



WOMAN'S CLUB  
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## *President's Message*



Summer is in full swing...Hooray!...and so is your WCW leadership. The 2022-23 board launched its term with a special meeting and planning session to review process and set priorities for the year ahead. Per usual, all committees meet on a continuing basis. New initiatives are under consideration. You can be confident that your Club is in good hands.

The board, of course, garners our guiding lights from the WCW Mission and Vision statements:

- Mission: The Woman's Club of Wisconsin cultivates educational, cultural, philanthropic, and social exchange to inspire engagement in the community.
- Vision: A world-class community with boundless opportunities for women.

In order to establish priorities for this fiscal year, the board concentrated on the metaphor of a clubhouse with critical foundational elements, interior décor, and seasonal projects in the attic. Board members allocated numerous Club activities and initiatives into each area. We concluded that we have five primary areas of focus for the current fiscal year:

1. Provide a warm and hospitable venue for members, guests, staff, and outside event customers
2. Conduct programs that exemplify the Club's mission
3. Expand membership and revenue
4. Maintain and enhance the beauty of our building and grounds
5. Update our official documents

We have much work to do, but our energetic board is up to the task. We want you to see results throughout the year and will deliver a full report at our 2023 Annual Meeting.

Speaking of Annual Meetings, the 2022 celebration on April 29 was lovely. The one-hour business meeting featured short reports by the president and committees, a hearty thank you to last year's board members and ratification of voting for this fiscal year's board directors. Following that were the Past Presidents' reception line, a lively concert by Milwaukee Musaik in the ballroom, and a delectable dinner honored with a standing ovation. If you missed this year, put Friday, April 28, 2023, on your calendar now. Prepare to be delighted.

Kathy Pederson

# A Note from Membership Committee

by Linda Marshall



The Membership Committee is not only active in recruiting new members, although we've welcomed 31 new members during the past fiscal year. We also do our best to reach out to all existing members, in order to determine whether their expectations are being met.

For the past 146 years, the Club has been a generous resource for our membership, as well as the greater Milwaukee community. Although this is expressed in our mission statement, it's only a part of what makes our Club special. I think of us as "A Club of the Heart." This is perhaps hard to measure, but it's evident in many ways:

## Honoring the Past While Planning for the Future

We planned a "Golden Girls" luncheon in June, to honor our members who are 90 years and older. Our Club would not be what it is today without these members and their contributions. There's a lot we can learn and admire about the lives of these audacious ladies. All members were invited to this special luncheon and I can't wait to report on it in our next newsletter. We've also initiated plans to bring back Legacy members and their families.

## Embracing the World of Reciprocal Clubs

We have also been working on updating the list of clubs with which we have reciprocal relationships. These clubs are worldwide and are a great resource for our members while traveling. You'll have access to the new, expanded list of reciprocal clubs in our new membership directory when it's published.

## Enjoying the Fruits of Our Kitchen's Labors

We are not focused on being an exclusive dining club; however, we have one of the best kitchens in all of Milwaukee. I have personally never experienced a bad meal from executive chef Jan and his kitchen crew. During COVID, we had to shut down our kitchen for in-house dining. However, even during this harsh period of financial stress, WCW stepped up and delivered meals to hospitals, police officers, firemen, and the homeless on a weekly basis.

## Contributing to Our Community

The WCW Foundation is the heart of our philanthropy. For over a century we have been supporting local nonprofits and businesses. Additionally, through the guidance of the Community Outreach Committee, WCW members generously donate baby clothes, heavy jackets in the winter, snacks to our overworked healthcare providers, toys for the poor at Christmas, and much more.

While lockdowns impacted our in-person fundraising events, our members stepped up and donated in order to keep our philanthropy efforts moving forward. With the help of a matching donation by an anonymous member and the generous members of WCW, we were able to continue to support not only our local community but our international community as well.

Our committee looks forward to working tirelessly to attract new members. If anyone has any ideas for how we can do this, please reach out to me or any member of our committee.



# Foundation News

by Amy Domagalski

## WCW Foundation Grant Applications Are Now Available

The Woman's Club of Wisconsin (WCW) was filled with joy, excitement, and goodwill on Thursday, May 12, when 125 members and grant recipients joined together to celebrate the annual WCW Foundation Luncheon. The Club awarded \$61,000 to twenty area nonprofit organizations. It was the first time we've been able to hold an in-person foundation event since 2019, so the positive energy in the room was felt by all who attended.

Now each of us has an opportunity to nominate one favorite area nonprofit for a 2023 WCW Foundation grant. Your completed application must be returned, along with all required forms and your signature, no later than 5 PM Friday, September 23. Contact Michelle at [frontdesk@wc-wi.org](mailto:frontdesk@wc-wi.org) or at 414.276.5170 so that she can email you an application form as well as the eligibility requirements and details regarding the grant determination process.

This information is also available in hard copy format, in case you would prefer to stop by the office.

