

Fall 2026

Worthington Women's Club

Founded in 1932



*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 Joyce Lohner



The WWC Board has been busy this summer transitioning into their new roles and planning for a fabulous year. The Yearbook has been updated and will be distributed this fall upon payment of dues. I hope your battery was fully charged over the summer and you have plenty of energy to stay active! We have some exciting upcoming events on the books! A few are highlighted below with details noted within this newsletter.

Women in History: Abigail Adams, A Dramatic Historical Portrayal. Step back in time and meet one of America's most influential founding women, Abigail Adams, wife of President John Adams and mother of President John Quincy Adams. In conjunction with the Worthington Historical Society our Club will present an engaging, living historical portrayal drama of Abigail Adams whose wisdom and convictions helped shape the early American Republic and continue to inspire as our nation marks 250 years of history. Mark your calendars for September 2nd. This program is Free and Open to the Public.

Helen O'Meara and Sue Pukay-Martin, First Vice President, Assistant FVP respectively, have an excellent and informative slate of **Presenters** on tap for this year for our **General Meetings**. Please note that

September Only, our General Meeting will be held the 5th **Tuesday, September 29**. September's Meeting will feature **Texas Tech University's Deputy CIO, Cindy Leavitt**. Her talk is titled: **"Demystifying AI"** Please refer to your Yearbooks for details on the upcoming meeting dates, luncheons, and programs. **Our Interest Groups** continue to grow. We added three new groups last year and now offer 36 groups! You do not have to wait until the Interest Group Fair in April to join a group. Contact the interest group chair to find out if there is room and how to join. Have an idea for a group?? Starting an interest group is easy! Sign up ten members, pick a day of the month and time for your gatherings, and provide the information to the Board.

The President's Invitation Event (P.I.E.) this year will be Thursday, October 8, 2026 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the Ville Charmante Clubhouse. Come and learn about **"Whiskey Women: Prohibition and Today"**. Two short sessions will be led by Jessica Lewis, member of the Cincinnati Chapter of Bourbon Women, and Erin Karga, Head of Commercial Sales at Barrell Craft Spirits. Enjoy a welcome cocktail, guided whiskey tasting, chocolate pairing, and heavy appetizers. The cost is \$35 and all reservations must be paid in advance. Please reserve your spot by filling out the enclosed dues invoice.

Please reach out to me throughout the year with any suggestions or feedback. Continue to watch your email for Constant Contact updates, announcements, and important information.

Thank you to everyone that has been working hard to keep this club successful and welcoming!!

Joyce

Joyce Lohner, President 2026-2027

Worthington Women's Club

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Each year the President chooses a flower to represent her in our Garden of Friendship. This year Joyce has chosen the Pink Rose; Roses are her favorite flowers and Pink, her favorite color. In the Language of Flowers, a Pink Rose symbolizes Grace, Admiration, Gratitude and Gentle Affection.



WWC Elected Officers 2026-2027

President	Joyce Lohner
President Elect	Nancy Withers
First Vice President	Helen O'Meara
Assistant First VP	Sue Pukay-Martin
Second Vice President	Pat Apostolos
Recording Secretary	Donna D'Angelo
Corresponding Secretary	Barb Wholever
Treasurer	Lisa Aspery
Assistant Treasurer	Bev Ryan
Past President	Mary Steed-May
Second Year Director	Pam Clawson
First Year Director	Jody Ort

WWC Appointed Board Members 2026-2027

Decorating Chair	Maggie Baum
History Chair	Jackie Kaps
Membership Chair	Katy Rivers
Assistant Membership Chair	Cindy Brown
Newsletter Chair	Judy Harris
Parliamentary Chair	Bonnie Michael
Publicity Chair	Judy Harris
Website Chair	Ellen Randall
Assistant Website Chair	Karen Clark

Member Contact Updates

Your Contact Information

Do you have a Change of Address, Phone Number, Email ?
Contact: Cindy Brown, Asst Membership Chair
epacpa@gmail.com

