



WOMAN'S CLUB  
OF WISCONSIN

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## *President's Message*



Happy New Year, Dear Members!

I hope you enjoyed wonderful holidays and were able to experience many Club offerings, starting at our Holiday Boutique Re-Imagined and continuing right up until Christmas. Remember, we still are celebrating with our New Year's party on Saturday, January 8. Wear your sparkles and your dancing shoes!

Of course, this is the time for New Year's resolutions too. May I suggest a few? Attend more programs in 2022. Bring more guests.

Everyone should recruit one friend for membership. Volunteer for a committee. If you'd like to discuss where your interests and skills might fit, please get in touch with me. Let's keep our grande dame of a building buzzing with activity and ringing with laughter. Whether you attend with friends or arrive alone, you can be confident you will sit with interesting, engaging members who will welcome you.

As always, please make reservations early. What's early? More than a couple days. A week is better. I've learned some even sit down with their newsletter and make their reservations a month at a time. Now that's a New Year's resolution which will make me stretch, but I could actually keep!

With all good wishes for a happy and healthy New Year,

Kathy Pederson, President

# Staff Updates

## Chef Jan

Born and raised in Denmark, Chef Jan started his love for cooking at an incredibly early age and followed his passion to be educated. In Denmark, he was honored to cook for Julia Childs. Chef worked full-time in the restaurant industry, which meant 70 – 80 hours a week. Chef's additional experience includes:

- In a Michelin three-star restaurant in France
- Medaled three times in America Culinary Federation competitions
- Chef apprenticeship at Fiskehuset #1, Copenhagen, Denmark, educated under the Auguste Escoffier philosophy with special emphasis in seafood cuisine
- Mediterranean cooking course at the Culinary Institute of America in St. Helena, California

After graduation Chef moved to the US and worked in Lake Geneva, at Westmoor Country Club, and at Bluemound Country Club, where he was the Executive Chef. The life of living at clubs came with time spent away from his family, and he was fortunate to find the Woman's Club of Wisconsin where a better life balance could be accomplished.



## Chef Kevin

Chef Kevin is from Milwaukee and started washing dishes at the age of fourteen. From there, he worked on strengthening his culinary skills. Chef Kevin has worked at Mo's Restaurants and at Bartolotta Restaurants, along with being a private home chef. He has a long-lasting relationship with Chef Jan as they worked together at Bluemound Country Club.

## Justino

Justino started at the Club 20 years ago as a dishwasher. When Chef Jan arrived, he realized that Justino had the capability for more and trained him on the "cold side" – salad, desserts, and sandwiches. Justino has been a loyal and true employee as he has helped with maintenance at the Club, landscaping, and snow plowing. Justino starts every day with a hello and a friendly smile.

## Agnes

Agnes is back, and how thrilled we are to have her smile and work efficiency.

# Foundation Donations

The following donors contributed to the Woman's Club of Wisconsin Foundation. On behalf of those whose lives will be strengthened through these gifts we offer heartfelt thanks. Donations received August 1 through December 14.

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Lydia Cooley

**Carmen Witt**  
Sara Packard

# Martha Mitchell Society Members as of November 30, 2021

Recent contributions to the Foundation from Nora Werra have raised her level of giving to the Amber category.

The Martha Mitchell Society was established to recognize members whose lifetime record of contributions to the Endowment Fund exceeds \$5,000. This includes gifts of stocks, cash gifts and memorials, and the receipt of appropriate documents detailing the Planned Giving arrangements where the Endowment Fund is the beneficiary.

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# A Note from Membership Committee

by Rita Larsen



“Now after many years, we remain the same remarkable private Club!” Rita Larsen, Director

With yet another new year beginning, the Woman's Club of Wisconsin now enters its 146th year of existence. Today, the WCW is one of the longest continuously running women's clubs in the country. It is housed in a historic landmark building that was the first of its kind.

In 1876, Milwaukee visionary women leaders founded this Club, putting them in the forefront of the Woman's Club movement, providing a forum for the free exchange of ideas, and improving their community. Since its inception, the WCW has been dedicated to the welfare of society. It is a place of service, learning, and friendship. Members work on Club-sponsored outreach projects and use their membership to learn about and further their involvement in the community.