We are also seeking Club members to join the Grant Allocation Committee! It's one of the most enjoyable and rewarding activities you'll do all year. Each committee member is responsible for conducting a "site visit" with one of the organizations in February. Orientation meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, October 12, from 10:30-11:30 AM and Friday, October 14, from 5 PM-6 PM Site visit packets will be available for selection at both meetings. For additional information please contact WCW Foundation Chairperson Amy Domagalski at [gr8teacher2010@milwpc.com](mailto:gr8teacher2010@milwpc.com).

Mark your calendar for the 2023 WCW Foundation Grant Awards Luncheon on **Thursday, May 11.**

Save the Date for the Foundation Luncheon & Style Show

Presented by Faye's

Thursday, September 29

Watch your email and mailbox for details...it's never a dull day with Faye!



# Community Outreach.....

by Lydia Cooley

“There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about.”

Margaret J. Wheatley

In many ways Community Outreach appeals operate akin to a retail store by attracting member interest through promotional articles in the newsletter and Sunday Constant Contact email announcements and enticing the eye with changing phone booth displays.

The WCW “Elevator of Hope” provides seasonal offerings to lift people in our community up and includes stops with different departments:

Clothing Items on floor one –

- Children’s winter outerwear and accessory hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves
- Infant clothing, blankets, diapers, bottles, and layette supplies
- Men’s underwear and tee shirts

Household Goods on floor two -

- Family linens, towels, and soft quilts to warm the hearts of children
- Kitchen silverware, table settings, glassware, and cleaning supplies

Sundries and Food Court Offerings on floor three -

- Books and magazines for all readers
- Reusable grocery bags for community shoppers
- Personal items including toiletries, vision tests and eyeglasses
- Stationery and greeting card supplies
- Birthday and holiday seasonal décor and supplies
- Healthy snacks, senior stock boxes, funding for family meals, and takeout from the WCW kitchen

Our “store” operates year round with a contemporary flare now offering online shopping opportunities. WCW members make purchases that stock the shelves for community customers. WCW member volunteers and staff assist with deliveries and services. Together we offer decency and respect to our community “customers.”

Our “sales” numbers since the May/June newsletter edition report: 1,384 items for the Christ Child Layette Drive, 220 Hunger Task Force stock boxes packed for seniors, 40 MWCC Mother’s Day card attendees, a final Meaningful Meal for 30 at Meta House, a bountiful number of items collected by WCW Team UnMENTionables for the Undy 500 Guest House Drive, and a celebratory Tea Party event for the Notre Dame 8th Grade Book Club students, staff, and mentors.

Thank you to our WCW Outreach “member shoppers” for keeping our business model successful.

## Feed the Kids

by Lydia Cooley



Feed the Kids is a summer meal program designed to meet the needs of children in Milwaukee neighborhoods with the greatest needs. The Salvation Army vans deliver lunches to neighborhoods, parks, and street corners to serve an average of 2,000 lunches each day, from Monday to Friday, for approximately 10 weeks each summer.

The meal assembly for the Feed the Kids program is completely volunteer-supported. Duties include bagged meal preparation, assembly and light clean-up, and packing the bagged lunches and getting them ready to go for distribution. WCW members often work with other community volunteers sharing common satisfaction in serving children in our community.

The WCW Outreach Committee has registered to volunteer for the following dates and times. Please join us!

**Wednesdays, July 13 and August 10, 9 AM-Noon**  
The Salvation Army's Distribution Center  
5880 N. 60th Street, Milwaukee

Members will need to individually register as volunteers with the Salvation Army.

<http://bttr.im/z7xtn>

**Questions? Contact Vicki Streich for more information or questions about the volunteer form at [vickistreich1@gmail.com](mailto:vickistreich1@gmail.com)**



## Next Door Foundation Book Drive

by Vicki Streich

Did You Know That 85% of a Child’s Brain Is Developed by Age Three?

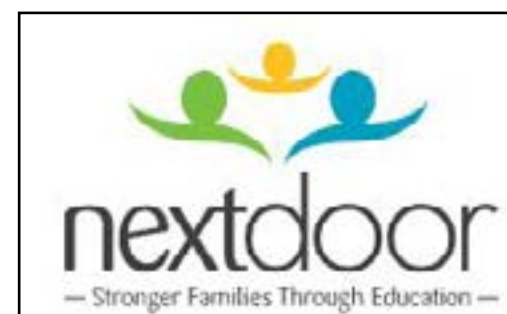
Once again, we have the opportunity to invest in Milwaukee’s children by supporting the mission of Next Door Foundation, which is to help central city children and their families overcome challenges and build a bright future.

For 30 years, its “Books for Kids” program has helped get books into children’s homes. Research shows that the number of books available to a child may surpass all other variables in predicting their long-term success in school. So isn’t this a remarkable opportunity for our WCW members...helping to shape the minds of the children in our community?

