The Distaff
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SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Lunch Bunch
Contact: Betty Howell

Thursday,
November 3rd
Basil Thai Restaurant
1465 Long Grove Drive, Mt.
Pleasant (in the shopping
center with Target and
Piggly Wiggly)
&
Friday,
December 1st
LEAF Restaurant, downtown
(former location of
Vickery’s)

SPOTLIGHT ON A MEMBER

RSVP Betty Howell  943-577-
A Conversation with Alice Levkoff

By Cecily DiPiro and Susan Wamsley

Alice Levkoff first lived in Charleston in 1952 and remembers, "We came after the azaleas bloomed and left the next spring before they bloomed again!" Fortunately since then she has enjoyed many azalea blooming springs.

After returning to Charleston in 1968 when her husband, Abner, was recruited to initiate care for the high risk newborn at MUSC (then the Medical College of South Carolina), Alice joined the volunteer corps at Historic Charleston Foundation, helping with the Spring house and garden tours and manning the Nathaniel Russell House. This led to assisting in public relations and interviewing homeowners. She went on staff for some years as administrator of the newly opened Edmondston Alston House at 21 East Battery. Alice continues to help the Foundation with the spring tours and its "Tour of Experts" city guiding group.

Work with the Foundation led to her introduction to Robert Whitelaw who had been collecting period photographs of Charleston for a proposed book. Unfortunately his illness precluded this and Alice was asked to finish the project. Kay Miller, a good friend from the Women's Club of MUSC typed the final text on her new electric typewriter! Charleston Come Hell or High Water was published in 1975 by the R.L Bryan Co. in honor of the US Bicentennial. The University of South Carolina Press continues to keep it in print.

Alice joined MUWC in 1968 and she remembers hosting meetings at her home. She hoped MUWC would establish a gift shop at the hospital, a very supportive arm of a hospital in South Bend, Ind. but this was not to be. Membership in MUWC grew as MUSC "blossomed" and she remarked their functions often included luncheons at area restaurants with speakers. Alice's interests over the years included the League of Women's Voters, serving a term as President, as well as early involvement with the Friends of the Charleston County Library.

Some years ago, Alice got back into MUWC through the bridge group - at the time, she hadn't played bridge for 15-20 years! She says "I've met the most wonderful group of people through MUWC and enjoy knowing them."

Alice has led tours of downtown Charleston and the College of Charleston for MUWC members over the past few years and will offer a tour for us on November 11 - more information below!
OCTOBER RECAP

THE CHARLES TOWNE PUB STROLL

On October 15th nineteen fun-loving MUWC members, spouses, friends and adult children took to the streets of Charleston for the Charles Towne Pub Stroll. We had glorious weather and a fantastic mix of people. We were entertained by Alan Stello who regaled us with tales of such characters as Rumpty Rattles and Inga-Binga. We enjoyed libations all along the way and just had fun spending time together on a beautiful Saturday night!
Historian: Laura Patrick
Parliamentarian: Karen Gemmill
Hospitality: Jo Ellen Basile
"The Distaff" Editor: Cindi Solomon
Handbook: Terri DeVane
Scholarships: Debbie Lambert
Web Site: Kristi Adams
Communications: Susan Master
Liaison to Membership: Lynda Selby
Publicity: Laura Patrick
TEDDY BEAR DAY
The Todd Carter Memorial Teddy Bear Day was a Fun and Rewarding Success.
Volunteers from the MUWC delivered over 150 Teddy Bears to the adult patients at the University Hospital.

Thank you to everyone who donated or volunteered for this event!!!
UPCOMING EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

YOU ARE INVITED ON A TOUR WITH OUR OWN ALICE LEVKOFF!

On November 11th Alice will tour the ladies of MUWC around the lovely and historic Harleston Village. Originally developed in 1770, Harleston Village is situated on the site of the first golf club in America and is Charleston’s second oldest suburb. Many of the old homes were built from the wealth of early 19th century rice mills that lined nearby Ashley River, and some of Charleston’s finest Italianate, Regency and Georgian architecture is featured there. As Alice says, “It’s a very interesting mix of properties.” It’s going to be great! You don’t want to miss it!

When: Friday, November 11, 2011 or 11/11/11 at 10:00 a.m.

Where: The tour will begin at Colonial Lake at the corner of Rutledge and Beaufain. There should be sufficient parking around Colonial Lake. For those interested we will carpool from Gwynn’s in Mt. Pleasant. We will leave from Gwynn’s at 9:40.

Who: All MUWC members and friends are invited; however space is somewhat limited. By city ordinance Alice can only have 20 people trailing behind her. So get your reservations in early or else be prepared to scatter!

Cost: Free. However for anyone interested we will probably take in some lunch afterwards.

If you would like to join in on the fun contact Susan Wamsley at 843-856-9417 or email at swamsley2000@hotmail.com. Be sure and let me know if you are interested in carpooling and or lunch.
FUTURE EVENTS

PLEASE JOIN US AT THE MUWC ANNUAL HOLIDAY BRUNCH

Sunday, December 4, 2011
1:00 p.m.

Held at the Home of
Paul and Peggy Underwood
5150 Chisolm Road, Johns Island
"Black Pond"
R.S.V.P. to Jo Ellen Basile
2012 CALENDAR

January 2012 - Craft Project at Kiln Time.
January 2012 - Magnolia Plantation Garden Tour with Tom Johnson.
February 2012 - A Sunday hike with Ken Patrick around the I'on Swamp Trail.
February 16, 2012 - Poisies for Patients. Please contact Megan Zwerner to donate or volunteer: megan.zwerner@gmail.com
March 2012 - Chai Y'all Tour with Janice Kahn
April 2012 - Miss Nell's Tour in Georgetown with Debby Summey
May 2012 - Spring Luncheon

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Please welcome our newest members of the club.

Francesca Bradshaw
Sarah Imam Nguyen (welcome back Sarah!)

And a thank you to our renewing members from October and to those who were inadvertently not listed
has having renewed in the previous Distaff

Valerie Assey
Kathryn Cole
Donna Draughn
Karen Gemmill
Candace Hardin
Robin Hardin
Sue King
Katharine Kraft
Alice Levkov
Jane Locke
Susan Master
Janelle Othersen
Sarah Alice Schulze
Lisa Smith
Alisa Swift
Susan Wamsley
Come Join the Evening Book Group

The Evening branch of the MUWC Book Group met in October to decide on the direction for the year. In addition to reading a great variety of books, the evening book group plans to try out more recipes from the MUWC cookbook, meet in a variety of places, watch movies made from the books we have read, and wear scarves! Please feel welcome to join them!

Please click below to view this year’s schedule and reading list:

MUWC Evening Book Club
FUNDRAISING

The Eternal Attic (Literally) is offering Charleston Charms!

Members cleaning out their garage found old items that the Club sold during the early 2000's. We thought we would offer them again to a new group of ladies as well to those of us that can remember them. These charms are silver plated or gold plated. Small silver and gold charm is ten dollars ($10.00). Small silver or gold Lapel Pin is twelve dollars ($12.00). Large silver or gold pin is fifteen dollars ($15.00) Silver golf tool is twenty dollars ($20.00).

ALL proceeds will go to the Scholarship Fund.

If you are interested in any of these items contact:

Debbie Lambert
795-2285 or cpl_chalacha@hotmail.com
WHY NOT VOLUNTEER AT THE GREATEST PLACE IN CHARLESTON?
MUSC MEDICAL CENTER

Come volunteer today! Go to www.MUSCHealth.com/volunteer

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 _____ Mah Jong _____ 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)