

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE

# University of Virginia

## Women's Club

Fall Term, 2021

### Letter from the President:

Dear Women's Club Members,

We are coming out of enduring a full year and a half of an unprecedented time of COVID-19 restrictions and hardships. I sincerely hope that you and your families are doing well. Our past Presidents, Rosemary Grisham and Lainie Rainwater, did an outstanding job of keeping our wonderful club connected, along with the Women's Club Board and Interest Group Chairs. This club is special, and I have expectations that we can renew our friendships and get back to our enriching Interest Groups this fall.

Starting with the Fall Luncheon, we will meet at the Greencroft Club on Thursday, September 16, 2021 at 11:30 to begin our academic year. The cost of lunch is \$35. There will not be a formal speaker so that we have ample time to visit with one another, sign up for Interest Groups, enjoy a wonderful lunch, and acknowledge the past two fabulous Presidents. Please invite any prospective new members to join us; it is a good time to introduce our club.

Another opportunity to introduce Women's Club to potential new members is the Newcomers Welcome, to be held on Tuesday, September 28, from 2:00 to 4:00 at Lainie Rainwater's home. I encourage members to come so that new members can see what a welcoming club we are.

UVaWC is wonderful because of all of the great, caring, and hard-working ladies who make all of the events during the year run so smoothly. I truly plan to have our normal activities beginning again this fall, however, the possibility exists of having to scale things back if the virus has a resurgence. We will keep everyone posted with any updates via email, and hopefully I will be able to get the website back to up-to-date information soon.

Celebration will be in the air, so I look forward to seeing you all at the Fall Luncheon on September 16<sup>th</sup>.

All my best,

*Lisa*

Lisa Huffman  
President, 2021-2022

**Women's Club's Leadership Transition from 2020-2021 to 2021-2022 and Spring Meeting**

Once again, per the Women's Club Bylaws requirement for the Spring Election of Officers for the following year (Article VII, Section 2), the Spring Election for the 2021 – 2022 Women's Club year took place electronically. The email ballot was sent to the membership on April 22, 2021, on behalf of President Lainie Rainwater and Nominating Committee Chair Martha Weiss. The deadline for email votes was April 30, 2021. Membership Secretary Pamela Barth received and tabulated the 67 votes, which is well over the one-tenth requirement for a quorum. The new Women's Club Officers and Board Members for 2021 – 2022 were presented by President Lainie Rainwater at the virtual 2021 Spring Meeting on May 3, 2021 as follows.

**UVaWC Election Results for 2021 - 2022:**

Ist Vice President: Mona Homyk (becomes President the following year, 2022-2023)

Recording Secretary: Carolyn Ohle

Corresponding Secretary: Mary Anne Pace

Membership Secretary: Pamela Barth

Treasurer: Grace Giras

**2021 - 2024 Members for the UVaWC Board of Directors:**

Sharon Hogan

Linda Noble

Diane Ritter

This list includes the newly elected offices only. When the new slate became official, First Vice-President Lisa Huffman automatically became President, and President Lainie Rainwater became 2nd Vice-President. (The President is only elected once - the year she serves as First Vice-President. After that year, she automatically rotates through the other two presidential positions.) A full list of the 2021-2022 Women's Club Leadership is on the last page of this newsletter.

**Thank you Nominating Committee Chair Martha Weiss and Committee members Hope Pribram and Becky Williams.**

Thank you Rosemary Grisham, Terry Petty, Susan Howell, Clara Jane Snipes and Marlene Stoner for your past service! The May 3<sup>rd</sup> Spring Meeting agenda also included Committee Reports, Lainie's Farewell Comments, and her Introduction of Women's Club's new President, Lisa Huffman. President Lisa Huffman responded with a very positive and hopeful Letter of Acceptance as she leads us into the coming year. After Lisa's Letter of Acceptance was presented, she adjourned the meeting. Our tradition of presenting gifts to the outgoing president will take place at the Fall Luncheon.

