



WOMAN'S CLUB
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President's Message

Dear Members,



In January when Alderman Robert Bauman spoke to a spellbound audience in the Milwaukee Room, he caused me to worry because he said that if we got a couple big snowstorms in a row, the plows would have trouble clearing the streets. The reason? Just like most other employers, they've been short staffed, in their case by about 20%. Snow plow drivers had left to take better paying jobs elsewhere. I started praying that we wouldn't get hit with snow, because we want our Club to stay open. Low and behold, as of this writing on April 1 it would appear that we have been spared for this year. Let's hope it's not an April Fool's joke on me.

Why is it so important to me that we stay open? Of course it's because we want to provide you as many opportunities as possible to enjoy your Club. You have been loyal, patient, and resilient these many months. As time goes on, our programs are attracting ever increasing numbers in attendance. We want to be here for you.

Sadly, however, we are not immune to the price pressures that arose in wages, food, transportation, repairs, and upkeep. Thus your board has worked extensively to fine tune our budget for the coming fiscal year. We have built in some flexibility so that if attendance and revenue continue to increase, we will be able to walk back some of the published assessment. Our dedicated staff have shouldered additional responsibility while our numbers were lean, which has also helped us meet our financial targets. We owe them a great deal of thanks.

On the bright side, spring is here, and hope springs eternal. We welcome our new Food and Beverage Manager, Arnie Spella. He has already brought us new enthusiasm and energy, plus kind and careful attention to serve our needs. Arnie has extensive experience in the hospitality industry, including 16 years at Giovanni's Restaurant where he ascended to General Manager. If you haven't already met Arnie, please introduce yourself. He is a splendid addition to our staff.

Wishing you a merry month of May and a joyous June.

Kathy Pederson

A Note from Membership Committee

by Rita Larsen

“Come with a Smile and Go with a Smile”



Many times, at the end of a term, a group leader may want to remind all of the growth and success they have realized during the time. I could do the same. We have developed and grown in so many ways, and you would not be surprised. I know better than to use this precious time talking about my credits. As we all know, our most precious commodity is our membership.

From all walks of life with so many skills, I have enjoyed meeting you all. It gives me great pleasure to recognize and converse with so many of you daily. And to know that we will have many more years to come as friends. You are our greatest asset. As well, continue to read our wonderful book, *A Club of Their Own: 125 years of the Woman's Club of Wisconsin*. It is required reading for members of the Membership Committee and holds many answers for today's questions.

Thank you! Rita Larsen, Membership Director, 2020-2022

New Members:

Joan Nesbitt, West Bend, Friend to Pat Borger and Mary Emory
Sharon Rogers McCormack, Milwaukee, Friend to Janet Protasiewicz

Greetings everyone! My name is Linda Marshall, and I have the near impossible task of replacing Rita Larsen as head of the Membership Committee. In sports it is always said that you cannot replace a legend. Rather, you hope to emulate your predecessor. I will attempt to do just that. Rita has helped guide the Membership Committee of WCW through the trying times of market crashes, recessions, and the COVID-19 virus. Her guidance, her work ethic, and her results have kept us whole and have us poised for continued membership growth.

It will be my honor to work with our talented and active Membership Committee, which I might add will also include Rita. Our committee stands ready to recruit new members as well as to reach out to existing members to make sure our membership understands how important they are to our Club's well-being, comradery, and atmosphere. Therefore, I would like to recruit each member of WCW to feel part of our recruiting effort for new members. Please give referrals to friends and family who may share our community values. If every member would just refer one candidate, our future will be ever so bright.

Linda Marshall, Membership Director, 2022-2024



Foundation News

by Sheila Taphorn



Foundation Celebration Day! Thursday, May 12

Save the date to celebrate a most special day at the Woman's Club – the annual grant allocation awards Foundation Celebration Day on Thursday, May 12. We will welcome representatives from 20 local nonprofit organizations and learn more about each of their special initiatives that our Club Foundation is supporting this year.

Watch your mail for invitations and consider hosting a friend, family member, or colleague to learn more about the Club and our Foundation. Mark your calendars and celebrate the Club's Finest Hour on May 12!

Athenaeum Award & Milwaukee Notables Night Wednesday, June 22

The Woman's Club Foundation Committee is proud to host a very special evening in June.

