Spring Business Meeting and Scholarship Reception

We wrapped up this year with the Annual Spring Business Meeting and Scholarship Reception, gathering early for the “wine and unwind.” Huge appreciation to Barbara Bush from Kite Hill Vineyards (only woman-owned vineyard on the Wine Trail), Crystal Lukens with Crystal’s Catering and More, McNitt Growers for the floral decorations and SIU’s Sharp Museum for the great space.

Scholarships are a key pillar of the SIU Women’s Club purpose as its roots began with women gathering to socialize, support one another, develop meaningful connections and relationships, and SUPPORT STUDENTS. Due to the generous support of our 160 members, the SIU Women’s Club awarded $8000 in scholarships for the first time in the group’s history.

2024 Scholarship Recipients with the Scholarship Selection Committee.

Our guest speaker for the evening was Dr. Sheryl Tucker, SIU’s Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. Provost Tucker sets the university’s academic priorities in collaboration with faculty, provides student recruitment and retention leadership, and ensures overall support to ensure students’ academic success. Dr Tucker gave a terrific talk about leadership and philanthropy as well as giving an update on her work at SIU. She has been busy awarding the 2024 Provost’s scholarships which cover tuition and mandatory fees for transfer students for two years.

Provost Tucker with SIU Women’s Club President Deb Barnett.
SIU WOMENS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

A very important part of the SIU Women’s Club at the spring event is scholarships. The following scholarships were awarded to very deserving students:

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS (FROM LEFT): JILLIAN TAYLOR, LESLIE DURAN, JESSICA HARDGES AND HANNAH BROWN.

WSIU’S EYE ON EDUCATION PROGRAM FEATURING OUR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS AIRS ON WSIU-TV ON MAY 9 AT 7:30PM.

Watch it online at https://www.wsiu.org/shows/eye-education/episodes/eye-on-education-scholarship-winners-dufkjn
SIU WOMENS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Jillian Taylor
Leadership & Empowerment Award

Leslie Duran
Leadership & Empowerment Award

Dorothy Morris
Traditional Student Scholarship

Joyce Guyon
Non-traditional Student Scholarship

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More from the Spring Business Meeting

Women's Voices in Sharp Museum
The evening wrapped up with a business meeting and voting for the SIU Women’s Club Board for the 2024-2025 year:

President: Nancy Mundschenk
Past President: Deb Barnett
President Elect: April Teske
Secretary: Courtney Douglas-Ledbetter
Program Director: Gena Albert
(Co-Director: Courtney Crafton)
Membership Director: Olga Weidner
Technical Director: Amelia Ketzle
Scholarship Director: Lisa Knight
Interest Group Director: Stacy Morgan
Communications Director: Britni Bateman
(Co-Director: Anna Twomey)
Historical Director: Naomi Arseneau
Treasurer: Monica May

Thank you to your continued generosity and congratulations to all of our recipients and elected board members!
SIU WOMEN’S CLUB
INTEREST GROUPS

SIU Women’s Club Interest Groups offer members unique opportunities for friendship, sharing, and learning. Groups generally meet once a month, whether in members’ homes, restaurants, or other locations. All Interest Groups welcome new members anytime throughout the year. The only requirement for joining an Interest Group is paid membership in the SIU Women’s Club.

If you are already a paid member of the Club and want to join a group, contact the Interest Group Director April Teske at aprildover@gmail.com. For anyone who is not currently a member, you can select your interest groups on the membership application here.

LEARN MORE AT: WOMENSCLUB.SIU.EDU /INTEREST-GROUPS
Opera Group

January 6, Verdi’s Nabucco
January 27, Bizet’s Carmen
March 9, Verdi’s La Forza del Destino
March 23, Gounod’s Romeo et Juliette
April 20, Puccini’s La Rondine
May 11, Puccini’s Madama Butterfly

Met Live HD transmission at the Cinema at University Mall

Kerry Cole, Jody Christopher, Ellin Smith, Lilly Crane, Sue Burroughs, Shirley Estavillo, Barbara Burns, Roxanne Schaal, and Cheryl Schmit
Suitcase Sisters

The Book of Mormon
Fabulous Fox Theater

Beautiful-Carol King
Musical at the Muni

Adsmore House and Gardens
Princeton, KY

Nancy Mundschenk, Barb Mau, Janet Banerjee,
June Gibbs, Michelle Kibby
NEwCOMER’S DINNER
CRAZY JO’S FISHHOUSE AVA, IL

ThAIL-D
Marion, IL

Seasoning
Bistro

NAOMI ARSENEAU, AMELIA KETZLE, SUE BURROUGHs.
The SIU Women’s Club’s annual membership renewal cycle begins **October 1st of each year**. New members joining up to four (4) months prior to this date shall have courtesy membership extended to them for those four months, in addition to their full year membership beginning October 1 of the same year.

In other words, any new members joining June 1 - September 30 will automatically be renewed for the next year. Members who joined prior to June 1, 2023, will need to complete the renewal form and pay the membership fee for the 2023-2024 new year. **Get those memberships in to be included in the 2024-2025 member directory. More information and coming soon!**

To renew or join, simply click JOIN at [https://womensclub.siue.edu](https://womensclub.siue.edu). For those who prefer a hard copy form, simply email your request to [siuwomensclub@siu.edu](mailto:siuwomensclub@siu.edu).

**SPREAD THE WORD!**

We’ve made it easier than ever to share the SIU Women’s Club. Our new info cards are a great way to invite others to join the club, find an interest group, attend an event, and support SIU student scholarships. Our 2023-2024 goal is to reach 250 members strong! Help us reach this goal by spreading the word. Info cards are available at events or upon request at [siuwomensclub@siu.edu](mailto:siuwomensclub@siu.edu).