



# THE PURDUE WOMEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

"Celebrating 100 years of Interest Groups"

*November-December  
2022 Edition*

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Gail Fusaro  
PWC President 2022-2023

Dear PWC members,  
I hope everyone has been enjoying our beautiful fall colors and delightful weather. We are collecting gently used handbags for a silent auction at the spring luncheon. All proceeds will go to SPAN plan.

If you would like to get those unused bags out of your closet before the holidays, these ladies have volunteered to be drop off locations.

Jeanette Ash- 2823 Grackle Lane West Lafayette

Georgia Brist- 4277 Tripoli Dr. Lafayette

Gail Fusaro- 5619 Roseberry Ridge Lafayette

Karin Pinto- 901 Windsor Dr. West Lafayette

Shay Kohne- 3504 Cedar Lane Lafayette

Wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving,

Gail Fusaro



# Holiday Luncheon 2022 Lafayette Country Club Friday, December 9



12:00 Noon Cost: \$22.00

**GUESTS ARE WELCOME!**

**Entertainment:** Marla Stanton, leading holiday singing and Sarah Jane Coffman bringing comedy and joy!

**Gift Exchange:** \$10 limit

## Menu

### Regular Entree

- 1<sup>st</sup> Course – Quiche with fruit
- Dessert – Tiramisu with White Chocolate

### Gluten Free & Vegetarian Menu:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Course – Veggie Frittata
- Dessert – White Chocolate Mousse w/ berries

### Beverages:

Iced Tea, Lemonade, Sodas, Coffee, Hot Tea

Cash Bar: Poinsettia Champagne @ \$7/glass



## Payment

Cost \$22.00

Register/Pay via U.S. Mail, Postmarked by Dec. 2nd

Register/Pay via Eventbrite Register by Dec. 6th

### PURDUE WOMEN'S CLUB HOLIDAY LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

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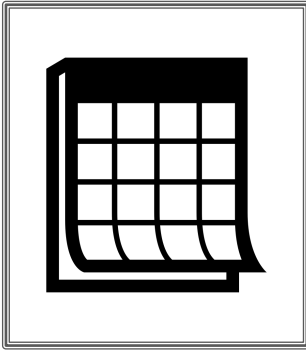
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Please Check One: Regular Entree \_\_\_\_\_ Gluten Free/Vegetarian Entree \_\_\_\_\_

Check One: Regular Dessert \_\_\_\_\_ Gluten Free Dessert \_\_\_\_\_

Make Check Payable to Purdue Women's Club and send to PWC, Jeanette Ash, treasurer, PO Box 2073, West Lafayette, IN 47996-2073 postmarked by Dec. 2nd.

## *Mark Your Calendars!*



Board Meetings are all at 11am  
January 4th- Federated Church, West Lafayette  
February 1st- Federated Church, West Lafayette  
March 1st- Federated Church, West Lafayette  
April 5th- Wyandotte Public Library

Annual Business Meeting  
April 18th at Jane's Deli

**Nov. 18:** Let's Do Lunch

(Friday) Noon

Sharma's Indian Food

All are welcome to join us! Please contact Linda Dolby at [lkd1953@gmail.com](mailto:lkd1953@gmail.com) for more information or to make a reservation.

**Nov. 20**

Submission due date for News You Can Use

**Nov. 30th**

Chicago Bus Trip

**DEC. 2**

**NEWCOMER** Cookie Exchange and tour at Haan Museum.

**Dec. 2**

All registration must be postmarked by this date for the Holiday Luncheon

**Dec. 6**

Last Day to use EventBrite to register for the Holiday Luncheon

**Dec. 8th**

Callout for PWC Widows' Interest Group

Camelback Clubhouse (1150 Camelback Boulevard, West Lafayette)

10:30 am

**DEC. 9th**

Holiday Luncheon

**Dec. 20th**

Submission due date for News You Can Use

**Jan. 13th**

Children with Special Needs Interest Group First Meeting

6-8pm, place TBD



On September 15, 2022, at Gathering Acres, the Interest Fair took place before the luncheon. Over 30 Interest Groups made center pieces for the tables and hosted displays to introduce new members to the groups. The centerpieces were amazing and would that there would be room to have a picture of each one on this page. The creativity of the PWC was on display that day.