Donated books are used in the classroom and then given to the children to take home and encourage reading. We have chosen a list of books and have them on an Amazon link. Please have the books sent to the Club so we can keep a count of how many are purchased. Thank you so very much.

WCW Next Door Wish List

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



## The Notre Dame School of Milwaukee 2022-2023 After School Book Club

By Karen Oliver and Amy Domagalski



After a successful first year, WCW will once again be sponsoring the Notre Dame School of Milwaukee (NDSM) After School Book Club for the 2022-2023 school year. This educational project gives WCW members the opportunity to work with 10-15 8th grade girls by introducing reading as a way to learn, Connect, and share through stories. There are three book club sessions...one for each trimester.

**Volunteer to be a Book Club Mentor:** 1-2 volunteers needed for each trimester session. Volunteers are expected to:

- Read one of the NDSM chosen novels listed below
- Volunteer with the students after school two times each trimester session on Tuesday afternoons for a total of four hours:

Two hours at the start of the trimester to kick-off the book

Two hours at the end of each trimester to facilitate a “wrap-up project”

- Be fully vaccinated

Mary Ziino is the teacher/coordinator at NDSM; however, mentor support, ideas, and assistance during the trimester would be greatly appreciated. Program coordinators for WCW are Karen Oliver ([koliver@notredamemke.org](mailto:koliver@notredamemke.org)) and Amy Domagalski ([gr8teacher2010@milwpc.com](mailto:gr8teacher2010@milwpc.com)). Contact Karen or Amy if you are interested in mentoring for a book club session.

Contribute to the Book Drive: A book drive will be held from August 1 through September 15 to secure the books for the students and staff. Books can be purchased directly from Amazon and sent to the Woman’s Club of Wisconsin using the following link:

<https://www.amazon.com>

The following titles were chosen by NDSM:

- Session 1: *Hope Was Here* by Joan Bauer (mid-September - Thanksgiving)
- Session 2: *Parrot in the Oven* by Victor Martinez (mid-January – mid-March )
- Session 3: *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen (mid-March - mid-May)

Notre Dame School of Milwaukee Girls Middle School is located at 1420 W. Scott Street, Milwaukee.



# Programs and Activities

## AMERICAN HISTORY STUDY GROUP

by Judy Keyes and Sharon Gray

### Friday, July 8

8:30 AM Breakfast

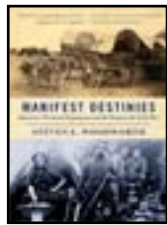
9 AM Book Discussion and Zoom meeting

Note that this meeting is on the second Friday to avoid the July 4th holiday weekend.

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

Zoom: Sign in at 9 AM to participate in the discussion. All of those who sign up will receive the Zoom link in case circumstances prevent you from attending in person.

### Manifest Destiny Below the Mason-Dixon Line: The Politics of Southern Expansion



Expansion of settlement below the Mason-Dixon Line was not a mass immigration by individual settlers looking for a better life. The land was settled by a few white families, bringing with them a large number of slaves to farm the land. Those of African heritage far outnumbered the whites - after removing the indigenous people's "unsettled" lands of the South (including lands south and west of Georgia—what was to become Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Florida). Add to this the movement west to Texas, the war with Mexico (which added more land than the Louisiana Purchase), and annexation and the battle for Texas statehood as a free or slave state.

Cherry Watts will lead our July discussion regarding the politics of this time, which included the rise of the Free Soil Party and how it firmly put the question of slavery at the forefront of political discussion.

Two books will provide the content for July's meeting.

- We continue with parts 3 and 4 of Steven Woodworth's book *Manifest Destinies: America's Westward Expansion and the Road to the Civil War*.
- We add *The Half Has Never Been Told: Slavery and the Making of American Capitalism* by Edward E. Baptist. Chapters 7 through 10 of this book will fill in the details of the era for our July meeting.

In September we will continue with this book on our road to the study of the Civil War.

A list of additional resources for reading and viewing is available upon request from the Club.

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

Breakfast choices will be provided when you make your reservation.

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 July 8!

## Genealogy Roundtable

by Debbie Patel

### Tuesday, July 19

10:30AM Discussion and Zoom meeting

Optional lunch to follow



We enjoyed our March discussion of family stories so much that we are revisiting them in May, when we focus on family heirlooms and artifacts and the stories they tell. It's time to show and tell! Using a timer,

we will make sure everyone who wants to share a story has a chance to do so. And, as always, we encourage you to put your stories down on paper. What you write today will be treasured by future generations.

Any Club member (or spouse) interested in digging around in his/her roots is welcome.

## Networking Group

by Kathy Pederson

### Meet our own Misty Guard

#### Thursday, July 28

4:30 PM Cocktails and appetizers

5 PM-6 PM Discussion

Misty Guard, MSPP, and President of Regulosity LLC, will talk about one of her businesses, Additive Manufacturing. MAG Industries manufactures in her basement with the help of an industrial 3D printer, fondly known as Henry. Join us for a fascinating discussion of industrial 3D printing and 3D modeling product design.

