



THE PURDUE WOMEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

"Connecting our community and Purdue through enriching activities that benefit all."

Fall Edition 2023

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Greetings PWC Members,

We are beginning to see changes in our casual, carefree summer days. Right around the corner the fast-paced fall frenzy will be upon us!



Each season brings with it changes in our events and opportunities. The Purdue Women's Club takes advantage of each season and makes the most of providing our ladies opportunities that support our club, our community, and Purdue.

Behind the scenes, we are working diligently to provide another successful Fall Luncheon and Interest Fair for our members! Interest Groups are gathering ideas for their display table and we encourage our members to bring a friend to do a walkabout of more than 35 interest group tables. You may enjoy the Interest Fair which begins at 11:00 AM. You do not have to attend the noon luncheon in order to attend the Interest Fair. Come see what the Purdue Women's Club can offer you!

Luncheon reservations are due September 1st. The luncheon begins at 12:00pm and will be followed by a presentation from Mrs. Sharita Ware, 2022 Indiana Teacher of the Year.

PWC BOARD MEETINGS

*All meetings will most likely be held at
Federated Church
2400 Sycamore Ln., West Lafayette
Time: 11:15*

Sept. 13

Oct. 11

Nov. 8

Dec. No Board Meeting

Mark Your Calendars!

Newsletters 2023-24

	Submission Due Date	Print
Fall	Aug. 1st	Sept.
Winter	Nov. 1st	Dec.
Spring	Feb. 1st	March
Summer	May 1st	June

August

29 Reservation due for Fall Interest Fair/Luncheon

September

13 PWC Board Meeting, 11:15, Federated Church

14 Interest Fair/Fall Luncheon at Gathering Acres

Reservations are due for Fall Educational Excursion

20 Submission due date for *News You Can Use*

October

11 PWC Board Meeting

20 Submission due date for *News You Can Use*

November

1 Submission due date for Winter Newsletter

8 PWC Board Meeting, 11:15, Federated Church

20 Submission due date for *News You Can Use*

29 Chicago Bus Trip



HOLIDAY CHICAGO BUS TRIP

The Holiday Chicago Bus Trip will take place on Wednesday, November 29th this year. Lots to see and do in Chicago, and this trip provides you the opportunity to plan your own day in the “Windy City.” We leave from a convenient pick up spot which will be the West Lafayette Meijer on 52 at 8:00 a.m. EST, and return to this spot at around 9:30 p.m. EST, for a very full day in Chicago. Drop-off in Chicago is near Water Tower Place at Superior & Rush. Pick-up is at 6:00 p.m. CST at Superior & Rush.

Registration information will follow on the PWC website and in the Winter Newsletter. Advance payment and trip registration are required for members and guests. The estimated cost is \$40 for members and \$45 for guests/non-members

Span Plan Contributions

Submitted by Melinda Bain

Data from the most recent Span Plan Annual Report (2021-2022) show that 850 Span Plan Students enrolled in the fall and spring semesters. These nontraditional students are both full-time and part-time—receiving guidance, personal and career counseling, tutoring, and/or financial assistance. A total of \$3,100 of scholarship support was awarded among three participating students. A total of \$90,407 was awarded in academic scholarship support to a total of 61 unique students. And, for the summer session, a total of \$8,079 in academic scholarship support was awarded to 17 unique students.



2021-2022 Span Plan Nontraditional Students

The Purdue Women's Club does its part to boost scholarship funds and assist students. For the 2021-2022 PWC calendar year, members generously contributed \$5,606. And, we have a good start to fulfilling our philanthropic efforts for this year with contributions received from April through June 2023 of \$1,025. The Span Plan Team wishes to thank you for supporting Span Plan.

And looking to the future, a couple of fundraising events will be announced in the coming months that should be fun and involve the talents and expertise of many PWC members.

Contributions are welcome any time.

Write a check payable to:

Purdue for Life Foundation

Please note in the memo line: Span Plan Academic Scholarship or Child Care Assistance Scholarship

Mail check to:

The Purdue Women's Club, Inc.

