Happy 4th of July!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Lunch Bunch
Contact: Sarah Iman

Thursday,
July 5
The Glass Onion
RSVP to Sarah
sarahimam@gmail.com
843-388-0087

And Lunch Bunch on Aug. 2
will be at
P.F. Chang’s
Mt. Pleasant Town Center
1983 Hwy 17 N

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Laura Patrick, Editor
lpattick@comcast.net
With the first Board meeting of 2012-2013 behind us, it's full speed ahead to another exciting year for the MUWC! Membership renewal notices will soon be arriving in your email, and there is also a renewal form at the bottom of this Dispatch. The Scholarship Committee has been busy tweaking the application process; please note the "Cecil needs your Help!" article seeking committee members. As always, the majority of Special Interest Groups are meeting monthly and our social programs will be back in full swing come September. Those are always fun and often include our husbands.

Despite the downpour on graduation day, all the roses were sold and the volunteers managed to stay dry. Thank you ladies for weathering the storm (no pun intended) and special accolades to Jane Drabkin for her dedication to the event over the past two years.

If you are looking to help out more but just don't know how..........we would love to have YOU consider the following volunteer opportunities:

Historian - This is a Board position requiring very little of your time. The Historian's job is to collect MUWC's mailings, Dispatches, newspaper articles about us, and other items that might be of interest to a future generation of MUWC members or researchers. Everything goes into file folders and is turned over yearly to the Waring Historical Library for our archives.

Also needed are: a "Posies for Patients" co-chair, a Teddy Bear Day co-chair, and a Roses for Graduation co-chair. Required is a two-year commitment for these one-morning per year events. The first year you would learn the ropes from that committee chair and the second year you would take the reins!

All four are great ways to serve the MUWC and, as always, are full of fun and fellowship.

Until next month........keep cool and wear plenty of sunscreen!

Mrs. Tiffany J. Takacs
An Interview
with Susan Hoffius

If you've driven down Ashley Avenue, you have passed the Waring Historical Library. The Library is a working research library and archive dedicated to the preservation and promotion of the history of the health sciences with a special emphasis on South Carolina and the southeastern United States. The Distaff recently sat down to talk with Susan Hoffius, curator of the Library since 2005. Susan is a graduate of Smith College with a degree in Greek and Latin and earned a Masters degree in Library Science at Simmons College.
Approximately five years ago, the Women's Club leadership recognized that our historical documents were at risk. At that time, records were stored in a President's garage or attic and passed along. Susan was consulted and the decision was made to donate our historical documents to the Waring Library. All of our records were donated (1966 - present) and we continue to add to our collection once a year.

What happens to the items when Susan receives them? Items are inventoried and then categorized based on date ranges and the types of items: photos, directories, Board minutes, financial documents, articles from the Post and Courier and even a copy of our cookbook are some of the items currently in the collection.

Why bother with all of this? Susan believes it is because we are so focused on TODAY. However, when we take time to look back at how we got to where we are, it’s always instructive. In Susan's words “our history informs who we are now and without documentation of records, it's history lost”.

Susan refers to our collection as a living collection because it continues to grow as our organization continues to function. This is why it is so important to schedule transfer of records to the Waring Library annually.

All of these records are searchable and this is important, because it’s one thing to collect items and another thing to be able to access specific items within the collection. In addition to tangible items, an MUSC digital archivist, Jennifer Welch, harvests data from our website to get a snapshot of activity that is then preserved. Susan says that her job is to keep the important items so that they survive through time and are available when needed, and that "documentation slumbers until needed".

Please contact Laura Patrick or Cecily DiPro if you have any MUWC photos, clippings, or scrapbooks that you would like to donate to our collection.

Photos and article by
Cecily DiPro
Roses for Commencement

Jane Drabkin, chair for Roses for Commencement, hosted an evening of fun and rose prepping in her kitchen the evening before Commencement. Annie Steele, Francesca Bradshaw, Jill Katz, Chris Christopher, Laura Patrick, and Jane all clipped, arranged, bagged, watered, and tied ribbons on hundreds of roses to be ready for the morning.

The following morning brought rain and everyone (Chris Christopher, Cecily DiPiro, Jane Locke, Erble Creasman, Susan Wamsley, and Jane Drabkin) associated with selling the roses was busy re-adjusting to the move to The Citadel. In a email from Jane she says, “Yes, we made it fine and it was simply, different. I’m so proud of all of you who helped me this year…. We all became better acquainted, we realized how flexible we can be if needed, we kept our sense of humor, and we realized the expertise of the Commencement Committee. I, for one, was impressed it was as well-organized as it was. We will remember 2012 as ‘The Year We Moved to the Citadel.’”
L to R: Annie Steele, Francesca Bradshaw, Laura Patrick
June Lunch Bunch
at The Tomato Shed Cafe

L to R: Terri DeVane, Tiffany Takacs, Kathy Squires, Jane Locke, Jenny Reves, Jill Katz, Carol Green, Betty Howell, and Laura Patrick

Followed by Mahjongg
at Terri DeVane's home
Book Club meets at the Beach
Meggett Lavin hosted the June book group at her family’s beach house on Sullivan’s Island. Discussed was the 1929 novel Mamba’s Daughters by DuBose Heyward.

L to R: Cecily DiPiro, Carol Green, Terri DeVane, Leslie Bell, Meggett Lavin, Barbara Warburton, Jane Locke, Alice Levkoff, Kathy Squires (Biljana Larner & Laura Patrick not pictured)

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MUWC Board and Committee Chairs for 2012 - 2013

Executive Board:
President: Tiffany Takacs
President-Elect: Megan Zwerner
VP-Programs: Jane Locke & Mariela Perez-Raiston
Recording Secretary: Charlotte Gillespie
Corresponding Secretaries: Terri DeVane & Karen Gemmill
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Immediate Past-President & Scholarship: Cecily DiPiro
Historian: (open)
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Handbook Editors: Terri DeVane & Katy Kuder
Liaison to CCMA: Joan Lang
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Liaison to Membership: Susan Wamsley
*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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SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE
(Especially During the Summer Months)

Our Corresponding Secretary, Karen Gemmill, regularly reaches out to our members through notes and greeting cards. Please contact Karen if you hear of an event in any of our members' lives that the Club would want to recognize with a note congratulating, thanking, or supporting our member. Karen can be reached at kargem4@juno.com or 303-906-6082.
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 5th and 6th.

Each year the MUWC receives more applications than the previous year; last year we received over 90. Your assistance would be very much appreciated.

Please contact Cecily DiPiro southpole@comcast.net or 216-6060.
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: ___ Poses 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)