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

## Programs and Activities Committee

## SCULPTURE MILWAUKEE 2022

### Tuesday, July 12

11:30 AM Social

Noon Luncheon

1 PM Trolley pickup at the Club

Tour will last 75-90 minutes, with a dropoff back at the Club



Last year, *Forbes* magazine's travel and art writer raved: "Sculpture Milwaukee [has turned] into a signature event—an annual exhibition of public sculpture unrivaled by anything in New York or Los Angeles. It was a great idea which started big and never looked back. It uses the power of relationships and Milwaukee's connection to the world to imagine and produce an event that would be distinguished anywhere in the world. In a mere five years, Sculpture Milwaukee has brought artwork from many of modern and contemporary art's biggest names to the mid-sized city"

As Steve Marcus, husband of Club member Janice Marcus and visionary who spearheaded Sculpture Milwaukee, has said, "All great cities have a grand avenue with distinctive art, from the Avenue des Champs-Élysées in Paris to Park Avenue in New York to Chicago's Michigan Avenue. Milwaukee joined the ranks of these fine cities in 2017 with its own urban avenue art experience." Sculpture Milwaukee is back this year with breathtaking museum-quality sculptures in a two-mile loop near our Club. This spectacular outdoor sculpture exhibit animates Milwaukee's downtown area by encouraging people from near and far to walk the promenade featuring one of the most significant collections of public art in the country.

Don't miss this world-class exhibition! Enjoy the full exhibit from the comfort of a trolley with commentary by a Sculpture Milwaukee-trained docent who will tell us about the artists and their works of art. For the past five years, the Woman's Club has sold out this exceptional tour, so RSVP before it's too late!

## WCW Summer Barbecue, "Martha's Vineyard Style"

by Mary Wilkins Peterson

### Friday, August 19

SAVE THIS DATE for a fun, casual summer evening!

5:30 PM Social

6:45 PM Dinner



Summer is in full swing out on Martha's Vineyard, and the same can be said of our city of Milwaukee! Join us and bring your neighbors, family, and friends for a casual (jeans and Bermuda shorts are welcome) evening featuring a

very special summer dining event prepared by our chefs Jan and Kevin.

We begin with wine and an appetizer spread of light bites (think fried clams, lobster bites, shrimp, guacamole/chips, riblets, and more). As a complement to these delicious appetizers, we will be featuring lovely, crisp Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Noir.

At your table we will start off with a farm-fresh summer salad and your choice of either seafood chowder or a summer seasonal soup (no seafood in this soup). The main dining event will be your choice of either the Coastal Seafood barbecue or the Summer Meat barbecue, complete with corn-on-the-cob, boiled potatoes, and all of the fixings. A summer seasonal fruit dessert tops off this delicious meal.

This entire dining experience will encompass the best of the season's farm-fresh ingredients, so you won't want to miss it!

Make your reservations early and specify the Coastal Seafood barbecue or the Summer Meat barbecue. A vegetarian option is also available, so please inquire about that when making your reservation.

\$98 inclusive



## Rhinestone Soup

### Saturday July 16

- 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 and cabaret in Milwaukee and an introduction to burlesque.

Spots are limited, so RSVP ASAP!  
rsvp@wc-wi.com

## A Civil Rights Journey

### Memphis to Atlanta

The REI Committee is considering offering a civil rights tour, a journey through the history of the U.S. civil rights movement, in 2023. The tour would last twelve days and travel by private motorcoach from Memphis to Atlanta. Some of the highlights of the tour include:

#### Memphis

- Underground Railroad Museum
- National Civil Rights Museum
- Beale Street
- Graceland

#### Birmingham

- Civil Rights District
- Sixteenth Street Baptist Church
- Birmingham Civil Rights Institute

### Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail

#### Montgomery

- Rosa Parks Museum
- National Memorial for Peace and Justice
- Civil Rights Memorial Center

#### Atlanta

- Martin Luther King, Jr., National Historical Park
- Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum

If you are interested in participating in this meaningful experience, contact Joy Towell at [joytowell@gmail.com](mailto:joytowell@gmail.com) or 414.732.5670.

# Programs and Activities

*Race, Equity, and Inclusion presents:*

## Kindred by Octavia Butler – an All-Club Book Read

by Sharon Gray

### Wednesday, July 27

- 11:30AM Social
- 12 PM Lunch followed by book discussion



Let's start by giving it up for the great Octavia Estelle Butler (1947 – 2006). Butler was the first Black woman to gain popularity and critical acclaim as a major science fiction writer. In her groundbreaking work she was masterful at spinning speculative, imaginative tales that introduced you to both the possibilities - and dangers - of the human race. One of the few women of color publishing in a genre dominated by white men, she was a multiple recipient of the Hugo and Nebula awards. In 1995, she became the first science fiction writer to receive a MacArthur Fellowship.

