

PENN STATE NOTES

Winter/Spring 2021-22



Greetings, Dear Members,

As I finish my term in office and reflect on the past months through the remaining effects of COVID related problems, I realize how very thankful I am for all the wonderful women with whom I have served and shared this responsibility. These UWC Board Members have been very hard working and given freely and generously of their talents and time to keep the wheels of the club rolling. Thank you all so very much.

Thank you also to our Honorary President Molly Barron for her years of service! We wish her and Dr. Barron all the best. On behalf of the Club, I formally welcomed our incoming PSU President, Dr. Neeli Bendapudi and wished her success. We hope to be meeting with her at her convenience.

We look forward to our Spring Event when Dr. Sandra Spanier will speak on her research and her role on the "Ernest Hemingway Letters Project". This will take place at the Bryce Jordan Center, Founders' Room/Lounge on April 5th at 1:30 PM. Another rite of spring for many members is our New York City Trip which is on schedule as planned on April 19th and 20th.

I am sorry to announce that our newsletter editor, Laurel Zydney is resigning from her position at the end of this term. We will miss her extraordinary talents of organization, artwork, and creativity. Laurel has been the printed face of our club for many years. But as has been said many times: All Good Things must come to an End!!! Thank you Laurel, many times over!!

Another newsletter change is also happening soon. Remember the days of waiting by the mailbox for your newsletter to come? Now over 95% of our members have email addresses. So, starting with the next issue, we will be sending the newsletter only by email! This is a good change for the environment and will cost less and take less time to prepare the newsletter. We have not raised dues in several years even though costs keep going up. We may even be able to publish the newsletter more often with this change. If you are one who does not have an email address, do not worry! You will still get your newsletter in the mail. Thank you for your understanding of this change.

This year our Spring Luncheon will be held on April 28, 2022 at the lovely Centre Hills Country Club. Details and a registration form are on a yellow insert. Please register by April 14! Next year's board will be elected during our annual General Meeting immediately following the Spring Luncheon. Thank you to the Nominating Committee of Ingrid Blood, Claire Whiteman, Mel Coble, Mary Anne Claar, and Mary Lou Bennett who met on January 4 to select a slate of nominees for the 2022-2023 Executive Board. You'll find brief bios of the dedicated women they nominated on pages 4 and 5.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Spring Luncheon,

Teddy Nicholas
UWC President, 2021-2022

Dates To Remember

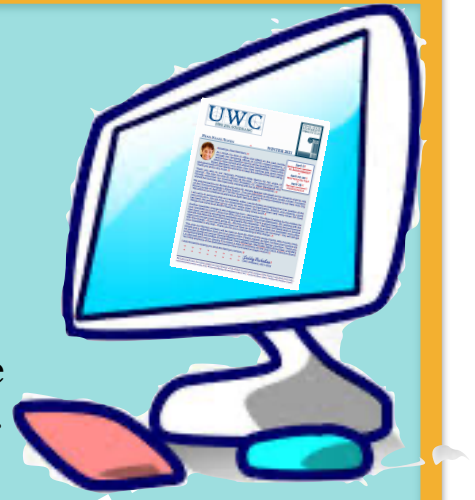
April 5
Spring Event: speaker
Dr. Sandra Spanier

April 19-20
New York City Trip

April 28
Spring Luncheon
(register by April 14)



Be on the lookout for an email announcing your Fall 2022 newsletter!



The UWC is going electronic!

- 1) Please check now that you have PSUUWC@gmail.com in your email contacts. If you are not sure, click [here](#).
- 2) On or after August 10th, be sure to check for an email from University Women's Club.
- 3) Click the link and the newsletter will open!



You can read your newsletter right on your screen or you can download and print it. If you have any questions, feel free to call Jane Stanton (814-238-4663) or Laurel Zydney (814-883-9666) for assistance.



Cooking With Friends Interest Group

has great taste!



The Knitting Interest Group has fun getting together with ewe!



On a beautiful fall day, the UWC knitters took a field trip — really a farm trip — heading south to Underhill Farm, a wonderfully renovated house in Hollidaysberg. After a delicious lunch, they toured the farm and gardens, met the Leicester Longwools, a heritage breed of sheep, and Angora goats raised on the farm, and had some time to shop for yarn, each skein featuring the names of the animals it was spun from.