I remember with great pride the day in 1985 that I was able to first see the WCW with my aunt, then-member, Mary Garstang, for the first time. It was with delight that I was able to assist with her grand luncheons with tables of many friends, Club favorite chicken salad with homemade rolls, and her favorite, Charlotte Russe, for dessert. I remember with some curiosity how all convened with such delight and yet held dear their goals for the future and for their own lives.

In all its 145 years, the WCW has had its difficult times: economic downturns, unemployment, disease concerns, and war years. And yet, the strong, forward-moving women of the WCW stood strong and dedicated to their community to not only survive but flourish.

It's what we do and have always done. Today's global concerns are calling on us all to be calm, hopeful, and resilient - perhaps more dedicated through these behaviors than ever before, leaving fear and trepidation behind. I implore you to move forward with a keen eye on our past founders, excited for new and better days. Reach out to others whom you have not seen at the Club and invite them to attend a program with you.

The safety of the Club walls and the security of your past friendships are what make this Club a remarkable place for the women of Milwaukee with its private club feel. “It's my Club!” With our knowledge of the past, we are able to “Lean Forward, Step by Step.” Welcome 2022! A new year with lots and lots of prospect. Break the habits of this past year. Come to the Club now. and come often!

A recommendation for a good folk song, 2019: Listen to the lyrics of “Resilience” by Rising Appalachia.

Welcome these six new members:

Kathryn Harrison

Debra Johnson

Mary Ann Kirk

Annemarie Sawkins

Ann Todryk

Melissa Walker



# Foundation News

*Historic Building News*  
by Mary E. Connelly, with Dr. Henderson's Research



The Club is rich in knowledge on our precious treasures throughout our building due to Dr. James D. Henderson's eye and research. You've heard his stories throughout the years, and here is an interesting tale about an unknown terracotta wall plaque

found in a small storage room in the lower level of our building that has come full circle.

Frances L. (Mrs. Samuel A.) Field (1842-1918) was a prominent Milwaukee art collector who was a strong advocate for women's education. She was an original Athenaeum stockholder and a WCW member from 1885 to 1918. Mr. and Mrs. Field often traveled to Europe and found themselves in Florence in the summer of 1896. On this trip she visited a newly opened Tuscan art pottery factory known as Manifattura Di Signa in Signa, Italy, about 7 miles west of Florence. The factory may have perked her interest as it was a time when remodeling English gardens, often in an Italian classical or renaissance style, was fashionable.

During this factory visit, Frances purchased a circular terracotta wall plaque which she donated to the Woman's Club on February 22, 1897. The plaque had a wire embedded in the back so that it could be wall hung. The 1924 WCW insurance appraisal report indicated the plaque was located in the Tearoom (Library). It must have had an unfortunate accident that resulted in three cracks.

At the time the plaque was rediscovered in the Club, the significance of the relief of a woman holding a child was not recognized. Through Dr. Henderson's online search, he revealed that the plaque is a bas-relief replica of the sculpture Pitti Tondo by Michelangelo (1475-1564).

Bringing the story to this decade, Jim revealed to our committee that Frances and Samuel Field built a magnificent mansion in what is now Juneau Park. In the early 1900s, government leaders in Milwaukee felt the public needed more open park space in the rapidly growing city, thus the creation of Juneau Park. This idea resulted in most of the displaced homes being torn down. To Milwaukee's benefit, the “unparalleled” Field estate was purchased by George Kuehn, dismantled stone by stone and reassembled in 1928 on Lake Drive, just north of Newport Avenue. In the transition, the overall “new” house was altered in size but remains a handsome, formidable structure.

Linda and Jock Mutschler and their family have lovingly cared for their historic Field home since purchasing it in 2014. Linda is the household's researcher, but both share their appreciation and sense of responsibility to the home and Milwaukee. The Historic Building Committee feels the same. As benefactors of our beautiful Club, we know the plaque would never be restored properly to hang within our walls again. It was Jim Henderson's link of the donor with a prominent Milwaukee home that inspired us to return the treasure to the owners of the Frances and Samuel Field home. Shelly Culea continued the relationship by inviting the Mutschlers to lunch to view the object. A few weeks later, they picked it up for permanent placement within their walls.

A cheerful conclusion to an interesting 124-year-old story built on our Club's history of strong, philanthropic members.