Annual Dues:

Annual Dues are \$45.00 and are due by September 30th. A Payment Invoice is included with the Newsletter. Dues and cost of special luncheons and special events can be paid all at once or individually as deadlines come up. Most Meetings there will be a table set up to accept payments-checks and cash. Make checks payable to Worthington Women's Club. Contact: Lisa Aspery, WWC,
laspery@columbus.rr.com
Send Checks (only) to Lisa at 541 Tucker Drive, Worthington, OH 43085-3022

Monthly Notices

Not receiving Constant Contact Notices?
The General Meetings and other Special Notices are emailed 2-4 times per month.
Contact: Judy Harris, Publicity Chair
Harris12412@gmail.com

RSVP

Need to make reservations for the General Meetings?
As we plan for tables, chairs, coffee, tea and desserts, it is necessary to get a proper head count!
RSVP your attendance!.
Contact: Pat Apostolos Papostolos50@gmail.com

Thinking of You, Get Well Soon, Congratulations!

Hear of a special life event that one of our members has or is experiencing - illness, surgery, passing or special congratulations?
Contact: Barb Wohlever, Corresponding Secretary
bwohlever@gmail.com

Allocations

Know of a non-profit organization serving the Worthington area that would benefit from an allocation of funds? When submitting, please include the organization's name, contact person, email and phone number.
Contact: Jody Ort, First Year Director
Joannort22@gmail.com

In Memorium

Wish to make a donation in Memory of a Member?
Contact: Lisa Aspery, Treasurer
laspery@columbus.rr.com

Website

Worthingtonwomensclubofohio.com

Share those Interest Group News and Photos! We'd love to post to the WWC Website what's going on and any other special news you would like to share to the group at large!
Contact: Ellen Randal, Website Chair
Ellenrandall316@gmail.com
or Karen Clark, Asst Chair.
Clarkk611008@gmail.com

Upcoming Events and Special Announcements

Presented by the Worthington Women's Club
and the Worthington Historical Society

A Dramatic Presentation of Women in History: Abigail Adams



Date: **Wednesday, September 2, 2026; 4:00 – 6:00 pm**

Venue: All Saints Lutheran Church, 6770 N. High St,
As part of the **America 250 celebration** the WWC and the
WHS invite the Public to a dramatic historical portrayal of
Abigail Adams, wife and trusted advisor to her husband, to
our second President. Abigail is remembered for her
intelligence, wit and passionate advocacy for Women's Rights
and Education. Her legacy continues to define our nation 250
years later.

**This Program is Free and Open to the Public
Please feel free to invite your friends and family!**

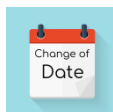
President's Invitational Event (PIE) "Whisky Women Prohibition and Today"



Come and enjoy a guided whiskey tasting and
chocolate pairing with appetizers.

Our guides will be **Jessica Lewis**, member of the
Cincinnati Chapter of Bourbon Women and
Erin Karga, Head of Commercial Sales

at Barrell Craft Spirits. The PIE event will be held
Thursday, October 8, 2026 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at The Ville
Charmante Clubhouse
Cost is \$35.00



Change of Date:

WWC September General Meeting

September's meeting will be held on

5th Tuesday this month, September 29th

12:30 p.m. Social; 1:00 p.m. Gen Mtg

Program: **"Demystifying AI"**

Cindy Leavitt, Deputy CIO, Texas Tech Univ

RSVP: Pat Apostolos,

Dessert: Apple Crisp with Ice Cream

In Memoriam



Mary Sue Harman, June 2026

Dorothy "Dot" Mager, May 2026

Dorothy Driskell, January 2026

Dorothy "Dottie" Demaree, August 2025



Interest Group Highlights

With 36 Interest Groups, The WWC has something for everyone! Remember you can join an interest group at any time! Just contact the group's Chair for details. If you find a group is 'full' or the meeting date is not convenient – why not start another one? Or, maybe you have an idea for a new group – contact Mary Steed-May and she will walk you through the steps. Some of our groups have been around for years! Read below about a few of our longest active Interest Groups! (**Interest Groups are found in the Directory as well as on line at our Website.**)

Newsorthy: Congrats to the **Wine Study Group** for winning the Grand Prize at a Raffle Drawing at a Fund Raiser for Scholarship Opportunities for Success (SOS), a frequent recipient from our Allocations Fund. They will enjoy their Opus One Wine valued at \$1000 at their December Gathering.

