SIU Women’s Club Annual Meeting Activities

At the Annual Meeting and Scholarship Recognition of the SIU Women’s Club conducted virtually on Friday, April 16, the following activities occurred:

Leadership Change. These officers and directors were elected for the 2021-2022 year:

- Michelle Rust, President
- Amelia Ketzle, President-Elect
- Deborah Corker, Treasurer
- Donna Wilson, Secretary
- Susan Graham, Program Director
- Kathryn Sime, Communications Director
- Olga Weidner, Membership Director
- Anne Marie Hamilton-Brehm, Historical Director
- Debra Sarvela, Scholarship Director
- Julie Bohnsack, Interest Group Director

Appreciation to Marsha Ryan for Her Leadership as President of the Women’s Club. Lori Stettler, 2020-21 Program Director, presented the following words of thanks to Marsha as she becomes Past President on the Board of Directors: “It is my pleasure to officially thank Dr. Marsha Ryan as the outgoing President of the SIU Women’s Club. For those of you who know Marsha, even challenged by a pandemic,

She is fierce, always with a smile on her face,
She is passionate, committed to a cause,
And she is dedicated,
She leaves the Club stronger and in good hands to move forward.

Our wish for you comes from an Apache Blessing:
May the sun bring you new energy every day.
May the moon softly restore you by night.
May the rain wash away your worries.
May the breeze blow new strength into your being.
May you walk gently through the world and know its beauty all the days of your life.”

Points of Pride for SIU

- SIU has strong federal research partnerships with agencies including the Argonne and Oak Ridge National Laboratories, the U.S. Geological Survey, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and NASA.

- SIU has earned national recognition from Strive for College for excellence in service to traditionally underserved students. The university, home of the First Saluki Center serving first-generation students, was named a Strive College Partner for 2020, the inaugural year of the honors program. Institutions of higher learning must meet or exceed specific benchmarks for inclusion, diversity, affordability, completion and outcomes to receive the accolade.
Scholarships Set New Record. Susan Pearlman, Scholarship Director, announced that the Scholarship Program set a new record again this year, awarding a total of $8,500 in awards to five students. Due to the outstanding generosity of Club members and a decision by the Board to allocate some funds from the treasury, three special 2021 Triumph scholarships for $1,500 each, plus our annual $2,000 Dorothy Morris and Joyce Guyon scholarships were awarded.

2020-21 SIU Women’s Club Scholarship Recipients. Scholarship recipients were introduced at the meeting, and each responded with words of gratitude for the award.

The recipient of the Dorothy Morris Traditional Student Scholarship, Camela Moore, from Chicago Heights, has majors in Geography and Environmental Resources and Economics and minors in Environmental Studies and History.

The recipient of the Joyce Guyon Non-Traditional Student Scholarship is Andrea Allen, from Peoria, majoring in Recreation Professions, with a concentration in Outdoor Leadership and Management.

The 2021 Triumph Scholarships were awarded to Da’Ziya Faust, from Carbondale, majoring in Accounting with a minor in Criminology and Criminal Justice; Molly Nance, from Athens, Illinois, majoring in Agribusiness Economics, with a minor in Management; and Allyson Peters, a Dental Hygiene major from Oswego.

**Adventure Gals Interest Group Takes Trip to Snake Road**

It is springtime, and time for adventure—just what the Adventure Gals did recently with a trip to Snake Road, no less. Thanks to Donna Wilson, Deb Sarvela, and Linda Martin for sharing these photos and those used above.

**Trivia on SIU Women’s Club Members**

Do you know your fellow SIU Women’s Club members? Here’s a trivia contest….

- Which SIU Women’s Club board member is from the home of Popeye?
- Who claims her favorite comfort food is “good coffee and dark chocolate?”
- What is the most popular undergraduate major among the SIU Women’s Club members (on Facebook)?
- Whose favorite book this past year is “Declarations of the Rights of Magicians?”

If you don’t know these answers, you can find them all on the SIU Women’s Club Facebook page on the “Get to know you” posts from Julie Bohnsack. Search SIU Women’s Club on Facebook and join the 61 members already learning more about each other, and staying current on SIU and SIU Women’s Club events at the same time.
SIU Women’s Club Interest Groups
May 2021

Interest Group Director, Julie Bohnsack (jaweilbrenner@gmail.com)
The Faculty House, 810 South Elizabeth Street, Carbondale

Most Interest Group meetings are on hold due to the COVID-19 Virus Outbreak (We care about your health and safety)

**Adventure Gals**
Next date, time, and location to be announced

**Antiques and Collectibles**
Meets 1st Tuesday, 1:30 p.m.

**Book Discussion**
Meets 2nd Thursday, 1 – 3 p.m.
May 13, virtual meeting, *The Parable of the Sower* by Octavia Butler
Discussion Leader: Jody Christopher; Zoom Coordinator: Deborah Corker

**Breakfast Group**
Meets 3rd Friday, 7:30 a.m., at Denny’s Restaurant

**Bridge - Afternoon**
Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 1 - 3 p.m., in members’ homes

**Bridge - Couples Evening**
Meets 3rd Saturday, 7 p.m., Faculty House

**Cooking Lunch with Friends (First Group)**
Meets 4th Wednesday, four times a year in members’ homes

**Cooking Lunch with Friends (Second Group)**
Meets 1st Thursday, four times during academic year

**Evening at the Cinema**
Meets 1st Thursday at local theaters
Thursday, May 6, 7 p.m., Virtual Meeting to discuss the movie selected by members—*Promising Young Woman*.

**Gentle Toning, Stretch and Yoga Techniques (GTSY)**
Meets every Thursday, 5:45 p.m., First United Methodist Church

**Knitting and Stitching**
Meets 4th Thursday, 1 - 3 p.m., in members' homes via Zoom

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Meet 2nd Wednesday, Noon, at various local restaurants
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Monthly Dinner Group
Meets in members' homes—next gathering to be announced
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Newcomers Dinner Group
Meets 4th Thursday in homes and restaurants
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Opera Group
Selected Saturdays in Cape Girardeau
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Quilting
Meets 2nd Wednesday, 1 - 3 p.m., in members' homes
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Scrabble
Meets 3rd Thursday, 2 p.m., at the Faculty House
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Secrets of Ethnic Cuisine
Meets 4 times a year to prepare unique dishes
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Travel—The Suitcase Sisters
Meets 1st Monday, 5:15 p.m., at Pagliai’s Pizza, Carbondale
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SIU Women’s Club Scholarship Fund
Donations

Scholarship donations are always encouraged to meet our annual minimum $4,000 goal to fund two $2,000 scholarships. Scholarship donations may also be made as memorials.

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