From the President: Slate of Officers

As the weather starts getting warmer, the Board begins gearing up for our spring activities and thinking about Board positions for the coming year. Instead of making our usual telephone plea for help, we would encourage you to come to one of the next two Board meetings to see how we work and where you might fit in. Our meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in room 1127 of Rutledge Tower. Below are duty descriptions for the officers. Some positions have two people, such as Corresponding Secretary.

We look forward to seeing you next Tuesday.

Debbie Lambert

Recording Secretary: Shall take minutes at each meeting and read minutes from the previous meeting.

Corresponding Secretary: Shall keep all records of correspondence sent, and received regarding current members and prospective ones. As well as keep list of members who have not paid dues. Write letters of congratulations or condolences.

Treasurer: Shall be custodian of all financial records, shall collect due and keep official records of all income and expenses of the Club. Budget should be created for the coming year.

Membership: Work to obtain a list of all potential members and especially reach out to new members.

Hospitality: Should be the liaison for the Fall Coffee, Holiday Party and Membership luncheon.
Parliamentarian: Karen Gemmill
Hospitality: Cecily Dipiro
Handbook/Distaff: Katy Kuder
Scholarships: Cindi Solomon
Web Site: Kristi Adams
Liaison to Membership: Lynda Selby
Publicity: Susan Master and Laura Patrick
Liaison to CCMA: Jean Lang
Liaison to MUSC Women's History Month: Chris Conway
Liaison to Walk for the Cure and MUSC Health First: Annie Steele
Chair for Posies for Patients: Megan Zwerner
Chair for Teddy Bear Day: Maria Cordova Salinas
Chair for Roses for Commencement: Open
Cookbook Chair: Laura Patrick

Publicity: Chair should contact the Catalyst, local newspapers, radio and television about significant events and/or meetings.

Distaff: Editor should work with President to determine content and timing of each newsletter.

Historian: Should record special club events and keep a scrapbook including old newsletters, invitations, pictures, newspaper clippings, etc.

Chair for Posies for Patients: Feb. event where flowers, greenery and vases are collected, arranged and distributed to patients at MUSC.

Chair for Teddy Bear Day: Fall event where stuffed animals are collected and distributed to adult patients at MUSC in memory of Todd Carter.

Chair for Roses for Commencement: May event where club sell roses during MUSC graduation to raise monies for scholarships.

Chair of Programs: Shall plan community activities for the membership at large.

Who was St. Patrick anyway?

Taken Prisoner By Irish Raiders

It is known that St. Patrick was born in Britain to wealthy parents near the end of the fourth century. He is believed to have died on March 17, around 460 A.D. Although his father was a Christian deacon, it has been suggested that he probably took on the role because of tax incentives and there is no evidence that Patrick came from a particularly religious family. At the age of sixteen, Patrick was taken prisoner by a group of Irish raiders who were attacking his family's estate. They transported him to Ireland where he spent six years in captivity. (There is some dispute over where this captivity took place. Although many believe he was taken to live in Mount Slemish in County Antrim, it is more likely that he was held in County Mayo near Killala.) During this time, he worked as a shepherd, outdoors and away from people. Lonely and afraid, he turned to his religion for solace, becoming a devout Christian. (It is also believed that Patrick first began to dream of converting the Irish people to Christianity during his captivity.)

Guided By Visions

After more than six years as a prisoner, Patrick escaped. According to his writing, a voice-which he believed to be God's-spoke to him in a dream, telling him it was time to leave Ireland. To do so, Patrick walked nearly 200 miles from County Mayo, where it is believed he was held, to the Irish coast. After escaping to Britain, Patrick reported that he experienced a second revelation-an angel in a dream tells him to
return to Ireland as a missionary. Soon after, Patrick began religious training, a course of study that lasted more than fifteen years. After his ordination as a priest, he was sent to Ireland with a dual mission—to minister to Christians already living in Ireland and to begin to convert the Irish. (Interestingly, this mission contradicts the widely held notion that Patrick introduced Christianity to Ireland.)

