

March 2024

Worthington Women's Club
4th Tuesday, 12:30 p.m.
Worthington Hills Country Club
920 Clubview Boulevard South



*I shall plant a garden of friendship
And pluck from it flowers of love and service which never fade.
Marie Vandergrift, President 1942-43*

It is hard for me to believe how fast this year has gone. It has been a great privilege and so much fun being your President for a year. Thank you all. My advice: if you ever get a chance to do it yourself, take it! It is so rewarding. The Nominating Committee is working right now to find members interested in a position on the Board (see information on the Nominating Committee elsewhere in this newsletter). If you are asked, please consider serving.

The best of the year is yet to come! Two of our allocations recipients will be at our March meeting discussing how they serve Worthington. In April we hold the Interest Fair, followed by a fashion show by Modealise (one of my favorite local boutiques). And in May, the Spring Luncheon, which will feature Elmer Cabotage, on the piano. You may have heard him play at Von Maur.



I ask that you wear hats to the Spring Luncheon. As I was looking at past Worthington Women's Club's photos, I noted many of the women wore hats and looked so elegant. I wanted to do that 2024 style. Any head attire goes. Make it yours. Let's have fun with it!

On a much more serious side, in March we will have a vote on two revisions to our Bylaws. These are explained in more detail elsewhere in this newsletter and on our website. Passage of these change proposals by the Board requires 2/3 majority affirmative vote of those members present. To have your voice heard, be sure to attend the March meeting. The official first reading of the changes will be at the February meeting.

And a couple words about the April Interest Fair. The Interest Groups are what the WWC revolves around. We currently have 34 interest groups. Wine Tasting, Game Night and an evening dining group were started in 2023. We look to our members to suggest and help form new groups. If you have ideas and want to help start a new group contact Mary Lou Luebbe-Gearhart, Past President and Interest Group Representative.

Finally, I want to thank the WWC Board of 2023-2024. Everyone did their jobs and pulled together to help each other as necessary. They made my job as President easy.

Pam

**Pam Clawson, President, 2023-2024
Worthington Women's Club**



Welcome, New Members!

Beth Nelson
Lynn Saxton

Hope Paxson
Laura Ferencz
Barbara Wohlever

In Memoriam

Barbara Adriansen Joan Kincer
Diane Hockman



Nominating Committee

Diane Selby, Chair

Jackie Kaps Linda Figula Joyce Lohner
Janice Yarrington

The slate of officers will be announced in March.
The election will be held at the April meeting.

Upcoming Meetings

At our MARCH 26th meeting, 2024 Allocations Recipients discuss "Getting to Know Our Community Resources".



A Spring Fashion Show is on the agenda for the April 23rd meeting. It will be sponsored by ModeAlise. Don't miss this!

General Meeting Reservations

Please make a reservation for the General Meetings so that we may order appropriate number of desserts by contacting Merci Katz by the Tuesday before the meeting at j.katz@att.net or phone 614-565-6550. In the event that you forget to make a reservation, please come anyway, but a dessert may not be available to you.



Congratulations to all!!!



We collected 109 pounds of personal items plus a \$50.00 check for the food pantry at our holiday celebration! We also raised \$772 from the raffle for allocations. Pat yourselves on the back. Good job!!

WWC Memorial Fund: Donations may be made in memory of a deceased member or family member. Funds should be earmarked either for general club uses or allocations. They are not tax deductible.

Allocations Committee 2024

Jutta Wait, Chair

Pam Clawson Jodi Ort,
Karen German Jeanne Earhart

McConnell Art Center of Worthington	\$ 300.00
Worthington Historical Society	\$ 300.00
Scholarship Opportunities for Success	\$ 300.00
Worthington Resource Pantry	\$ 400.00
Worthington Bridges	\$ 200.00
Total	\$1500.00

Allocation recipients able to attend will be recognized at the March general meeting.

Funds raised for allocations come from the Allocations budget, member donations, the holiday raffle and memorial donations.

Visit Our Website!



Don't forget to check for WWC information on our website. The newsletter, photos of recent events, and other information relevant to members or aspiring members are posted there:

www.worthingtonwomensclubofohio.com



Help our Garden of Friendship flourish!