P. O. Box 2073

West Lafayette, IN 47996-2073

**Educational Excursions
Bus Trip to Kokomo, IN
Tuesday, September 19, 2023**



Our fall tour includes three unique locations in Kokomo. We will start with a tour of Kokomo Opalescent Glass, the oldest producer of art glass in America. After lunch at Martino's Italian Villa, we'll visit the Seiberling Mansion, which houses the Howard County Museum. The mansion which was built in 1891 and has beautiful hand carved woodwork, stained glass windows, and multiple exhibits of Howard County history. The last stop will be at the Elwood Haynes Museum. Mr. Haynes was a gifted inventor who invented a thermostat, a gasoline powered horseless carriage and alloys which are used in jet engines and surgical tools. Registration will start on August 1st and the form will be available to download and print from the PWC website. The cost per member is \$65 and \$70 per nonmember. The Haynes Museum accepts free will donations, but the bus cost, lunch, entrance fees and gratuities are included in the registration fee. The deadline for registration is September 14th.



Seiberling Mansion



Purdue Women's Club Interest Fair and Fall
Luncheon Reservation

Gathering Acres, 5074 E 550 S Lafayette, IN

Thursday, September 14, 2023

The Interest Fair begins at 11 AM. Lunch and program follow at 12 PM.

Registration Deadline is August 29th

Guests are welcome to attend

Seating for this luncheon is "festival" style; there is no assigned seating.

There is plenty of parking at Gathering Acres with handicapped spots and golf cart shuttle service for those with

mobility issues.

Name (Please print clearly)

Phone _____

E-mail _____

I am also registering the following people for whom payment is enclosed:

1. _____ 2. _____

Luncheon Menu: (Shoup's Catering) Scoop of Homemade Chicken Salad (contains nuts) on Lettuce, paired with Summer's End Salad (romaine, spinach, broccoli, red onion, blueberries, feta, apples, dried cranberries with poppy seed dressing), served with Slice of Orange Bread with Butter. Dessert- (choose one from platter on table) Gluten free Chocolate Brownie, Carrot Cake Roll, or Red Velvet Cake Roll. Veggie Roll in place of Chicken Salad is available for those with nut allergies or meat free menu.

No dairy _____ **No nuts** _____ **No meat** _____ **Gluten free** _____

If you are registering for a group, please indicate who is to receive ND, NN, NM, or GF next to their name.

Total # of registrations (_____) X \$30 = \$_____. (Total amount enclosed)

Send a check payable to the Purdue Women's Club together with this Registration Form to:

The Purdue Women's Club P.O. Box 2073 West Lafayette, IN 47996-2073

Or you may register online at www.purduewomensclub.org

If you wish to contribute to SPAN Plan Scholarships please write a separate check to Purdue Women's Club and make a note on your check indicating "SPAN Plan."



Communication Within Purdue Women's Club

Submitted by
Eileen Fitzpatrick

If you are a newcomer in the the Purdue Women's Club and sometimes wonder where to find current information, here is a complete listing of all the avenues you have. The Board wants you to stay informed and not to miss out on anything. If you are an Interest Group Chair, please take advantage of these tools to advertise your Interest Group.

Yearbook

Each year with your registration, you will receive a Yearbook and an address book of all our members. It will be mailed to you if you are not at the luncheon. In the Yearbook, there is a complete list of club events, leadership, Interest Groups (along with their schedule), the Club's Constitution, and much more.

Purdue Women's Club Website: <http://www.purduewomensclub.org/index.html>

On this website you can navigate through a short history of the club and a list of current Interest Groups. This is a directory of all the names of people involved in leadership and an email contact for them as well. The website will always have the newsletter if you can't find the one that was sent to you electronically or through the mail.

The Newsletter

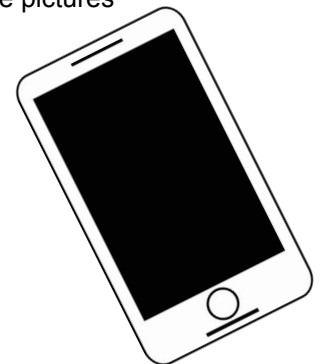
The Newsletter will now be sent out Quarterly. The dates for publishing will be posted in the Yearbook that you receive in August and on the website. Each newsletter will have a deadline for submission. These dates will be found in several places: on the website and in each newsletter on their back page. All submissions should be sent to: newslettereditor@purduewomensclub.org

News You Can Use: A Letter From the President

This information will come to you via email every month during the last week. It will contain information about club events and deadlines for these events. If your Interest Group or club- wide group needs some information sent out, you need to send that information to Joanne Small at emailsecretary@purduewomensclub.org, by the 20th of the month.