## Grant Allocation Dates

**Wednesday, February 2**

1 PM–4 PM

Art & Art Education

**Friday, February 4**

1 PM–4 PM

Education

**Saturday, February 12**

10 AM–2 PM

Health and Human Services

**Wednesday, February 16**

1 PM–4 PM

Possible "snow day" replacement





# Community Outreach.....

by Lydia Cooley

“When it comes to giving, some people stop at nothing.”  
Vernon McLellan

Throughout 2021, WCW members never ceased to respond to appeals and deliver when the need was communicated. They supported with donations and also provided volunteer assistance to move and deliver goods.

In early 2021 Community Outreach had outdoor opportunities to serve face-to-face: on a “warm” February day for the “Warm Hearts Warm Feet Sock Hop” in the parking lot, and on Earth Day members gathered adjacent to the Club sculpture to plant festive pansy planters for delivery to community causes.

Wish lists brought deliveries to the Club, with items displayed along with local purchases in our WCW classic phone booths. The familiar Layette Drive literally filled the Club Pack ‘N Play to overflowing. Household goods for the Cathedral Center/Friendship House gave many lives in transition a fresh start, and Birthday in a Box delivered 45 boxes of birthday supplies for Riverwest Food Pantry patrons.

Literacy efforts flourished with the annual used book and new book drive for the Next Door Foundation, adding volumes to many shelves. A custom Little Free Library has provided a lively neighborhood exchange of materials. The afterschool book club at Notre Dame School brings 8th grade students and Club mentors together during the 2021-22 school year. Members also provided vision screening assistance for Prevent Blindness to help assure children’s eyes would be reading ready.

Adding warm notes to individual journals and assembling seasonal card-making packets for the Milwaukee Women’s Correctional Center and Meta House encouraged the women participants to express their thoughts and stay connected. Small quilts made by WCW hands brought comfort to the abused children served by the Milwaukee Child Advocacy Center.

Meaningful Meals had true staying power, arising as an early pandemic project and concluding its last deliveries in the fall of 2021, entirely funded by WCW members.

The 2021 Thanksgiving and holiday seasons brought more generous contributions to the Notre Dame Family Thanksgiving Baskets, Hunger Task Force Virtual Appeal, the two Meta House Christmas trees with festive trimmings, and gifts to the children of justice-involved women with the Benedict Center. Members also assisted in gift wrapping for the Next Door Foundation.

With this newsletter, the new year kicks off with the projects for Ladies of Charity, Meta House, and Milwaukee Child Advocacy Center to warm and comfort the hearts and bodies of recipients.

When WCW members gather as friends and as a Club family, they bring to life the giving spirit reflected in the mission the Club determined to serve 145 years ago. They will stop at nothing to make lives in this community better. On behalf of the Community Outreach Committee and all charitable recipients, you are humbly thanked!

## Ladies of Charity Children’s Clothing Collection

by Joy Towell

Help Keep Milwaukee Children Warm this Winter

The Ladies of Charity Children’s Clothing Center provides clothing basics to school children in the Milwaukee area who are referred to the by teaching and guidance staff who have noticed a need. The program serves approximately 1000 students per year. The Ladies of Charity have been extremely busy and have served over 570 children since the beginning of the school year.

The Woman’s Club of Wisconsin is again supporting the Ladies of Charity Children’s Clothing Center beginning in mid-January through February of 2022.

Please consider donating the following requested items:

- Children’s winter jackets, gloves, mittens and hats.
- Clothing is needed from 4T-18, with larger sizes especially appreciated.
- Clothing does not have to be new but can be “gently” used.

Shop local for holiday sales or use the Amazon Wish List

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist>.

Containers in the Club will be marked for your donations.

Thank you in advance for donating.



## Meta House Chili Meal

by Vicki Streich

Winter Warm-Up Chili Meal for Meta House Families

The WCW Community Outreach Committee is seeking members willing to contribute meal supplies and assist with delivery for a WCW-provided chili dinner for 30 adult residential clients and their children at Meta House on Friday, February 18.

What is Meta House?

Meta House has been empowering women to overcome substance use disorder since 1963 by providing intensive inpatient and outpatient services for those recovering from addiction.

How can you help?

Donors are asked to sign up to make a batch of chili (recipe provided), contribute meal supplies, or assist with delivery for the meal. <https://www.signupgenius.com>

Please deliver meal supply donations to the Club **by noon on February 18.**

If you have any questions, contact the Outreach meal coordinator, Vicki Streich, at [vickistreich1@gmail.com](mailto:vickistreich1@gmail.com).