Do you have a friend, neighbor, or an acquaintance that would enjoy membership in WWC? Invite friends and neighbors to join us at our meetings. In the meantime, talk with them about our interest groups and activities.

What would you like to know more about?

Please let us know your ideas and thoughts about what programs you would like to have for our next Club year. Contact Kathy Pfendler at 614.260.9108 or tpfendler@aol.com with your ideas.

WWC is a garden of friendship. We respectfully request that members refrain from promoting business, political or charitable activities at Club events.



Keep us up to date

Please report address, phone, or e-mail changes to Membership Chair Mary Lang (614.974.4047, langme@gmail.com) to ensure you receive the newsletter and that your information in the Yearbook is

correct.

Let us know of illnesses, deaths, or special occasions so that our Corresponding Secretary can acknowledge them on behalf of the club: Barb Keister (614.743.9111), barbkeister65@gmail.com.



Newsletter issued twice a year

The WWC newsletter is published and/or mailed twice a year. [Look for your copy in late August to early September and early to mid-March either in the mail or on line](#)

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Interest Group Fair

April 23, 2024

General Meeting 12:00 pm

Please come at 12:00 pm, before the General Meeting, to see displays and talk with a representative of WWC's current Interest Groups. This is your opportunity to sign up for an Interest Group for 2024-2025. Or consider starting a new Interest Group. Only ten members are needed to start a new group. Interest Group Representative, Mary Lou Luebbe-Gearhart will help you to get started. Just call/text Mary Lou at 614.565.4327.

Contact information and sign-up sheets will be available at the April meeting. See your yearbook for dates and times of Interest Group meetings.

Note:



Mah Jongg Friday meets at 12:00 pm on the 4th Friday of the month.

Proposed Dues Increase



The Board is proposing to raise the cost of dues from \$30 to \$45 beginning with the 2024-2025 season. This is due to rising costs we are all seeing in our own finances. Specifically, the Worthington Hills Country Club raised the cost of the meeting room \$100 per meeting and raised the costs of the desserts from \$6.61 to \$8.00 (includes markups) per dessert. The \$8.00 was a "deal" for this year. In 2024-2025, we expect the cost to go up to \$9.26 per dessert, which was the price we were originally quoted. Our membership has gone down from 234 members last year to its current 217 members. The Board believes this dues increase will be enough to carry us many years into the future without coming back to membership several times in the near term to request smaller increases.

The Board is also proposing to eliminate the word "bonded" with respect to the Treasurer in Article VII of the Bylaws. The WWC carried insurance for the silver service we had when we were meeting at the United Methodist Church and that insurance also covered the treasurer. We updated the insurance, but did not update the bylaws at that time. The WWC has several checks and balances in our processes to make it difficult for a Treasurer to misappropriate funds. The Board believes the funds are sufficiently safeguarded without spending money to bond the Treasurer.



**WWC Spring Luncheon
Worthington Hills Country Club
Hats on for Spring**



**11:00 a.m.* Tuesday May 14, 2024
Cash bar**

***Early starting time due to installation of officers**

Installation of 2024-25 Officers 11:30 a.m.

Menu

GRILL ROOM SALAD (NO ONIONS), ROLLS AND BUTTER,
MEATLOAF WITH MUSHROOM RAGOUT
AU GRATIN POTATOES, JULIENNE VEGETABLE MEDLEY
RASPBERRY SORBET WITH COOKIE TUILES

VEGETARIAN: GRILLED VEGETABLE NAPOLEON,
ROASTED REDSKIN POTATOES

**Elmer Cabotage
Piano Interlude**

Join the fun! Wear a hat for the luncheon. Hats can be new or vintage, haute couture or handmade. Looking forward to seeing yours.



Reservations \$27

Available at the March 26 and April 23 General Meetings or send a check to

**WWC Assistant Treasurer
Jeanne Earhart
123 Brookstone Blvd.
Westerville, OH 43081-4560**

Deadline for Reservations is Tuesday, May 7, 2024

**Tickets will not be issued. Your ticket is your name tag picked up at the reception table.
Please notify Jeanne Earhart (614-562-8093) if there are any dietary restrictions prior to the luncheon.**

