I recently received a phone call from a bright, young UNL student wanting to interview the next UNL Women’s Club President. She was writing a paper on the relevance and significance of women’s clubs. It made me stop and think about what we do and what our purpose as a women’s club truly is. Before coming to UNL four years ago, Mark and I spent ten years at Purdue University and I was a member of the Purdue Women’s Club. I figured that it was a way to connect with the world my husband was a part of. The value over the past fourteen years has been extraordinary to me. Living away from extended family, as many of us who are part of the University system are required to do, make the connections we find in a women’s club especially significant. In the four short years I’ve been here in Lincoln I’ve celebrated births, graduations and weddings, mourned the loss of loved ones, counseled, been comforted, shared my stories, laughed, eaten way too many carbohydrates and drank – all the while sharing life with women who have become dear friends. Isn’t that the true value we find in a women’s club? Our mission is to raise funds for college students and find fellowship among others with similar interests. But in a world that’s become increasingly hectic, let’s not forget to take time to stop – smell the roses – laugh with a friend – cry if the situation requires it – in short, live life to the fullest – together! What is the quote? Sorrow shared is halved – joy shared is doubled?

This upcoming year in the UNL Women’s Club is full of wonderful opportunities to experience something new – I encourage you to bring a friend and go out of your comfort zone in pursuit of fellowship. Our capacity for growth increases as we allow ourselves to be stretched by new places and new friends. The club has made a wonderful decision to open its membership to non-UNL women. All we ask is that they hold to our shared mission to raise funds for students. So, if you’re eager to try something new, but lack the courage to go alone, bring someone new into the club! We have members of all ages with a rich tapestry of life experience to learn from and share life with. A great starting point is the Welcome Luncheon hosted by Nana Smith in September. This event is a favorite with everyone who attends, and it is a great way to learn more about the various interest groups. Take a few minutes to peruse the newsletter and maybe pick one or two new things to try: maybe it will be a book club, or the quilting group, or dancing, or the international group – the options may not be endless, but they are as varied as the members of this wonderful organization. Come along and celebrate life with us this year!

Mae Anne Balschweid,
President, UNL Women’s Club

Mission Statement of the UNL Women’s Club

The purpose of The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Women’s Club is to promote friendship among members, to strengthen their bond of common interest, and to provide service to the University including funding scholarships.

Membership is open to any person with a connection to the University of Nebraska, who is interested in the activities, well being and continuance of the University of Nebraska and the UNL Women’s Club.
Welcome Luncheon

University of Nebraska President
James B. Milliken and Nana Smith
cordially invite the
UNL Women’s Club
to a
Welcome Luncheon Buffet

Friday, September 14, 2012
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
2221 Sheridan Boulevard, Lincoln

Personal invitations will be sent from the President’s Office.
If you do not receive an invitation, but wish to attend, contact Kathryn Nohl at 402-472-7142 no later than September 7.

Fall Tour: Nebraska History Tour to Kearney

Wednesday,
October 3,
8am-5pm

Travel back in time as we take the Arrow Stage (Line) to Kearney to experience Nebraska history and culture. Joining us on the tour is our special guest from the past, Catherine Beecher, an educator from the mid-1800s, who tells us about the “Schoolmarm of the Prairie.” While in Kearney:

- Tour the Museum of Nebraska Art (MONA). MONA’s collection reflects 175 years of cultural life in Nebraska and features artists with ties to Nebraska.
- Enjoy lunch by Dickey’s Barbecue Pit with your choice of Southern Pulled Pork or Marinated Chicken Breast as well as drinks, pickles, your choice of sides, and ice cream for the trip home.
- Discover the road that settled the West at The Great Platte River Road Archway, an award-winning museum illustrating the story of the westward migration across America. Wander the Cultural Trail that includes a homestead site with sod house, an earth lodge with a representative of the Pawnee Nation, and the Pawnee Seed Preservation Project.
- Visit the gift shops at MONA and the Archway.

