The Distaff
Newsletter of the Medical University Women’s Club

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SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Lunch Bunch
Contact: Kathy Squires
Noon on Thursday
Thursday, May 1st
Virginia’s on King

RSVP to Kathy ntimid8r51@gmail.com
703.244.3956

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Bridge Club
Contact: Jenny Reves
No Bridge in May

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
It is hard for me to believe that my term as MUWC President is coming to an end when I pass the gavel at the May 7th Spring Luncheon to 2014-2015 President, Charlotte Gillespie. It has been a wonderful year working with such an outstanding and team-oriented board and I am so grateful to have had the privilege to serve this past year. As the new Past-President, I will have the great pleasure of chairing the Scholarship Committee that will select worthy MUSC student scholarship applicants to receive awards made possible by our annual MUWC membership dues. This September we will be awarding a total of $15,000 in scholarships at the Annual Membership Coffee.

I hope you can attend the May 7th Spring Luncheon, and if you have not sent your RSVP to Hospitality Chair Jill Katz, please do so today (gillian.katz@gmail.com)—it is always such a wonderful event where we share delicious dishes, great company and have the opportunity to elect and congratulate your new MUWC Board. And please do not forget to bring any new stuffed animals you may have collected for our annual fall Todd Carter Memorial Teddy Bear Day.

Thank you again for the honor of serving as your 2013-2014 MUWC President!

It has been a great year,

Megan

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MUWC's Nominating Committee Presents
The Proposed Slate of MUWC Officers for 2014-2015

President - Charlotte Gillispie
President-elect - Renee D’Agostino
Recording Secretary - M.E. Canaday
VP Programs - Mariela Perez-Ralston & Tiffany Takacs
Corresponding Secretary - Karen Gemmill
VP Membership - Kathy Harrison-Rockey
Treasurer - Sadhna Patel

Appointed Positions:
Standing Committee Chairs:
   Scholarship - Megan Zwerner
   Past-President - Megan Zwerner
   Hospitality - Jill Katz
   Webmaster - Kristi Adams & Teresa Winful
   Communications - Susan Master
   Publicity & Distaff Editor - Laura Patrick
   Handbook editor - Liz Sheridan
   Parliamentarian - Stephanie Aston-Jones
   Historian - Chris Conway

Projects Chairs:
   Posies for Patients - Chris Christopher & Irene Smith
   Todd Carter Teddy Bear Day - Catherine Cummins
   Roses at Graduation - Lynda Selby & Stephanie Alston-Jones

Interest Group Chairs:
   Bridge Club - Jenny Reves
   Supper Club - Debbie Lambert
   Investment Club - Laura Patrick
   Afternoon Book Club - Terri DeVane
   Evening Book Group - Ann Peterson & Terri DeVane
   Mahjongg - Karen Gemmill & Kathy Kraft
   Ravenel Bridge Walkers - Kathy Squires
   Lunch Bunch - Sarah Imam Nguyen & Kathy Squires

New schedule: Bridge Walkers
Every Thursday at 9 am
Meet at the drinking fountain on the Mt. Pleasant side
of the Ravenel Bridge. Park under the bridge and walk
up the ramp toward the bridge to the fountain.
email Kathy Squires at Ntimid8r51@gmail.com or
call 703.244.3956
To let her know you are coming.
You are invited

Join Us for the MUWC Spring Luncheon and Annual Meeting

Wednesday, May 7th, 2014
11:00 AM

Donna and Edward Wilson’s Home
302 Pilots Point (Olde Park)
Mount Pleasant, SC 29464

RSVP to Jill Katz by May 1st
Phone: 843-884-8423
Email: gillian.katz@gmail.com

*Please bring your favorite salad or dessert to share!

Special thanks to Mariela Perez-Ralston for providing this lovely card.