***Celebration of 100 Years of Interest Groups***  
***“The Heart and Soul of the Purdue Womens’s Club”***

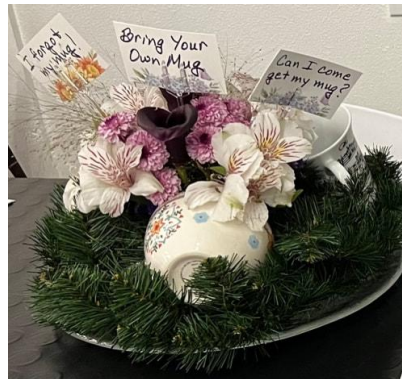
New members signed up for groups and then enjoyed a lovely lunch prepared by Juniper Spoon.

The speaker was Mr. John Collier and the topic was the Civic Theatre. He has been a long time volunteer and performer at the Theatre.

There were over 30 groups to join and our numbers are growing!



***100 Years of Interest Groups***



## Welcome New Interest Groups

### Wine Samplers 2

Chairs: Kathy Novak (847) 461-1031

Penny Walters (952) 564-4034

**Meetings:** 1st Thursday of the month, academic year, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Exceptions for holidays.

**Participation Fee:** Each couple or single brings one bottle of the hostess-selected variety of wine plus an appetizer that complements the wine. Cost per couple runs \$20 to \$25 per month.

The group is composed of both couples and solo members.

Wine Samplers taste and compare a different kind of wine or cider each month. Wines are blind tasted and scored, and then the results are tabulated and revealed. Each member is expected to host once each year. The group has a maximum capacity of around 18 people so all can easily be seated at or near a table in most homes. The hosting member selects the type of wine to be served that month. Hostesses also provide plates, napkins and water. Members bring their own wine glasses to minimize work for the hostess. Members share information about the particular wine they selected, such as ratings by professional tasters, price, country/state of origin, grapes included in production, unique climate or production information about the winery, etc.

### Special Needs Families

This is a new group that will be made up of people who have kids with special needs in their lives. This means parents, grandparents, caregivers, etc. The goal is to build a network of people who understand what it's like to have special needs children and share ways that have worked for them. Sometimes we all need a sounding board or someone with more experience to assist us. The group will have some guest speakers as important topics are brought up. The group is going to meet on the 2nd Friday of the month from 6-8 PM. Location TBD depending on interest. Jeanette Ash is the chair and you can reach her at 614-271-1018 or [AnnaJeanetteAsh@gmail.com](mailto:AnnaJeanetteAsh@gmail.com) with questions/comments.

### Callout – PWC Widows' Interest Group

December 8, 10:30 a.m. at the Camelback Clubhouse, 1150 Camelback Boulevard, West Lafayette.

Might you want to talk with other women in this stage of life?

Have you insights and experience that might help others? Or just to vent...

Would you like to attend events with others as opposed to 'on your own'?

Join us for an exploratory conversation about forming a Widows' Interest Group.

Please come with your ideas! Questions? Contact Amy Paget or Jacky Ralph.

If you can't attend on December 8, but would like to be updated, let us know.

# Newcomers

Submitted by  
Corby Springer  
VP Newcomers

**September Newcomer Event:** Purdue University Bug Zoo and Tour of Entomology

**Date:** September 29, 2022

**Tour Guide/ Speaker:** Dr. Christopher Wirth

**Location:** Smith Hall on State Street

**Attendance:** 12 Newcomers attended

**Description:** Five of us went to lunch at Panera on the Levee. Then, we met the rest of our group at Smith Hall. We enjoyed touring the bug zoo. We learned a great deal and most of us were brave enough to hold a few - a tarantula, a large cockroach, and a leaf bug. After that, we went to the bug library and learned about bug research, categorizing, and storing of hundreds of bugs. Amazing! Even bugs from the early 1900's were preserved.

PWC President Gail Fusaro, Pat Miller, and Jennifer Maguire shared information about Wine Divas, GardenGals and Into Nature while we waited for Dr. Wirth.



## *Holiday Bus Trip to Chicago*

Wednesday, November 30, 2022.

Going fast! – Fewer than 3 seats left for the famous Chicago Holiday Bus Trip. Get your reservation in quickly. See the PWC website for registration information.