Bus departs on Wednesday, October 3 at 8:00 am from Christ’s Place, 1111 Old Cheney Road, returning about 5:00 pm. Bring your spouse or a friend!

Cost: $40 per person, includes transportation, entrance fees, lunch, and snacks. For further information, call Marla Kraft, 402-570-5707 or Amy Kucken, 402-309-0249.

RSVP deadline: September 24
Make your reservations early!
Space is limited to 56

Sign up form on Page 7
Bring a Friend Salad Supper

Do you have a friend who you think would enjoy UNLWC?
This is your opportunity!!

The “Bring a Friend Salad Supper” will be a night to enjoy socializing with old friends while introducing new ones to our UNLWC family. Current members will highlight what the club has to offer including interest groups, activities, tours, luncheons, fundraisers as well as other benefits of becoming a member.

Buy a ticket ($16.00 each) which includes a chef salad, dessert, roll, coffee/tea, and sit at a “theme table” decorated by a fellow UNLWC member. This evening is one of the focused events we are using to bring in new members. A portion of the proceeds will also go to the scholarship fund. We hope to make this an annual event so let’s all rally to make it a success by inviting at least one potential new member.

Monday, October 8th, 6:30 p.m
Great Plains Room – East Campus
Student Union

Sign up on Page 7, deadline Sept. 27

Fall Brunch

Come and be entertained by students from the
UNL School of Music

The Landing—Williamsburg Square Room
Wednesday, November 14th
Gathering at 10:30 AM

Sign up on Page 7, deadline Nov. 7

Newcomers and Friends

Women new to UNL Women’s Club are newcomers for three years, meeting together informally to have fun and get acquainted. Any UNLWC members (the “Friends”) are welcome to participate in Newcomer’s coffees and other activities.

Most Wednesdays we meet at 9:30 am at Panera Bread, Southpointe Pavilions for coffee and conversation. Look for the hot pink UNL Women’s Club sign at our table.

E-mails are sent to Newcomer & Friends with details of the activities. If you would like to be added to the e-mail list or have any questions, contact Debby Raddatz-Portnoy, 402 420-1766, dlbport@yahoo.com or Enid Newman, 402 782-8922, enid@buffalobeach.com.

Newcomers and Friends
Fall Events

September 19, 10:00 am
Tour of the East Campus Arboretum led
by Emily Levine followed by ice cream at
the UNL Dairy Store

October 17, 10:00 am to noon
Silk Scarf Dyeing Class taught by Sheila Green
at the Bernina Sewing Studio, 1501 Pine Lake
Road

December 12, 9:30 am
Brunch at the home of Debby Raddatz-Portnoy
Volunteer Opportunities

The UNL Women’s club is noted for it’s charitable service. In fact, SERVICE is a key component in our charter! One of the most noted opportunities for outreach is the Meals on Wheels program. Thank you to all the gracious individuals who give their time and talents for this wonderful outreach. Others of you are involved in service through your churches. This is also a wonderful way to give your time, talents and resources. However, I’d like to highlight those of you who serve our community and university through other non-profit organizations. It would be wonderful for those who are experienced in outreach to mentor those who are interested in reaching outside their comfort zone. Whether you volunteer at the People's City Mission, Lincoln Literacy, or any of the other wonderful organizations in Lincoln we’d love to highlight that in the next newsletter. Please contact me if you are interested in mentoring someone or just answering questions about your activities.

Mae Anne Balscheu
President UNLWC
maeanneb@hotmail.com

Scholarship Recipients

We have very generous members! Because of this generosity and our fine fund raising activities, we have been able to award ten $1,000 scholarships for the 2012-2013 academic year. Our scholarship recipients are:

Jordan Wheeler, Pre-med; Meredith Underwood, History and Religious Studies; Mark Ringle, Pre-med; Laura Slezak, International Studies/ pre-med; Emily White, Speech-Language pathology; Samantha Bryant, Food Science; Amanda Burau, Natural Resource and Environment Economics; Kathleen Gegner, Electrical Engineering; Jessica Hansen, Environmental Studies; and Karina Pedroza, Psychology/Ethnic Studies.

