

## PENN STATE NOTES

Dear Members and Friends,

This is certainly not the letter I had planned to write as my year as President of UWC draws to a close. The situation that we all find ourselves facing is unprecedented in our lifetimes. The Executive Board of UWC has been monitoring evolving developments of the COVID-19 virus. As of this writing, we are fortunate not to have any confirmed cases of the virus in Centre County but as we all navigate the COVID-19 environment, the Board feels we have a responsibility to take steps to help protect the safety and health of our membership and our community.

Based on current local, state and federal guidelines that mandate no gatherings of more than 10 people for the next eight weeks, all UWC programs have been cancelled through May 16. This includes our annual Spring Luncheon and Business meeting when we usually elect the Executive Board for the coming year. We will therefore be voting by mail this year. For most of our members, this will be via email to save effort and expense. Members who do not have an email address will receive paper ballots. Please look for an email or paper ballot in late April.

Even though we may not be able to gather face to face for the foreseeable future, please consider continuing to reach out to other members via phone, text, social media channels, email, or even old-fashioned hand written notes! It is especially important in these challenging times to remain connected to our friends and neighbors in a substantial way. We also regularly update our [website](#) and [Facebook](#) pages with the most up-to-date information.

We are looking forward to our annual Fall Kickoff in September. Please be sure to check your mail in mid-August for your newsletter. It will include details about the Kickoff and descriptions and information about our many interest groups, including a new one, the Performing Arts Interest Group.

Lastly, I would like to express my gratitude to two important groups of people. First, thanks to YOU, the membership, for an exciting and successful year of stimulating programs, generous donations to our scholarship fund, and engaging fellowship. Second, thank you to the UWC Board of 2019-2020. They are a talented, hard working, supportive group of exceptional women. A special thank you to Bev Mullen, our incoming President, for all her help to me. Our Club will be in excellent hands in the coming year.



Stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely, *Joan Grant*

UWC President, 2019-2020

## SPRING 2020

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CAN REACH YOU!**

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### In Our Thoughts

Pat Armagast

Nancy DeWalle

Irmgard Lee

Sandy Lopez

Sami Sharkey

### Congratulations to

Ingrid Blood on her son's marriage

Joanne Rodgers on birth of twin grandsons

### We remember

Mary-Frances (Molly) Gregory

Charlotte Heidt Pat Kelley

Alita Letwin Nancy Mark

Jan Phillips

Please contact Betz Hanley (238-8124, eah3@psu.edu) with member news. She will send a note on behalf of the UWC expressing friendship and well-wishes.

# THANK YOU

## Nominating Committee

Bev Mullen, chair  
Karen Eklund      Marilyn Furry      Pat Garthe  
Kay Kustanbauter    Jeanne Weber      Vicki Wedler

## Outgoing Board members

Ingrid Blood, Communications VP  
Mariana Degeratu, Website Editor  
Valerie Park, Communications Asst.VP  
Janice Keay, Program VP (and many hats over the years,  
including President 2016/17)



### President-Elect Bev Mullen

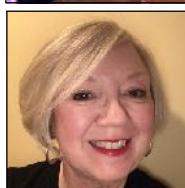
Bev has been a resident of State College since 2007 and has served as Membership VP and Communications VP. She has a BS in Education and MS in Administration from Shippensburg University. and retired from Tyco Electronics after a 27 year career. Bev finds the UWC is a wonderful way to meet new, interesting people and support women's education through our endowed scholarship. In addition to travel, crossword puzzles, and entertaining, she enjoys a good game of hand and foot Canasta.



**Pat Garthe**, continuing at the UWC Interest Groups VP, is a long time resident of Huntingdon County, having moved there in 1978. Pat was born and raised in West Orange, New Jersey, and holds a BS in Business Management from Fairleigh Dickinson University. Since her retirement, she has been enjoying active grandparenting to four "littles" who are her best buddies and who keep her young at heart!



**Casey Goodall**, continuing as Development Coordinator, is a graduate of Wilson College with a BA in Economics. She and her husband have lived in State College for 43 years. Casey is retired from her Development position at Penn State where she worked as the Director of Donor Relations for twenty years. She keeps busy being a grandmother to three grandchildren and helping with the Out of the Cold Program. Casey loves to read, travel, take educational trips with the UWC, and knit. She feels honored to be asked to serve on the Board of the UWC.



