

University Women of BGSU

Summer 2023 Newsletter

A Letter from Our President Becky McOmber



Greetings! Where is the time going, and how can it be so late in the summer already? Wherever the time has gone, here we are - enjoying summer activities, relaxing during the summer lull for most of our interest groups, and anticipating the upcoming return to gathering in full force after the start of the new academic year.

I'm happy to be serving as President of University Women for the 2023 - 2024 academic year and feel honored to be working with the dedicated and energetic group of women who are your Board members. They have been very busy planning for the upcoming annual Fall Brunch. I would like to thank each and every one of them for working so hard to make our brunch an enjoyable one for you, our members!

As I hope you have noted on your calendars, the brunch will be held on August 26. The program will reflect our theme for this year: **Looking ahead with Hope; Looking back with Pride.** It will begin at a slightly later time this year, but it will be held in the same location in the Veteran's Administration Building of City Park. Our time for socializing and selecting raffle and silent auction items will begin at 10:00. The program will begin at 10:30. More information, along with this year's Membership Application Form and the Brunch Reservation Form, is shared elsewhere in the newsletter. Our members are the heart of our organization. If you know someone who might be interested in joining, consider inviting her to the brunch.

Whatever you have been doing and wherever your time has gone this summer, enjoy the remainder of it and plan to join your friends at the annual Fall Brunch!

Brunch

FALL BRUNCH

Saturday,
August 26
at 10:00 am
Veteran's
Administration
Building
BG City Park

Raffle and Silent Auction



Box lunch
provided by **Call
of the Canyon**

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Membership Application/Renewal

The 2023-24 *Membership Application/Renewal* form is included in this email.

Annual dues continue to be \$20. Submit with payment no later than September 12, 2023 and you will be included in the 2023-24 Directory.

Raffle and Silent Auction Items Needed



The UW Raffle & Auction will again take place at our Fall brunch. In 2022, we made \$2,148.18 from the auction and \$572 from the raffle for our scholarship fund; let's do better in 2023!

Silent auction items need to have a value of \$20 or more. Please drop those items at the home of Susan Winters, auction chair, at 328 W Wooster St in BG or call her at 412-780-1048 to arrange to have them picked up. You and Susan will determine the value and the minimum bid. Silent auction items should be delivered or picked up starting August 3rd but no later than Thursday August 24th. We cannot accept auction items the day of the brunch.

Please bring your **raffle items** to the brunch by 10 on the 26th and place them on the raffle table. If you would like to donate items but will not be able to attend, please call Karen Johnson, the raffle chair, at 419-352-8046 and arrange to get the items to her.

Activities and Events

A fun evening on a beautiful May night was enjoyed by approximately thirty UW of BGSU members and their guests. **Jazz and Brew Night** was held not only to socialize but also to raise money for our Scholarship Fund. A total of \$431 was added to the fund! Thanks to Arlyn's Good Beer for hosting the event and for donating 16% of the evening's sales to our fund, and thanks to the generosity of all who purchased 50/50 raffle tickets. We hope to continue **Jazz and Brew Night** as an annual event!



Mark your calendar now for this year's annual **Holiday Party** at the home of Barbara and Roger Sanchez. It is planned for December 8 at 6:30 pm.

UW of BGSU Scholarships Meet the Winners

Because of your generosity, our organization is able to award four scholarships for this academic year for a total of \$7,000. Several applications were received and reviewed by the Scholarship Committee. The diligent efforts of Mary Lynn Pozniak, Suzanne Fahrner, and Lee Field-Starks resulted in the selection of four deserving women who will be introduced at the annual Fall Brunch.

Interest Group Activities

While most of our Interest Groups take a break during the summer season and resume their activities in the fall, the following groups have been active this summer.

Banned Books Group has discussed several books.

The Bridge Group has had many lively games.

The Knit Wits has enjoyed many hours of creativity and friendship.

Morning Blooms! members have been treated to many Bowling Green gardens and backyards. In addition, they have toured greenhouses and nature preserves.



Espresso Yourself, an informal weekly gathering, has continued to meet on Monday mornings at Grounds for Thought for coffee and conversation.

If you have an idea for a new group for this fall, please share that information with Suzanne Fahrner, suefahrner@gmail.com. For more information about each of the Interest Groups, visit the University Women of BGSU website at universitywomenofbgisu.com.