SIU Women’s Club Annual Business Meeting Will Be Conducted Via Zoom on Friday, July 10, 11 a.m.

Since the annual Scholarship Luncheon and Spring Business Meeting was cancelled due to the pandemic, the SIU Women’s Club Annual Meeting will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, July 10, 2020, using Zoom. Women’s Club members are invited to attend the meeting by video device or by phone—a first ever for the Women’s Club. Instructions and a Zoom link will be sent by email to all members having email addresses a couple days prior to the meeting.

A mailing to all members will be sent shortly. If members cannot attend the Zoom meeting, members are asked to participate by completing the ballots enclosed in the mailing and returning them before July 8, 2020, to SIU Women’s Club, PO Box 1226, Carbondale, IL 62903-1226. These two ballots will be included in the mailing:

- Ballot on Proposed Amendments to the Southern Illinois University Women’s Club By-Laws (provided on the website at https://womensclub.siu.edu).
- Ballot for Election of Directors and Officers for the 2020-2021 Academic Year (This slate of officers has been nominated by the Nominating Committee):
  - President, Marsha Ryan
  - President-Elect, Michelle Rust
  - Treasurer, Deborah Corker
  - Secretary, Liz DeRuntz
  - Program Director, Lori Stettler
  - Communications Director, Kathryn Sime
  - Membership Director, Olga Weidner
  - Historical Director, Anne Marie Hamilton-Brehm
  - Scholarship Director, Susan Pearlman
  - Interest Group Director, Julie Bohnsack

SIU International Student Assistance Needed

Andrew Carver, Executive Director of SIU International Affairs stated “The Center for International Education is pleased to announce that we will be periodically distributing ‘international care packages’ this summer. The entire SIU and Carbondale community has expressed much support and understanding for all international students and scholars who, alongside their Saluki family, have been confronted with the challenges of a pandemic. These care packages will feature international food favorites from select regions around the world, and choices will vary throughout the summer.”

Elaine Conrad, Community and Educational Programs Coordinator with the Center for International Education, further stated they are negotiating discounts with grocers and are keeping cost to $15 per bag, so donations are a great way to support this initiative. Another way to assist is to suggest ideas for care package contents or send personal notes/letters of support.

If SIU Women’s Club members are interested in assisting with this initiative, please contact Elaine at econrad@siu.edu.
Other News Regarding the Status of
SIU Women’s Club Activities and Events

- **SIU Women’s Club Scholarship Winners.** The four $2,000 scholarship recipients for 2020 were presented in newsletters for March and April. The traditional scholarship luncheon was not able to be held this spring, but we hope to be able to recognize all four of these impressive students at an event in 2020-21. It is wonderful that in these trying times when we have not been able to meet and see each other socially that we have been able to contribute academically by substantially supporting four incredible SIU students in attaining their academic pursuits.

- **SIU Women’s Club Interest Groups.** Julie Bohnsack, Interest Group Director, indicated that the Book Club continues to meet with limited participation through Zoom. She is contacting Interest Group chairs suggesting they survey their members to see if they may want to get together practicing social distancing--possibly an open air lunch to support local restaurants or sharing pictures of projects via texting, emails, or Zoom. It is especially important to keep in touch during these times. Interest Group chairs will be asked if there is anything in the Old Faculty House that they want to keep since future meetings will be held in Grinnell Hall, and each Interest Group will have their own locked storage area.

- **Women’s Club Afternoon Tea.** The SIU President’s Office in the Stone Center traditionally sponsors the Women’s Club Afternoon Tea in late September. When asked about sponsoring the afternoon tea this year, SIU President Dan Mahony indicated that even if we move to Phase 4, the President’s Office cannot accommodate a group of that size this fall. The SIU President’s Office won’t be holding any receptions or events with a large number of people for the time being.

- **Grinnell Hall Meeting Location.** As announced previously, the Old Faculty House is slated for demolition soon. As the health conditions and issues develop, the Club will plan to move to Grinnell on campus, near Trueblood Hall, for future SIU Women’s Club activities. The Grinnell meeting area is large enough to practice social distancing, and the Board of Directors will decide when the time is appropriate for small groups to meet. Directions to Grinnell Hall and parking suggestions will be provided once events are scheduled there.

