

NewsWaves

Western Illinois University Women

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Welcome from University Women!

Welcome: Webster's definitions include: a welcome guest, gladly and cordially received, willingly invited, agreeable, gratifying, a cordial greeting, greet with pleasure and hospitality. I'd say that sums up the essence of University Women.

University Women is primarily a social organization comprised of various subgroups based on the interests of our membership. We also help others via the Bloodmobile, International Friendship and our WIU scholarships.

Let me extend a **cordial** invitation to our annual opening event, the Fall Breakfast, September 17. Over a catered buffet meal, we renew existing friendships and extend an **amiable** hand to new friendships. Interest groups and committees are introduced and described by each chair for your consideration. Now is a great time to start a new group or restart one that has been inactive for awhile.

University Women offers a gateway into the WIU and Macomb communities. Long time members can attest to the network of friends established via University Women. If you are new to the WIU community or have never joined University Women before, peruse our offerings in this newsletter. Look at our website (membership guidelines are listed). Join us for breakfast (no cost and no commitment required for first time attendees other than an RSVP) and learn more about University Women, meet new people, and make a decision to join our **welcoming** organization.

~ *Denise Elston*

University Women President

Have questions? Give me a call at 836-8338 or e-mail me at deerarts2@gmail.com.

Officers 2011-2012

President:	Denise Elston, 836-8338
VP:	Phyllis Self, 836-6945
Secretary:	Jacqlin Richmond, 758-5405
Treasurer:	Lisa Kernek, 837-2527
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Committee Chairs

Bloodmobile:	Penny Yunker
Communications:	Erin Easterling
History:	Jacqlin Richmond
Membership:	Lynne Brinker
Special Gifts:	Lynne Brinker
Spring Luncheon:	TBD
Women For International Friendship:	Margarita Obregon & Barbara Brown



Fall Kickoff Event

Fall Breakfast

Saturday, September 17, 9-11 a.m.
Taylor Hall, 121 S. Randolph St.

This is our first large group event after the summer and is open to current and new members. Join us to catch up with old friends and meet the new additions to our Macomb community.

If you are a new member, the breakfast is our welcome gift to you. Please RSVP for the breakfast by Friday, **September 9th** by submitting your membership form (inside this newsletter or a printable PDF from our website) or contacting Denise Elston at deerarts2@gmail.com or 836-8338.

Interest Groups

University Women's interest groups are the heart of the organization. They offer opportunities to meet and interact with other women who share similar interests. Join as many as you wish. Each group establishes its meeting schedule and location/s. If you are joining later in the year, please contact a chair or co-chair for more information. Suggest a new group to Phyllis Self, Vice President, p-self@wiu.edu or 836-6945

Afternoon Needlework, meets in a member's home on the 2nd Monday of each month from 1-3 p.m. We knit, crochet, quilt, cross-stitch, etc., on our own projects, as well as a thimble of instruction, embroidered tales, and scraps of information. We end with a potluck luncheon in May. Join us for creative stitchery and socializing.

Chair: Marian Swisher, hermann@macomb.com

Antiques and Collectibles offers an array of activities ranging from touring showcase homes to visiting antique venues. Members are encouraged to arrange programs that highlight their antiques or collectibles. The group meets 3-4 times a year. **Co-chairs:** Jacqlin Richmond, j-richmond.edu; and Sharon Wiorek, jc-wiorek@wiu.edu

Bridge, Afternoon meets the 1st Thursday of the month from 1-4 p.m., either at the host's home or a public venue, such as Old Dairy. Members take turns hosting. The host contacts members to ensure attendance and provides tallies, cards and light refreshment. All levels of players are welcome, as well as those who want to substitute.

Co-chairs: Melanie Rawlins, rawlins@logonix.net, 837-4139, and Diane Tichenor, dtich6703@logonix.net, 833-1330

Bridge, Evening meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. The hostess provides beverages, cards and tallies. The co-hostess calls or e-mails members, provides snacks and assistance. Beginners with some knowledge of bridge, and masters, are welcome. If you are new and would like to play in this group, contact the chair.

Chair: Joy McQuillan, joymcquillan@yahoo.com, 833-4689

Evening Needlework, meets in the homes of members once a month. Join us if you enjoy needlework and conversation.

