MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

With temperatures approaching 100 and humidity thicker than a southern accent, it's hard to imagine cooler days are just around the corner. But they are! Students are preparing to return to classes, scholarship applications are coming in, and MUWC membership renewals have been mailed. If you haven't already sent in your renewal, please be sure to do so before the Fall Coffee on September 12th. Your continued membership dues contribute to these scholarships we award. Thank you for all you do for the MUWC!

Until next month........ keep cool!

Mrs. Tiffany J. Takacs

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July Lunch Bunch
Earthquake & Murder on the Eve of Jim Crow
by Stephen Hoffius

All MUWC members are invited to this presentation by Mr. Hoffius

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MUWC Evening Book Group
Contact: Terri DeVane
Wednesday, August 8
This month only, we will be joining the afternoon book group at Alice Levkoff's home.
(see above)

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No Supper Club until fall
Contact:
Debbie Lambert

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The Investment Club
Contact: Laura Patrick
Meets the last Tuesday of each month at the Charleston Public Library, Calhoun St., Room A

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Mahjong Club
Contact:
Kathy Kraft or Karen Gemmill
Thursday, August 23
at 1:30
at the home of Barbara Smith

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Bridge Walkers
Contact: Kathy Squires or call 703.244.3956

The MUWC Book Group
Encourages You to Join Us in Supporting One of These Lowcountry Literacy Programs:

at The Glass Onion Restaurant

L to R: Carol Green, Laura Patrick, Jean Lang, Alice Levkoff, Terri DeVane, Barbara Warburton, Jenny Reves, Ann Edwards, Tiffany Takacs, Betty Howell

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MUSC
Children's Hospital
The MUSC Family Literacy Program

The Family Literacy Program helps parents and caregivers learn how to develop early literacy skills in their children through play and shared reading. Our hope is that all children in the Lowcountry start school prepared to learn. The program offers services to families from Berkeley, Charleston or Dorchester counties.

The MUSC Family Literacy Program is for children ages 2.5 to 5. Services are available in English and Spanish.

For more information call (843) 876-2506 or click on

http://www.musckids.com/reading/index.htm

For the brochure click here


BEGIN WITH BOOKS

BEGIN WITH BOOKS is a free books-by-mail program for pre-school children. An all-volunteer organization currently serving eight communities in Charleston County --

Plus the new Expansion Campaign for Upper Peninsula (29403).

We are shipping over 900 books per month directly to the homes of enrolled children in:

Adams Run, Awendaw, Edisto, Hollywood-Meggett-Yonges Island, Johns Island,
McClellanville, Ravenel, Wadmalaw Island

BEGIN WITH BOOKS has received a $30,000 challenge grant to spur expansion to the Upper Peninsula area of Charleston. This service area will be defined by zip code 29403 and will span the area from Calhoun Street northward to Magnolia Cemetery.

By sending your check for $33 to

BEGIN WITH BOOKS

PO Box 183, Charleston SC 29402

A local child will receive books for a year.

Or you can donate online at Palmetto Project/BEGIN WITH BOOKS via the link below.

http://www.beginwithbooks.org/
The mission of Trident Literacy Association is to increase literacy in Charleston, Berkeley, and Dorchester counties by offering instruction, using a self-paced, individualized curriculum in reading, writing, mathematics, English as a Second Language, GED preparation, and basic computer use. With the help of 200 volunteers and dozens of collaborators, Trident Literacy Association serves more than 2000 students annually.

A new program, with a grant from the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy, will begin August 22nd with 20 parents and their children four days each week from nine until one. Not only will the parents learn literary skills, they will also learn parenting skills and how to interact with their children. The children will learn early childhood skills to make them ready for kindergarten. For more information on volunteering or to donate, please contact Sandra Fraser, Early Childhood Coordinator at 576-9136.

Volunteers and supporters are welcomed and appreciated.