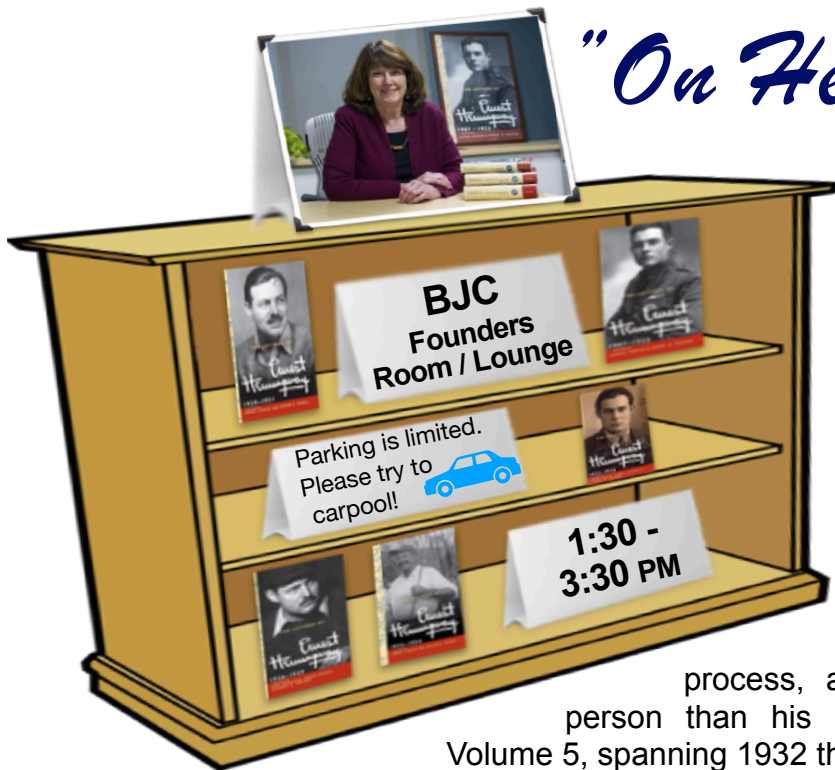


April 5, 2022

University Woman's Club
Spring Event

Speaker: **DR. SANDRA SPANIER**

Penn State Edwin Erle Sparks Professor of English and Women's Studies



"On Hemingway's Trail"

Dr. Spanier, general editor of the Hemingway Letters Project since 2002, will talk about her research and her work on the Hemingway Letters project to locate, research and publish the complete collected letters of Ernest Hemingway.

The Hemingway Letters Project is headquartered at Penn State and involves an international team of scholars. It is projected to ultimately result in seventeen volumes containing some 6,000 letters. Never intended for publication, Hemingway's letters track his life story, record experiences that inspired his art, afford insight into his creative

process, and reveal a more interesting and complex person than his "tough guy" public persona would suggest.

Volume 5, spanning 1932 through May 1934, was published in 2020.

The Spring Event will be from 1:30-3:30PM in the Founders Room/Lounge at the Bryce Jordan Center. Please enter on the Mezzanine level between gates B and C. Parking is limited so please carpool! This event is free to attend. Look for an email invitation and sign-up soon or contact JoLaine Teyssier at 814-238-6672 or jat2@psu.edu by Wednesday, March 30, 2022 to register.

In Our Thoughts... cards were sent to the following members.

Barbara Barney
Nanette Bohren
Renate Ferree
Charlene Harrison
Bev Mullen
Lida Ouwehand

Ann Barton
Alice Browning
Marilyn Furry
Sally Mahan
Deanna Nardozzo
Cindy Petrick
Barbara Van Horn

Ingrid Blood
Diane Farr
Ann Gray
Maxine Millar
Teddy Nicholas
Melinda Stearns

Our condolences to the families of...

Past President Anne Folwell

Trudy Lipowsky

Shirley Palermo

Congratulations to grandmothers Pat Garthe and Valerie Park!

Nominee Slate for 2022-23 Executive Board



Lucy Auger, nominee for Communications Assistant VP, has been living in State College for three years. After immigrating from Europe as a child, she grew up in Connecticut. In 1969, she moved to the Bucks County area. She raised four children as a stay-at-home mom before pursuing college. The mission of the UWC is something she relates to because she was the recipient of scholarships as an adult learner before becoming a teacher at an alternative high school and at Gwynedd-Mercy College and Northampton Community College. She has been a Master Gardener for twelve years and is now a docent at the Arboretum and Palmer Art Museum and a member of OLLI.

Ingrid Blood, incoming President, joined the UWC after retiring from Penn State as Professor Emerita of Communication Sciences and Disorders in 2017. She also became a docent at the Palmer Art Museum and enjoyed traveling the world with her husband — criss-crossing Europe, cruising the Nile, exploring marketplaces in Casablanca. With the pandemic, she's found more time for reading, knitting, cooking, and gardening while continuing Zoom meetings as a member of the Government Affairs/Public Policy Board of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. Even in these masked times, Ingrid is excited about making new memories with the fascinating, funny and caring women in the Club and feels privileged to be President-Elect.



