UDWC Annual Opening Reception

Tuesday, September 30th
7:00pm
UD President’s House
47 Kent Way, Newark, DE

We invite you to join us as we celebrate the opening of the UDWC’s 2014-2015 year, which will once again be hosted by Emily Harker at the President’s House! Come and enjoy delicious food and drinks, sign up for Special Interest Groups which meet throughout the year, catch up with old friends, and meet new ones. If you’re new to the UD community or are a returning member, we hope you will join us for the evening!

If possible, RSVP to Laura Balascio by September 20th
avocet@udel.edu or (302) 456-0914
See page 9 for Membership Form
Special Interest Groups

Art Group
Leader: Karen Schueler
(302) 294-1589 — kschuelr@udel.edu
Meets one Tuesday each month to work on sketching, painting, drawing, and/or take field trips. Contact Karen for more information.

Book Group—Daytime
Leader: Laura Balascio
(302) 456-0971 — avocet@udel.edu
Meets the second Wednesday of each month at 1:00pm. Please contact Laura for next book and location.

Book Group—Nighttime
Leader: Colleen Hick — cdhick@udel.edu
Meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm. Please contact Colleen for next book and location.

Stitchery Group
Leader: Alvina Baxter
(302) 368-3052 — alvinabaxter@gmail.com
Meets the first Wednesday of (Stitchery) every month at 7:30pm. Please contact Alvina for the location of the next meeting.

**New!**
Field Trips
Leader: Karen Schueler
(302) 294-1589 — kschuelr@udel.edu
Let’s get out! The first trip will be to the Brandywine River Museum to see the Charles Burchfield show and the Wyeth collection. **Tuesday, October 21.**
Entrance fee: $12, adults; $8 seniors (65+). Carpool to museum. Spouses welcome!

Supper Club (working title)
Leader: Vincenza Pastecchi
(410) 392-3787 — vpast@udel.edu
Potluck supper based on a general theme such as ‘Harvest’ or ‘Valentines’ Day’. Limited in size as the group meets in members’ homes. First signers get choice of which course to bring. Schedule to be determined by member’s availability. Spouses welcome!

We would love to start new groups if we can find members interested in coordinating and participating in them! Here are some suggestions we’ve had for additional groups people would like to participate in (listed in order of most interest based on the online survey results so far):

- Walking, hiking, running and/or jogging groups
- Tours and trips around the area
- Community action groups
- Theater nights and other events in Newark and/or Wilmington
- Newcomer’s welcome
- Gardening group
- Wine or beer tasting and visits to local breweries or wineries
- Mother/toddler playgroup
- Sports teams
# UDWC Calendar of Events

## September/October
- **Tuesday, September 30th**
  - UDWC Annual Opening Reception
  - 7:00pm
- **Wednesday, October 1st**
  - Stitchery Group *(monthly)*
  - 7:30pm
- **Wednesday, October 8th**
  - Daytime Book Group *(monthly)*
  - 1:00pm
- **Wednesday, October 8th**
  - Evening Book Group *(monthly)*
  - 7:00pm
- **Tuesday, October 14th**
  - Art Group *(monthly)*
  - 1:00pm
- **Tuesday, October 21st**
  - Field Trip to Brandywine River Museum

## November
- **Wednesday, November 5th**
  - Stitchery Group *(monthly)*
  - 7:30pm
- **Tuesday, November 11th**
  - Art Group *(monthly)*
  - 1:00pm
- **Wednesday, November 12th**
  - Daytime Book Group *(monthly)*
  - 1:00pm
- **Wednesday, November 12th**
  - Evening Book Group *(monthly)*
  - 7:00pm

## December
- **Wednesday, December 3rd**
  - Stitchery Group *(monthly)*
  - 7:30pm
- **Tuesday, December 9th**
  - Art Group *(monthly)*
  - 1:00pm
- **Wednesday, December 10th**
  - Daytime Book Group *(monthly)*
  - 1:00pm
- **Wednesday, December 10th**
  - Evening Book Group *(monthly)*
  - 7:00pm

## UD & Community Events

The University of Delaware, the cities of Newark and Wilmington, and the surrounding communities offer many wonderful community events throughout the year. A partial schedule is listed here, but for more information on these and many other events, visit:

- [events.udel.edu](http://events.udel.edu) — UD events
- [www.inWilmingtonDE.com](http://www.inWilmingtonDE.com) — City of Wilmington Events

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<td>Homecoming — <strong>UD Men’s Football</strong> vs Towson, 12:30pm</td>
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<td>Newark Symphony Orchestra presents “Fall in Italy”</td>
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<td>50th Anniversary Christmas Candelight Historic House Tour, Odessa, DE</td>
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President’s Letter

Dear Friends,

Welcome back to the start of another academic year in Newark! The campus comes alive when approximately 15,000 students start classes. The streets are busier, restaurants crammed on weekends, water pressure drops in town, and all of a sudden, the dates on the calendar start filling with lectures, art openings, theater nights, and concerts that are must-attends. This is the wonderful by-product of living in a University town—a busy community offering us many events to fill the days and nights.