### Treasurer's Report

At the July 21, 2021 Board Meeting, Treasurer Grace Giras reported the current balance in the UVa Women's Club checking account as a little over \$12,000. Down slightly from last year, the following expenses have been paid in the past twelve months. Administrative expenditures including Zoom monthly charges and the PO Box Rental were \$274. A charge of \$188 covered bank expenses for printing checks and inactivity. Our annual \$200 donation was sent to the UVA Maxine Platzer Lynn Women's Center; \$743 to A Local Choice for printing/mailing the 2020-2021 Handbook, and \$222 for newsletter mailings. UVAWC presently has a credit in the amount of \$1,200 at the Greencroft Club due to pandemic cancellations for the past two Spring Luncheons. That credit will be used in September for our Fall Meeting.

Grace Giras, Treasurer

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### Philanthropy Committee Report



Maxine Platzer Lynn Women's Center  
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

A year ago, it was suggested and approved that in lieu of dues for the 2020-2021 year, Women's Club members would be encouraged to give an amount equal to dues as a gift to the UVa Maxine Platzer Lynn Women's Center, our ongoing Philanthropy Project. Beyond the annual \$200 gift from Women's Club to the Women's Center, individual members donated an additional \$2545 to the Women's Center, all sent to Becky Williams, Philanthropy Co-Chair, who then tabulated the Grand Total and sent the checks on to the Women's Center. Women's Center Director and Women's Club member Abby Palko sent a Thank-you note in response to the gift. Past gifts from our Club helped establish Ramona's Room that was absorbed into the Cancer Center's current *Flourish*, which provides wigs and other essential items for cancer patients. More recent gifts have helped with printed materials, furnished the Center's "Room to Breathe," and supported the Center's sexual assault prevention programs across Grounds. Becky will be collecting checks again this year.

Additionally, Women's Club supports Trick or Treating on the Lawn each Halloween, which was suspended last year and is uncertain for the coming fall. This uncertainty has made it necessary to give as much flexibility as possible to our own Women's Club Halloween Witch and Liaison between our Club and Residents on the Lawn, Liz Marshall. Instead of bringing candy to our Fall Luncheon, Liz is hoping to collect cash or checks from our members so she has the option of purchasing candy if it's a go, or holding on to the money until next year if Trick or Treating on the Lawn is cancelled again. If cancelled, she will cash your checks and hold the money.



Checks for the UVa Maxine Platzer Lynn Women's Center may be sent to Becky Williams:

1923 Blue Ridge Rd., Charlottesville, VA 22903

Checks for Trick or Treating on the Lawn Candy should be made payable to, and sent to, Liz Marshall:

1987 N Pantops Dr., Charlottesville, VA 22911



**Ongoing Philanthropy Opportunity:**  
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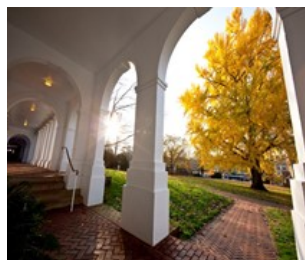
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- \*2. Click on Sign In if you are already an online customer or Register if you are a new on-line customer. You can also go to the SIGN UP TODAY link.
- \*3. Sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account by entering zip code, clicking on favorite store, entering your email address and creating a password, agreeing to the terms and conditions.
- \*4. You will then get a message to check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email.
- \*5. Click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step. Toward the bottom of your screen, you will find a section titled Community Rewards.
- \*6. Click on EDIT Kroger Community Rewards or Click the ENROLL button and input your Kroger Plus card number or your registered phone number. (If the system does not recognize your phone number, please call 1-800-576-4377, select option 4 to get your Kroger Plus Card number).
- \*7. Update or confirm your information. Enter NPO number (11213) or enter Community Services Project as the name of our organization you select from the drop down list and click on confirm.

To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see your organization's name on your information page. REMEMBER, purchases will not count for your group until after you register your card.

