MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

I often feel that time is passing way too quickly, especially when I look at my three children or think about how long we have now lived in Charleston. I had always thought it was just adults who felt this way, but a couple of weeks ago my oldest child bemoaned the fact that she was more than halfway through her first year of high school. (How can she be in high school already? Impossible!)

It’s also hard for me to believe that it’s been almost ten months since I became the President of MUWC. March, however, means it’s time for us to nominate a new slate of officers for next year. We will vote on the nominees at our luncheon in May. If you are interested in getting more involved and helping the club, please let me know. I would be happy to discuss the positions available and how YOU can join us! Our nominating committee will be meeting soon. The Board is a very supportive group of ladies and a fun way to get involved in MUWC.
March also brings a number of opportunities for fun! Please see the Distaff for dates of Supper Club (fun with spouses), wine tasting (again the men are invited), and all of our clubs and interest groups.

Until next month,

Charlotte

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Bridge Club
Contact: Jenny Reves
Friday, March 20th
Hosted by
Susan Brooks
at the Harbor Club

MUWC Book Group
Contact: Terri DeVane
Wednesday, March 11th
at 2pm
Hosted by
Megan Zwerner
The Book is
We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves
by
Karen Joy Fowler

MUWC Evening Book & Scarf Group
Contact: Terri DeVane

Wednesday, March 18th

In February Lunch Bunch Visited Hominy Grill

L to R: Marion Cotton, Erble Creasman, Sarah Imam, Carol Green, Kathy Squires,
Time 5:30pm
The book is
*The Secret History*
by
Donna Tartt

Meet in the lobby of the Marriott, Lockwood Dr. Charleston (near MUSC)

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**Supper Club**
Saturday March 14th
Contact Kathy Squires
for the details
(703) 244-3956
Ntimid8r51@gmail.com

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**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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**Investment Club Annual Party Held at Dewees Island**
Hosted by Marion and Peter Cotton

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**Mahjongg Club**
Contact:
Karen Gemmill
1:30 pm
Thursday, March 26th
at the home of
Tiffany Takacs
juneswoon@netzero.com

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Last Call for
Bridge Walkers

Start walking the
Ravenel Bridge
There will be warm
sunny days in March!
You decide when you
want to walk.

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

L to R: Terri DeVane, Laura Patrick, JoAnn Rampton, Marion Cotton, Barbara Warburton, Kyra Morris (financial advisor), Chris Conway

L to R: Rob Morris, Keeling Warburton, Ken Patrick, Jon Rampton

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On Thursday, February 19th, eleven enthusiastic MUWC volunteers arranged and delivered around 200 small floral arrangements to patients in MUSC’s main hospital. The patients, it was reported, were delighted by this unexpected gift. Always a fun and gratifying event, it is a project looked forward to each winter to warm us all up. And this year, thankfully, we didn’t have ice to contend with!

Co-chairs Chris Christopher and Irene Smith send many thanks to our volunteers as well as those who contributed not just time, but money, vases, garden greens and advise to complete this annual project. It was so nice to have two of our new members, Judy Diehl and Pam Carroll, join us to experience the event for the first time. Great job, all!
Charlotte Gillespie
Megan Zwerner
Pam Carroll
Judy Diehl
Jill Katz
Donna Draughn
Karen Gemmill
Susan Wamsley
Nancy Pellegrini
Katy Kuder
Laura Patrick
Ken Patrick
Barbara Warburton
Jo Lynn Waller
JoEllen Basile
Kathy Squires
Sarah Imam
Joan Halushka
Edie Rubin
Eileen Obeid
Terri DeVane
Marion Cotton
Jane Locke
Kathy Harrison-Rockey
Carol Green
Chris Conway
M.E. Canaday
Mariela Peres-Ralston
Jenny Reves
Cecily DiPiro
Tiffany Takacs

Join MUWC for the
Annual Hike
on March 1st - 10am
Rain date is March 8th
(Why Sunday? No Hunting is allowed on Sunday)

Annual MUWC Nature Hike:
Santee Coastal Reserve Wildlife Management Area
To: MUWC members, families, and guests
Date: 10:00 a.m. - Sunday, March 1, 2015
Guide: Ken Patrick

Rendezvous at 10:00: Mt. Pleasant Kohl's parking lot (behind a McDonald's) on 17N, two stoplights past the highway 41 intersection where carpooling can be arranged. Our route is up 17N approximately 6 miles past McClellanville.

Description: The ~4 mile hike will take us through a wildlife paradise last utilized as a 1700s rice plantation and now managed by the SC Department of Natural Resources.
Alternatively, an adjacent ½ mile round trip trail allows little-know access to the brick foundation and arches of the original plantation mansion.

Being mostly open terrain, windbreakers and layered clothing is advisable. We plan to stop at the Sewee Outpost on the way out to pickup deli sandwiches for a picnic on the splendid visitor's center porch - No restrooms. RSVP/questions: Laura Patrick 843.884.4380 (Laura's cell 843.670.4380) or email lgpatrick@comcast.net

For more info:
http://scgreatoutdoors.com/park-santeecoastalreservewma.html
http://south-carolina-plantations.com/charleston/eldorado.html

March is National Women's History Month
This year's theme presents the opportunity to weave women's stories - individually and collectively - into the essential fabric of our nation's history. There is a real power in hearing women's stories, both personally and in a larger context. Remembering and recounting tales of our ancestors' talents, sacrifices, and commitments inspires today's generations and opens the way to the future.

For more information
http://www.nwhp.org/womens-history-month/theme/
Save the DATE

Join us for a night of Fine Wine & Cheese pairings

The "Crushed Fine Wine" team will guide us through tastings of superb wines with delicious cheeses to complement them. It is an event for members & spouses so significant others are welcomed!

Date: Friday, March 27th
Time: 7:30pm
Price $30.00 per person
Where: The Gillespie Home, Mt. Pleasant

RSVP by Tuesday, March 24th to Mariela Perez-Ralston
cell: 917-647-7595 / email: mariela_perez@hotmail.com
Dates & Events for MUWC Calendars

**Sunday, March 1st** - Hike with Ken Patrick at the Santee Coastal Reserve Wildlife Management Area

**Friday, March 27th** - Wine and Cheese Pairing - $30.00 per person at the home of Charlotte and Boyd Gillespie

**April 22nd** - Morning Art Class at Wine and Design at the West Ashley Studio - $40.00

and

**Save the Date**

**May 6th** - Spring Luncheon at the home of Donna Wilson