The second annual Athenaeum Award will be presented to Margarete Harvey for her leadership and service to the nonprofit sector in the greater Milwaukee community. Margarete has given her time and talent to dozens of Milwaukee area groups, including the Milwaukee Art Museum, Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra League, Urban Ecology Center, and Whitefish Bay Schools, among others. We are thrilled to be able to recognize Margarete for her contributions to our community.

In addition to presenting the Athenaeum award, the Foundation Committee will combine the cocktails and dinner event with a special program featuring Milwaukeean notable Andy Nunemaker, who will share his professional journey as a Milwaukee entrepreneur and his personal stories of philanthropic contributions to our community, including leading the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra Warner Grand Theater campaign and hosting the Breast Cancer Showhouse this June.

To nominate a fellow Club member for the Athenaeum Award, contact Sheila Taphorn, Foundation Committee chair, who can share nomination details and a submission form.
sheila.taphorn@marquette.edu

We look forward to seeing you at the **Foundation Day Celebration on May 12** and the **Athenaeum Award Night on June 22**.



Community Outreach.....

by Lydia Cooley

“Enthusiasm is the engine of success.” Ralph Waldo Emerson

Community Outreach has had its pedal to the metal for the past few months bringing members new appeals to consider. We've filled several trunks with bountiful collections from members and have enjoyed the enthusiastic response from area charities. The deliveries of Healthy Snacks for Healthcare Workers and Winter Outerwear for the children served by the Ladies of Charity produced shock and awe with audible gasps and broad smiles.

The annual Layette Drive for the Christ Child Society fills the familiar Pack 'n Play and our Outreach phone booth. WCW members mention how much they enjoy selecting or making the precious baby items. The needy moms and babies are warmed by our response with deliveries expected to be made before Mother's Day.

Mother's Day card supplies were delivered to the women at the Milwaukee Women's Correctional Center on April 13 at a workshop. This is a popular project that provides another opportunity for the women to reach from the inside out to other special women in their lives and is a continuation of our long collaboration.

As we spring forward and soak in the changing seasons, our life engines warm and we enthusiastically begin the race to capture all that we can of summer life adventures. Our pace slows a bit, but the charitable energy drives forward. Early summer opportunities to join the team of the WCW Guest House Undy 500 “The unMENTionables” to benefit the Guest House and to become docent and boutique volunteers for the returning Breast Cancer Showhouse are both detailed in this newsletter.

Club valet staffing caused the committee to rethink the Pansy Planters Project and Used Book Drive for 2022, but hope springs eternal that these will return next year. To be truly successful, a large dose of realism is necessary too.



The enthusiastic response of members does drive Community Outreach project success. The committee is always receptive to new project ideas and to including new members. For some of us this was one of the first committees we joined, and the enthusiasm and camaraderie of fellow members was contagious. If you have a project and are interested in learning more, contact Lydia Cooley at cooley.lydiay@gmail.com.

Comfort Quilts

by Lydia Cooley and Bonnie Roemer



The Sheldon Room hums with creative energy, with the hum of sewing machines and conversation as members gather on the first Friday of the month to make the small comfort

quilts. These are shared with children served by the Milwaukee Child Advocacy Center.

Upcoming sessions are scheduled for June 3 and August 5 to run from 10 AM-2 PM. Participants stop in as time allows, and a lunch break is taken at noon.



Undy 500

by Karin Buckholdt

Undy 500 5...4...3...2...1....and GOOOOOOO!

The light is green and the WCW Team “The unMENTionables” is participating in the 10th annual **Guest House UNDY 500** donation drive to collect new men's undergarments. Every year, during the month of May, the Guest House of Milwaukee hosts the UNDY 500, a donation drive where community-based teams compete against each other to collect the highest total of packages of new men's underwear and undershirts in all sizes. It is a friendly competition with over a dozen area organizations to support a good cause. This drive helps to restore dignity in the male guests staying in shelters.

How to help our team cross the finish line strong:
Items may be purchased throughout the month of May either through our online [Amazon wish link](#) and shipped directly to the Club

OR

You may shop and drop your items off in collection bins at the Club.

Collection Dates: May 1 to May 27

Items Needed: Men's underwear, boxers, and undershirts

**Bonus points for the team for L, XL, and XXL size t-shirts

Questions: Contact Karin Buckholdt at karin.buckholdt@gmail.com or 414.628.2337

What is the Guest House?
<https://www.guesthouseofmilwaukee>

Guest House Fact: Since 2019, 81% of Guest House clients did not return to homelessness one year after exiting programs, and 76% did not return after two years.