You must swipe your registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number that is related to your registered Kroger Plus card when shopping for each purchase to count.

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## *Fall Luncheon*



*Please join us for our Fall Luncheon and  
 Invite potential New Members*

*Where: The Greencroft Club, 575 Rodes Drive, Ivy*

*When: Thursday, September 16, 2021*

*Time: 11:30 to 2:30*

*Cost: \$35 You may include \$25 dues for 2021-22 year in same check - \$60 Total. We need luncheon checks by 9/4 as your reservation, but you can wait and pay dues at the luncheon or later.*

Please R.S.V.P. by September 4. Make checks payable to UVA Women's Club, mail to P. O. Box 5714, C'ville, VA 22905 \*Because mail has been extremely slow, please contact Lisa Huffman by phone or email if you **DO** plan to come to the luncheon and only recently mailed your check, or haven't mailed it yet, so she can get an accurate count of attendees and entree selections to the Greencroft Club by the deadline.

\*Lisa: 434-295-1459 (h) 434-981-6697 (c) [lisahuffman1459@aol.com](mailto:lisahuffman1459@aol.com)

*We will socialize, sign up for interest groups, recognize our past two Presidents, and enjoy a delicious lunch. For the Halloween collection, do not bring candy, but cash or checks will be welcome since we don't know if it will be held on the lawn this year.*



## NEWCOMERS WELCOME

**Tuesday, September 28, 2021**

2:00 – 4:00 pm



Join us! Bring a friend to the **Newcomers Welcome** on Tuesday, September 28 at the home of Lainie Rainwater, 425 Ivy Farm Drive.

A personal invitation from a friend or acquaintance is always the best way to bring new members into our organization!

The UVA Women's Club is open to all women across Grounds who are personally affiliated with the University through past or present employment, or through a spouse or domestic partner.



**For more information and to RSVP contact:**

### **Newcomers Co-Chairs:**

Lainie Rainwater (434) 202-0088 [rainwater78@gmail.com](mailto:rainwater78@gmail.com)

Marjie Giuliano (434) 977-5030 [marjie.giuliano@hotmail.com](mailto:marjie.giuliano@hotmail.com)



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### **Trips Committee**

#### **"Memorial to Enslaved Laborers"**



Sometimes some of the best trips are right in our own backyard!

In this case it is actually On Grounds! Many thanks to Marjie Giuliano for this suggestion.

We have arranged a tour of the "Memorial to Enslaved Laborers" at UVA.

We hope to have a descendant join us. The history & stories are fascinating. Our 2 hour OUTSIDE tour will be Thursday, October 7, 2021, 10:00 to noon. Parking is available in Elliewood Avenue Parking Garage, Central Grounds Garage below the Book Store, or the 14th Street Garage.

Rain date is October 14.

Feel free to carpool. We do not plan to have lunch as a group at this time.



Membership, Treasurer and Handbook ~ Combined and Intertwined

If you have this Newsletter in hand, you are considered a 2021 - 2022 UVa Women's Club member. Congratulations! However, your \$25 dues for the coming year and your updated Membership Form, which you recently received in the mail, should be returned to our Membership Secretary Pamela Barth. The Membership Form in the envelope lists your Club Member Contact Information as it will appear in the new Handbook. Please review the information and make corrections as necessary. Return the Membership Form and your Dues Check (payable to UVa Women's Club) to Pamela at the Women's Club address: PO Box 5714, Charlottesville, VA 22905-5714.

Pamela Barth, Membership Secretary: [barth.pamela@gmail.com](mailto:barth.pamela@gmail.com) (434) 996-1587

Grace Giras, Treasurer: [GraceGiras@comcast.net](mailto:GraceGiras@comcast.net) (434) 245-8722

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Interest Group Calendars and Contacts

<http://uvawomensclub.org>

In order to participate in UVA Women's Club Interest Groups, you must be a member - in good standing - of UVA Women's Club. Dues for Women's Club are \$25.00 per year. Because of the pandemic and most activities for the year cancelled, members of the past two years are considered current members and will receive all correspondence and publications. See messages from Interest Group Chairs below.