In April Lunch Bunch Visited Southerly @ Southern Season

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS
President: Charlotte Gillispie

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Vice President Membership: Kathy Harrison-Rockey

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Immediate Past President: Megan Zwerner

APPOINTED OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Parliamentarian: Stephanie Aston-Jones

Historian: Chris Conway

Hospitality: Jill Katz

"The Distaff" Editor: Laura Patrick

Handbook: Liz Sheridan

Scholarships: Tiffany Takacs

Web Site: Kristi Adams & Teresa Winful

Communications: Susan Master

Publicity: Laura Patrick

Chair for Posies for Patients: Chris Christopher & Irene Smith

Chair for Teddy Bear Day: Catherine Cummins

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MUWC Board holds Good-bye Meeting & Luncheon for Cecily DiPiro
Cecily DiPiro makes it look easy. Behind the smart glasses, kind brown eyes and infectious smile is a woman who has proved that she can have it all by doing it her own way.

Drs. Cecily and Joseph T. DiPiro join S.C. College of Pharmacy MUSC campus dean Dr. Phillip Hall, left, at the Board of Visitors/Trustees dinner.
Cecily is the wife of Joseph T. (Joe) DiPiro, PharmD, executive dean of the South Carolina College of Pharmacy (SCCP). Originally from central Connecticut, the couple met in pharmacy school and together have blazed a family-career trail that’s been an incredible journey for them and their family.

A pharmacist in her own right, Cecily has learned to skillfully achieve a work-life balance in managing family, career and community service work. She’s forged her own life path drawing on her own skills, experiences and self-confidence to make good decisions for herself and her family.

Here is the link to read the full article
http://academicdepartments.musc.edu/catalyst/archives/2014/3-28Cecily.htm

Please Remember:
Bring Teddy Bears and other new Stuffed Critters to the Spring Luncheon

MUWC member, Megan Draper, Director of Development for South Carolina College of Pharmacy at MUSC, is one of the awardees.

The annual awards recognize the success and community involvement of 40 professionals under 40 who are making their mark on the region from a mix of industry & professional sectors. The winners were honored during a special ceremony on April 10th at Alhambra Hall in Mount Pleasant.
L to R: Trevor Draper (husband), Megan Theiling Draper, Jane Theiling and Brent Theiling, Megan’s proud parents.

Supper Club
Hosted by Kathy and Jerry O'Squires
St. Patrick's Day celebrated in April

Pic 1 Kathy's antique Westinghouse stew cooker
Pic 2 Hosts Jerry and Kathy O'Squires
2014 Kayak 4 the Cure

The annual paddle will be held Saturday, May 3rd. The 2 hour trip will be guided with departures at 9:30am, 12 noon, and 2:30pm. Tours will start at Shem Creek. Please call for reservations as space is limited. 843.568.3222 or visit www.kayakcharlestonsc.com

100% of all proceeds benefit two worthy MS organizations:
1. The National MS Society-Greater Carolinas Chapter
2. The Tisch MS Research Center
A Jolly Good Time for Supper Club in May!

Let's celebrate the joy of Spring together on Saturday, May 3rd at 6:30 p.m. Please join us for dinner at the home of the Drabkins, 340 President St., (near Hampton Park) in Charleston. This fiesta will be hosted by: Betty Howell, Karen & Bob Gemmill, Jane & Harry Drabkin.

Put your heart into an easy, fun mode because that is our goal! Complete with flowers, streamers, appetizers, chicken enchiladas, salads, desserts, AND joggling board. Our plan is to transform your evening into a light-hearted spring event. Please bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert and a beverage of your choice. (Beer, wine and other non-alcoholic beverages will be available).

Ladies, if you have a special hat, please wear it if you wish!!

Please RSVP to Karen Gemmill 843-573-7226 or kargem4@juno.com
Roses for Commencement

Volunteers needed on May 16th
To help setup and sell roses at the Citadel
the morning of the MUSC Commencement
from 7:45am until appx 10am.
Please contact Stephanie Aston-Jones at 883-0306
or sa-j@comcast.net

This is a fundraiser for MUWC scholarships.

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Dates for Your May Calendar

Wednesday, May 7th - Spring Luncheon* at 11am
at the Home of Donna Wilson
*Please bring a salad or dessert to share

Friday, May 16th - Roses for Commencement
7:45am - 10am