Dear Members:

Welcome to the beginning of summer and a new MUWC Board. What an easy transition from the previous Board. Great job Jane and crew!

Within the first few days of taking the helm, I started receiving suggestions from many of you for the coming year. I will present your ideas at the first Board meeting in June. This summer I plan on forming an ad hoc committee to research these ideas. If you would like to be on this committee, or have suggestions, please let me know. You will hear more at the coffee in September.

Our past VPs for Programs have always found interesting trips and speakers but we have also had several requests to reinstate lunchtime speakers or medical programs on campus. Our new co-VPs, Barbara Warburton and JoEllen Basile will look at scheduling these for the fall and/or late winter. Please contact them with any suggestions you have for subjects and speakers. Other program ideas suggested have been the rice harvest at Middleton Plantation in early September, visiting the Karpeles Manuscript Museum, a short road trip to Pompion Hill Chapel near Cainhoy or a bit further to the St. James Santee Church (Old Brick Church) near McClellanville, and a tour of the new hospital. We promise you an interesting and varied schedule, plus trips will be announced well in advance so you can adjust your schedule and join us.

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MUWC Board 2007-2008
President……………………………Laura Patrick
President-Elect…………………………Katy Kuder
Co-Vice Presidents, Programs……JoEllen Basile
…………………………………………Barbara Warburton
Recording Secretary……………………………Jenny Reves
Corresponding Secretary…………Terri DeVane
Treasurer………………………………Carol Green
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Membership…………………………Lynda Selby
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Publicity………………………………………Susan Master & Laura Patrick
Web Page Editor……………………………Sandy Nelson
Scholarships…………………………………Jane Locke
Handbook Editor……………………………Valerie Assey
MUWC Liaison to CCMA…………………Jean Lang

Special Committees
MUWC Liaison for Walk for the Cure
Ad Hoc Committee for Benefits/Fund-Raising

Spring Activities

Six of us took a tour of the Culinary Institute of Charleston (at Trident Technical College) in February followed by lunch in the student-operated Mikasa dining room.

In April, we visited the Charleston Tea Plantation on Wadmalaw Island. Reopening after three years of work dedicated to preserving and restoring the farm and constructing a state of the art tea processing facility.

We also offered a repeat of the raved-about College of Health Professions tour.

MUWC supported Women’s History Month activities hosting the opening wine and cheese reception for the Women Artists’ exhibit on March 1st at the Wellness Center.

Valentine Flowers were provided by many MUWC members, arranged and distributed to patients by these ladies.

Our annual Todd Carter Teddy Bear deliveries to adult patients was in May. Thanks to Jane Locke, JoEllen Basile, Ledlie Bell, Debbie Lambert, Jenny Reves, Katy Kuder and Elaine Rudd, plus all who collected and contributed the cute stuffed animals for this uplifting day. I highly recommend joining us next year in bringing smiles to many patients. Jenny Reves took a bag of bears to the 9th floor to meet up with other ladies who were delivering stuffed animals. When she asked at the information desk about where she might find them, a man asked if he could purchase one to give to the helpful information attendant. She explained that we were not selling, but donating the animals to patients, and about our organization and purpose to fund scholarships. He promptly pulled out his wallet and offered her a donation ($20). So Jenny gave him a stuffed animal that he handed to the attendant. Then she went on her way, handing out animals. They were almost finished when he appeared again and asked if he could have a bag of stuffed animals to give to other
patients. Again he pulled out his wallet to make a donation, so they filled a bag with small animals. It was only later that Jenny realized he had handed her a $100 bill. How’s that for an easy way to get contributions to the Scholarship Fund?

And, new this year – The MUSC commencement committee approved our selling long stemmed red roses to families and friends of graduates. Katy Kuder, Lynda Selby and Jane Locke manned our table, with the assistance of Barbara Smith and Jenny Reves. Thanks to Katy for taking the lead on this project.

Last but not least! Many thanks to Cindi Solomon for opening her home to us again for our Annual Meeting and Luncheon in May.

### Treasurer’s Report 2006-07 ###

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Current Balances
- Checking $4,631.46
- Certificate of Deposit 14,765.16
- Certificate of Deposit 10,260.94
- Total $29,657.56

**Special Interest Groups**

There’s something happening monthly on every day of the week. Join one once or often. You’re welcome!

**Book Group** meets at 12:30 on the second Wednesday of the month in members’ homes. Contact Terri DeVane at 884-2728. This past year we read: *I Am The Messenger, Reading Lolita in Teheran, A Short History of Tractors in Ukrainian, Ella Minnow Pea, March, Snowflower and the Secret Fan, West with the Night, Unwise Passions: A True Story of a Remarkable Woman and the First Great Scandal of 18th Century America, 1776, Snow in August, & Thirteen Moons: A Novel*. Books for next year will be selected at our October meeting so join us and tell us what you’d like to read.

**Bridge Club** meets the third Friday of each month in members’ homes. Contact Jenny Reves, coordinator, at 853-5879.

**Lunch Bunch** meets the first Thursday of the month. Contact Betty Howell at 577-6285. This year we dined at: SNOB, Sewee Restaurant, Sette, Starfish Grille, Red Pepper Squirrel, Tristan, T.R. Grahams, Lana, Jim & Nick’s. We’d like to hear about your favorite restaurant too, so let us know.

**Movie Club** meets the third Monday of the month, Contact Susan Master at 792-1924. Movies this year: *The Lake House, Center, The Prestige, Last King of Scotland, I Said So & Fracture*. We try to get to openings and be in (*World Trade Babel, The 300, Because We try to get to know.*

**Investment Group** meets on the last Tuesday of each month. For further information, contact Laura Patrick, 884-4380.
President’s Letter continued………………… As a two-year project, our president-elect, Katy Kuder, and I are united in increasing our membership and raising awareness at MUSC of our organization. We feel that too few at MUSC know about our contributions to the University: how we offer friendship to newcomers or the special projects for MUSC patients from flowers, books and magazines to bears. I am now the club’s self-appointed publicist and will try to frequently have our activities reported in the Catalyst, as well as issue occasional press releases to the Post and Courier. To begin this initiative, Lynda Selby (Membership) is working with Terri DeVane (Corresponding Secretary) to generate a comprehensive mailing list. Distaff editor Barbara Smith and I are editing several new membership flyers. Please be on the lookout for our mailings. Yes, your Board will be busy this summer, but I plan on having much of our schedule in place by the Coffee and am looking forward to the coming year.

See you in September,

Laura

p.s. Whenever possible, please carpool. Our Club is “Going Green”!

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MUWC VOLUNTEER PARKING

The Volunteer Office at MUSC can offer free parking to all MUWC members who are volunteering at the hospital. Please check our website for the information and application or call Katy Kuder at the volunteer office 792-0858.