Facebook

Toni Butcher is the manager of the PWC Facebook Page. If your Interest Group wants to share a post about an event that took place please send the info to socialmediaadministrator@purduewomensclub.org. This is a great way to share pictures from an event. You will need to be aware that not all members use Facebook.



Big Ten Women's Club Conference June 9-11 Hosted by Michigan State University

Submitted by Jackie Baumgardt

The BTWC conference was held at the Michigan State University (MSU) Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center on June 9-11, 2023. The conference center was located on the beautiful banks of the Red Cedar River that runs through the heart of the MSU campus. The conference was a very informative gathering. Activities included a Friday evening welcome reception and networking event offering us the opportunity to talk with 30+ women from the other participating universities and compare our club information.

On Saturday morning, we had the pleasure of listening to the keynote speaker, Dr. Mona Hannah-Attisha, a pediatrician, professor, and public health advocate whose research exposed the Flint water crisis and its effect on the health of Flint children. Dr. Hannah-Attisha's findings and research have been published in various journals including the American Journal of Public Health, and she has received funding from the CDC and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services for a registry to provide long-term surveillance of and support for Flint water crisis victims. Dr. Mona earned degrees from both Michigan State University and the University of Michigan.

After the morning speaker event, we traveled by bus to Cowles House, the on-campus home of MSU's President and one of the oldest buildings on campus. After lunch, we boarded an MSU University bus for a campus tour. The campus tour was a fun event and a very interesting offering allowing the MSU hosts a chance to showcase their campus, the buildings and programs that are unique to MSU.

A wonderful Saturday evening dinner was provided and followed by round-table discussions which provided many excellent ideas. A summary of the round table discussion was distributed to all participants and is available to anyone who is interested. Discussions covered areas of: Interest Groups, Finance, Membership and Leadership. The conference ended on Sunday with a nice breakfast followed by a business meeting to amend the Big Ten Women's Club bylaws (available to anyone interested) and a presentation by Iowa State delegates regarding the 2025 Big Ten Women's Club Conference.

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Jackie Baumgardt, Cheryl Files, alongside keynote speaker Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha



Jackie Baumgardt, 2023-24 President Elect, Cheryl Files, new PWC member with the MSU mascot



Iowa State delegates decked out in their school colors for their Sunday morning presentation regarding the 2025 Big Ten Women's Conference



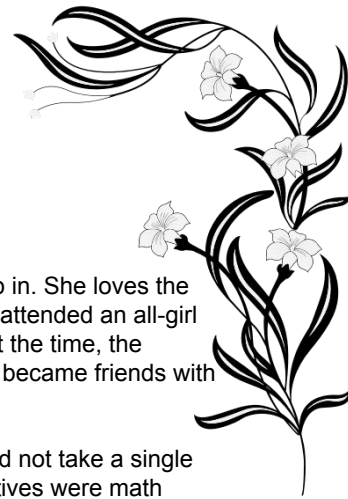
Quilted centerpieces crafted by Michigan State women's club quilting Interest Group

Highlighting Honorary Lifetime PWC Member

Mary Ann Penney

PWC member since 1971

Submitted by Sarah Wassgren



Life before West Lafayette

Mary Ann was born in New Orleans, and felt it was a great place to grow up in. She loves the wonderful food and restaurants, the beautiful oaks with draping moss. She attended an all-girl Catholic high school, Mt Carmel Academy, then on to Newcomb College (at the time, the women's college shared courses and campus with Tulane). At college she became friends with her soon-to-be husband, Richard, where they were both Math majors.