## Comfort Quilts

by Lydia Cooley and Bonnie Roemer

Comfort Quilts for Abused Children

Consider joining this long-term project where members gather to make small, simple quilts for children healing from abuse and served by the Milwaukee Child Advocacy Center.

Quilting experience is not required, but some machine experience can be helpful. Hands are also needed to pin, iron, and lay out fabrics. Spending time with other members in conversation is a side benefit.

Upcoming sessions are held on the first Friday of the month and run from 10-2 with a break for lunch at noon: January 7, February 4, March 4, April 1, May 5, and June 3. Drop in as you are able.

Project Coordinators: Lydia Cooley at [cooley.lydiay@gmail.com](mailto:cooley.lydiay@gmail.com) and Bonnie Roemer at [b2roemer@wi.rr.com](mailto:b2roemer@wi.rr.com).

## WCW Notre Dame School of Milwaukee Book Club Update



The WCW Notre Dame School of Milwaukee (NDSM) Book Club got off to a fantastic start on September 21. Thirteen NDSM eighth grade girls under the guidance of WCW members Pam Stark and

Amy Domagalski are reading the book *Hope Was Here* by Joan Bauer. This book focuses on a teenage girl who moves with her aunt to a small Wisconsin town to run a local diner. During their book club sessions, Amy and Pam created journals with the girls, ate apple pie a la mode, and shared stories about their love of reading. Many of the girls had never tasted apple pie before! The book club session culminated with a visit to Miss Katie’s Diner on November 23.

Thanks to Amy and Pam, our first book club session is a resounding success! We would also like to acknowledge our WCW members who have volunteered to be book club mentors for the second and third book club sessions. Mary Connelly and Patti Compton will be leading the book discussion of *Parrot in the Oven* from mid-January until mid-March. Andi Sciacca, Chris Gould and Latoya Sykes will be steering the discussion of *Pride and Prejudice* from mid-March until mid-May. Lastly, thank you to all WCW members who generously donated the 60 new books which made the WCW-NDSM book club possible.

## Birthday in a Box

by Joan Bruce and Karin Buckholdt

A big thank you to all WCW members who contributed to the Riverwest Food Pantry Birthday in a Box collection.

The photos below feature members adding "birthday greetings" and 45 boxes ready to be delivered.



# Programs and Activities

## American History Study Group

by Sharon Gray

### Friday January 7

8:30 AM Breakfast (pre-order breakfast when registering)

9 AM Discussion and Zoom meeting

Feel free to skip breakfast and join us at the Club at 9 AM

### The United States, the British Empire, and the War of 1812

Often called "the forgotten conflict," the War of 1812 is remembered best for the battle that inspired the writing of the "Star-Spangled Banner," a dying naval captain's cry of "Don't give up the ship!" and the burning of the White House. Few understand the role the war had in promoting nationalism and manifest destiny and in enhancing the United States' reputation as a world power with which to reckon.

Why did we fight this war? Why did Britain engage with us?

Sharon Gray will lead us in the discussion of *The Weight of Vengeance: The United States, and the British Empire, and the War of 1812* by Troy Bickham (2012).

In this book the conflict is placed in a global context; the destabilization of Europe during the Napoleonic Wars provided the United States with the opportunity to challenge Britain's world dominance. We will read about why the war was fought from both sides - how expansionism in the United States and Britain's effort to keep us as a colonial state clashed. What spurred us to this conflict and shifted the balance of world power to this brazen, fledgling country?

There are many books on the War of 1812 that focus on specific aspects of the war, the military history of the war being the foremost topic. An expanded reading list, for those interested in delving more deeply into the war, is available through the Club.

**Please make a reservation and specify if you will attend in person (with or without breakfast) or by Zoom.**

Breakfast choices include:

- Blueberry Buttermilk Pancakes with bacon or sausage and maple syrup
- Eggs Benedict – two poached eggs, Canadian bacon, on a toasted English muffin with hollandaise sauce; served with fruit
- Classic Breakfast – two scrambled eggs, bacon, and herb-roasted Yukon potatoes

We welcome all members regardless of the extent of your preparation. If you have never attended, feel free to "audit" and see if we're for you. We hope to see you on January 7!