Toni Brindley, nominee for Communications VP, moved to State College with her husband in the spring of 2020. After 23 years working and raising their daughter in Tampa, they were looking forward to experiencing a cooler climate in Pennsylvania. Toni has a BS in accounting from Berry College and an MBA from Kennesaw State University. Lucky for her, Toni moved in next-door to Ingrid Blood and was introduced to the UWC shortly after arriving in State College. Joining the UWC and meeting with women in several interest groups has been a true joy.

Julie Breuninger, Program VP nominee, moved to State College in the spring of 2019. Thirty years ago, Julie and her husband moved to California from Pennsylvania. It took them this long to make it back! Julie has a BA in Psychology from Drew University, MA in Psychology from West Chester University, and MS in Counseling from Butler University. She worked as a school counselor for the 18 years in Indianapolis, IN. Julie is thrilled that Teddy Nicholas invited her to the UWC. It's been a life saver during the shutdown and she looks forward to meeting members "in person" and making many new friends for this next stage of life.



Bala Carver, nominee for Interest Groups VP, was born in Shivalik Hills in India and raised in Chandigarh, a modern planned city designed largely by French architect Le Corbusier. Bala practiced medicine for forty years in Allentown prior to moving to State College in 2018, serving on multiple professional committees and boards. She has an insatiable curiosity for learning and enjoys reading, gardening, travel, and movies.

Jackie Esposito is our nominee for Interest Groups Assistant VP. Welcome, Jackie!

Casey Goodall, appointed as Development Coordinator, is a graduate of Wilson College with a BA in Economics. She and her husband have lived in State College for 45 years. Casey retired from Penn State where she worked as the Director of Donor Relations for twenty years. She keeps busy being a grandmother to three grandchildren and volunteering with Out of the Cold, and likes to read, travel, knit, and take educational trips with the UWC. This is her third year on the UWC board.



Elizabeth "Betz" Hanley, continuing as Secretary, has served the UWC in several capacities over the years: Interest Groups VP, President, Cooking with Friends leader, Garden Group communicator, and member of Speaking Of Art, Wine Group, and Around the World Interest Groups. She retired from Penn State in 2004 after a 40 year career as Associate Professor of Kinesiology. She founded the Penn State International Dance Ensemble, which she directed for 20 years, and activities with the Olympics remain part of her life. Tennis is her activity of choice! -4-

Nominee Slate for 2022-23 Executive Board, continued



Charlene Harrison, continuing as Scholarship VP, is also a Past President of the UWC 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.

Theodora "Teddy" Nicholas, Past President, 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 Board and as long-time chair of Dinners For Eight and hostess for Fun with Food Luncheons.



Nancy Saidis, nominee for Membership Assistant VP, moved to Centre Hall from Mechanicsburg in 2020. She and her husband have four children and nine grandchildren. Nancy started her career as a teacher in the Allentown Area School District, before pursuing her passion in professional fundraising. After working with several non-profits organizations, she started her own company, The NCS Group, in 1990, and conducted over 150 capital campaigns in the next 26 years. In retirement, she has pursued other passions include cooking, decorating, gardening and spending time in Naples, Florida. She is looking forward to meeting new friends and helping UWC continue to grow in membership.

Jane Stanton, our Website Editor, is a Penn State alumna, a retired teacher, and a Past President of the UWC. During the last two years, she has most missed lunches with friends, traveling, and playing with and hugging her granddaughters in New Orleans. On the plus side, she has renewed her dedication to life-long learning by participating in dozens of wonderful webinars (many of them offered by Penn State) and has stayed in touch with family and friends through Zoom and video chats.



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 Interest Group. 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.

JoLaine Teyssier, nominee for Program Assistant VP, is a life-long resident of State College, having earned a BS and MBA from Penn State and retired from the University after a 30+ year career in Human Resources. She enjoys a variety of interests and activities including travel, sports, and knitting. JoLaine served a two-year term as president of the Penn State Alumni Association's Centre County Chapter and currently volunteers with the American Red Cross.



Pat Weaver, President-elect nominee, 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 on the UWC Board previously as Assistant Interest Groups VP, she is Co-President of Beta Xi, chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society.

Claire Whiteman, Membership VP nominee, moved to State College from Iowa City in 2012 when her husband took a position at Penn State. She was born and raised in the Midwest, had a career as a clinical child psychologist, and taught at Penn State for several years. Favorite activities are hiking, bicycling, reading, playing golf, and doing crosswords and jigsaw puzzles. Pre-pandemic, she and her husband traveled frequently to visit their children and extended families in the Midwest and enjoyed taking in historical tours, entertainment, and good food in larger cities and international locations. She is looking forward to resuming her tradition of a week at the beach each summer with her children.



Thank you 2021 UWC Endowed Scholarship Donors!