If you are already signed up, for this trip, please note the pick-up spot. In West Lafayette, at 3065 N. Salisbury, next to the W.L. Football Field. This is the lot used for parking for the W.L. Farmers Market. Be there at 7:45 a.m. E.S.T. for an 8:00 departure on Wednesday, November 30th .

**Where can I contact the organizers with any questions?**

Email Jacky or Sara through [chicagobustrips@purduewomensclub.org](mailto:chicagobustrips@purduewomensclub.org)

## PWC Volunteers!

Submitted by Anne-Marie Markun

### September, October, &

**November:** Our members have been very busy helping with Vision Screening for the Lion's Club. Anna Wilson (PWC member) has worked diligently to coordinate vision screening for school children in Tippecanoe County. We appreciate ALL our volunteers who helped provide vision awareness and early detection to the schools.



### **More in November:** Food Finders Food Bank

Where: Food Resource Education Center, 1204 Greenbush St., Lafayette

When: November 14th, Monday 1:00 - 3:00pm Afternoon Crew

November 16th, Wednesday 9:00 - 11:00am Morning Crew

### **December:** Lafayette Symphony Orchestra

What: Mainstage concert - "Holiday Pops"

Where: Long Center, downtown Lafayette

When: December 17th, Saturday, 6:15pm - 8:00pm

How to help: Ticket Taker, Usher, Coat Check, Program handout, etc.



Interested?: Contact Anne-Marie Markun, (217) 620-5022 [annemariamarkun5@gmail.com](mailto:annemariamarkun5@gmail.com)

## Lion's Club Screening

Submitted by Anna Wilson

The Lafayette Lions Club has screened over 7,000 students from kindergarten to eighth grade in the Lafayette and Tippecanoe County School Systems during September and October. This has been made possible by volunteers from the Purdue Women's Club, the Lions Club, and friends. Good vision is so important in all aspects of life and it is critical to determine it early. The Lions Club organization has made this our special mission to find students that need help and to provide financial aid when necessary. We and the school nurses really appreciate the help provided by volunteers from the PWC. PWC Volunteers has provided 12 different people, 42 individual times, and at least one volunteer at almost every school

## Why Screening is Enjoyable

Submitted by Eileen Fitzpatrick

Not all the volunteers are retired teachers, but many of us are. We like being back with the school children. They bring a smile to our faces, and we remember why we taught. As Anna said, good vision is so important, and the screening is one thing we can do to help.

# Spam or Scam

Submitted by Eileen Fitzpatrick

This year our president, Gail Fussaro, had sent us a Spam Alert because women in PWC were getting requests to send electronic gift cards to help Veterans in Hospice and Palliative care. Obviously these requests were not from Gail. A few years previously there were also similar spam during Joanne Small's administration.

One thing that might be confusing is the language around computer crimes. A spam is the tool that is initially used to get people involved in a scam. It can be sent randomly and unsolicited. These are most often on the internet and transmitted through emails. Often they are enticing, and they rely on the ignorance of their victims.

Once a person follows up on a spam, then a scam can begin. If you interact with the trick they have gained your confidence and you are a victim. "A Scam is what happens if you believe a spam and fall for it."

What do they want to scam you out of? They want your identity, credit card numbers, money, email passwords, or access to your social media accounts. The list is really endless.

Prevention is key for us. Here is a number one tip for prevention, Do not ever give personal information or banking details to someone online. In addition, don't open emails that promise something for free. Ignore all messages that have "Congratulations, you have won..." Even if you have an account with a business, don't respond to an email from them. Always call that company back to check on problems or go to the official website. Click on the link below to find more precautionary measures you can take.