All Women's Club's Interest Groups are Open to All Club Members.

Our new Foreign Travel Group and the Walking~Hiking Group require No Sign-up and/or No Additional Dues. Emails for each meeting or activity will be sent to the entire club membership as they are planned. Gourmet Group and Bridge Group are no longer meeting. They may be revived in the future if interest exists and the virus cooperates.

In hopes of Women's Club starting a Mahjong Interest Group, former Women's Club member Caroline Colvin donated her set to us. Caroline lost her courageous battle with cancer on October 1, 2020. If you are interested in a Mahjong Group, sign up, or contact Marjie Giuliano at 977-5030 or [marjie.giuliano@hotmail.com](mailto:marjie.giuliano@hotmail.com)

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Foreign Travel Group

If you're interested in traveling the world to experience other cultures, this group is for you! It has been well documented that travel offers an amazing list of benefits including: improved happiness, diminished stress and anxiety, and it can renew the soul. Once or twice a year, members will select a country to visit and either Firebird or Odynovo Tour Company will plan a special group tour at a significantly discounted rate. Come join and see the world!

Meeting Dates and Times will be announced. Stay tuned.

Contact Jane Miller at 434.979.0222 or email [tedandjanemiller@embarqmail.com](mailto:tedandjanemiller@embarqmail.com)

Meets First Tuesdays

**Walking~Hiking Group**

10:00 am



This group meets on the first Tuesday of the month for non-strenuous hiking for anyone who likes to spend a little time outdoors with a fun group of women. Our hikes are fairly easy with occasional mild hills. We always end our time together with an optional lunch nearby. Emails for each hike go out to the entire membership a week or two before.

From Walking~Hiking Chair, Gay Goodwin:

It will be nice to get back to our routine again this year and enjoy some of the pleasant trails our area offers. I have listed the fall dates for our hikes, but only the location for our first hike, which is October 5th. Before the semester is fully underway, I'd love to have a Co-Chair to have some input in creating a list for the year and to assist as we plan each monthly outing. Let me know if you are interested and willing. Also, I'd love to hear your ideas for hikes we may enjoy; please share them with me! I'm looking forward to seeing you soon.

The dates for the hikes are as follows:

October 5 (October 12-rain date) Boar's Head

November 9 (November 16-rain date)

December 7 (December 14-rain date)

Gay Goodwin: [ghg1954@gmail.com](mailto:ghg1954@gmail.com), 434-825-2505

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**For the following Interest Groups, please sign-up with the group chair to receive information:**

**Antiques Group**

*We meet the fourth Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. and traditionally begin our year with an "In-House" Auction to raise the funds to cover Speaker Gifts and our Holiday Gathering for the year. **BUT** due to the close quarters of most of our meetings, there will be no Auction or Holiday Gathering this year. Our treasury is healthy and if we need additional funds for a meeting or a field trip, we can decide what to do then.*

*I am hoping to find a historic home to tour for our October meeting and see how things are going with the virus before planning the Spring Semester. Many historic homes across the state and the nation have stopped tours as I discovered when trying to connect to websites and virtual tours for our group to enjoy during our shutdown. I am sorry that my search was totally unsuccessful.*

*As soon as a field trip is planned, I will be in touch with you. Sign up at the Fall Meeting or let me know if you want to be included. Stay tuned.*

*Gale McCartney: [galemccartney@comcast.net](mailto:galemccartney@comcast.net), (434) 806-7817 I text, too. Be sure to identify yourself!*

**For the following Interest Groups, please sign-up with the group chair to receive information:**



### **BOOK GROUP**



We meet during the third week of the month for book discussions and delicious snacks.

We are so happy to be meeting in real life again for our book discussions! Most of our meetings are at the Northside Library at 1pm and some are at The Greencroft Club.

Dues are \$15 per year, due at or before our September meeting.

