The Distaff
Newsletter of the Medical University Women’s Club

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS
After a long hot and wet summer we can look forward to lovely fall weather and our Annual Membership Coffee that will be graciously hosted by Donna Wilson on September 11th.

If you have not already done so, please email your RSVP to Susan Master if you plan to attend—the more the merrier! This annual event is always a wonderful time to reconnect with friends, new and old, introduce new potential MUWC members, and learn about the many upcoming events and activities planned for this year. You will also have the opportunity to meet and congratulate the MUSC students that will be awarded MUWC Scholarships - made possible by your membership dues and support of the MUWC.

As you all know by now, Dr. Ray and Leah Greenberg are moving to Austin, Texas. While we are excited for them, we will miss Leah’s unwavering support and active involvement in the MUWC. Leah has been a devoted member of the MUWC for the past 18 years and has played a pivotal role in its promotion. Her participation in so many of MUWC’s clubs, activities, and scholarships makes her departure that much more difficult for us all. I am happy to report that Leah will be here to attend the Coffee so we will all have a chance to say farewell before the Greenberg’s moving van arrives!

I hope to see you Wednesday, September 11th at the Coffee!

Until next month,

Megan Zwerner
13 Reasons Why
by Jay Asher

MUWC Evening Book & Scarf Group

Contact: Terri DeVane
Tuesday, Sept 24th
at 5:30 pm.
Meet at The Aqua Lounge
Marriott, Lockwood Dr.

The book to be discussed:
NW
by Zadie Smith

You are invited to the Fall Coffee
Wednesday, September 11th at 10am
The home of Donna Wilson
302 Pilots Point (Olde Park)
Mt. Pleasant
Please RSVP to Susan Master  Click on Susan’s name!
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

A letter from Leah Greenberg

What's that old saying? Sometimes you don't appreciate what you've got until it's gone? Perhaps, but I assure you I absolutely do know what I have in the MEDICAL UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S CLUB. No need to be gone to know how great the loss will be when I am no longer in Charleston. However, I am delighted to attend the coffee to say a fond farewell to my friends. So hard to believe Ray and I observed our 18th year at MUSC in May--so many great memories of people who mean so much to us. While I hear Austin is a friendly city, I know nothing can compare to how much MUWC did to welcome us and nurture many close friendships over all the years. Each academic year is another opportunity to meet new friends, strengthen lasting bonds, and learn how MUWC makes such a difference for MUSC and in our lives personally.

As always, there have been changes at MUSC--new people arriving while others have moved on to new roles in new places. I certainly did not expect last year that we would be among those departing. But I am quite positive that Mark Sothmann and Kathy Lally will help ease the transition and continue helping others find their transition eased by the fellowship, friendship, and activities MUWC best provides. Let's gather together to welcome those new to us, encourage those
distracted by other commitments to return, to catch up with old friends, and for me to say NOT GOOD-BYE, but farewell. I fully intend to maintain my contributions to MUWC always and stay involved from afar until we can retire to Charleston.

Being a helping hand and making friends is simple when you participate. Together we can weave a tapestry of enduring strength with threads new and vintage. I hope always to maintain my own thread in that living tapestry. To that end, I will make an annual gift through my fund at the Coastal Community Foundation—and that’s forever. What better way to stay connected? Thank you for your part in the remarkable success MUSC continues to achieve. Ray and I have been so privileged to share the commitment by all of MUSC to South Carolina. We will always be proud of the successes we have collectively achieved.

Thank you for your support and your friendship.

Love,
Leah

Thank you to all of you who have renewed for the coming year!
Renewing members July 30 - Aug 18
Mrs. Mary Lynn Bingham
Mrs. Carol Blessing-Feussner
Mrs. Kathryn Cole
Mrs. Catherine Cummins
Mrs. Mary Del Bone
Mrs. Terri DeVane
Dr. Cecily DiPiro
Mrs. Jana Drabkin
Mrs. Megan Draper
Mrs. Ann Edwards
Mrs. Karen Gemmill
Mrs. Jo Ellen Gold
Mrs. Marsha Golod
Mrs. Leah Greenberg
Mrs. Susan Hoffius
Mrs. Joan Hutchins
Mrs. Catherine Jenrette
Mrs. Gilliam Katz
Mrs. Betty Kinard
Mrs. Kathleen Lally
Mrs. Jean Lang
Mrs. Alice Lovkoff
Mrs. Jane Locke
Mrs. Gwen McCurdy
Mrs. Jane Miller
Mrs. Janelle Otherson
Mrs. Sachna Patel
Mrs. Marilina Perez-Raiston
Mrs. Ann Peterson
Dr. Etta Pisano
Mrs. Jo Ann Rampton
Mrs. Patricia Rivers
Mrs. Patti Sache
Ms. Margaret Schachte
Mrs. Lynda Selby
Ms. Carol Simmons
Mrs. Lisa Smith
Mrs. Cindy Solomon
Mrs. Kathy Squires
Mrs. Annie Steele
Mrs. Tiffany Takacs
Mrs. Sally Wiseman