All of these students are active volunteers in the University and Lincoln community and maintain high GPAs. We offer our congratulations to these deserving students and thanks to our membership for supporting scholarships!

We Remember...

Shirley Noble
Bernice Underdahl
Esther Shubert
Carol Ide

Upon the death of a member or past member, UNLWC contributes $50 in their name to the UNL Women’s Club Scholarship Fund.
UNL Women’s Club Interest Groups

Interest groups are the essence of the UNL Women’s Club, where our mission statement comes alive. These small groups are where acquaintances develop into friendships. Our common interests grow into strong bonds, and our desire to serve the University turns into action.

Sign up at the Welcome Luncheon or contact the Group Chair listed. Some possible ideas for new groups are Exercising (running/walking), Gardening, Foreign Languages. If these or any others interest you and you are willing to help organize a group, contact Gail O’Hanlon, Interest Group Chair, 402-488-7640, jamesohanlon@windstream.net.

**ARTS & CRAFTS** meets monthly to make a craft item, third Friday at 10:30 am. Chair Kathi Seiler, 402-488-1593, bseiler@unl.edu.

**BOOK CLUB** is for all who enjoy reading and discussing books with friends. The group selects books to be read. Meets the first Wednesday at 9:30 am. Chair Pam Walter, 402-483-1539, pamwalter43@yahoo.com.

**BRIDGE** groups meet monthly for bridge and friendship. Most groups are open for new and substitute members.
   - **BRIDGE I**—first Thurs., 11:30 am-3:00 pm, hostess choice. Chair Kay Lamphear, 402-466-9376, kaylamphear@windstream.net.
   - **BRIDGE II**—2nd Thurs., 10:30 am, hostess choice. Chair Tina Peterson, 402-421-0938, ap13246@windstream.net.
   - **BRIDGE III**—first Thurs., 7:00 pm. New members welcome. Chair Bonnie Varvel, 402-489-1009, bvarvel12002@yahoo.com.
   - **BRIDGE MARATHON**—monthly (Oct-Apr). Chair Margaret Griessen, 402-489-8393, mgriesen@neb.rr.com.

**COLLECTORS** feature the collection of a member or guest speaker and is a fun, educational experience. Members need not be a collector. Meets most months on 4th Thursday at 9:30 am. Chair Betty Anderson, 402-488-5775, bfa@neb.rr.com.

**COUPLES GOURMET** meets monthly for a dinner with the theme, recipes and date chosen by the host. Singles welcome. Chairs Holly&Don Beermann, 402-486-3691, holly.beermann@gmail.com.

**CULINARY ARTS** meets monthly with members bringing a dish of choice from a monthly theme selected by the group.
   - **DAYTIME** — third Wednesday, 11:45 am Chair Marion Carr, 402-484-5450, mcmarr2@neb.rr.com.
   - **EVENTING**—2nd Thursday, 7 pm. Chairs Mary Schkade, 402-421-6676, aschkade@neb.rr.com and Mary Burrow, 402-488-8039, mburrowc@windstream.net.

**FACULTY DINNER DANCE CLUB** - dining and dancing to a live band, Sept-Apr at East Campus Student Union. Optional dinner 6:30 pm, dancing 7:30-10 pm. Cost $100 per couple/year or $60/semester. Individual dances $20 ($25 Dec). Novice members welcome. A non-member couple may attend one dance free. Chairs Christine Grosh and David Pitts, 402-486-3259, egrosh@windstream.net.

**INTERNATIONAL CLUB** welcomes everyone. Programs to learn about other countries. Chair Lana Elting, 402-792-9380, letting@aol.com, assistant chair, Luming Brewer, 402-261-3763, lunbrow@gmail.com.