*Kindred* is perhaps Butler's best known book. In this literary masterpiece, she re-imagines the time travel narrative to explore the dynamics and dilemmas of slavery. The book is the first-person account of a young African-American woman writer, Dana, who finds herself being unexpectedly and unwillingly shunted back and forth in time between her married life in 1976 L.A. and a pre-Civil War Maryland plantation; forced to confront her family history head-on. There she meets her ancestors: a proud black freewoman and a white planter who has forced her into slavery. As Dana's stays in the past become longer, she becomes intimately entangled with the plantation community, realizing that the brutality of slavery cannot be kept separate from friendship, love, or even the most well-meaning acts of kindness. As she navigates between her past and present, her interracial relationships in both times expose the intersection of power, gender, and race and explore the prospects of equality.

Television's FX recently announced that it is bringing *Kindred* to the screen for an eight-episode season. This hugely popular and influential novel is always a timely read.

## It's All Happening At the Zoo!

by Rita Larsen

### Wednesday, July 20

- 11:30 AM Gathering
- Noon Lunch
- 12:40 PM Presentation by Jodi Gibson



Like many people who grew up in the Milwaukee area, Jodi Gibson has fond memories of going to the Milwaukee County Zoo as a child. Her passion for the Zoo continues to this day in her position as the president and CEO of the Zoological Society of Milwaukee since 2016. She recognizes that the Zoo is not only an amazing conservation and educational institution but also an important cultural attraction that contributes to the economic vitality of Milwaukee.

Ms. Gibson has a unique background, having held senior leadership positions in both the corporate and nonprofit sectors. She has served as the Vice President of Corporate Social Responsibility for two global Fortune 200 companies and led fundraising activities at the country's largest domestic hunger-relief charity.

This is an opportunity for an "insider's perspective" on all the exciting changes, programs, and activities happening at the Milwaukee County Zoo.

In 2016, the first phase of the Zoo's 25-year Master Plan to reimagine the Zoo as "Adventure Africa" was initiated. It includes new habitats for elephants, hippos, and rhinos. The elephant and hippo exhibits are now complete, and the final phase will be a new home for the rhinos, tentatively scheduled to open in 2022-23. This entire project represents the largest physical change to the Zoo since it moved to its current location in 1961, adding 25 percent to its current footprint.

The Milwaukee County Zoo and the Zoological Society of Milwaukee share a unique public-private collaboration that has served our community for more than a century. In addition to helping to maintain the Zoo's reputation as a premier cultural and educational treasure, the Zoological Society has also made lasting contributions to conservation, and not just at the Zoo, but around the world. Several animals that are in immediate danger of extinction have a better chance for survival thanks to the work and funding of the Society.

Members are encouraged to bring spouses and friends to this event. WCW members are requested to register in the usual way, by e-mailing [rsvp@wc-wi.org](mailto:rsvp@wc-wi.org) or calling 414-276-5170. WCW members' guests can register with the Eventbrite link that will be in the Constant Contact email notice.

**Menu:** Cold vichyssoise soup with crostini, summer chicken strawberry spinach salad with sweet and sour dressing "Zoofari" chocolate-topped ice cream sundae

\$30 inclusive

## A Lifetime of Preparation For A Life's Mission

### Milwaukee County Sheriff Earnell Lucas

by Holly Ryan and Kathy Pederson

### Wednesday, August 3

- 11:30 AM Social
- Noon Luncheon
- 12:30 PM Program

**Honor, Integrity, Trust, Dignity, Respect, Safety, Security...**



These are watchwords for Earnell Lucas, elected the 65th Sheriff of Milwaukee County in 2018. Sheriff Lucas was born in Milwaukee's Hillside Terrace housing project and is a graduate of Rufus King High School and Marquette University. He was inspired to a career in law enforcement at an early age after an encounter with a police officer, which showed him the awesome authority and trust which the public places in police officers. During his 25-year career with the Milwaukee Police Department he served as the department's public information officer and as a district commander and retired at the rank of Captain.

He then enjoyed a 17-year career with Major League Baseball. He rose to oversee all of security at Major League Baseball as the Vice President of Security & Facility Management and later served as the Chief Liaison of Security & Investigations. His career took him to all parts of the world overseeing security operations, conducting sensitive investigations, and safeguarding the integrity of the game of baseball at the major and minor league levels.

Sheriff Lucas graduated from numerous institutes, including at the FBI and Northwestern University. Among his many awards, he was named one of Wisconsin's Most Influential Black Leaders in 2019.

An engaging speaker, Sheriff Lucas will share his personal story and his insights on the issues facing Milwaukee County from the perspective of its chief law enforcement officer.

Members are encouraged to bring spouses and guests to this special event.

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

\$30 inclusive

# Programs and Activities

## *Sense and Sensibility: A Full-Day Affair* by Andi Sciacca

Sunday, August 28



Join your friends from the Woman's Club, in partnership with the Junior League of Milwaukee and the Board of Directors of the American Players Theatre (APT), for a full-day affair celebrating friendship, live theatre, and one of Jane Austen's most well-known stories of love, family, and romance!