Acquaintance Interest Group

The Acquaintance Group is the longest running Interest Group in the WWC, going strong at 83 years! We welcome all new members to participate in the Acquaintance Group for the first two years after joining the WWC. Dale Ervin is the 2026-2027 chair. Dale will be calling members in September for the first luncheon meeting on October 1st. Feel free to contact her at dae720home@yahoo.com or Anna Schimizz at aschimiz@columbus.rr.com

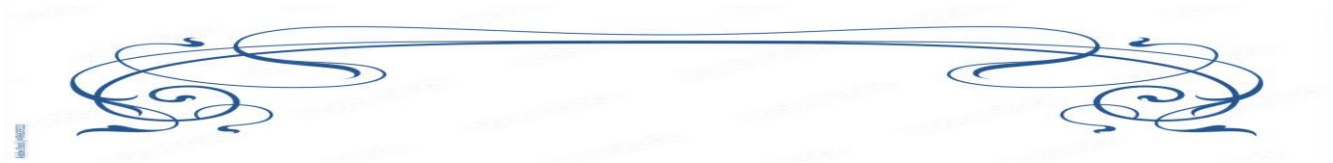
Bridge-O-Rama Interest Group

The B-O-R was originally two groups which merged, but collectively, the group has been active for 71 years! From August to April, teams of two play Traditional Contract Bridge matches; matches consist of 20 hands of bridge. At their May Awards Luncheon, Prizes are given for the most matches won. For more information, contact Suzanne Bassani at sbassani@columbus.rr.com.



Worthington Market Days Sat. Oct 3rd 9:00 - 4:00

Once again WWC will partner with the Historical Society and will have a tent at Market Days! We need your help to ensure another success for the WWC! Contact Nancy Withers @ 614-571-4469 to sign up for 2 hour shifts. Can't Volunteer? Be sure to stop by and say Hello!



2026 – 2027
Worthington Women's Club
General Meeting Programs
12:30 pm - Social Time
1:00 pm – Program

September 29, 2026

"Demystifying AI" with Cindy Leavitt, Deputy IO, Texas Tech University

October 27, 2026

"White House Ghosts" with Jeri Diehl-Cusack (Optional – Wear your Best Halloween Hat!)

November 2026: No General Meeting

December 8, 2026

"Holiday Luncheon, Music of the Season with Don Rivers", Guitarist

January 2027: No General Meeting

February 23, 2027 "Move it or Lose it: Women's Strength" with Beth Baker and Karis Inboden from Worthington Parks & Recreation

March 23, 2027

"What's Important in the Garden" with Barb House, WWC Member and Master Gardner

April 27, 2027

"Interest Group Fair! with A Panel Discussion about New and Existing Interest Groups"

May 18, 2027

"Spring Luncheon and Installation of Officers" and, *"Fashion Show by Fabtique"* with Karen Rawlings, Manager



Holiday Luncheon

Music of the Season with Don Rivers, Guitarist

Cost is: \$32.00

Deadline for Receiving Registration is December 1, 2026

Main Menu

Salad, Rolls & Butter

Chicken Parmesan served with Pasta

Topped with Marinara Sauce & Mozzarella Cheese

Vegetarian Offering: Pasta Primavera with Marinara Sauce

Side, Broccolini

Dessert, Pecan Ice Cream with Hot Fudge

Once Again, we will be collecting personal items for the Worthington Resource Center. In addition we will be selling tickets to our Raffle to Raise Money for the Allocations Fund.