## A New Years to Celebrate

### Saturday, January 8

5:30 PM Social

6:15 PM Dinner

Music playlist will include Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, & friends.



Mark your calendar and join us for an incredibly special evening in the WCW Dining Room to celebrate the New Year, 2022. Include your friends, as this will be THE NIGHT to show off our beautiful Club and Chef Jan's best.

Dinner will include filet of beef tenderloin and one pound cold-water lobster along other culinary delights by Chef Jan. Dessert is promised to be a spectacular surprise.

So, dress up, show up, and celebrate! Dancing is certain to follow, to music we all know and love. It will be The Night to Remember at the WCW.

### Menu

Oyster rockefeller soup  
Filet of beef tenderloin  
with one pound cold-water lobster  
Grilled asparagus  
Hasselback rosemary potatoes  
Lemon tart with ginger whip

\$95 inclusive

# Programs

## Demonstration of Portrait Painting by James Hempel

### Thursday, January 13

11:30 AM Social

Noon Lunch

12:30 AM Presentation



Join us as James Hempel, local artist and painting instructor will demonstrate his technique in painting a portrait. A portrait will "come to life" from a blank canvas before our eyes as he teaches us how he captures personality and light with color and brushstrokes.

### About the Artist



The artwork of Hempel is inspired by everyday beauty. His paintings seek to capture the evocative quality of light as it plays across the landscape throughout the daily rhythms and broad span of the seasons. Plein air paintings and sketchbook drawings created during his travels around the country stand alone as finished works, or may serve as studies for larger studio paintings. Hempel is also an accomplished portrait artist with varied commission clients both national and international. In addition to oil painting, he works in a variety of media, including conte, pastel, silverpoint, pencil, watercolor and charcoal.

Born and raised in Appleton, Wisconsin, Hempel graduated with honors in the natural sciences and fine arts from Lawrence University. Following three years as a secondary school educator in science and mathematics, he returned full time to the pursuit of his artistic education, completing a classical program of academic life drawing and painting at the Atelier Prohl in Milwaukee with additional study with noted national painter Daniel Gerhartz. James currently lives in Shorewood and maintains a studio, gallery, and school of fine arts in the vibrant West Vliet Washington Heights neighborhood of Milwaukee where he teaches workshops and weekly classes in portraiture, plein air painting, landscape, still life, and figurative work in a variety of media.

Hempel is a member of the Oil Painters of America and has had work exhibited and awarded at numerous national and regional OPA shows. He has participated in several juried, small-group, and solo museum shows and has won many awards for his landscape, figurative, and portrait work. He has won numerous awards at regional and national plein air invitational painting events around the country. His paintings, drawings, and portrait commissions are found in many private and corporate collections.

Menu TBD

\$28

For reservations, email [RSVP@wc-wi.org](mailto:RSVP@wc-wi.org) or call 414.276.5170

Guests welcome

## What's New in the Neighborhood? Conversation with Milwaukee Alderman Robert Bauman, 4th District

### Thursday, January 13

4 PM



This is a rare opportunity for WCW members to meet Alderman Robert Bauman, who represents our district. Alderman Bauman's interest in historic neighborhoods and homes aligns well with our history and building. A native of Chicago, Alderman Bauman received his B.A., cum laude, from Marquette University in 1974 and his J.D., cum laude, from Northwestern University School of Law in 1977.

Alderman Bauman worked with a major Milwaukee law firm, then formed a start-up company on Milwaukee's north side that rebuilt and remanufactured railroad passenger cars and transit equipment. After the sale of that company, he worked as a consultant to the transportation industry.

In 1990 Alderman Bauman returned to the practice of law in downtown Milwaukee specializing in commercial litigation, criminal defense, employment law, and real estate.

As a member of the Common Council since 2004, Alderman Bauman has served in several leadership roles, including vice chair of the Joint Committee on Downtown Streetcar Implementation and member of the Historic Preservation Commission.

Alderman Bauman is a longtime historic preservation advocate. He resides in an 1888 Victorian home in the Historic Concordia Neighborhood on Milwaukee's west side and is a member of the board of directors of Historic Concordia Neighbors, Inc.