- **SIU Women’s Club Membership Renewal.** As in previous years, membership renewal will begin in late August. Renewal forms and information regarding the year’s plans will be sent to all current members at that time.

- The **SIU Women’s Club Board of Directors** sends best wishes to all members for a fulfilling summer and asks all to take good care of themselves—we hope to have the opportunity to personally interact soon.
Interest Group Director, Julie Bohnsack (jawei1brenner@gmail.com)  
The Faculty House, 810 South Elizabeth Street, Carbondale

All Interest Group meetings are cancelled (except Book Discussion)  
due to the COVID-19 Virus Outbreak

Adventure Gals  
Donna Wilson 559-0830  
dmwilson@siu.edu

Antiques and Collectibles  
Carol O’Donnell 549-2287  
odonnellcj@yahoo.com
Vivian Ugent 457-5258  
vivianugent@gmail.com

Book Discussion  
Janet Earnest 549-0416  
jandaearnest@gmail.com

Adventure Gals  
Meets 1st Tuesday, 1:30 p.m.

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

Book Discussion  
Meets 2nd Thursday, 1 – 3 p.m.
August 13, meeting via Zoom, The Good Lord Bird  
by James McBride.

Discussion Leader: Dorothy Baker; Zoom Coordinator: Angie Baughman

Breakfast Group  
Janet Banerjee 687-3582  
janet.banerjee@gmail.com

Bridge - Afternoon  
Olga Weidner 549-7527  
oweidner@siu.edu

Bridge - Couples Evening  
Kitty Trescott 203-1807  
trescott@midwest.net
Peter Gregory 541-602-6732  
peterg@humidtown.com

Cooking Lunch with Friends (First Group)  
Sue Whitlock 534-3932  
kirkman061056@gmail.com

Cooking Lunch with Friends (Second Group)  
A.M. Hamilton-Brehm 702-419-2493  
amhamib@gmail.com

Evening at the Cinema  
Laura Helsel 559-4541  
lahelsel@yahoo.com

Gentle Toning, Stretch and Yoga Techniques (GTSY)  
Nelda Hinckley 549-5588  
neldahinckley@jalc.edu

Knitting and Stitching  
Sue Burroughs 203-2360  
newmyerburroughs47@frontier.com
Lee Swayze 549-1017  
lswayze1200@gmail.com

Meet ‘n Eat  
Tedda Becker 457-8903  
beckertedda02@gmail.com

SIU Women’s Club Interest Groups  
June 2020

Meet ‘n Eat  
Meets 2nd Wednesday, Noon, at various local restaurants
Monthly Dinner Group
Meets in members’ homes—next gathering to be announced
Sue Whitlock  534-3932
kirkman061056@gmail.com

Newcomers Dinner Group
Meets 4th Thursday in homes and restaurants
Amelia Ketzle  924-0145
aketzle@siu.edu

Opera Group
Selected Saturdays in Cape Girardeau
Olga Weidner  549-7527
oweidner@siu.edu
Debbie Gunter  907-799-9799
debbie.gaddis@gmail.com

Quilting
Meets 2nd Wednesday, 1 - 3 p.m., in members' homes
Pat Tindall  549-2427
dp.tindall@outlook.com

Scrabble
Meets 3rd Thursday, 2 p.m., at the Faculty House
Mary Pohlmann  549-5077
maryp@siu.edu

Secrets of Ethnic Cuisine
Meets 4 times a year to prepare unique dishes
Olga Weidner  549-7527
oweidner@siu.edu
Shirley Estavillo  529-5690
jsestavillo@hughes.net

Storytelling
Meets 4th Tuesday, 3 p.m., at the Faculty House
Deborah Corker  907-248-1236
phdcorker@gmail.com

Travel—The Suitcase Sisters
Meets 1st Monday, 5:15 p.m., at Pagliai’s Pizza, Carbondale
Julie Bohnsack  534-4618
jaweilbrenner@gmail.com

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.

Name ____________________________________________ Phone __________________

Street Address ____________________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip ___________________________________________________________________

Email Address ___________________________________ Check Amount $___________

Return form with check (SIU Women’s Club) to:
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