**Bonfires and Crosses**

Familiar with the Irish language and culture, Patrick chose to incorporate traditional ritual into his lessons of Christianity instead of attempting to eradicate native Irish beliefs. For instance, he used bonfires to celebrate Easter since the Irish were used to honoring their gods with fire. He also superimposed a sun, a powerful Irish symbol, onto the Christian cross to create what is now called a Celtic cross, so that veneration of the symbol would seem more natural to the Irish. (Although there were a small number of Christians on the island when Patrick arrived, most Irish practiced a nature-based pagan religion. The Irish culture centered around a rich tradition of oral legend and myth. When this is considered, it is no surprise that the story of Patrick’s life became exaggerated over the centuries—spinning exciting tales to remember history has always been a part of the Irish way of life.

St. Patrick’s Day is celebrated on March 17, his religious feast day and the anniversary of his death in the fifth century. The Irish have observed this day as a religious holiday for over a thousand years. On St. Patrick’s Day, which falls during the Christian season of Lent, Irish families would traditionally attend church in the morning and celebrate in the afternoon. Lenten prohibitions against the consumption of meat were waived and people would dance, drink and feast—on the traditional meal of Irish bacon and cabbage.

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**WHAT A SUCCESS! POSIES FOR PATIENTS HELD ON FEBRUARY 17, 2011**

Posies for Patients 2011 was a great success thanks to so much support from so many wonderful MUWC members. Your donations of time, money, vases, and flowers made it possible to provide beautiful flowers to well over 200 patients. We even had more arrangements than we needed for the Main Hospital, so Debbie Lambert and her daughter kindly delivered the extra flowers to patients in the ART Building—WOW!!

MANY thanks to you all...
Pretty as a Posie!

Cecily DiPiro, Laura Patrick, Barbara Smith, Carol Green, Cindi Solomon, Jo Lynn Waller, Biljana Lanier, Megget Lavin, Chris Conway, Lisa Smith, Jane Locke, Ann Peterson, Kelly Kohler, Debbie Lambert, Candace Hardin, Sunny Steinberg, Terri DeVane, Ledlie Bell, Lynda Selby, Maria Cordova, Betty Howell, Karen Gemmill, Jenny Reves, Susan Wamsley, Susan Master, Katy Kuder, and Ken Patrick!

Megan Zwerner, Posies Coordinator

YOU ARE INVITED, SO PLEASE COME!
A Fun Oyster Roast to Meet and Greet New MUWC Members!
All members of MUWC, new and old, are cordially invited to attend our Oyster Roast as we meet and greet the new members. This event will have plenty of good fun, friendship, music and great food. You won't want to miss!! March 20th, 2011 From 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Cost: New members are free!
Old members $20 per family or $10 per person.
Children attend free!

The home of Linda and Bayne Selby, 2650 Middle St., Sullivan's Island
RSVP by March 17 to: Lynda Selby, 843-883-5494 or lwselby@comcast.net

WHAT'S IN A NAME?
Money for MUWC when you choose the MUWC AMAZON LINK! So go ahead... click, click click!

Did you know you can buy MORE THAN BOOKS at Amazon? Everytime you order using the link below, the MUWC gets a percentage for our scholarship fund. So don't forget to go through the Women's Club web-site to get to Amazon. It's a great place to buy those upcoming graduation, wedding and baby gifts. Just take a look at all the things one click can get you:

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Outdoor Recreation
Athletic & Outdoor Clothing
Team Sports
But speaking of books..... do you need to recycle yesterdays best seller? If so, please take them to Volunteer Services at MUSC, where they are much needed! They will place them in clinic waiting rooms and give them to patients to help pass the time.

"Voted Top 10 Finalist in the Morris Press Cookbook Design Contest"
The 2nd Annual MUWC Francis Marion National Forest Nature Walk was a HIT! Just look at all those "Indiana Jones" look-a-likes!
Held on Sunday, 2-20-11 with Guide, Ken Patrick!
Don't miss it next year!
CLUB CORNER CONTACTS