# Programs and Activities

## Two Books & a Movie

The Club's Race, Equity, and Inclusion steering committee invites all Club members to two events perfect for winter:

### Heather McGhee's *The Sum of Us* – book read Wednesday, January 19

8:30 AM la carte breakfast  
9 AM in person book discussion  
10:30 AM Zoom book discussion



Join us to discuss *The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together* (2021). Economist Heather McGhee uses data-driven research and storytelling to reveal the fallacy of thinking of race as a “zero-sum” game, where there’s an us and a them, and what’s good for them is bad for us. Instead, our fortunes are tied up with the fortunes of others. Applauded by critics and readers alike, McGhee’s book offers hope and a vision for the future.

### Nella Larson's *Passing* – book read & movie Friday, February 18

4 PM Film (1 hour 39 minutes)  
Followed by dinner and discussion



The novella *Passing* was written in 1929 by Nella Larson (1891-1964), considered the premiere novelist of the Harlem Renaissance. The book was instantly praised and continues to be studied and celebrated. It tells the story of two mixed-race childhood girlfriends who meet again as adults. Both fair-skinned, one is “passing” as white and married to a wealthy white man who openly despises African-Americans; the other is married to an African-American doctor and is active with the “Negro Welfare League.”

Called “disturbingly brilliant” (NPR November 2021), the book brings into focus intimate choices made and social forces at play during the Great Migration. *Passing* was made into a black and white 2021 film of the same name, featuring Tessa Thompson and Ruth Negga. We will watch the film at the Club, then discuss the book and film while dining a la carte in the dining room. Whether you read the book or not, see the film (with us or at home on Netflix), and join us for dinner and discussion.

## Milwaukee Mosaik

### Friday, January 14

5:30 PM Social  
6 PM Dinner  
7 PM Concert

The Woman's Club of Wisconsin welcomes back members of Milwaukee Mosaik in an eclectic quartet concert. The program includes Mozart's “Hunt” quartet, a bright quartet by Jan Vanhal, Astor Piazzolla's energetic “Tango Ballet,” and Emily Fine's reflective “Piece for Muted Strings” - Elegaic Song.

### Menu

Roasted duck with cherry wild rice  
or  
Seared pork chop  
topped with apple, pear, and calvados sauce with parsnip puree and honey roasted carrots  
or  
Pan-seared walleye pike  
with lemon basil butter sauce, roasted fingerling potatoes, and fried brussels sprouts

\$45 inclusive  
\$15 per person for entertainment

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A CONSORTIUM OF MUSICIANS DEDICATED TO AN IMAGINATIVE CONCERT EXPERIENCE



# Programs

## Lunch with Dr. Ellen Censky of the Milwaukee Public Museum

### Wednesday, January 26

11:30 AM Social  
Noon Lunch and program



The Milwaukee Public Museum (MPM) and Betty Brinn Children's Museum (BBCM) are joining together

to create a new wonder for Wisconsin: a world-class, must-visit Museum Commons located in the historic Haymarket District on McKinley Street. As the concept was being developed, before COVID, Museum President and CEO of MPM Ellen Censky came to the Woman's Club and asked for our ideas and suggestions as to what should be included in the new project.

Dr. Censky is returning to report on the progress of the Museum Commons at this point and once again is asking for our input on their ideas so far. She will share news of the award-winning design teams chosen to bring this building into fruition and how the project is coming along. What are they thinking at this point? What have these design teams done in other cities?

People ask “Why are these two museums giving up the former location?” At MPM, ceiling leaks, burst pipes, and poor conditions threaten priceless collections. Deferred maintenance needs exceed \$100 million. At the same time, Betty Brinn is approaching the end of its lease in a suboptimal building with height and space constraints that limit the kinds of experiences the museum can create.

Come join Dr. Ellen Censky and your Club members for lunch on January 26, listen to her ideas, and as thoughtful community members, offer our advice.

### Menu

Chicken pot pie topped with a puff pastry shell and served with fruit garnish  
Mini scoops of chocolate and peppermint ice cream  
\$28



COLLEGE ENDOWMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

The College Endowment Association announces its spring Speaker Series at a 50% discount. Enrich yourself and see all 7 lectures at the Woman's Club of Wisconsin for only \$40. All lectures are held at 10 AM on Wednesday mornings in the Ballroom.

