MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS
Lunch Bunch
Contact: Kathy Squires
Noon on Thursday
August 1st

Sea Biscuit Cafe
21 J C Long Blvd
Isle Of Palms, SC 29451
RSVP to Kathy
ntimid8r51@gmail.com
(703) 244-3956

It is hard to believe it is already August in the low country! I hope you received the MUWC renewal letter in July, and if you have not already sent your renewal in, please do so before our September annual Fall Coffee. Your tax-deductible dues fund the MUWC Scholarship awards for the upcoming 2013/2014 academic year.
A dryer and cooler September (we hope!) is just around the corner and the MUWC Scholarship Committee will be engaged in carefully evaluating the many scholarship applications received from our MUSC students before the August 27th deadline. Scholarship recipients will be notified in early September and invited to attend the Fall Coffee where they will receive their awards. It is always a MUWC highlight to meet and congratulate these worthy and dedicated MUSC students.

I look forward to seeing you all at the September 11th Fall Coffee that will graciously be held at the home of Donna Wilson. As always, we encourage you to bring potential new members to the coffee to meet our MUWC group and learn more about the various activities scheduled for the year.

Until next month,

Megan Zwerner

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In June Lunch Bunch Visited Cru Cafe
MUWC Evening Book & Scarf Group
Contact: Terri DeVane
Tuesday, Aug. 20th at 5:30 pm.
Meet at The Aqua Lounge
Marriott, Lockwood Dr.

The book to be discussed:

Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close
by Jonathan Foer
Supper Club
Contact: Debbie Lambert

TBD

The Investment Club
Contact: Laura Patrick

Meets at 1:30 on the last Tuesday of each month at the Charleston Public Library,
Calhoun St., Meeting Room A

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**Mahjongg Club**
**Contact:**
Kathy Kraft or Karen Gemmill
Thursday, August 22nd
Hosted by
Jane Locke

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**Ravenel Bridge Walkers**
**Contact:** Kathy Squires
or call 703.244.3956

Stephanie Aston-Jones at the 2012 Coffee

**Save the Date for the Fall Coffee!**
**Wednesday, September 11th, 10 am - noon**
The home of Donna Wilson
302 Pilots Point (Olde Park)
Mt. Pleasant

Please remember to bring Teddy Bears to the coffee!
Welcome Renewing Members!
(As of July 29th)

President: Megan Zwerner
President-Elect: 
Charlotte Gillispie
Vice President of Programs: Jane Locke & Mariela Perez-Ralston

Vice President Membership: Cecily DiPiro

Recording Secretary: Kathy Harrison-Rockey

Corresponding Secretary: Karen Gemmill

Treasurer: Sadhna Patel

Immediate Past President: Tiffany Takacs

APPOINTED OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Parliamentarian & Historian: Stephanie Aston-Jones

Hospitality: Jill Katz

"The Distaff" Editor: Laura Patrick

Handbook:

Roses for Commencement
Held May 17th
"This continues to be a great service for the ceremony at MUSC and for our scholarships" said this year's chair, Jane Drabkin.

A huge thanks to the Thursday evening Gala Prep Party held at the home of Jane Drabkin (helping Jane were Megan Zwerner, Annie Steel, Stephanie Aston-Jones, Lynda Selby, and Chris Christopher) and Friday morning Graduation (Yes, Lynda Selby and Jane Drabkin again) and Catherine Cummins, Anne Carroll, Jane Locke, and Patti Sachs.

And more from Jane, "This number of volunteers was ideal. When you add everyone's good senses of humor and energy - Total perfection!"
Quick Hot-Links…

MUWC Website

Amazon.com

MUSC Directory

Waring Historical Library

The Catalyst

Distaff Editor

MUWC Pictures

L to R Pic 1: Megan Zwerner, Stephanie Aston-Jone, Chris Christopher, Annie Steel, Lynday Selby;
Pic 2: Jane Drabkin and her scooter
L to R: Patti Sachs, Jane Drabkin, Jane Locke, Anne Carroll, Lynda Selby and Photo by Catherine Cummins
Volunteers needed for the MUWC Scholarship Committee

The deadline for the MUWC scholarship applications is August 27th and the scholarship committee will be meeting on August 28th - August 30th at Tiffany”s home in Mt. Pleasant. Each year the MUWC receives more applications than the previous year; last year we received over 90. Reviewing these applications takes time and remains a leading responsibility of our organization. We need YOU!

Please check your calendar and see if you are available, even a few hours of assistance would be very much appreciated. Please contact scholarship chair Tiffany Takacs at juneswoon@netzero.net or call (843) 437-2656
Teddy Bear Day
Todd Carter Memorial Teddy Bear Day
Thursday, October 10th
at 8:45 am
email Catherine Cummins  cumminsc@musc.edu

Please bring teddy bears to the Coffee!!
Interested in viewing a picture or event from a previous newsletter?

We have archived copies of *The Distaff* on our website going back to 2007

Here is the link

http://academicdepartments.musc.edu/womensclub/distaff/index.htm

A look back at the 2007 "Hard Hat" Tour of the "underconstruction" ART Hospital
What have we been doing?

On Thursday, November 15th, seventeen members participated in a “hard hat” tour of the new hospital. It was interesting to get behind the scenes and view the state-of-the art operating rooms, Chest Pain Center and private rooms and ICUs.
Volunteer Services
Please Support Our Programs

Our Current WISH LIST!
Packaged crackers & cookies or assorted snacks for ICU families.
Items for the Family Tea CART: New packaged teas and coffees (regular, decaf and flavored).
Candy for tea cart & Infusion Patients
Handmade knitted lap blankets and hats (Adult sizes)
Gift Cards for families with patients in a long term stay
AND always needed ...Travel size toiletries!
Here is the link:
http://www.muschealth.com/volunteer/supportourprogram.htm
Dates for Your August & Fall Calendars
All Special Interest Groups are back to a regular schedule
Wed., Aug. 21st - Oshibana Art Class  
with artist Mila Garro  
10 am - noon $18.00 Limit of 12 spaces  
RSVP by August 16th to Mariela Perez-Ralston or 917-647-759

Wed., September 11th - MUWC Fall Coffee 10 am - noon

September - Tour of Charleston Recycling Center  
Date TBD
Saturday, October 5th - Trip to Bulls Island $40.00 per person
To guarantee the private MUWC charter RSVP by August 17th
email Jane Locke or call 843.819.3508

November - Custom Seashell Design & Decorating Class
Date and cost TBD

For more information on all these events
Contact Jane Locke 819-3508.
Time to Renew Your Membership!

Please Print this Page and Mail to Cecily

MUWC Membership Application:

___________New Member ____________Renewing Member

Name________________________________ No changes from last year____

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Or New Info For:
Your 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  __Mahjong
I am interested in volunteering for:  ____Teddy Bear Day (Oct)
____Posie’s for Patients (Feb/Mar)  ____Roses for Commencement (May)
____MUSC Hospital Volunteer (Ongoing)

Send this form and your tax-deductible dues of $100 ($35 if retired) to:
Cecily DiPiro
1886 Omni Blvd., Mt. Pleasant, SC 29466

Amount Enclosed $ ____________ (Payable to MUWC)

(Optional) Additional Scholarship Donation $ __________________