Chair: Phyllis Self, 836-6945, p-self@wiu.edu

Gardening meets on the 4th Monday evening at 7 p.m. September–November and February–May. There is usually a plant exchange in May and a garden walk in June. Many garden topics are presented such as: plant care, pest control, garden projects, decorating with plants and flowers, and field trips. The first meeting in September will be to plan the topics for year and for members to sign up to host and coordinate a meeting. **Chair:** Siraj Hull, sirajhull@yahoo.com

Gourmet Dinner group meets monthly September–May on Saturday evenings, either in a home or a public location such as the Alumni House or Old Bailey House or Unitarian Church. Two hostesses sign up for each meeting, select a theme, location, date, and assign recipes to be prepared by participants. The total cost of the meal is divided among attendees. Spouses and guests are invited to attend.

Co-chairs: Greta Hangelbroek, rghangelbroek@mac.com, 836-6486 and Nancy Leigh, msnc1@wiu.edu, 221-3158

Literature And Discussion is an informal group that reads a different book each month Oct-May, an may continue through the summer this year. We meet monthly on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in a member's home for a discussion and light refreshments. We'll choose 8 paperback books for this year at our organizing meeting: New Copperfield's bookstore on Thursday, September 15th at 7 p.m. Join us then and bring your reading suggestions.

Chair: Martha Klems ms-klems@wiu.edu, 833-5015

Moms, Infants & Tots was established as a support group for women with infants and toddlers with activities with and without children. **Chair:** Erin Easterling, erineeasterling@gmail.com, 836-1454

Supper Club offers members a chance to go to interesting restaurants with other people, often outside of Macomb. Couples and individuals can enjoy a meal together in one of many fine area restaurants.

Chair: Barbara Sandall, BR-Sandall@wiu.edu, 837-2719

Wilderness Women aims to get members out in the woods, usually hiking, either locally or outside of Macomb. This group is also open to other outdoor activities and welcomes anyone who likes to be active outside. We usually take a trip to Starved Rock in early spring to hike in the snow, see frozen waterfalls and watch the ice climbers.

Co-chairs: Erin Easterling, erineeasterling@gmail.com, 836-1454, and Tara Westerhold TN-Westerhold@wiu.edu, 837-6088

Committees

University Women's Committees help to keep the organization functioning and some also serve a philanthropic purpose. Members are encouraged to participate in one or more committees each year.

Bloodmobile

University Women takes charge of the Canteen at the Red Cross Blood Drives on campus. Volunteers are needed to help serve food and beverages to all of the blood donors. Shifts for volunteers are generally for two hours: 10-12, 12-2, and 2-4. You can help by working during the drive or by donating cupcakes. Six dozen cupcakes are needed for each drive. If you can help, please indicate so on your membership form, or call **Penny Yunker** at 837-9119.



Mark your calendars with these Blood Drives:

Tue., September 20, WIU Union Heritage Room, 10-4 p.m.
Thu., November 17, WIU Union Grand Ballroom, 11-5 p.m.
Wed., February 15, WIU Union Heritage Room, 11-5 p.m.

Business Meeting:

This committee, chaired by the **Vice President, Phyllis Self**, selects a venue and date, prepares light refreshments, sets up and cleans up for the annual spring business meeting in February. Four people are needed.

Communications:

Erin Easterling coordinates University Women communications, through our newsletter, website, and e-mail list. Contact Erin at erineeasterling@gmail.com or 836-1454 with news, events, or images to share.

History:

If you are interested in helping research, record, and archive the history and activities of University Women, join this committee. Current project is to go through all the items stored at the Alumni House. Work with chair Secretary **Jacqlin Richmond**, 309-758-5405, j-richmond@wiu.edu.