**Joan Grant**, the UWC Immediate Past President, is a Penn State graduate with a BS in Education and an MBA. She has held various positions at Penn State at the Conference Center, Alumni Office, and in the College of Business. She and her husband have lived in State College for nearly forty years, along with an 11-year stint in Virginia. Joan enjoys the Gardening Group, Cooking With Friends, Fun With Food, and the Ladies Afternoon Wine Group, and UWC trips.



**Elizabeth "Betz" Hanley**, who is continuing as Secretary, has served UWC in several capacities over the years: Interest Groups VP, President, Cooking with Friends leader, and Garden Group communicator. Betz retired from Penn State in 2004 as Associate Professor of Kinesiology after 40 years. The Penn State International Dance Ensemble, which she founded and directed from 1978-98, and her Olympic activities remain essential elements of her life. Tennis is her activity of choice!



**Charlene Harrison**, continuing as Scholarship VP, is also a Past President of the University Women's Club and was the long-time appointed Scholarship Advisor. During her Board service, the Club established The University Women's Club Endowed Scholarship and activated the endowment. In addition to the UWC, Charlene holds leadership positions in the AAUW State College Branch, P.E.O. Chapter S, and the local Mortar Board Alumni Group.



**Sue Miller**, nominated for Communications Assistant VP, has been a resident of State College for 22 years. She worked for several local nonprofits, including the American Red Cross, Centre Volunteers in Medicine, and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at Penn State. She retired in 2017 and quickly joined UWC. She enjoys biking, hiking and EATING with her fellow club members.

## Nominating Committee Report

Honorary President ..... Molly Barron  
President..... Bev Mullen  
President-Elect ..... Teddy Nicholas  
Past President ..... Joan Grant  
Program VP ..... Nancy Weinreb  
Program Asst. VP\* ..... Marilyn Mitinger  
Membership VP..... Jeanne Weber  
Membership Asst. VP\* ..... Joan Weidman  
Interest Groups VP ..... Pat Garthe  
Interest Groups Asst. VP ..... Pat Weaver  
Communications VP\* ..... Diane Twomley  
Communications Asst. VP\* .... Sue Miller  
Scholarship VP..... Charlene Harrison  
Treasurer ..... Sue Stephenson  
Secretary..... Betz Hanley  
Newsletter Editor\*\* ..... Laurel Zydny  
Website Editor\*\* ..... Jane Stanton  
Development Coordinator\*\*...Casey Goodall

\*New to Board. \*\*These positions are appointed by the President.

**Marilyn Mitinger**, nominated for Program Assistant VP, joined the UWC several years ago after retiring from Penn State where she worked as Program Coordinator for Continuing Education and with Constituent Relations within Penn State's Office of Development. She is co-chair of Ladies Afternoon Wine Tasting and a member of the Quilting Group. Marilyn counts the New York Trip as a favorite activity and lists Golf, Quilting and Traveling as hobbies.



**Theodora "Teddy" Nicholas**, nominated for President-elect, hails from Pittsburgh, PA and Silver Spring, MD where she raised her four children. She enjoyed a long career in the business world, achieving national sales awards, and in the arts world as a performer, including puppeteering, singing, and acting. She moved to State College in 2001 and has enjoyed serving the UWC in different capacities, both on the Executive Board and as long-time chair of Dinners For Eight and hostess for Fun with Food Luncheons.



**Jane Stanton**, our new Website Editor, is a two-time Penn State grad and a retired teacher who volunteers at the Food Bank and serves on the Youth Aid Panel and the Penn State Institutional Review Board. She is a proud mother of two and grandmother of two who loves to travel (especially with her curious little granddaughters).



**Sue Stephenson**, Treasurer, moved to State College in 1978 and soon joined the Hiking group. She is a member of the Biking, Gardening, and Literary Supper groups and co-chairs the Hatha Yoga IG. Sue is a member of the Nittany Valley Symphony, where she plays the cello (look for her in the back...), and is the longtime treasurer for St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.