"If more people could read, write, and comprehend, we could be much closer to solving so many of the other problems our country faces today." - Barbara Bush

http://www.tridentlit.org/index.php
SAVE THE DATE
MUWC ANNUAL FALL COFFEE
September 12, 2012 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
at the home of Dr. Ray and Leah Greenberg
910 Middle Street
Sullivan's Island

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All MUWC Members are Invited!

Please join the MUWC book group at 2pm on August 8th at the home of Alice Levkoff, 20 Murray Blvd. Our guest will be local author Stephen Hoffius, husband of MUWC archivist Susan Hoffius. Mr. Hoffius will be speaking about his recent book Upheaval in Charleston.

Having combined careful research with suspenseful storytelling, Hoffius’ Upheaval in Charleston offers a vivid portrait of a volatile time when the massive earthquake of August 31, 1886 struck near Charleston. Those of you who took Alice’s historic walking tour last November will remember seeing many of the locations discussed in the book.
Please contact **Terri DeVane** or **Alice Levkoff** 722-3683 to RSVP

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**Book Club**

Terri DeVane hosted in July at her home on Johns Island

Discussed was the **Blind Assassin** by Margaret Attwood

L to R clockwise: Terri DeVane, Laura Patrick, Jane Locke, Biljana Lanier, Meggett Lavin, Ledlie Bell, Cecily DiPiro, Carol Green

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**FUNDRAISING**

As you shop at Amazon.com throughout the year,
PLEASE support our Scholarship Program.

It is really simple, and a percentage of your purchase will be donated to our scholarship program.

Start by bookmarking this link:

http://academicdepartments.musc.edu/womensclub

Then the next time you want to purchase something from Amazon, just visit this site and click on the amazon.com Shop Here! Logo on the lower right of the page

You are immediately at Amazon. That one extra CLICK can mean a lot!

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MUSC VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The ART Volunteer & Guest Services is in need of travel size toiletries: shampoo, soap, conditioner. Clean out your bathroom cupboards and make a difference to our families!

Items can be dropped off at the office on the 2nd floor - Room 2104 of ART.

WHY NOT VOLUNTEER AT THE GREATEST PLACE IN CHARLESTON?
MUSC MEDICAL CENTER

Come volunteer today! Go to www.MUSCHealth.com/volunteer
Please, Cecily needs your help!

Volunteers needed for the MUWC Scholarship Committee

The deadline for the MUWC scholarship applications is August 28th and the scholarship committee will be meeting on September 4th and 5th at Cecily’s home in Mt. Pleasant.

Each year the MUWC receives more applications than the previous year; last year we received over 90. Even a few hours of assistance would be very much appreciated.

Please contact Cecily DiPiro southpole@comcast.net or 216-6060.
MUWC Scholarship Recipients from 2008

To View the MUWC Scholarship Application
Click Here
http://academicdepartments.musc.edu/womensclub/scholarship.htm

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Time to renew your Membership!

According to our By-laws, membership dues are payable by September 1st of each year, with unpaid dues becoming delinquent by January 1st. Our $100 membership dues allow us to fund our scholarship program without continued pleas for members to take part in fundraisers.
Our membership is open to all professional staff, faculty, board members, and administrative officers of MUSC and its departments, colleges, hospitals and affiliates, and their spouses/partners. If you have a friend, colleague, or new acquaintance who would enjoy becoming a part of our group, please share this *Distaff* and invite her to the Fall Coffee.

**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: __Afternoon Book Group ___Evening Book Group ___Supper Club

___Mahjongg ___Bridge ___Ravenel Bridge Walkers ___Lunch Bunch

I am interested in volunteering for: ___Posies for Patients (Feb.) ___Teddy Bear Day (Oct.)

___Roses for Commencement (May) ___MUSC Hospital Volunteer (Ongoing)

Send this form and your tax-deductible dues of $100 ($35 if retired) to:

Terri DeVane   5092 Chisolm Road, Johns Island, SC  29455

Amount Enclosed: $ ______________________ (Payable to MUWC)

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**Coming in the September Distaff**

**Information on Fall Events:**

Historic Tour with Alice Levkoff, Kayaking, Center for Birds of Prey, and much more!