In August Lunch Bunch Visited
Sea Biscuit Cafe
**Board of Directors**

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**Volunteers needed Immediately for the MUWC Scholarship Committee!**

The deadline for the MUWC scholarship applications is this week, August 27th and the scholarship committee will be meeting on August 28, 29, 30th at Tiffany’s home in Mt. Pleasant.

Each year the MUWC receives more applications than the previous year. Even a few hours of assistance would be very much appreciated. Please contact scholarship chair, Tiffany Takacs juneswoon@netzero.net or call (843) 437-2656
MUWC's Volunteer Services

Short-Term Volunteer Opportunities are designed for people who may not have the ability to commit to a weekly placement. These volunteer opportunities include:

* Family Meals
* Heart Health
* Lean Team
* Sewing and Craft Projects

The Family Meals Program serves meals to families who are staying at the hospital with their children or are commuting daily. This program minimizes the financial impact of a hospitalization on the family.
For information on any of the opportunities listed, please contact Emily Wallace at walla@musc.edu or 843-792-8190.

How many MUWC Book Club members does it take to cut a Peach Cream Cake?

L to R: Terri DeVane, Erble Crestman, Barbara Warburton. Photo by Cecily DiPiro

Terri DeVane was hostess in August.
Teddy Bear Day
Todd Carter Memorial Teddy Bear Day
Thursday, October 10th
at 8:45am

email Catherine Cummins  cumminsc@musc.edu
Dates for Your Autumn Calendar

Thurs., Sept. 19th 2pm - Tour Charleston Recycling Center
Ever wonder how the Charleston Country Recycling Center works so effectively and efficiently? MUWC is taking a tour of the recycling center on Romney St. off Morrison Dr. in Charleston. We will be shown the complete process of what happens to all our recyclables.
No Cost - email Jane Locke or call 843.819.3508
Sat., October 5th - Trip to Bulls Island $45.00 per person
RSVP by Sept. 11th

We will leave Garris Landing at 9:00 am. Spouses and friends are also invited. There is lots of walking involved on this excursion. It is a mile and a half to the beach and, of course, a mile and a half back to the dock. We will take our own lunch and drinks, there is no food or water provided. Picnic tables are available & bathrooms on the island are near the docks. This is an undeveloped barrier island, the only way to the island is by personal boat or by Coastal Expeditions who has the federal permit to transport passengers. The boat will return at noon to bring back those who want to return then, or you may remain on the island until 4:00 when the boat departs for the end of the day.

Checks can be mailed to Jane Locke, 1373 Woodlock Road, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464 or given to Mariela Perez-Ralston at the Coffee.
Make check out to Coastal Expeditions.
Questions? email Jane Locke or call her at 843.819.3508

The adventure begins as you board the passenger ferry, Caretta. Captain Christianson has a master's degree in Marine Biology. He and the naturalist mates ensure that your travel to and from the island is much more than a ferry ride.

The boat to the island takes about 30 minutes. While on board, you'll be able to move around to take in the pristine views. Once on the island, you'll be on your own to explore the 16 miles of trails and seven miles of sandy beach. Be prepared with sunscreen, bottled water, insect repellent, good walking shoes (not sandals), and snacks to ensure a comfortable day. A short walk from the ferry you will find bathroom facilities, picnic area, and storm shelter. From there, you can decide to walk straight to the beach or to a walking trail.
The jewel of the island is the magnificent Boneyard Beach. Located at the north end of the island, Boneyard Beach is a forest stranded in the surf. This majestic area is reason enough to go to Bulls Island and many visitors go directly to the beach to witness this beautiful sight. If you are planning to enjoy Boneyard Beach, we recommend that you spend a full day on Bulls Island.

The Boneyard is the perfect spot for a picnic lunch as you watch the waves roll over sun-bleached oaks. This three-mile stretch of beach at the northeast corner is the result of the surf that is steadily moving sand away from this end of the island. The hundreds of oaks, cedars and pines that are left behind are weathered by the salt and sun to create a skeletonized forest in the sand.

Click here to see a YouTube video of the Boneyard.
http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=y8_6VcZ8yA4

In November - Custom Seashell Decorating & Design Class

Date and cost TBD
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  __Mahjongg Club
__Bridge  __Lunch Bunch  __Ravenel Bridge Walkers  __Investment Club

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)