MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

As I sit in my home, warm and comfortable, a blizzard is sweeping the Northeast. I am grateful to be here in South Carolina - my father has almost two feet of snow at his house in Connecticut! We are all so fortunate to be here in Charleston. And, feeling fortunate, it also feels great to be able to "give back." MUWC offers several opportunities, such as our scholarships, Todd Carter Teddy Bear Day in October, and the upcoming Posies for Patients.

To all of our members who have paid MUWC dues, thank you so much. If you know someone who has been a member in the past or who has considered joining, please
encourage her to do so (again)! Our dues fund our scholarships, which help many deserving MUSC students. I was a dues-paying member of MUWC for about 8 years before I was able to attend many meetings or events. I kept thinking that someday I would have the time to participate; once my youngest child was in school all day, that day finally arrived.

MUWC has another opportunity to serve this month. On Thursday, February 19, we will hold our "Posies for Patients." This is an annual event in which we arrange and deliver small vases of flowers to MUSC patients, hopefully uplifting their spirits and brightening their day. It definitely brightens the day for the volunteers who participate! This fun and rewarding service project is funded by additional donations from members, rather than by our dues, which go to our scholarships.

Finally, if you are at a stage in your life where you can participate in our activities, I hope you will join us for some of our upcoming social events and fellowship. Please see below in the Distaff for details on the Wine Tasting, Ken Patrick's Guided Hike, and the ever-popular Lunch Bunch!

Until next month,

Charlotte

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Bridge Club
Contact: Jenny Reves
Friday, February 20th
Hosted by
Valerie Assey
881-2306

MUWC Book Group
Contact: Terri DeVane
Wednesday, February, 11th
at 2pm
Hosted by
Carol Green, 795-2578
The Book is
One Summer, America 1927
by
Bill Bryson

In January Lunch Bunch Visited
The Gathering Cafe
MUWC Evening Book & Scarf Group

Contact: Terri DeVane
Tuesday, February 17th
Time 5:30pm
Meet in the lobby of the Marriott, Lockwood Dr. Charleston (near MUSC)

The Book is
The Miniaturist
by
Jessie Burton

Supper Club
Contact: Debbie Lambert
2015 Schedule TBA
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 B

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Mahjong Club
Contact: Karen Gemmill
1:30 pm
Thursday, February 26th
at the home of Kathy Squires
388-7447

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Bridge Walkers
Regroups!
Start 2015 by walking the Ravenel Bridge
There will be some warm sunny days in February,
You decide when you want to walk.

Then Call
Kathy Squires
ntimid8r51@gmail.com or
call her 703.244.3956
Also try

Afternoon Book Group
Hosted by Terri DeVane
The Good Lord Bird, by James McBride

L to R: Karen Gemmill, Terri DeVane, Jane Locke, Barbara Warburton, Jo Lynn Waller, Betty Howell, Kathy Squires, Carol Green (not pictured Laura Patrick)
Kathy Harrison-Rockey
kharrisonrockey@gmail.com
or call her 817.542.1255

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.

Posies for Patients
Thursday, February 19th
8:30 to noon
Main Hospital, Room 295

YOU can help us brighten the day for many patients at MUSC
Meet at 8:30am at the Volunteer Office in the MUSC Main Hospital, North Tower
We will be working in Conference Room 295
(If arriving later just ask for directions to room 295)
No experience necessary!

Our annual Posies for Patients event is less than a month away! We want to touch base with those who have already agreed to join-in, as well as those of you who have expressed an interest in participating in any way with this year's Posies!

We will be creating and delivering over 200 flower arrangements to MUSC patients and we still need SMALL vases (bud vases, dollar store vases, etc.), greens from your yard as fillers, and 10-12 arrangers. If you have vases, we can come pick them up in the next few weeks.
If interested in helping with this wonderful and fun event. Please contact Chris Christopher or Irene Smith. Chris 577-7068 or Irene 571-1989

Or to make a donation of any amount
Please mail a check made out to MUWC
Christ Christopher
11 Halsey Street
Charleston, SC 29401

Posies from recent years

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Beth Romaine and Catherine Cummins whisking eggs to make Summer Berry Clafoutis
Appetizers of Marinated Chèvre, Olives, Artichokes & Tomatoes

Fundraising @ SEWE February 13, 14, 15
Charles Bear Photography (Betty Bear’s brother) is exhibiting at the Southeastern Wildlife Exposition.

His art will be in the atrium at the Embassy Suites Hotel @ Marion Square, no ticket is needed to view the exhibits.

Remember to mention MUWC! When a member or friend of the MUWC purchases any of his photos/art work, he will donate 15% of that sale to the MUWC Scholarship fund.
Remember to purchase Teddy Bears and other stuffed animals at the after Valentine's Day sales.

**Teddy Bear Day**
We can remove any hearts or other items that are attached.

National Wear Red Day – February 6, 2015

1 in 3 women die of heart disease and stroke each year. Celebrate National Wear Red Day with Go Red For Women on Friday, Feb. 6, 2015 to help save women’s lives. Join the movement nationwide and learn how you can honor women like you on this important day in the information below.
MUSC employees go RED in 2014!
**Dates & Events for MUWC Calendars**

**Thurs., February 19th, 8:30am - Posies for Patients**

**Sunday, March 1st, 9:30am - Annual Hike with Ken Patrick**
Santee Coastal Reserve Wildlife Management Area

**March TBA - Wine & Cheese Tasting**
at the home of Charlotte Gillespie

**TBA - Painting Class at Wine & Design**