Renowned Rutgers Professor of American Studies and History, Louis Masur, kicks the season off on March 16 with “The Sum of Our Dreams: A Concise History of America,” a comprehensive yet compact history of America from its beginnings to the current moment. The season concludes on April 27 with Samuel Dewese's “Art and Opera in Bloom.” Dewese is an American baritone who performed for Florentine Opera's 2019-2020 season and is rapidly making a name for himself as an evocative artist in the U.S. and abroad.

CEA membership also includes scholarship support to young women at 5 Wisconsin universities.

Membership brochures are located on the table by the coatroom. More information about the CEA Speaker Series and a registration application can be found at [www.collegeendowment.org](http://www.collegeendowment.org)

## 1st Tuesday With Andi Sciacca "Junior League"

On the first Tuesday of every month, from 12:30 PM-2 PM, join us for lunch and some delightful conversation with women from the Junior League of Milwaukee. Your table host will be Andi Sciacca, current Junior League President and member of the Woman's Club, serving on the WCW Programs and Activities and Community Outreach Committees. Andi looks forward to bringing members of both organizations together to share ideas, discuss collaborations, and build stronger relationships. We hope this will be an ongoing event that fosters connections and improves the community through our partnered efforts; but we also want it to be an occasion for lunch and friendship among like-minded women. All are welcome.

# Programs and Activities

## Be Mine: Tales of Love, Jewelry, and Romance Presentation by Ruth Thuston of Hindman Auctioneers and Appraisers

**Wednesday, February 2**

11:30 AM Social  
Noon Lunch  
12:30 PM Presentation



We are welcoming Hindman Auctioneers back to the Club for their first “in person” appearance since COVID. Get ready to write your “Wish List” for Valentine’s Day.

Discover how jewelry has been used throughout the ages to communicate love and engagement. Hear how the Victorians sent messages of love using jewelry as their pen. Why did the ring become the means of announcing an engagement? And when did a diamond become the engagement ring?

About our speaker:

Ruth Thuston fell in love with jewelry before she understood the concept of pursuing a career in the business. She remembers playing with her grandmother’s antique jewelry as a child and soon her early interest evolved into a full-fledged passion. Currently Ms. Thuston is Senior Specialist of Fine Jewelry at Hindman Auctions. She brings over 20 years’ experience in antique, period, and estate jewelry to her position having facilitated the selling process for thousands of clients.

Her career includes opening the Chicago jewelry department at Heritage Auctions and directing the Chicago office of CIRCA for twelve years. Earlier in her career she sold jewelry and watches for two of Chicago’s leading jewelers, CD Peacock and Sidney Garber. She is a Graduate Gemologist from the Gemological Institute of America and has a Bachelor of Arts in music from Albion College. Ms. Thuston has received national and chapter awards for her work with the Women’s Jewelry Association and is an executive board member of the Chicago History Museum Costume Council, a candidate member of the National Association of Jewelry Appraisers (NAJA), and a member of The American Society of Jewelry Historians.

For reservations, email [RSVP@wc-wi.org](mailto:RSVP@wc-wi.org) or call 414.276.5170

Menu and price TBD  
Guests welcome

## Wine and Chocolate Tasting

**Saturday, February 12**

5:30 PM Social  
5:45 PM Wine and chocolate tasting  
Dinner to follow

Wine and chocolate are two of the most incredible items on earth. Both can bring you joy in their own way, so it’s always tempting to pair the two together. But before you pop the cork on a bottle of Cabernet Sauvignon and tear into a box of gourmet chocolates, there are a few things you should consider so that you do not ruin the taste of both of your treats.

On Saturday, February 12, Carl the Wine Guy will present wines and chocolates that pair well together and give some background on why. After the tasting, enjoy dinner in the Dining Room with fellow Club members and guests.

Tasting \$25 inclusive  
Dinner a la carte  
[RSVP@wc-wi.org](mailto:RSVP@wc-wi.org)

## Year of the Tiger, Lunar New Year

**Tuesday, February 8**

11:30 AM Social  
Noon Luncheon



Would you like a “Do-Over” on the new year? Join us for a celebration of the Lunar New Year for a delicious Chinese meal. Learn what the Year of the Tiger may mean for you in the upcoming year!

