vocation while teaching music for almost five years at a preschool. Hannah says, “I absolutely loved teaching my classes! I enjoyed finding new songs to sing, researching ways to teach, and seeing the joy that music brought to the precious preschoolers I was teaching.” Hannah has been a member of the UTK Women’s Choir, Concert Choir, female a cappella group, and Collegiate National Association of Music Educators.

Jaclyn Gibson is a junior Medical Laboratory Science student working towards her Bachelor of Science degree. She is also a wife and mother in a family with one only income while she completes her schooling. Jaclyn received an Associate of Arts degree in December 2015 from East Georgia State College and earned several academic awards there. She is a strong academic student, with a GPA at UTK exceeding 3.5, and has made the Dean’s List. Jaclyn states, “I always strive to be a role model for my girls and their passions while also applying the same intensity to my career goal of becoming a medical laboratory scientist. Since my childhood, it has been my highest aspiration to help others through my penchant for science.”
University Women’s Club (UWC) Membership Form for
July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

Please complete the following for publication in the UWC Yearbook:

Name: ________________________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________ City: __________ State: ___ Zip: ______

Phone: ________________ (home)/ ________________ (mobile) Email: __________________________

Publish phone/email in Yearbook: (circle one) yes/no

How would you prefer to receive notices of meetings, events, other? (circle one): USPS/Email/Both

What is your connection to the University of Tennessee System?

YOUR UT Campus, Department and/or College: ________________________________

YOUR SPOUSE OR S/O UT Campus, Department and/or College: ______________________

CURRENTLY AT UT (circle one) yes/no RETIRED (circle one) yes/no

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES: $16 per year for General Members and $8 per year for
Retired/Honorary Members

Make check payable to UWC and mail along with this Membership Form to Jean Hulsey, UWC Treasurer, c/o
UT Institute of Agriculture (UTIA), 2621 Morgan Circle Drive, 104 Morgan Hall, Knoxville 37996.
Support UWC

The University Women’s Club (UWC) was founded in 1912 by Katie Anderson Ayres, wife of University of Tennessee President Brown Ayres.

More than 100 years later the mission of the organization continues—*to foster community among University women and to support education.*

I would like to support the mission of UWC by making a gift to:

The University of Tennessee Women’s Club (UWC) designated for the UWC DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS FUND in the amount of: (check one): _____$15_____$25_____$50_____$75_____$100

OTHER (please specify):_____________in honor of/in memory of ________________________________

Make check payable to UTFI, c/o University Women’s Club, and mail to Jean Hulsey, UWC Treasurer, c/o UT Institute of Agriculture (UTIA), 2621 Morgan Circle Drive, 104 Morgan Hall, Knoxville 37996. Indicate “UWC Dollars for Scholars” in the memo on your check. You may also contribute online. Go to [http://giving.utk.edu/uwc](http://giving.utk.edu/uwc)

Interest Groups

I am interested in one or more of the following interest groups affiliated with UWC. Please have the leader of the group(s) I have circled contact me.

BOOK REVIEW (DAY)            DINNER GROUP
BOOK REVIEW (NIGHT)            TOPIC LUNCHEON GROUP
CROQUET                        WATER AEROBICS
DAY TRIPPERS
2018-19 UWC Interest Groups

UWC members may join any interest group as part of their membership. Interest groups meet in both daytime and evening hours. Interest group members must be current on their dues. Please check with Membership Chair, Nancy Howell (661-0091, nhowell@utk.edu) to find out which groups are seeking new members.

Book Review—Daytime. Participants meet in members’ homes on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. The December meeting is a luncheon. The May meeting is also a luncheon to select books for the next year. Contact: Carole Lundin 560-9522 calundin@att.net

Book Review—Evening. The evening book group meets at the home of Caroline Buckner at 7:30 p.m. on the 4th Monday of each month. Members select books for the next year at the August meeting and volunteer to review a selection. Contact: Mary English 584-2747 menglish@utk.edu

Croquet. Our newest interest group is off to a good start with a dozen members. On the first Sunday afternoon of each month from 2 to 4 p.m. the group plays croquet on the lawns of the home of Audrey Duncan. After the games, players enjoy a repast of cucumber sandwiches with lemonade or wine. Beginners are welcome. Contact: Audrey Duncan 865-588-8371 or audreyaduncan@comcast.net

Dinner (International) Group. Composed of UWC members, individually or with spouses or partners, this group meets 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 recipes are supplied by the host. The activities also include a Holiday Brunch in December and a night out at a local restaurant. Contact: Julia Malia 673-6184 jmalia@utk.edu

Topic Luncheon Group. Meets at the Cherokee Country Club on the first Thursday of the month (except August) for lunch and a presentation. This year’s topic is “Great Women of the World, Past or Present.” Each member presents a short program on the main topic, followed by a discussion. When all members have had a chance to present a program, a new general topic will be chosen. Contact: Audrey Duncan 588-8371 audreyaduncan@comcast.net

Day Trippers. Members travel to sites of interest that can be visited in one day from Knoxville. Contact: Joan Clevenger 233-0777 joan.clevenger@aol.com

Water Aerobics. Participants are led through an easy, but active water aerobics workout each Thursday morning from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the UT Student Aquatic Center pool, 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 semester) pays for a lifeguard for the season. Parking permits are available through UT. Contact: Judith Jennings 522-3452
Mark Your Calendar for Future UWC Events

October 12: **Dr. Carole Myers**, Professor, College of Nursing and host of WUOT’s Health Connections. Topic “Health Care Policy in 2018”

November 9: **Drs. Sarah Hillyer and Ashleigh Huffman**, co-founders and respectively director and assistant director of UT’s Center for Sport, Peace, and Society. Topic: “Women’s Empowerment through the UT VOLeaders Program”

December 5: **Holiday Reception**, McClung Museum, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

February 8: **Dr. Shelley Binder**, Associate Professor, Department of Music. Topic: “Surviving the Titanic—the Titanic’s Connection to UT”

March 8: **Dr. Shea Kidd Houze**, Assistant Vice Chancellor and Dean of Students. Topic: “Student Recruitment and Student Life at UT”

April 12: **Spring Luncheon**, Cherokee Country Club

Note: All luncheon meetings are from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.