Membership:

This committee helps maintain and increase our membership and works with the Newcomers Committee. This committee will start in **Summer 2012**. For further information, contact **Lynne Brinker**, 836-6008, rbrinker@macomb.com

Newcomers:

Work with the **Vice President, Phyllis Self**, to recruit new members and coordinate events for first year members. This committee starts in **Summer 2012**. Contact Phyllis Self, 836-6945, p-self@wiu.edu, **to help with activities this year.**

Special Gifts:

Lynne Brinker, 836-6008 or rbrinker@macomb.com, sends a card on behalf of University women if a member is experiencing pain, sorrow, or a special time of joy. **Help Lynne identify these members on a timely basis.**

Spring Luncheon:

This committee plans the annual pot luck Spring Luncheon including arranging for a program, set up and clean up. The luncheon is held at the WIU President's home, hosted by Linda Thomas. **Co-chair:** - Phyllis Self, p-self@wiu.edu or 836-6945 and Linda Thomas, lg-thomas@wiu.edu.

Women for International Friendship:

Membership consists of individuals from University Women and Macomb community women of various cultural backgrounds. UW Committee members organize and take charge of monthly meetings. Meetings focus on activities introducing women to American culture and everyday life through holiday celebrations, shopping activities, health resources and so forth. Meetings are arranged around school schedules and young children are welcome to attend. A subgroup of the membership comprises an informal English class, meeting each week and open to women from the community who wish to practice reading, writing and speaking English. **Contacts:** Margarita Obregon, 837-9932, m-obregon@wiu.edu, and Barbara Brown, bj-brown7@wiu.edu



University Women Scholarship Recipients for 2011-2012

Each woman will receive a \$500 award.

Victoria Alao
Senior, Chemistry/Biochemistry
Chicago IL

Allison Troy
Senior, Sociology
Macomb IL

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Western Illinois 2011-12 Calendar of Events

September

- 17: Fall Breakfast**
Taylor Hall, 121 S. Randolph St., Macomb
9–11 a.m.
- 20: Blood Drive**
Heritage Room, WIU Union
10–4 p.m.

November

- 17: Blood Drive**
Heritage Room, WIU Union
11–5 p.m.

February

- 15: Blood Drive**
Heritage Room, WIU Union
11–5 p.m.
- TBA: Spring Business Meeting**

April

- TBA: Spring Luncheon**
12 noon at the President's Residence,
2001 N. Wigwam Hollow Road

For event details and updates, visit the University Women website at: www.wiu.edu/UniversityWomen

Resources for Women at WIU

WIU's Women's Center www.wc.wiu.edu
Western Organization for Women www.wiu.edu/WOW/

www.wiu.edu/UniversityWomen



University Women 2011-2012 Membership Form

Directory Information:

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Street Address _____

City, State & Zip _____

Phones: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

WIU Department _____ Birthday : _____

Hometown _____ E-mail _____

Spouse/ Partner:

Name: _____ WIU Department: _____

Membership Type: First Year Regular Retired Honorary

Interest groups and Committees: I would like to join the following:

Interest Groups

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Antiques & Collectibles | <input type="checkbox"/> Gourmet Dinner | <input type="checkbox"/> Needlework, Evening |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bridge, Afternoon | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature & Discussion | <input type="checkbox"/> Supper Club |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bridge, Evening | <input type="checkbox"/> Moms, Infants & Tots | <input type="checkbox"/> Wilderness Women |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening | <input type="checkbox"/> Needlework, Afternoon | |

Committees

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bloodmobile (canteen) | <input type="checkbox"/> Newcomers/Membership
(Summer 2012) | <input type="checkbox"/> Spring Luncheon |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bloodmobile (cupcakes) | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Gifts | <input type="checkbox"/> Women for International
Friendship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business Meeting | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> History | | |

Please list the following that will be included with your membership payment:

- _____ University Women Membership (\$12)
_____ University Women Retired Membership (\$7)
_____ I will attend the Fall Breakfast* (\$10.50)
_____ Blood Drive Donation (optional)
_____ Scholarship Donation** (optional)

* Breakfast is free to potential new members, if they have not previously been a member and have never attended our Fall Breakfast.

** For a tax receipt (if desired), enclose separate check to University Women's Scholarship Endowment

_____ **Total Amount Enclosed**

Please complete this **entire** form and mail it to the address below by **Friday, September 9, 2011** with a check payable to **University Women**. Late members may not be included in the directory listing. A PDF version of this form is available at www.wiu.edu/UniversityWomen/pdfs/membership.pdf

Lisa Kernek
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