<https://www.afd-techtalk.com/spam-scam/>

Here is also a resource the State of Indiana provides for us online and it includes information about known scams that are taking place in our state. To protect yourself from scams in Indiana, educate yourself at:

<https://www.in.gov/isp/additional-resources/protect-yourself-from-scams/>

The Gr8Gals@Technology Interest Group often brings up these topics and gives the members ideas about staying safe on the computer and protecting your identity. This group meets on zoom on the 3rd Monday of the month, 1:30-3:00pm. If you are interested send Anna Wilson an email to be added to the list. Scott Ksander is the program presenter and covers a variety of computer/technology topics. [annawilson40@gmail.com](mailto:annawilson40@gmail.com)

## Interest Group Updates

### A Novel Group

Submitted by Sarah Wassgren

Here's the list of the upcoming novels the group is reading

12/14/22

"You Can't Be Serious" by Kal Penn

1/11/23

"The Sympathizer" by Viet Thanh Nguyen

2/8/23

"Atomic Habits" by James Clear

3/8/23

"The Nightingale" by Kristin Hannah

4/12/23

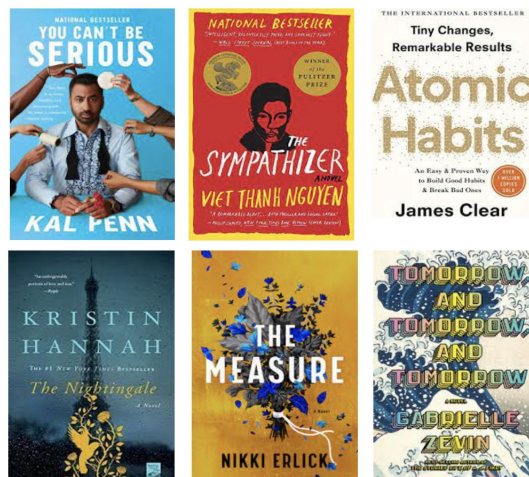
TBA

5/11/23

"The Measure" by Nikki Erlick

6/14/23

"Tomorrow & Tomorrow & Tomorrow" by Gabrielle Zevin





# Quilting Connections

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Suzanne Collins, [collinss@purdue.edu](mailto:collinss@purdue.edu)

Debby Donnelly, [debbie.donnelly77@gmail.com](mailto:debbie.donnelly77@gmail.com)

Quilters are meeting the fourth Thursday of the month January through October at the Tippecanoe Arts Federation Building. This group enjoys learning new techniques and perfecting skills while forming lasting friendships.

Over the past few months some of the members participated in one or two group projects. The first project we call Quilt-in-a-Box. Our group has done this numerous times over the years. A quilter places a selection of her own fabrics in a box with instructions on the size of quilt blocks she would like and a theme. The boxes are passed to other participants and they make the quilter one or two blocks with her fabrics.

A Round Robin quilt top was the other project. Each participant makes a center block and places her fabric and the center block in a box. The boxes are passed to the other quilters and they add a row to all four sides of the quilt top. Part of the challenge to this project is getting the math right so that each row fits perfectly on each side.



Ruthi Krynak



Suzanne Collins



Nancy Kildsig



Ann Pickens



Remae Murdock



Kathy Matter

## Quilting Connections



Diane Bennett



Debby Donnelly



Shirley Olsen

### ***Knitting Friends***

Knitting Friends will be meeting in the Great Room at University Place September through December 2022. 1st Wednesday of the month, 1:30-3:30. Contact Sarah Wassgren if you would like to be added to their email reminder list.

[swassgren@gmail.com](mailto:swassgren@gmail.com)

Temple Pearson is absolutely delighted to receive her Honorary Lifetime Member name tag (taken at our Sept 7 meeting of Knitting Friends). An Honorary Lifetime member is a 50+ year member (abbreviated HM50+). Once they become HM50+, their annual dues become optional. As part of the 100th Anniversary, all HM50+ members were made magnetic name tags.



Temple Pearson

We also extend an honorary membership to current and past first ladies of Purdue University. Of our current 536 members, 51 are HM50+ and two are honorary members (Patty Jischke and Cheri Daniels).

# Thank You Elaine Brown!

## Biking Buddies

Biking buddies would like to thank Elaine Brown for her years of leadership with the bike group. Elaine is pictured in the back row center. She organized great rides every Thursday, taking us through the old golf course and along the Wabash River, all the trails in West Lafayette, through the Purdue campus, touring the murals in Lafayette and many longer rides on the Nickel Plate Trail, the Panhandle Pathway, the Big 4 Trail, and through Prophetstown State Park. Thank you Elaine! Although Elaine will no longer be the interest group chair she will continue to ride with us. Biking Buddies will resume with the nice weather in the spring.

