



Newsletter

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Women's Club at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Holiday Tea

Wednesday

December 5

3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Lovely holiday music,

And a delicious tea

at

The President's House

Hostess, Joan Stukel



Reflections from the P resident...

As we watch the seasons change from the warmth of Indian summer to the chill of winter, I am reminded of how quickly the year is passing. Our Women's Club has been busy with fantastic interest group activities and an exhilarating tour to the famous Starved Rock Park. The October Luncheon was delicious, and informative with almost 90 members attending! The Antiques and Collectibles group was very industrious in raising over \$900 for scholarships in one evening of "auctioning" at Val Cook's home. One of the newest groups, the Seminar group, had a great turn out to hear a super talk on the benefits of being HAPPY! What more could we want! With the exciting new tours offered by the Women's Club in upcoming months, we are fortunate to be part of a diverse and active group.

There are so many advantages we share as Women's Club members. We have stimulating interest groups, delicious quarterly luncheons, opportunities for developing friendships, fantastic tours, and we also have this terrific newsletter and our web site (wc-uiuc@prairienet.org) to help us keep in touch. However, our many activities need financing. After reviewing the expenses, the Budget Chair and Treasurer both report that dues alone are not covering expenses. (See Jane's report on page 5.) Since dues have not been raised for 10 years the Board suggests that an increase be considered. I am a member of several other professional organizations, and feel our dues are very low for the offerings provided and the mailings required. If you have thoughts on this recommendation, please contact me or any member of the board.

Now, as your thoughts turn toward holiday happenings and your days get busy, I hope you will take time to come to the Holiday Tea at the President's House. It promises to be one of the highlights of the seasonal. Women's Club members are fortunate to have such a supportive advocate in Mrs. Stukel. The President's House is always beautifully decorated and the hospitality warm and friendly. A variety of musical offerings will enhance the atmosphere and conversation. We hope you will find special moments of holiday delight at the Tea. Remember, reservations are necessary, so please notify Bonnie Sprague (398-6539) or Ann Campbell (wc-uiuc@prairienet.org) by Nov. 27 if you plan to attend.

Remember, too, as the holiday season comes around, the opportunities for scholarship giving are here. Contributing to the scholarship fund is a wonderful way to remember a loved one, celebrate a special occasion, or honor extraordinary effort. Our U of I students are extremely needful at this time, and the Women's Club recognizes this need.

If you haven't done so, please consider giving a gift to the scholarship fund.

Please join us, as we wrap up 2001 with wonderful tours, interesting meetings and a delightful Holiday Tea.

Stephanie Price, President