**MEALS ON WHEELS** delivers hot meals to the elderly and disabled on a Monday or Tuesday each month. Volunteers needed to serve for 1 to 1-1/2 hours monthly. Chairs Chris Read, 402-421-1915, cread@windstream.net and Janet Martin, 402-488-6821.

**NEWCOMERS & FRIENDS** are new members plus other members of UNLWC who wish to participate in activities. See article and information in this newsletter. Chairs Debra Raddatz-Portnoy, 402-420-1766, dblport@yahoo.com and Enid Newman, 402-782-8922, enid@buffalobeach.com.

**PIECEMAKERS** quilting group meets every Tuesday, 9:30 am–noon. Lessons available to those wanting to learn. Non-quilters are encouraged to bring a needlework project and join in. Chair Judy Edwards, 402-489-7395, dedwards1@windstream.net.

**PLAY GROUP** provides play time for youngsters and companionship for moms. Meeting times and places vary. Chair Joyce Besch, 402-484-0485, joycebesch@gmail.com.

**TOWN & GOWN INVESTORS** is a group of exploring investors, both novice and experienced. Open for new members and always open for visitors. Meets the 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm. Chair and President Anne Vidaver, 402-435-0832, avidaver1@unl.edu.

**TRAVEL GROUPS** share their love of travel, adventure, experiences, and pictures from around the world. Couples and singles welcome.
   - **TRAVEL I** – 3rd Sunday, 7:00 pm. Chairs Sharon Sauvers, 402-489-2006, sharonsauvers@windstream.net and Jan Jensen, 402-489-7496.
   - **TRAVEL II** – 3rd Sunday, 2:00 pm. Chair Mary Lou Prichard, 402-486-2428.
   - **TRAVEL III** – 4th Sunday at 7:30 pm. Chairs Marge and Dale Anderson, 402-466-7918, dna00539@windstream.net.

**VARIETY CLUB** - Join in a different activity each time we gather (e.g. movie, lunch, discussion, volunteer opportunity, performance, etc.). Chair Marla Kraft, 402-570-5707, mkraft@neb.rr.com.
Fundraising Activities

Join us this fall for some new and fun FUNdraising events! Rhonda Obermeier joins the committee this year and brings a wealth of experience and great ideas! Our goal is to keep the ideas fresh, fun and innovative to raise money for UNLWC Scholarships. We hope you will join us for as many of these events as you are able.

Monday, September 17, 6:30 – 8:30 pm: Join us at The Corky Canvas, 3700 South 9th Street, Suite C, for an evening of painting and wine. Participants will paint a wooden football to hang on a door, wall – wherever, while enjoying a glass of wine with friends. Registration is $35.00 and is open to anyone, including the general public. If you are interested in participating, register early. For every participant, The Corky Canvas will donate $12.00 to our Scholarship Fund. If we have a great turnout for this class, we will schedule a second class later in the fall for a painting.

Register online at: www.corkycanvas.com or call 402-421-6731 and leave a message.

Monday, October 8, 6:30 pm: Join us for a New Member Salad Supper. This event is designed to introduce people to UNLWC. Please see information and registration form in this newsletter.

The spring will bring more events, including a return of the popular cooking class with Chef Nader at Billy’s Restaurant. We will also feature a raffle at the Spring Luncheon. Keep asking your favorite merchants if they would be willing to donate an item for this worthy fundraiser.

Please feel free to call Mary Beth Shomos at 402-484-8260, shomos1@aol.com or Rhonda Obermeier at 402-327-0151, obermeiers@gmail.com with any questions or ideas.
UNL Women’s Club Membership 2012-2013

Your dues entitle you to attend events, participate in interest groups, join tours, and receive the Club newsletter and roster.