**Menu:** Chinese New Year theme

\$28

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Guests welcome



# Programs

## Getting to Know You

**Thursday, February 10**

11:30 AM Networking,  
Noon Lunch  
12:30 PM “Member Meet Up”

When you make your reservation, provide one fact about yourself that others don’t know. This will be the basis for our networking and table discussions. Laughter guaranteed. During “Member Meet Up” longer-term members will be paired with newer members. Talk quickly because when the timer rings, new pairings will emerge. We’ll have fun getting to know one another better.

## PAentine Lunch

**Tuesday, February 15**

11:30 AM Social  
Noon Lunch

Whether they are best friends, best buddies, BFFs – if you have been blessed with the best... invite them to lunch on Tuesday, February 15.

Menu to be determined closer to the event due to current pricing.



## A Saucy Presentation

**Friday, February 25**

5:30 PM Social  
6 PM Dinner  
7 PM Presentation

New member Alex McCall is hosting a saucy evening of cocktails and tasty soup to introduce the Club to her fancy soup cookbook and a give a fun presentation about the fabulous history of vaudeville in Milwaukee.

Copies of the cookbook will be available to peruse and purchase, and the author will happily sign/ personalize one for you.

Spots are limited, so RSVP ASAP!  
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## Save the Date

**Thursday, March 10**

**“A Collection of Our Own -101”  
Presentation by Tim Stenger**

Come learn about some selected items from our Club’s treasured collection.

Tim Stenger, of Stenger Bischoff, an arts appraiser and evaluator, recently conducted an evaluation of the Club’s entire collection, including all of our paintings, furniture, lighting, silver, and china. He will present and discuss selected items from our collection at this informative and interesting program that you won’t want to miss!






# January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>Dining Hours</b> Tuesday - Wednesday 10 AM - 2 PM  Thursday 10 AM - 2 PM  Friday 10 AM - 7:30 PM  <b>Office Hours</b> Monday - Friday 9 AM - 4 PM	<b>Pickup Hours</b> Tuesday - Wednesday 10 AM - 2 PM  Thursday 10 AM - 2 PM  Friday 10 AM - 7:00 PM			1   New Year's Day Club Closed
2 <i>Club Closed</i>	4 Programs and Activities Committee 11 PM-12:30 PM  1st Tuesday With Andi Sciacca "Junior League" 12:30 PM-2 PM	5	6 Knitting 10 AM  Community Outreach Committee Noon	7 American History Study Group 8:30 AM Breakfast 9 AM Discussion and zoom meeting  Duplicate Bridge 10 AM  Comfort Quilts 10 AM	8 New Year's Celebration Dinner Dance 5:30 PM Social 6:15 PM Dinner	
3 <i>Club Closed</i>						
9 <i>Club Closed</i>	11 Historic Building Committee 1 PM  Lunch Bunch 11:30 AM	12 Foundation Committee 10 AM  Membership Committee 11:30 AM	13 Daytime Book Group Lolly Willows 10:30 AM Fine Arts and Pop Culture Group James Hempel 11:30 AM Social Noon Lunch 12:30 Program REI Steering Committee 3 PM Business Networking Alderman Robert Bauman 4 PM	14 Duplicate Bridge 10 AM  Marketing Committee 10 AM  Milwaukee Mosaik 5:30 PM Social 6 PM Dinner 7 PM Concert	15   <i>Club Closed</i>	
10 <i>Club Closed</i>						
16 <i>Club Closed</i>	18 Needlepoint 10 AM  Men's Breakfast Club 10 AM  Genealogy Roundtable 10:30 AM Discussion	19 REI Book Discussion 8:30 AM Breakfast 9 AM Book discussion 10:30 AM Zoom discussion	20 Knitting 10 AM  Classics Book Group A Simple Heart And The Legend of St. Julian Hospitaller Noon	21 Duplicate Bridge 10 AM  Finance Committee 11:30 AM	22   <i>Club Closed</i>	
17 Martin Luther King Jr Day <i>Club Closed</i>						
23 <i>Club Closed</i>	25 WCW Board Meeting 11:30 AM	26 Milwaukee Public Museum 11:30 AM Social Noon Lunch	27 Evening Book Group Code Talker: The First and Only Memoir By One of the Original Navajo Code Talkers of WWII 5 PM Social 5:30 PM Dinner Book discussion to follow	28 Duplicate Bridge 10 AM	29   <i>Club Closed</i>	
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don't try."*

- Beverly Sills

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