One event to put on the calendar is the Opening Reception on September 30 at President Harker’s home, hosted by Mrs. Emily Harker. We welcome old members and greet new and potential members with friendly smiles and delicious drinks and food. This is the time to sign up for special interest groups and renew our membership forms.

At this year’s Reception, we will also need to discuss very important business related to the future of the Club. The UDWC was formed 60 years ago. However, demographics and society have changed much in that time, and fewer women have been interested in joining. More women are working outside the home and develop friendships and interests there. People want activities that include their spouses. Many new hire spouses are males, and are not interested in a women’s club. Please see our detailed explanation and ideas for restructuring on Page 6 of this newsletter—and be sure to complete the brief online survey we’ve provided. So far, nearly 1/3rd of our members have taken the survey! We value your insights into how we can make the Club more relevant for today’s community. Meanwhile, we have some great special interest groups that can continue forward in whatever direction UDWC goes. Please be sure to support these by signing up at the Reception.

We are still lacking a president, vice-president, secretary, and newsletter editor/website manager for the Club. I am writing this note as the ex-officio president, having served two terms. I was elected to be the Treasurer this year, and had hopes of organizing some field trips, but may not be able to do so if the other positions are not filled. It is hard to think about change after 60 years, but obviously it is time for a new direction. We look forward to discussing all of your ideas for how to engage more interest in the Club at the Opening Reception.

See you on the 30th,

Karen
Woman of the Year Luncheon — May 2014

Last spring, we honored Ulrike Diedenhofen as our Woman of the Year. She has supported the UD Women’s Club in many ways over the years, and she is especially cherished for her continuing awareness and support of international faculty and students who must adjust to a new and different country. She herself has experienced what it is like to be a student in a strange land. Always attuned to the music available at UD and interested in lectures and international events, she has often sent out notices to the membership alerting us about a speaker or performer we should not miss. Ulrike was a botanist and raises orchids. She also is a fantastic baker. Her husband, Richard Zipser, recently retired as Chair of the Foreign Languages Department.

The luncheon at the Newark Country Club was coordinated by outgoing Vice-President Liles Puleo. The theme was orchid plants and world globes, and decorations of butterflies created from maps adorned the tables. Dorothy Sharkey related the story of Ulrike’s childhood in Germany with illustrations ranging from baby pictures to college portraits. Dorothy even managed to locate bottles of seltzer water from Ulrike’s hometown that were shared with some of the members. As Ulrike is a lover of classical music, Gabriella Stout played Mozart on the violin for her. Karen Schueler read Mayor Sierer’s Proclamation in honor of Ulrike, and Ulrike concluded with a short speech just before she surprised us with home baked German cakes that were then cut and boxed for us to take home.

Although the heavens opened up that day and we had a major deluge of rain, the event was a very pleasant and intimate gathering of many of Ulrike’s friends and department colleagues at the Newark Country Club!
Restructuring the UDWC

Dear Members,

The University of Delaware Women’s Club was established in 1945, and will celebrate its 60th anniversary this year. For the past six months, we’ve been asking people to get more involved in the UD Women’s Club. Unfortunately, the Club has seen less activity and dwindling membership over the past few years, and only 2 out of 83 members were willing to serve on the Board to maintain the Club.

We realize that times have changed since 1945, and the Club in its current form may no longer meet the needs of today’s UD community. The Club was originally established to help women who didn’t work outside the home socialize with other wives and mothers. However, society has changed significantly in the past 60 years, and many more women have careers. This means they may not need as much socializing through a club. It also means that many more UD spouses and partners are men. In addition, younger generations are more co-ed and mixed, with boys and girls attending playgroups and school together their entire lives.

At our recent Board meeting, we decided to solicit thoughts from members on the following questions: What are the current needs in the UD community? What are possible ways the UDWC could restructure to better meet these needs? We see the Club’s purpose as three-fold: a) Welcoming newcomers, b) Supporting established friendships, and c) Community support and involvement. Because there is no organized Newcomer’s Club or Welcoming Club for spouses and families at UD, we have been the only group that helps spouses. One of the reasons so many women have found support within the Club is because of our connections with UD to contact new hires and their spouses and connect them with established members. In addition, the Club raises money annually for a scholarship that supports women returning to school, and we honor a Woman of the Year for her services in the community.