Lunch Bunch - RSVP to Betty Howell, 577-6285, bettyhowell25@att.net
Bridge Club - Contact: Jenny Reves, 209-9857 (cell) or 853-5970, or jennyreves@yahoo.com
Book Club - Contact: Terri DeVane, terri.devane@gmail.com & phone 559-3636
The Investment Club - The Investment Club meets the last Tuesday of the month at the downtown Charleston County Library, 1:30 PM, Meeting Room B. Newcomers are welcome. If you have any questions or would like more information, please email Laura Patrick or call her at 884-4380, lgpatrick@comcast.net
Mahjongg Club - Sunny Steinberg, 884-3991, samuell22@bellsouth.net
Dining Divas - Contact Debbie Lambert, 795-2285 or dpl_chalacha@hotmail.com

PLEASE CONTACT THE CHAIR LISTED ABOVE FOR DATES AND SCHEDULES OF UPCOMING EVENTS. WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW PEOPLE TO JOIN IN! COME ON, TRY US OUT TODAY!

Community Cinema Charleston
Invites You to a Film Screening and Discussion

Pushing the Elephant
By Beth Davenport and Elizabeth Mandel

Sunday, March 13
4:30 p.m.
Charleston Library Society
164 King Street

Discussion with Kea Gordon,
Associate Professor, Political Science,
College of Charleston

Pushing the Elephant is the inspirational story of 2009 U.N. Humanitarian of the Year, Rose Mapendo, who escaped from the ethnic violence of the Democratic Republic of Congo to become a vital voice to help mend her divided country. When civil war came to her village, Rose was separated from her five-year-old daughter, Nagabire. Rose managed to escape with nine of her ten children and was eventually resettled in Phoenix, AZ. More than a decade later, mother and daughter are reunited in the U.S., where they must come to terms with the past and build a new future.

Pushing the Elephant captures one of the most important stories of our age, in which genocidal violence is challenged by the moral fortitude and grace of one woman's mission for peace.

Immediately following the film there will be a discussion with Kea Gordon, Associate Professor, Political Science, College of Charleston. Kea Gordon received her Ph.D. from the University of California, Santa Cruz and a B.S. from Cornell University. Her fields of specialization include International Politics, Comparative Politics sub-Saharan Africa, and Feminist and Postcolonial Theory.

Coming to PBS March 29, 2011. Check Local Listings.
WHY NOT VOLUNTEER AT THE GREATEST PLACE IN CHARLESTON?
MUSC MEDICAL CENTER

Come volunteer today! Go to www.MUSCHealth.com/volunteer
We are waiting for you!

DINING DIVAS CALENDAR
Designed for the working women of MUSC! Come dine and socialize with us at the following locations during the coming year. Meeting times will be at 5:30 p.m. unless it is marked as a lunch date which will start at 12 Noon.

03/31/11 Saffron Cafe’ and Bakery, 333 East Bay Street
04/28/11 The Hominy Grill, 207 Rutledge Ave
05/26/11 Group Choice

Keep that Brain Sharp!

Connect 9

Connect the nine dots with four (only four) straight lines without ever lifting your pen or pencil from the paper.
It Cost What?
In the local corner store, six chocolate drops and five fruit jellies cost 61 cents.
However, five chocolate drops and six jellies cost only 60 cents.

How much does each item cost?

Fly Swatter
I am sitting at a table.
Ten flies are on the table. With one swat - I kill three flies.
How many flies are left on the table?

Residential Reception
What two words, formed from different arrangements of the same six letters, can be used to complete the sentence below?

This is a very large house with two separate wings, so we had to search all the _ _ _ _ _ _ before we found the loose TV wiring that was causing all the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ .

Until we meet again... MWAH!!!
-Katy

Our Website - www.musc.edu/womensclub

MUWC APPLICATION: ______ New Member ______ Renewing Member
Name______________________________________________ College/Dept/Title_____________________
Address_____________________________ __________________________________________________
Ph: H____________W______________C_______________ Email_________________________________
Spouse’s Name________________________________ College/Dept/Title________________________________

I am interested in joining: ______Book Club ______Lunch Bunch ______Bridge Club ______MahJong ______Investment Club
I am interested in volunteering for: ____________________MUWC Projects ___________Hospital Volunteer

Send this form with your tax-deductible dues to: Terri DeVane 5092 Chisolm Road, Johns Island, SC 29455

Amount Enclosed: $__________________________ (Payable to MUWC)