Despite Newcomb College's world-renowned pottery program, Mary Ann did not take a single pottery course there. "I have not an artistic bone in my body! Even my electives were math courses." At Tulane she took a *Fortran & Numerical Analysis* (computer programming) course. This led Mary Ann to work as a computer programmer for Shell Oil Company for three summers and part-time during her senior year. She did mathematical calculations and wrote a computer program to determine when the outer drilling pipe needed to be replaced before it developed holes, preventing spills in the Gulf of Mexico. She also created a program to determine when it was no longer cost-effective to continue pumping oil from a well

Meeting Richard, her husband

Richard and his best friend, Bruce, won the state science fair as HS seniors. Mary Ann's high school math club invited them to come for a talk. The two handsome boys were a hit with the all-girls club. Richard wrote unintelligible math on the board and Mary Ann walked out – she had to take two buses to get home and did not want to waste time. The next year at a Tulane freshman dance, she met Bruce again who gave her a ride home all the way across town. Bruce was not allowed to date Catholics, but he introduced Richard to Mary Ann. Junior year, they happened to have the same Linear Algebra textbook at the library and bonded over how they hated the topic. (Ironically, Richard later wrote a Linear Algebra textbook - now in its 5th edition). They became "library friends", studied together, chatted a lot, and were told to hush by several librarians. Fortunately, they found a more lenient librarian in the Math library which became their spot. Richard was in a square-dancing club and would give her a ride to the dances. Their first official date was an avant-garde theater production where actors stuffed bread into their mouths. Afterwards they got coffee and beignets, far better than the theater bread.

For graduate school, Richard went to MIT and Mary Ann went to Univ. of Maryland. "I was the only girl in two of my classes in graduate school. The statistics professor just called me Lady, and never called me by name. I would show up at his office for the oral exams and he would say, 'Oh, Lady, come in.'"

They got married and MaryAnn moved to the Boston area. Graduate school was not a great fit for her, so she became a computer programmer at Harvard School of Public Health. Her project was to predict where air pollution would travel from smokestacks based on wind conditions, and backtrack from a pollution site to determine its source. This was the beginning era of both computer modeling and environmental studies.

Moving to West Lafayette

In 1971 Richard graduated from MIT and got a job at Purdue as an Asst Prof of Mathematics. Mary Ann immediately joined PWC! Mary Ann was six months pregnant when they arrived. Their son, Bobby, was born in November 1971 and Mark followed in October 1974.

When her boys went to college, Mary Ann worked as an academic advisor for Purdue's Math & Science Counseling departments (13 years: 1990-2003). Mary Ann began as a substitute for a computer science advisor. There were lots of crying students, as CS is a hard major and one prof in particular was a terror. When a permanent position opened up in the Math department, she transferred over. "Much less crying, those students were a happy lot." She really enjoyed helping students and liked talking with them. "I loved meeting all the nice Indiana farm girls, getting to know the international students. I was invited to three student weddings!"

Finding community in West Lafayette

Mary Ann made friends two ways: with young math department friends – who lived in the same apartment complex– and by joining PWC. Mary Ann especially enjoyed PWC's newcomers bridge in the afternoons, while Richard would watch their new baby. Mary Ann continued in this PWC bridge group through 1997. By then she was in four bridge groups – and is still playing, which is over 52 years of bridge!

Mary Ann has been in Tri-Kappa since 1984. She enjoys the social component - made a lot of friends through Tri-Kappa and enjoyed the philanthropic mission of supporting scholarships and local charitable organizations. She and Richard have been active at Blessed Sacrament Church in many ways over the years as well.

While advising, Mary Ann still found time for PWC events; she especially liked going to the luncheons at the Purdue Union. Once retired, she was able to do much more! Mary Ann has gone on many bus trips, was in the young child study group, three couples gourmet groups, Indiana excursions group ("That was so much fun, wish they would start that back up again!"), finance group, antiques group, and the genealogy group (she researched both her and Richard's family trees).

**Highlighting Honorary Lifetime
PWC Member
Mary Ann Penney
PWC member since 1971
continued**

"PWC has really made life here wonderful." Mary Ann really liked the gourmet groups from which they still have couples-friends, years later. "I've been a long-time member of the International Friendship Group. I gave five talks for them on my travels in India, Turkey, Morocco, and China. I love to listen to other people's talks and see pictures of other countries, too." Currently Mary Ann is in two Euchre groups and Gr8 Gals @ Technology.

Mary Ann's motto: Travel while you can still walk

"I've been all over Europe during 26 trips there, many because of Richard's work with other mathematicians and going to conferences. I either went with him or met him after his conferences to travel other places. We spent 7 weeks in China because he was invited to teach for a month in Beijing, and we had a private tour all over China. We also went to Japan, Australia, New Zealand, and had a private tour of India after his conference there.