There are a few ways the Club could restructure to better meet the needs of the community today. One possibility is a “UD Community Club” or “UD Spouses Club” which would be open to women and men and would still offer groups, events, activities, and community involvement. This would allow new members to meet and mingle with established members, and activities could be offered to appeal to all members. Another possibility is a Newcomer’s Club to help people settle into the area. However, it would help to have long-term residents involved in some way. The UDWC could continue in its current form, but since events don’t organize themselves, we would need more involvement. Finally, the UDWC could disband and anyone interested in organizing groups could do so on their own. We feel letting a network of such talented, energized, and engaged people go to waste would be a great loss to our community.

To assess what members see as current needs in the community and how the Club could restructure to better meet them, we would like you to take this brief online survey. Let us know if you have questions or suggestions! Click on the link below and complete the survey anonymously.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NLP5VBR

The results will be discussed at the September 30th Opening Reception.
The UDWC is committed to helping new members become connected and established in the community. UD offers employees and their spouses access to a wide range of amenities, both on- and off-campus. A very brief overview of these services is provided here, but for more information, contact Maura Perkins and explore the UD website: www.udel.edu/faculty-staff.

All UD services require employees, students, and spouses to have a “UD i-Card”, the official photo id card of the University of Delaware. Your i-Card provides access to university e-mail, city buses, gym and recreation facilities, library books and journals, parking, classifieds, the UD outdoor pool, and much more! Employees and spouses can apply for the i-Card at the Student Services Building on campus and have their pictures taken (spouses must be accompanied by their employed spouse).

- **Recreation Facilities** include an employee-only gym, employee sports, lap pool, fitness classes, climbing wall, courts, lockers, and more: www.udel.edu/recreation
- **Bus Trips** to nearby attractions including NYC and Broadway, DC, Blue Mountain Ski Resort, Whitewater Rafting, and others: www.udel.edu/usc/ap/bus.html
- **UD Outdoor Pool** open May-Sept. The largest outdoor pool in the state is on campus! The pool has lap lanes, slides, a splash pool, snack bar, picnic area, and members-only parties throughout the season: www.udel.edu/outdoorpool
- **UD e-mail** is available to employees, students, and employee spouses. You can set up your UD e-mail after obtaining your i-Card. Spouses must have their employed spouse submit an I.T. Help Ticket Request to set up their e-mail: www.it.udel.edu

Since 1945, the University of Delaware Women’s Club has:
- welcomed newcomers to the UD community,
- fostered social and professional bonds through lectures and activities
- raised continuing education scholarship money for women in need of assistance

The Women’s Club is open to female faculty, staff, graduate students, and their spouses. Members participate in activities including:
- special interest groups
- trips
- book clubs
- Luncheons
- international hospitality

If you are new to UD or the local area, join the club and get involved — and let us know how we can help!
Join the Board!

President .............................................. -- OPEN --
Vice President ................................. -- OPEN --
Secretary .............................................. -- OPEN --
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Membership ...................................... Laura Balascio (302) 456-0914 avocet@udel.edu
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Woman of the Year ......................... -- OPEN --
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The complete UDWC Directory will be e-mailed to members this fall. If you do not receive a copy, please contact Laura Balascio.

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

~Margaret Mead

Newcomer’s Welcome

The UDWC traditionally hosts a Newcomer’s Brunch in November to welcome new members. However, due to the lack of Board Members and the considerations of restructuring the UDWC this year, we will wait to organize a newcomer’s reception until we know more what the future holds for the Club.

Until then, we extend our warmest welcome to those new to our community, and we look forward to getting to know you and helping you get involved in our Club!

SAVE THE DATE!

The UDWC’s Annual Woman of the Year Luncheon will be held (tentatively) on May 6th, 2015!

Nominations for the Woman of the Year are welcome throughout the year for any woman connected to UD who the Club’s members would like to honor for service to the community.
MEMBERSHIP FORM 2014/2015

It’s time to renew your membership and for new members to join us! All women in the UD community (faculty, staff, graduate students, or their spouses) are invited to participate. Membership dues are $15.00 per year. Fill out the application form and bring it to the Opening Reception, or return it in the mail with your check. If you would like to include a donation to the Scholarship Fund at this time, please fill in the appropriate space.

Are you a new member?  Yes  No

Name: _______________________________________________________________________________

Street Address: _________________________________________________________________________

State: _______________ Zip: ______________ E-mail: _________________________________________

Telephone: Home ____________________ Work ___________________ Cell _____________________

*Check this box if you do not want your address, phone, or email published in the online directory.  □

All members will be emailed a copy of the Directory in the fall, and it will also be published on the website.

Amount enclosed: Dues ($15.00) ___________________ Scholarship Donation: _________________

UD Connection/Department _____________________________________________________________

If you are unable to attend the Opening Reception, please use this space to share your thoughts on restructuring the UDWC to better serve the needs of the UD Community. Do you have any concerns? Do you have any suggestions? What kinds of activities would you be interested in participating in with a new kind of Club? (Please see the online survey for more information.)

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Please make checks payable to UDWC

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