We can't wait to see who will cross the finish line in first place! At the end of the month, UNDY 500 organizers will identify one winning team. Winners get a limited edition underwear keychain and bragging rights for a year.



The Breast Cancer Showhouse is Back!!

The Showhouse for a Cure is returning after an absence since 2019. This year's house is the former UWM Alumni House located at 3230 E. Kenwood Boulevard. Andy Nunemaker will once again be the host. You might remember his homes on Terrace Avenue as the 2012 and 2017 Showhouses. They were both spectacular, and this home promises to be even better. It is huge, 18,000 + sq. ft., complete with a sunken garden, and it will need many volunteers to make it a success.

The Woman's Club of Wisconsin through the Community Outreach Committee is seeking Club members to volunteer to be a docent in the home or participate by selling items at the boutique. Please consider taking part in this great cause.

Therese Burkhart is coordinating a docent group to work on Saturday, June 11, from 10 AM to 1 PM. You can reach her at thereseburkhart@sbcglobal.net. She is going to need a large number of volunteers. Please be generous with your time.

Joan Bruce is coordinating a boutique sales group to work on Tuesday, June 7, from 10 AM to 1 PM or Wednesday, June 15, from 1 PM to 4 PM. You can reach her at joanbruce1@yahoo.com



Programs and Activities

AMERICAN HISTORY STUDY GROUP

by Sharon Gray

Friday May 6

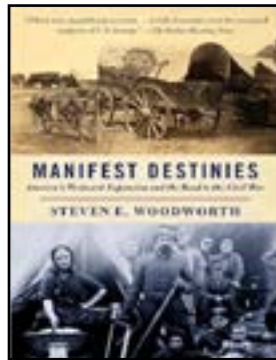
8:30 AM Breakfast

9 AM Discussion and Zoom meeting

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: North of the Mason-Dixon Line



In 1803, the Louisiana Purchase nearly doubled the size of our country. By 1823 the Monroe Doctrine warned other nations not to interfere with our westward expansion. Ultimately termed “Manifest Destiny,” America embarked on a path to expand from “sea to shining sea.”

By the time the 1840s dawned, Americans were feeling optimistic about the future: the population was growing, economic conditions were improving, and peace had reigned for nearly thirty years. A hopeful nation looked to the West, where vast areas of unsettled land seemed to promise prosperity to anyone resourceful enough to take advantage. Yet, political tensions roiled below the surface; as the country took on new lands, slavery emerged as an irreconcilable source of disagreement between North and South, and our dogged determination to expand took us down the road toward the Civil War.

At our May meeting, Linda Honold will lead our discussion on the phenomenon of Manifest Destiny as it played out north of the Mason-Dixon Line. We will discuss the book *Manifest Destinies: America's Westward Expansion and the Road to the Civil War* by Steven E. Woodworth (2010). The focus of our discussion will be on Parts 1, 2, and 5 of this book.

Woodworth captures the enormous sense of possibility that inspired America's growth and shows how the acquisition of western territories forced the nation to come to grips with the deep fault line that would bring war in the near future.

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

Hope to see you on May 6!



Fine Art and Culture Group

"Let's Do Lunch" with Celebrity Chef Gale Gand

by Chris Gould

Saturday, May 14

11:30 AM Social

Program to follow

Come join us in welcoming celebrity Chef Gale Gand to the Woman's Club. Chef Jan and Chef Kevin will be preparing some of Chef Gale's favorite recipes to enjoy while she shares stories about her life's journey with us.

Signed copies of Gale Gand's books will be available for pre-sale to our members for \$30.

Chef Gale will have multiple cookbooks as well as some of her products available for sale the day of the event.

\$50 inclusive

Limited seating; make a reservation now.
Email RSVP@wc-wi.org or call 414.276.5170

Guests are welcome and are encouraged to sign up using Eventbrite
<https://www.eventbrite.com>

About Gale Gand

Gale Gand is a pastry chef, restaurateur, and TV personality and was a co-founder and partner in the Michelin two-star restaurant, Tru, in Chicago. She hosted Food Network's long running show “Sweet Dreams” currently streaming on Discovery Plus, is the author of 8 cookbooks, and worked with Julia Child on her book and PBS series, “Baking with Julia.” Gale teaches cooking classes all over the country and is an artisanal soda pop maker producing Gale's Root Beer which is sold nationally. She has received two James Beard Awards, has been inducted into the American Academy of Chefs and the Chicago Chefs Hall of Fame, and was schooled in Paris at La Varenne.