As the American Players Theatre describes the event:

"Batten down your bonnet – Jane Austen returns to the Hill with this soaring romance. All the lovers are here. The get-swept-off-your-feet-in-the-rain type, shoulder to shoulder with the considered, slow-burning dreamers who pine away the days until they will...or they won't. But look closer, and we see that all the circles are concentric. There's the complex and unbreakable love between sisters; between mothers and children; husbands and wives – some for better, some for worse. And at the center, a quartet of women who absorb their hardships and come out the other side singing. This one's sure to get even the most stalwart heart racing – a beautiful, swirling saga about all the ways we love."

Now, doesn't that sound like a wonderful way to spend a day with your friends?

If you join us for this fun-filled day, here is what you can expect:

We will meet at the Woman's Club of Wisconsin for coffee and pastries before collecting our boxed lunches and boarding the air-conditioned coach bus (with onboard Wi-Fi and a bathroom). The bus will take us from the front door of the Club to the beautiful grounds of the American Players Theatre in Spring Green, Wisconsin, roughly two hours away. We will be able to wander the grounds (or take a trolley) to the outdoor Hill Theater space, where we will enjoy comradery, conversation, and our lunches in the picnic space on the hill before attending the performance of *Sense and Sensibility*.



After the play concludes, we will join a private conversation with guest speakers from the Jane Austen Society during the exclusive "Play Talk," while we sip cocktails and mocktails (optional) and nibble on treats from pre-made picnic baskets or lighter snacks, all of which will be available for purchase at the APT.

Then, after a full day of Austen-inspired sisterhood, we will once again board the bus and make our way back to the Club.

As Jane Austen wrote in *Sense and Sensibility*, "It isn't what we say or think that defines us, but what we do." So, why not do something fun with a group of your friends from the Club?

Feel free to contact event host, Club Member, and Junior League President Andi Sciacca with any questions about the event ([andisciacca@gmail.com](mailto:andisciacca@gmail.com)). The APT has reserved 24 of their finest seats for us—and we know these will go fast! Club members and League members get first preference, but we will open the event to others if we have capacity and interest.

Schedule for the day:

8 AM Coffee and pastries at the Club  
9 AM Departure for APT in Spring Green  
Noon Arrival and picnic lunch  
1 PM Performance  
4 PM Post-performance "Play Talk"  
5:30 PM Approximate departure from Spring Green  
8 PM Arrival at the Club

## Program Ideas Anyone?

by Sharon Gray

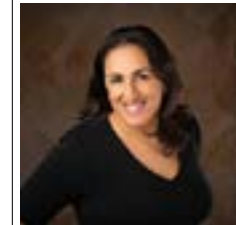
Since taking over as Programs chair this winter, I'm enjoying hearing all of the wonderful ideas members have for programs. We've scheduled many exciting programs based on your contributions. The Programs Committee works hard to evaluate and approve quality programming that appeals to all members of the Club. I know there are many more ideas out there! If you have an idea for a program, feel free to approach me or send me an email at [charna6@yahoo.com](mailto:charna6@yahoo.com).

## The Challenges and Excitement of Managing a Performing Arts Center

by Carrie Matteson

Tuesday, September 13

11:30 AM Social  
Noon Luncheon  
Program to follow



Drama came into Kendra Whitlock Ingram's life in a way that was totally unexpected. She had started her position as President and CEO of the Marcus Performing Arts Center (MPAC) just two days before she had to shut down the facility due to COVID! Learn

about resilience from someone who has lived it in a unique way for more than two years. She'll explain how MPAC has changed with the departure of the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra and the logistics of the recent re-opening of the MPAC.

Kendra has held senior leadership positions with several performing arts institutions including: Executive Director of the Newman Center for the Performing Arts at the University of Denver, Vice President of Programming and Education for Omaha Performing Arts, Managing Director of Shenandoah Performances at Shenandoah University, Vice President and General Manager of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, and Director of Pops and Special Programming for the Detroit Symphony.

She has served as a grant review panelist for the National Endowment for the Arts, the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, and Colorado Creative Industries. In 2021, Kendra was named to the Milwaukee *BizTimes* Notable Minority Executives List and in 2022 to the *Milwaukee Business Journal* Women of Influence.

Kendra's volunteer work includes service on several national arts industry boards, including the Board of Governors for The Broadway League as well as the Board of Directors for Arts Midwest and National Arts Strategies. She's also a full Tony-Voting Member of The Broadway League.

More details will follow, but you won't want to miss this program featuring one of the newest names in the Milwaukee performing arts scene.

## J. R. R. Tolkien: The Art of the Manuscript

by Carrie Matteson

Tuesday, September 20

11:30 AM Social  
Noon Luncheon, followed by Program



The Programs Committee is pleased to announce a very special presentation on "J. R.