To ensure that you are in the roster, please renew before September 30

Name ___________________________ If at UNL, Department ___________________________

Address __________________________ Street Address __________________________ City __________________________ Zip __________________________

Phone __________________________ Home __________________________ Cell __________________________ E-mail __________________________ For UNL Women’s Club use only __________________________

Spouse __________________________ If at UNL, Department __________________________

Check all that apply:  ☐ Retiree and/or emeriti
☐ I wish to receive the newsletter by U.S. mail (default is email)
☐ I want a telephone reminder of upcoming events
☐ Newcomer—in UNL Women’s Club less than 3 years

☐ Committee Chair/Club Officer
☐ General Meeting Refreshments
☐ General Meeting Program
☐ Event Committees (Fall Tour, Fall Brunch, Spring Luncheon)
☐ Fundraising
☐ Other __________________________

I’m willing to help with …

Bring a Friend Salad Supper

Monday, October 8th,  6:30 p.m.
Great Plains Room – East Campus
Student Union
Cost $16.00 per person
RSVP Deadline is September 27th
Include payment with membership or…
Make check payable to:  UNL Women’s Club
Mail to:  Rhonda Obermeier
6000 S. 114th St.
Lincoln, NE 68526

Member Name __________________________
Phone __________________________
Lunch Choice:  Chicken ☐ Pulled Pork ☐
Guest __________________________ Cell # __________________________
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Guest __________________________ Cell # __________________________
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Fall Tour, Historic Kearney

Wednesday, October 3,  8:00am-5:00pm
Cost $40.00 per person
Reservation Deadline September 24
Include payment with membership or…
Make check payable to UNLWC and mail to:  Lynne Smith
2253 Stone Creek Loop North
Lincoln, NE 68512

Member Name __________________________
Cell Phone __________________________
Lunch Choice:  Chicken ☐ Pulled Pork ☐
Guest __________________________ Cell # __________________________
Lunch Choice:  Chicken ☐ Pulled Pork ☐
Guest __________________________ Cell # __________________________
Lunch Choice:  Chicken ☐ Pulled Pork ☐
Amount Enclosed:  $ ___________

Fall Brunch

Wednesday, November 14, 2012
The Landing at Williamsburg Village
3500 Faulkner Drive
Cost $15.00 per person
Reservation Deadline November 7
Include payment with membership or…
Make check payable to UNLWC and mail to:  Ann Pardy
1101 Eastridge Drive
Lincoln, NE 68510

Member Name __________________________
Phone __________________________
Guest Name(s) __________________________
Guest Name(s) __________________________
Guest Name(s) __________________________
Phone(#s) __________________________
Amount Enclosed:  $ ___________

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Scholarship Fund (tax deductible) $ ___________
All members receive an e-mailed Membership Roster
Printed Roster (printing & postage) $ 4 $ ___________
Total Amount Enclosed $ ___________

Make check payable to:  UNL Women’s Club
Mail to:  Lynne Smith, Treasurer
2253 Stone Creek Loop North
Lincoln, NE 68512

For Club Use Only
Check no. __________
Cash __________
Date __________
September 14, 2012
Welcome Luncheon
Home of President J.B. Milliken & Nana Smith

November 14, 2012
Fall Brunch at The Landing
Reservation Deadline November 7

September 17, 2012
The Corky Canvas Fundraiser
Evening of Painting and Wine

December 12, 2012
Newcomers and Friends Brunch

September 19, 2012
Newcomers and Friends
Tour of East Campus Arboretum followed by ice cream

February and March, 2013
General Meeting—Programs and dates TBA

October 3, 2012
Fall Tour to Historic Kearney
Reservation Deadline September 24

April 10, 2013
Spring Luncheon and Style show
Lincoln Country Club

October 8, 2012
Bring a Friend Salad Supper Fundraiser
Reservation Deadline September 27

May, 2013
Billy’s Restaurant fundraiser
TBA

October 17, 2012
Newcomers and Friends
Silk Scarf Dying Class

UNLWC Board meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of every month. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.
Please see a board member for time and location.