If you are interested in joining us, please call or email Palmer Gard at 314-223-7066 or [palmergard@me.com](mailto:palmergard@me.com) to get more details.

We look forward to having you this year! Happy Reading!!

#### **Books for 2021 – 2022**

**September** Beneath a Scarlet Sky, by Mark Sullivan

**October** This Tender Land, by William Kent Kruger

**November** The Four Winds, by Kristen Hannah

**December** Holiday Luncheon and discussion of The Thursday Murder Club, by Richard Osman

**January** The Gravity of Birds, by Tracy Guzeman

**February** American Dirt, by Jeanine Cummins

**March** Extraordinary, Ordinary People: A Memoir of Family, by Condoleezza Rice

**April** The Vanishing Half, by Bret Bennett

**May** The Guest Book, by Sarah Blake

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### **“Crafty Ladies” Craft Group**

“Crafty Ladies” meet on a less formal schedule than other interest groups. We enjoy getting together to express our creativity on any level, and with any medium, so don't be intimidated by your own ability or lack of! We've done several fun projects including weaving, paper folding into cards and boxes, clay pot décor, and egg dying. Mostly, we have fun discovering the extent or limitations of our creative energy!

Although we do not have any meetings planned for this semester, Crafty Ladies won't let COVID squelch our creative juices! Please share any ideas you've tried and think would be fun to do with the group, and we will try to plan a “safe” meeting with the Crafty Ladies.

Let me know if you want to be part of our email group for now, or if you want me to pass on any special project suggestions via email.

Marjie Giuliano 977-5030 [marjie.giuliano@hotmail.com](mailto:marjie.giuliano@hotmail.com)



**For the following Interest Groups, please sign-up with the group chair to receive information:**

### **Garden Group**

**Garden Group meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 9:30 except in September.**

#### **Fall 2021 - Spring 2022 Calendar**

October 13<sup>th</sup>      “Trees Talk, But Do They Listen?”      Manuel Lerda, professor of Environmental Sciences  
November 19<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> (our date TBA)      Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens Christmas Lighting Event, Richmond  
December 8<sup>th</sup>      Annual Holiday Gathering      Social/Gift Exchange

#### **Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!**

January 12<sup>th</sup>      Sharing Topic - Garden Group Members  
February 9<sup>th</sup>      “Birding” Lecture by Pete Myers  
March 9<sup>th</sup>      “Flower Arranging” with Carolyn Adams - reservations and fee  
April 13<sup>th</sup>      Thomas Jefferson’s Poplar Forest, Bedford County  
May 11<sup>th</sup>      Gary Melchers Museum, Home and Gardens, Fredericksburg



\*Our Celebration of Carolyn Adam’s 15+ Years of Service will be held at a later date - to be announced.

Garden Group Chair: Mary Jean Thiele, 825-4963 or [thielemj@gmail.com](mailto:thielemj@gmail.com)

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**Join an Interest Group and Enjoy many Exciting Meetings and Events!**



### **Fall Dates to Remember**

#### **Fall Luncheon**

Thursday, September 16, 11:30 to 2:30, Greencroft, \$35.00    RSVP to Lisa by September 4th.

#### **Newcomer’s Welcome**

Tuesday, September 28, 2:00 to 4:00, Home of Lainie Rainwater    Please RSVP.

#### **Fall “Trip”**

Thursday, October 7, (Rain date, October 14) "Memorial to Enslaved Laborers" on Grounds

### **IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO ALL MEMBERS!**

The Club leadership is eager for our organization to grow and for all of our members to be “plugged-in” doing things they enjoy with other UVa Women. If you have an interest, gift, or talent, please consider starting a new group to share it with others.  
It only takes two or three women to create a group! Let us hear from you!

# UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA WOMEN'S CLUB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2021-2022

## Officers

President	Lisa Huffman	295-1459	<a href="mailto:lisahuffman1459@aol.com">lisahuffman1459@aol.com</a>
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