Gale appears at many Food and Wine festivals across the country and is a professional Pie and Food Competition Judge. She recently started Kitchen Sisters Cooking School, a virtual school, with Chef Jessica Dawson. She is the mother of 3, has a BFA from RIT in metalsmithing, and plays the ukulele. Fun fact: She once made a peach cobbler for Aretha Franklin. For more information on Gale, go to

www.galegand.com



Programs and Activities

Genealogy Roundtable

by Debbie Patel

Tuesday, May 17

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

Breakfast and Program

“Adequate Preparation for the Next Day Can and Will Have Big Payoffs”

Wednesday, May 25

7:30 AM breakfast
8 AM–9 AM program

Presenter: WCW member Rita Larsen, RDN, who gave a recent program on Healthy Living at WCTC. Tired of waking up late and needing to rush out the door?

Short of time and preparation, you are just not ready for the day?

Rita will help you with some prep ideas for the night before, as well as foods to pack for lunch and how to get the best sleep the night before, and best meditation techniques to try. Join Rita for this enlightening program! Handouts provided, and your interaction with one another will be helpful.

Price TBD

Fine Art and Culture Group

Demonstration of Portrait Painting by James Hempel

Thursday, May 26

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.

\$28 inclusive



Fine Art and Culture Group

A Dream to REALITY - The Woman's Club of Wisconsin's Foundation Helped Make This Happen!

By Chris Gould

A Book Presentation of

A Creative Place: The History of Wisconsin Art
written by Tom Lidtke and Annemarie Sawkins, PhD

Tuesday, June 14

11:30 gathering
Noon lunch followed by the presentation by
Annemarie Sawkins, PhD



Join us in celebrating the publication of a book that the Woman's Club of Wisconsin Foundation helped bring to fruition, *A Creative Place: The History of Wisconsin Art*, written by Tom Lidtke, art historian and former director of the Museum of Wisconsin Art (1992–2013) and Annemarie Sawkins, PhD, art historian and former Haggerty Museum of Art curator (1999–2013).

The book received funding and support from the Woman's Club of Wisconsin Foundation for its research and publication. Annemarie Sawkins will discuss the adventure of writing the book, as well as highlight some of her favorite pieces during this event.

A Creative Place: The History of Wisconsin Art is a groundbreaking book that spans Wisconsin's art from thousands of years ago to the end of the twentieth century. Readers will enjoy experiencing Wisconsin through various forms of art including effigy mounds, petroglyphs, pottery, paintings, fiber arts, folk art, printmaking, sculptures, and more. There has not been a statewide book on Wisconsin art since 1936.

The book connects to a key Woman's Club of Wisconsin legacy — the Club's historic commitment to supporting women and the careers of women in all fields, even and particularly those dominated by men. The precedent for the Club's support of women in the arts, specifically, is almost as old as the Club itself.

This is a unique opportunity to experience the impact and power of the Woman's Club of Wisconsin Foundation.

Menu and price TBD

Guests are welcome

For reservations, email RSVP@wc-wi.org

or call 414.276.5170

Annemarie Sawkins bio



Annemarie Sawkins, PhD, is a Milwaukee-based curator, art historian, and recent co-author of *A Creative Place: The History of Wisconsin Art* (2021). She has curated several traveling exhibitions,

including "Afghan War Rugs: The Modern Art of Central Asia" (2014), and "The Woodblock Prints of Tsukioka Kogyo" (1869–1927). Other exhibitions include "In the Park with Olmsted: A Vision for Milwaukee" (April 14-September 24, 2022, at the Villa Terrace Decorative Arts Museum), "Art Japan 2021–1921," "nevertheless, she persisted: Prints by Contemporary Woman Artists," and "More on Less: The History of Burlesque in America from Lydia Thompson to Amber Ray." From 1999 to 2012 she was curator at the Haggerty Museum of Art at Marquette University.