**Diane Twomley**, nominated for Communications VP, made State College home in 1977. Originally from the suburbs of NYC, in 2016, she retired from SCASD where she spent 23 years in the Library and IT departments of Mount Nittany Middle School. Besides loving reading, photography, and the theater, quilting has become a new pursuit (thanks to the Quilting Interest Group). Her favorite activity, by far, is being with her two-year-old grandson, Harper. Diane joined UWC to meet new people after retirement and has truly enjoyed all the interesting and talented women she has had the pleasure to get to know.



**Pat Weaver**, continuing as Interest Groups Assistant VP, has been substituting in the State College Area School District for the past five years, after retiring following forty years with the district. Her career included advising debate students and teaching students how to write articles in middle/high school yearbooks and newspaper productions. In addition to serving as the UWC Interest Groups Assistant VP, she is Co-President of Beta Xi, chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society.



**Jeanne B. Weber**, the UWC Membership VP, has previously served as UWC President and Program VP. She is active in many Interest Groups, including Antiques Study, Book Discussion, Book and Play, Gardening, Ladies Afternoon Wine Group, Cooking with Friends and Speaking of Art. Other interests include traveling anywhere, being a docent at The Palmer Museum of Art, and pricing Literature at the AAUW Book Workshop.



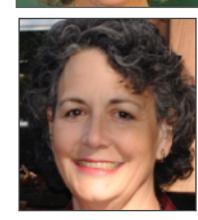
**Joan Weidman**, nominated for Assistant Membership VP, relocated to Boalsburg with her husband Steve when they retired. Joan received her BA in Economics and German at Bucknell University and met Steve, a PSU MBA, while working as a commercial lender. After raising their children and serving as a volunteer leader in various charitable organizations, Joan taught German in Berks County. Joan enjoys reading, hiking, dance, paper arts, and travel. She thanks UWC for easing her transition after moving to Centre County.



**Nancy Weinreb**, nominated for Program VP, joined the UWC (then known as the Faculty Wives Club) after moving to State College in 1978. After an hiatus spent working at the University Libraries, she rejoined the club and now enjoys co-chairing the long-running book discussion group. She is also an active member of Book and Play Review, Afternoon Wine Ladies, Antique Study Group, Garden Club, and Speaking of Art members. Nancy can often be found at the Palmer Art Museum, where she is a docent, and at the AAUW used book workshop where she prices the fiction donations.



**Laurel Zydny**, Newsletter Editor, was invited to the Fall Reception as a newcomer to State College in 2002. She was hooked instantly on the many activities, wonderful women, and stimulating conversations. Laurel is a host of the WPSU Folk Show and likes sharing folk music so much she started hosting concerts in her home — ask her about it! She is also on the State College Area School Board.



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**SEPTEMBER 8, 2020**

**FALL KICK-OFF  
and reception**

**Save the date!**

*Look for details in the Fall Newsletter  
which will be mailed mid-August.*

**Voting for the 2020-2021 UWC Executive Board**

The UWC bylaws call for a Nominating Committee which shall submit a nomination slate of Executive Board Officers for the upcoming membership year to the membership prior to the Annual Spring Luncheon and Business Meeting by publishing it in the Spring Newsletter and/or via electronic media. The Nominating Committee Report is included in this newsletter.

During the annual business meeting, additional nominations can be made from the floor. Since we are not able to hold the meeting, if you would like to nominate someone who was *not* nominated by the committee, please contact President Joan Grant by March 31. You will need to provide the name of another member who will second the nomination.

In April, the UWC will send a ballot with instructions for online voting to members with email and a paper ballot to members without email access. **Please return your ballot by April 30.** Thank you for your understanding and cooperation during this challenging time.

**IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE AN EMAIL FROM THE UWC  
about the recent cancellations, the club may not have your correct email address.**



Please check your email spam file! If the email is not there, or if you are unable to receive email, contact Sue Stephenson at PO Box 341, State College PA 16804 to ensure the UWC is able to send you updated information.



As always, please contact Sue promptly if your email or home address changes so you get your mail and the Club doesn't incur forwarding fees.

Check our website and Facebook page for the most recent updates!