

March 2026

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*

A Message from WWC President Mary Steed-May



Spring is fast approaching. It is most welcome this year after our winter weather with a record-breaking snowfall. I always enjoy seeing the first crocuses and the daffodils that follow. With these signs of spring, my term as president is fast winding down.

The year has been enjoyable and productive due to the support of the board and other WWC members. This fall, we streamlined the paperwork for paying your dues, donating to Allocations, reservations for PIE and paying for the holiday luncheon. I especially enjoyed hosting the presidential invitational event (PIE) this year with an educational wine tasting. Our holiday luncheon raffle netted \$893 for Allocations and 274 pounds of personal items were donated to the Worthington Resource Pantry. As a result, we are awarding checks to six local nonprofits for Allocations at the March general meeting. Thanks for your individual Allocation donations as well.

Prior to the general meeting in April, we will have our Interest Group Fair. This gives everyone an opportunity to explore all of our current 35 interest groups. Also, I understand that two new groups are in the process of forming. If you are interested in forming a new group and would like to get the information out at the Interest Group Fair, please contact the chair, Jody Ort. A reminder - new members are automatically members of the Acquaintance Group and are encouraged to join the Acquaintance Group meetings.

A good reason to attend April's general meeting is the spring fashion show which features Chico's at Lane Avenue. In addition, April brings forth a WWC America 250 project in partnership with the Worthington Historical Society. We will be having a wooden sheep cut out which will be decorated by local artist Deb Halle using our logo. Our sheep will be included with a herd on the Worthington Village Green to commemorate our colonial heritage.

The spring luncheon and installation of new officers will take place during May's general meeting. Even though we do not have general meetings during the summer, many of the interest groups continue to be active throughout the year.

Thanks to everyone for your support, encouragement, and help. We truly have a garden of friendship with Worthington Women's Club.

Mary

Mary Steed-May, President 2025 – 2026
Worthington Women's Club
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Welcome, New Members!

Barb Benson, Lynette Blakeway, Cynthia Brown, Adrienne Cannell, Suzy Cornetet, Karen Clark, Maryedna Fox, Lynn Flowers, Kimberlee Goodman, Margaret McDaniel, Janet McDermott, Diane Moore, Janet Mushrush, Patricia O'Dell, Fernanda Pasquale, Nelia Pozzuoli, Maria Ramirez, Susan Steigerwald, Marilyn Sweeny, Janet Truog

Nominating Committee

Carol Rachfal, Chair

Marilou Beachler Nancy Withers
Barbara Wohlever Joyce Lohner, Observer

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

Upcoming Meetings

At our MARCH 24th meeting, Michelle Wilson and Maureen Ernoff will discuss "Fun Things to do in Columbus."



A Spring Fashion Show is on the agenda for the April 28th meeting. It will be sponsored by Chico's Lane Avenue Shop.



Meeting Reservations

We will continue taking reservations for you and your guest for our General Meetings, as well as the luncheons. If you plan to attend, please call or email Jackie Kaps by the Tuesday before the meeting at jkaps@columbus.rr.com or phone/text at (614)634-2688. If you forget, please come anyway, but there may not be a dessert for you.

In Memoriam

Dorothy Driskell Dottie Demaree
Ginger Oswald



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 2026

Pam Clawson, Chair

Mary Steed-May Joyce Lohner
Lisa Aspery Bev Ryan

McConnell Arts Center	\$ 300.00
Buckeye Military Moms	\$ 200.00
Scholarship Opportunities for Success	\$ 300.00
Salvation Army	\$ 400.00
Worthington Historical Society	\$ 345.00
Worthington Resource Pantry	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
Total	\$2,045.00

In addition, \$133 will be donated to the WWC America 250 fund. That, along with the \$250 from Allocations set aside last year totals \$383.00, which will go towards sponsoring a speaker for a community wide America 250 event.

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, our history and bylaws and other information relevant to members or aspiring members is 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.

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 Nancy Withers (614.419.4469) or Nancyfly70@gmail.com to ensure you receive the newsletter and that your

information in the Yearbook is correct. We will be getting the yearbook ready soon, so check your information to verify that it's correct.

Let us know of illnesses, deaths, or special occasions so that our Corresponding Secretary can acknowledge them on behalf of the club: Linda Figula (614.562.0106), lfigula@att.net.



Holiday Raffle Donors

Please thank and patronize the following Worthington businesses that donated raffle items to help raise allocations money at our Holiday luncheon. They are all much appreciated.

Amano's Sports Bar	Blissful Trends
Bath & Body Works	Dewey's
J. Liu	McConnell Arts Center
ModeAlise	Old Bag of Nails
Porch Growler	Sugarbush Gourmet Gift Baskets
Tomatillos #1	Tomatillos #2
Worthington Jewelers	Worthington Tavern



Interest Group Fair

April 28, 2026

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 2026-2027. Or consider starting a new Interest Group. Only ten members are needed to start a new group. Interest Group Representative, Pam Clawson, will help you get started. For more information call/text Pam at 614.783.3561.

We currently have 35 interest groups. While a few are not taking new members, most are, or at least taking names for substitutes or have a wait list. If there are enough "extras" we may start an additional group, so make sure you show an interest by getting your name on a sub or wait list.

This year we will be testing the interest in two options, the Breakfast Club, starting at 10 am (day of the week to still be determined) and a pass-around jigsaw puzzle group, modeled on the Book Group. ??????

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

Congratulations to all!!!

115 Members and 10 Guests attended the Holiday Luncheon. At the luncheon, we collected 274 pounds of personal items plus a \$25.00 check for the food pantry at our holiday celebration! We also raised \$893 from the raffle for allocations. Pat yourselves on the back.



The Newsletter is issued twice a year in September and March. The September Newsletter is mailed to everyone and the March Newsletter is sent via email and can also be downloaded from the WEB Site.





WWC Spring Luncheon Worthington Hills Country Club

Jim McCormac, Naturalist & Author

11:00 a.m.* Tuesday May 12, 2026
Cash bar

*Early starting time due to installation of officers

Installation of 2026-27 Officers 11:30 a.m.

Menu

SALAD, ROLLS AND BUTTER,
CHICKEN PICCATA WITH PARMESAN AND LEMON BEURRE BLANC
ROASTED RED SKIN POTATOES, BROCCOLINI
OREO BALL WITH ICE CREAM, CHOCOLATE AND CARAMEL SAUCE

VEGETARIAN: VEGETARIAN STIR FRY

Jim McCormac
Naturalist, Author
And Columnist for The Columbus Dispatch



Reservations \$30

**Pay in Person at the March 24 and April 28 General Meetings or send a check
made out to Worthington Women's Club to:**

**Bev Ryan, Worthington Women's Club
173 Longfellow Avenue
Worthington, OH 43085-3000**

**If you want the vegetarian option or have any dietary restrictions, notify Bev Ryan by May 4th
At 614-746-6123 or Bevrvan23@gmail.com**

Deadline for Reservations is Tuesday, May 5, 2026

Tickets will not be issued. Your ticket is your name tag picked up at the reception table.