We did a Viking river cruise in Russia from St. Petersburg to Moscow. Also, we went on three Caribbean cruises and saw quite a few countries and islands of there. Seeing Russia now would be impossible." They have traveled together over most of the USA and Canada. Mary Ann says, "My passion during my life has been TRAVEL!!!!"

Interest Group Updates

Submitted by Eileen Fitzpatrick

The yearbook is being distributed this month and all the information about the Interest Groups will be in it. You can contact the Chair to get on the list to be notified of meetings.



Biking Buddies

Submitted by Gail Fusaro



Biking buddies, pictured here, took a ride to see the Wabash murals...what amazing artwork! We have also ridden the new Colfax to Thorntown trail which is paved and shady. Other rides have been on the West Lafayette bike trails.

New members are always welcome. Contact Joanne Small (jlps61@gmail.com) or Gail Fusaro (Gail.fusaro@gmail.com)

PURDUE WOMEN'S CLUB BOWLING LEAGUE

Submitted by Judy Harshman



We bowl every Wednesday at Market Square Lanes from 1:00-3:00. It is \$10 for three games each week. You can be a regular or a sub. This is just for fun, although, there are weekly prizes! We have a carry in at Christmas and luncheon at the end of the season. We bowl from late August to April and are off on Purdue breaks. We plan to start the last Wednesday of August.

Call me if interested or have questions: Judy Harshman 765-418-6711

Garden Gals

Photos Submitted by Jennifer Maguire



Garden Gals did a pop-up in Jennifer Maguire's garden in late May. A small group picked strawberries the first week of June and then the group visited Jan and Mike Lasky's garden for our regular meeting. What do you do if there are lots of rocks in your yard? If you're Mike Lasky, you build your wife a waterfall!



Strawberry picking

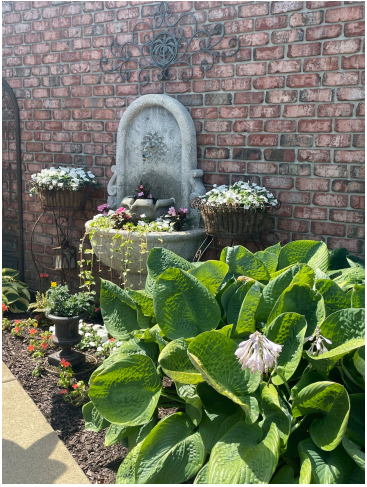


Garden Gals
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**Linda Sutter's Day Lily Garden
July Garden Visit**

photos submitted by Jennifer Maguire and
Eileen Fitzpatrick



Jackie Austin's garden.



Into Nature



The PWC Into Nature group visited the Tippecanoe County Amphitheater Park on 7/17/23. County Naturalist Mary Cutler discussed the development of a native plant pollinator garden on 8 acres of the park. Afterwards, the group took a short hike through the wooded area.



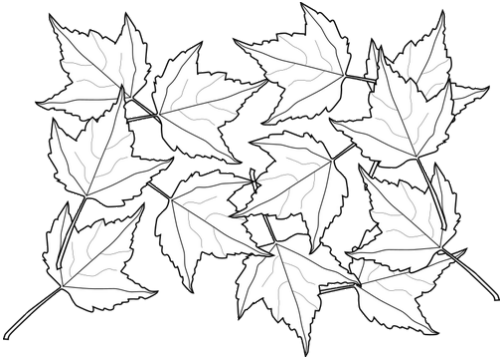
Welcome New Members

New members:

Angela Stonehill
Jill Wyman

Returning members (not in the 2023-24 Yearbook):

Ellen LeBlanc



Happy Fall

THE PURDUE WOMEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER NOTES

**PWC NEWSLETTER
SUBMISSION DUE DATE
November 1, 2023**



**Please send all submissions to:
newslettereditor@purduewomensclub.org**

There are always new people moving into the Greater Lafayette Area who may be going to www.purduewomensclub.org to check out PWC.

As a courtesy to our new residents and potential new members, it is important that our website is current with contact information and upcoming plans - even if you are not meeting - and any plans you may have already scheduled.

Please be sure to update your web page.

Send your updates to:
websiteadministrator@purduewomensclub.org