R. Tolkien: the Art of the Manuscript," the fall exhibition at the Haggerty Museum of Art at Marquette University. The exhibition, which runs from August 19 through December 12, features manuscripts from the celebrated author and artist J.J.R. Tolkien, best known for his literary classics *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings*.

Susan Longhenry, Director and Chief Curator of the Haggerty Museum, will explain exactly how this major exhibition came into being. The foundation for the exhibit is Marquette University's extensive collection of Tolkien manuscripts housed within the library's Department of Special Collections and University Archives. It will also include items borrowed from other repositories, including a significant number of Tolkien manuscripts and artwork from the Bodleian Libraries at the University of Oxford.

What's most fascinating is that the exhibition will include more than 100 items, many of which have not previously been exhibited or published.

This is a presentation that can't be missed!

Historic Building Committee

## Save the Date!

Honoring Dr. Jim Henderson

Friday, October 21

Plan to attend a memorable evening.  
Dinner and performance with Milwaukee Musaik.

Dr. Henderson has volunteered his time and expertise for decades overseeing the WCW art and antiques collection.

Guests are welcome to this special evening!  
Dinner and concert details will be announced closer to the event.



# Programs and Activities

## Ready, Set to Go..... Liftoff for Adventure

by Lydia Cooley

Washington DC Here We Come



Departing September 7 and Returning September 11

The Travel Corner brings Club travel friends a return engagement to Washington DC. When the intrepid travelers who had flown off in the face of impending storms returned in 2018, all said, "Let's go back again soon." All WCW members are invited to join the adventure!

### Returning Favorites:

- A stay at the Hay-Adams Hotel across Lafayette Park from the White House, with double and single rooms offered.
- Peggy Purtell as tour director and Jeanne Fogle as expert DC guide. The itinerary is being fine-tuned, but we are confident from experience that it will be fabulous.
- Direct round-trip flights from Milwaukee to Washington DC on Southwest Airlines.

**Airfare is not included in the quoted brochure cost.**

### Act Soon to Reserve a Spot:

60% deposit due by May 31. Final payment due by June 30. Complete the reservation form and mail with your deposit check, payable to Travel Experts, to: Pam Stark, 10579 N. Riverlake Drive, Mequon, WI 53092 For questions, contact Pam Stark [pamhstark@gmail.com](mailto:pamhstark@gmail.com). 414.581.1456 or Peggy Purtell [peggy@travexperts.com](mailto:peggy@travexperts.com) There is a lot of pent-up WCW travel fever. Group size is limited to 15.

### As with all WCW trips:

- Reservations are first-come first-served based on receipt of reservation information and deposit.
- Members have priority in booking over friends and family.
- Travelers must be vaccinated and boosted



## Bridge Corner

by Judy Keyes

There are many options for bridge playing at the Woman's Club.



One of the most popular is the Marathon Bridge matchup, which takes place from September to the beginning of May. You and your partner will play each of the other teams at a time/day of your choice. Toward

the end of May winners are determined, and we celebrate the season! It's a wonderful opportunity to make new friends, often with lunch or dinner planned at the Club along with the game. Most players use the post-Goren style of bidding promoted by Audrey Grant (such as transfers and Stamen in no trump), but all styles of play are accommodated. If you enjoy bridge, you may want to join the group that starts up in September.

Most Fridays there is a duplicate bridge game going on at the Club. There are from 8 to 16 players each week, depending on availability. Some players have a regular partner but solo players are needed as well. These games are single sessions with prize money given at the end of the day, so there is no need to commit to playing every Friday. If you have played bridge, you're encouraged to join the group, act as a sub, or just observe the level of play.

If you have never played bridge or haven't played in a long time and would like to learn the post-Goren method of bidding, you might be interested in taking bridge lessons. We are always interested in knowing if there is anyone who would like to take basic lessons through the Club.

Contact Judy Keyes ([jkeyes@milwpc.com](mailto:jkeyes@milwpc.com)) for information regarding any of the bridge options described above.

# Clubhouse News

## Point of Sale

Finally, the Club now has a point-of-sale system for food and beverage ordering which allows wait staff to present a check prior to your departure. This will help the wait staff and kitchen staff to deliver more timely service. Days are gone of writing the order several times, along with the kitchen staff not being able to read what was written. The point of sale also supports the capability to track sales by room and by items and provide financial information. Reports will be readily available for review and for comparison in the years to come. So, to say the least, we are happy that technology has moved the needle at the Club to provide an overall benefit to the membership.

## Clarification: Service Charge and Tipping

The automatic 20% service charge added to all food and beverage purchases (10% for to-go orders) is used for the payroll of all departments. Wait and bar staff do not receive the 20% service charge directly. This is unlike public restaurants, where wait and bar staff work for cash tips and have a lower pay rate.