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UWC ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Cheers to Us! It's Now over \$150,000!! Once again, University Women's Club members were very responsive to the Club's year-end request for support of the UWC Endowed Scholarship co-authored by Teddy Nicholas and Casey Goodall. I'm overjoyed to report that the UWC endowment account has grown to over \$150,000 as a result. The names of members who have contributed to the scholarship since last winter's newsletter appear in this edition of the newsletter. It is especially heartwarming to see the many donations made in memory or in honor of family members and fellow UWC members.

If you attended the September Kick Off held at the Penn Stater, you had the opportunity to meet and hear from this year's scholarship recipients and the recipient of the 2021 UWC Book Award. You learned a bit about Kapri Urie, who received our Book Award, in the Fall Newsletter. Read on to learn about Anna VanAlstein and Tamar Fetzer, the 2021-22 undergraduate and graduate student scholarship recipients respectively.

Anna VanAlstine returned to Penn State to earn her second undergraduate degree in Meteorology and Atmospheric Science after having graduated with a degree in Finance from Penn State's Behrend College in 2010. Anna started her second academic journey in summer 2017 while working full time at SPE Federal Credit Union. Anna said that she shed many tears her first year back as a student trying to re-teach herself simple high school mathematics like exponential rules while taking engineering calculus and general physics courses in addition to working full time in business lending.

In December 2018, Anna's hard work paid off when she joined Penn State's Astronomy and Astrophysics Department as a financial assistant. She now supports four NASA-sponsored missions, the longest running and largest being the Neil Gehrel's Swift Mission. Anna will graduate with her second bachelor's degree in Meteorology and Atmospheric Science this May and present research at the American Meteorological Society's annual conference this month. Anna thanks the UWC for our support and confidence in her. "I cannot adequately express how appreciative I am of your assistance and how being a recipient of the endowed scholarship has validated the risk I took in chasing my dreams."

Tamara Fetzer graduated from Penn State in 2009 with her bachelor's degree in Human Development and Family Studies with an emphasis on Children, Youth and Families. As a State High student, Tamara took a childhood development course and realized that working with young children was her calling. Following graduation from PSU, Tamara has worked in child care centers and is currently a supervising preschool teacher at University Park's Child Care Center at Hort Woods.

Tamara is a master's degree candidate in Curriculum and Instruction and plans to graduate in December 2022. This advanced degree will enable Tamara to advocate and provide support that these centers and teachers need in order to better serve children and their families. While working on her graduate degree, Tamara has been a single mother of two sons, Landon and Dawson, and has been a full-time employee. She wrote, "This scholarship not only financially supports my goal, but also makes me feel recognized and believed in by all of you. This process has been a long and hard one and knowing that I have the support of the University Women's Club has given me encouragement and motivation continue to push through until the end!"

Our scholarships truly make a difference in the lives of our scholarship recipients as attested to by their above comments. Thank you for your support!

Charlene Harrison, Scholarship Vice President

The annual appeal letter netted an additional \$4,160 for the UWC Scholarship. Thank you to Development Director Casey Goodall and to all who donated!

Please note: A spring trip to Seneca Falls will not be taking place. Because of the rise in Covid 19 cases the Board has decided to not schedule a spring trip to Seneca Falls. We hope to be able to offer a fall trip for members in 2022.

Thank you outgoing board members!

Bev Mullen (Past President)
Joan Weidman (Membership VP)
Diane Twomley (Communications VP)
Sue Miller (Communication Asst. VP)
Patty Garthe (Interest Groups VP)
Laurel Zydney (Newsletter Editor)

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Spring Luncheon
April 28, 2022
11:30AM - 2PM
Center Hills Country Club

Guest Speaker:
Dr. Amy Lorek
PSU Center for Healthy Aging

See details and registration
form inside.
RSVP by April 14!

Visit the Penn State University Women's Club website at sites.psu.edu/psuuwc for the most recent Club news and updates. You can also "Like" our Facebook page to show support and to receive updates about the page in your News Feed!



Save the Date!
Fall Kick-off
September 6, 2022

You are cordially invited to
UWC Spring Luncheon
and 73rd Annual Business Meeting

Thursday April 28, 2022 11:00AM - 2:30PM
Centre Hills Country Club

Guest Speaker: Dr. AMY LOREK, Assistant Research Professor
Center For Healthy Aging

Dr. Lorek's research focuses on the psychological and sociological processes related to successful, healthy aging. She is especially interested in leisure time use and behaviors which facilitate improved health and well-being. She seeks to understand the effects of leisure behaviors on stress related to life transitions, especially those experienced during the later life span.

Amy specializes in creating educational experiences and programs for multigenerational learning, healthy aging, and personal leadership. A life-long learner, she is happiest when she connects people to resources and opportunities, builds systems that improve lives, and engages in authentic and meaningful conversations.



Please invite a friend to join us in welcoming and learning

All attendees must be fully vaccinated.

Please mail with your check by April 14!

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