The Biking Group began in Sept. 2012 with Karen Mullen. In 2013, the chair went to Temple Pearson, and then in 2015 to Elaine Brown. This has been seven years of service for Elaine, and the group thanks her. That's a lot of planning!

"Life is like riding a bicycle- in order to keep your balance you must keep moving ."

*Albert Einstein*



## Prophetstown 13th Annual Trail of Scarecrows Into Nature



The Into Nature Group visited Prophetstown on Oct. 3rd with a hike led by Pat Miller that ended with the group visiting the PWC Scarecrow. It was a beautiful sunny day and the group really enjoyed the hike.



Toni Butcher, Joanne Small, Deb Grady-Ruth, Gail Fusaro, Sara Harlan, and Barbara Bowman

A committee of PWC women volunteered to create a scarecrow for the 13th annual Trail of Scarecrows at Prophetstown State Park. This was the first year that PWC entered the efforts and it was a job well done. Thank you for representing us well!!!



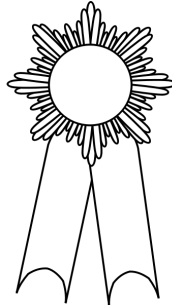
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# Congratulations to PWC Photography Guild!

Submitted by Karen Weatherwax



Meeting Coordinator: Lindsey Minchella



Patty Useem-Rory on Guard

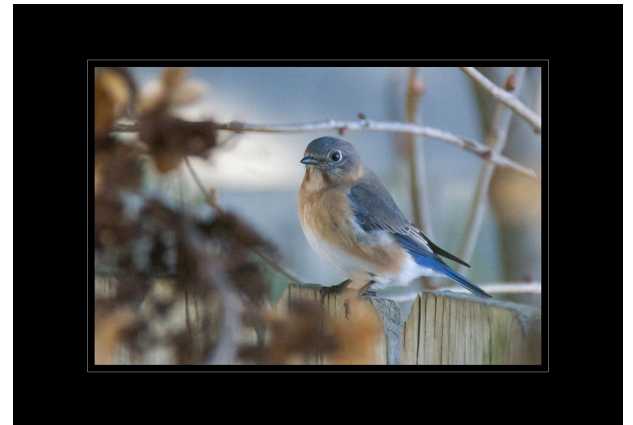
## Photo Guild Wins a Red Ribbon!

The Photography Guild participated in the Indiana State Fair 2022 Photography Print Competition and came away with a second-place win! The Guild entered the Club Category with five prints from five individuals. Prints are judged separately, and the collective score determines placement. This year, the score was 402, only one point below the first-place winners! This was the Guild's first win.

## Participants were:

Ligia Christensen, Jennifer Maguire, Becky Fischer, Mary Jo Sparrow, and Patty Useem. Congratulations all!

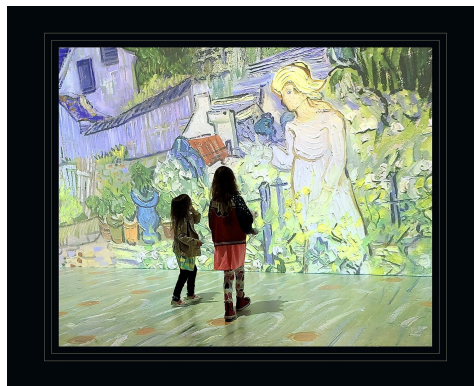
The Photography Guild brings people together who enjoy and want to learn more about photography. All skill levels are welcomed. The meetings are decided upon by the members under the guidance of a retired professional photographer, Karen Weatherwax. The group participates in competitions, like the Indiana State Fair.



Jennifer Maguire-Rhapsody in Blue



Ligia Christensen-A Glimpse of the Past



Mary Jo Sparrow-Beholding the Magic of Art



Becky Fischer-Lords of the Rings



**Welcome to New Members. All Names and Addresses have been added to the Addendum and mailed.**

**PWC NEWSLETTER  
SUBMISSION DUE DATE  
Feb. 10th**



**Please send all submissions to:  
[newslettereditor@purdueomensclub.org](mailto:newslettereditor@purdueomensclub.org)**

There are always new people moving into the Greater Lafayette Area who may be going to [www.purdueomensclub.org](http://www.purdueomensclub.org) to check PWC out.

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@purdueomensclub.org](mailto:websiteadministrator@purdueomensclub.org)