On the point-of-sale receipt that you are presented, there will be two copies, one for you and one for the Club to retain. Besides the items that you ordered and the total that includes the service charge and the tax, there is a line that states "gratuity." Should you feel as though the wait staff or bar staff did a fabulous job, you are able to add a gratuity that will be distributed directly to that person on their next paycheck.

The Woman's Club of Wisconsin is striving to stay relevant in a day where competitive wages are so important. This is an avenue that is now available to the membership. Again, additional tipping is at your discretion.

Jennifer Beck, CCM, CCE  
General Manager

## A Message from the Marketing Committee

by Stacy Tolomeo

Greetings WCW members!

I am thrilled to support our beautifully strong Club in our marketing efforts and thank you for allowing me to do so. Our committee consists of energetic volunteers with backgrounds ranging from marketing and communications to client experience and event planning. The common thread is our passion for promoting the many benefits our Club has to offer! Thank you to marketing and communications coordinator Michelle Willis and committee members Chris Gould, Debbie Johnson, Mary Wilkins Peterson, and Amy Schneider.

Marketing our Club is not a one-committee job. It takes all of us to spread the word. Yes, word of mouth is still the best form of advertising, and we encourage you to do just that! Share your WCW story with others Here's mine:

The WCW is a special place for me. I want to be part of the Club's history of strong women who created a space to share ideas, build friendships, and engage in thoughtful and diverse conversations. It is a place for me to connect with continual learners who enrich the community in a variety of ways, inside and outside of the Club's walls. Beyond enrichment, I am grateful for my new friendships and support system!

My last ask for the summer newsletter is this: We are building our media network so that our Club's events and stories can be shared with a broader audience. If you have a media connection you would like to share with us, please reach out to any member of our committee!

So, let's create some new stories this summer - give me a call (or email) if you would like to have lunch, a Friday dinner, or attend a program together!



# July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>Dining Hours</b> <b>Tuesday - Wednesday</b> 10 AM - 2 PM <b>Thursday</b> 10 AM - 2 PM <b>Friday</b> 10 AM - 2 PM 5:30 PM-7 PM <b>Office Hours</b> Monday - Friday 9 AM - 4 PM <b>Pickup Hours</b> <b>Tuesday - Wednesday</b> 10 AM - 2 PM <b>Thursday</b> 10 AM - 2 PM <b>Friday</b> 10 AM - 2 PM 5:30 PM-6:30 PM			1 <i>Club Closed for July Holiday</i>	2 <i>Club Closed</i>
3 <i>Club Closed</i>	5 Mah Jongg 10 AM	6 A La Carte Lunch 10 AM-2 PM	7 Knitting 10 AM Programs Committee 10 AM Community Outreach Committee Noon	8 American History Study Group 8:30 AM Breakfast 9 AM Discussion and Zoom meeting Marketing Committee 9:30 AM Duplicate Bridge 10 AM A La Carte Dinner 5:30 PM-7 PM	9 <i>Club Closed</i>	
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10 <i>Club Closed</i>	12 Historic Building Committee 10:30 AM	13 Feed the Kids summer meal program at the Salvation Army Distribution Center 9 AM-Noon Membership Committee 11:30 AM	14 Race, Equity, & Inclusion Steering Committee 3 PM	15 Duplicate Bridge 10 AM Finance Committee 11:30 AM A La Carte Dinner 5:30 PM-7 PM	16 Rhinestone Soup 5:30 PM Social 6 PM Dinner 7 PM Presentation	
11 <i>Club Closed</i>	Sculpture Milwaukee 11:30 AM Social Noon Lunch 1 PM Trolley Pickup					
17 <i>Club Closed</i>	19 Mah Jongg 10 AM Needlepoint 10 AM Men's Breakfast 10 AM	20 It's All Happening at the Zoo 11:30 AM Social Noon Lunch 12:40 Presentation	21 Knitting 10 AM Classics Book Group <i>The Christmas Banquet</i> Noon	22 Duplicate Bridge 10 AM	23 <i>Club Closed</i>	
18 <i>Club Closed</i>	Genealogy Roundtable 10:30 AM Discussion Foundation Committee 11:30 AM					
24 <i>Club Closed</i>	26 WCW Board Meeting 11:30 AM	27 REI Book Discussion 11:30 AM Social Noon lunch with discussion	28 Lunch Bunch 11:30 AM Networking Group 4:30 PM Cocktails and appetizers 5- 6 PM Discussion	29 <i>Club Closed Private Event</i>	30 <i>Club Closed</i>	
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25 <i>Club Closed</i>						

# August 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		2 Mah Jongg 10 AM Programs Committee 11 AM	3 Milwaukee County Sheriff Earnell Lucas 11:30 AM Social Noon Lunch 12:30 PM Program	4 Knitting 10 AM Community Outreach Committee Noon	5 Marketing Committee 9:30 AM Comfort Quilts 10 AM Duplicate Bridge 10 AM	6 <i>Club Closed</i>
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*"Many receive advice, only the wise profit from it."*

- Harper Lee

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