Programs and Activities

Hector Colon: From the Boxing Ring to the Boardroom

by Kathleen Arenz

Friday, June 17

5:30 PM Social

6 PM Dinner

7 PM Presentation (Zoom option available)

On Friday, June 17, the Programs Committee is pleased to present an evening with Hector Colon, who will share his remarkable story of a career that began as National Boxing Champion and led to the ranks of Wisconsin's CEOs.



As a young boy from an immigrant Puerto Rican family in a tough Milwaukee neighborhood, Mr. Colon faced the challenges of prejudice and family struggles, but those trials honed a resolve to succeed. Hard work and perseverance led to success with the U.S. National Boxing Team, but when Hector lost a shot at the Olympics he redirected his energies to earning bachelor's and graduate degrees from UWM and entering the public sector.

Mr. Colon was a lobbyist for the City of Milwaukee under Mayor Tom Barrett and director of economic development for the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority under Governor Jim Doyle. His competitive nature also fostered an entrepreneurial side and led to ownership and management of real estate.

Today Hector Colon is CEO of Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, the first non-Lutheran and non-pastor to lead the large, 140-year-old nonprofit organization.

He is also the author of *My Journey From Boxing Ring to Boardroom: 5 Essential Virtues for Life and Leadership*.

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

Menu:

Choice of salmon or beef with a first course and dessert. Preparation to be determined.

\$45 inclusive.

A Life Well-Lived

by Lydia Cooley, Pat Fetterley, Rita Larson, and Gale Shelton

Those of us lucky enough to hear new member Lauren Poppen's excellent program on cooperative farming were so enriched! This program is the perfect example of why we love WCW. We learned not only of the multiple talents of our new member, a buttoned-up bank accountant by day and then, like Wonderwoman, revealing a deep layer of passion and commitment to a cooperative farm creating a sustainable farming community, bringing fresh-from-the-ground delectable produce and teaching us how this agricultural model is accessible to us all and makes both us and the Earth better!

The talented Life Well-Lived working group put together a superb program that gave us all just what we want from WCW: an engaging and knowledgeable speaker where we all learned something new and the great pleasure of being in our beloved and beautiful Club with fun farm-style decor and a delicious down-home chicken dinner. Most of all, we came away with spirits boosted by conversation and companionship with friends new and old.

Keep an eye on the calendar for more great programs with a well-being focus in the coming months! The working committee is always open to recommendations on program ideas and speakers. Contact: Lydia Cooley, cooley.lydiay@gmail.com.

Race, Equity, and Inclusion

A Discussion on Affordable Housing in the City of Milwaukee

Tuesday, May 10

11:30 AM Social

Noon Lunch

12:30 PM Program

It is apparent from some of the heavy equipment in and around downtown that construction of a number of high-end apartment and condominium developments is underway. Join the REI Committee for lunch on May 10th and learn about other housing initiatives in the City.

Our speakers, Willie Hines and Michael Gosman are well-known and well-respected experts on the subject of housing for low-to-moderate income individuals and families.



Mr. Hines is the Secretary-Executive Director of the Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee (HACM). HACM's mission is to foster strong, resilient, and inclusive communities by providing a continuum of high-quality housing options that support self-sufficiency, good quality

of life, and the opportunity to thrive. One of the agency's exceptional mixed housing developments is Westlawn Gardens located in the Silver Spring neighborhood.



Mr. Gosman is President and Chief Executive Officer of ACTS Housing. The organization offers services in two areas: ACTS Housing and ACTS Lending. Combined, both arms of the agency make it possible for first-time

home buyers to realize the dream of home ownership. Homes bought through ACTS Housing can be found in various neighborhoods around the city.

Hines and Gosman will discuss the activities of their organizations, how they have collaborated with each other, and the importance of their work to a large segment of the city's population.

Programs

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 or call 414.276.5170

Race, Equity, and Inclusion

Movie, dinner, and discussion night *Summer of Soul*

Friday, June 3

4 PM Movie

Dinner to follow



Come join the Race, Equity, and Inclusion group in viewing *Summer of Soul* on Friday, June 3, at 4 PM. This acclaimed documentary film celebrates six weeks in the summer of 1969, one hundred miles south of Woodstock, in Harlem.

The footage was never seen and largely forgotten, until now. It focuses on Black history, culture, and fashions and features performances by Stevie Wonder, Nina Simone, and The 5th Dimension, among others. The film has won numerous awards. Following the film, stay for a la carte dinner and discussion. Film length: 117 minutes.



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- Sonia Sotomayor

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