Generosity of SIU Women's Club Members Results in Four $2,000 Scholarships

Thanks to the incredible generosity of SIU Women’s Club members, four SIU female students will each benefit from a $2,000 scholarship—a record for the Women’s Club. In addition to the Dorothy Morris Traditional Student Scholarship and the Joyce Guyon Non-Traditional Student Scholarship, two Southern at 150 Scholarships will be awarded. All recipients are female undergraduate students at SIUC. Unfortunately, the traditional Scholarship Luncheon in April has been cancelled, but plans are to introduce these outstanding women at an event in the fall. In the meantime, scholarship recipients will be introduced in the newsletters.

The winner of the Dorothy Morris Traditional Student Scholarship is Destini James-Bryant of Chicago, a junior majoring in Civil Engineering. Asked to introduce herself in this newsletter, Destini wrote: “I have always been certain of one thing in my life, that if I wanted to pursue higher education, I needed to be persistent and determined to achieve my career aspirations. Because of the impact of SIU in my life, I have learned how to overcome small differences, before they become large problems. I believe the challenges that I faced in my early years have given me the strength to prepare for the next journey in my life, to graduate from college, have a career and a family. One of my goals this year is to help in my community by volunteering with local shelters to help women and children who are affected by domestic violence and working with non-profit organizations such as Habitat for Humanity. After graduation, I plan to start my own construction business and design low-cost homes for local families devastated by disasters and families in poverty-stricken areas.”

The winner of the Joyce Guyon Non-Traditional Student Scholarship is Dana Patrusiak, a senior originally from Chicago. Dana wrote: “I am completing a degree in Economics with a minor in Anthropology. I value culture and am curious about the world and its people. I come from a family of health providers, so I have a strong motivation to help others, yet I shy away from the health care field. Instead, I wish to use my knowledge of diversity and the world economy to bring justice and peace and joy in this way. I recently added Fashion Design to my curriculum because I believe it influences our lives in profound ways and is a universal market. I hope I may find a niche in this industry that will add a dimension to my future profession. I love calling Carbondale my home, and I am extremely grateful for your generosity in assisting me with my education. I hope to make you proud. I look forward to sharing more with you in the future.”

The Southern at 150 Scholarship recipients will appear in April’s newsletter.

Events Postponed in Response to COVID-19

Marsha Ryan, SIU Women’s Club president, announced that the Board has elected to cancel all Women’s Club events for the rest of March and all of April. She goes on to say “Ours is a prized social organization, and we must treasure our time together. The April 3 Business Meeting is postponed and will be rescheduled as soon as it seems safe in order to elect a new slate of officers, approve the bylaws changes, and announce/meet our scholarship winners. More on that rescheduled date as things progress. Stay safe. We will see one another again in short order.”

Faculty House Change

As announced previously, the Faculty House where several SIU Women’s Club groups hold their meetings is scheduled for demolition. Ideal space in SIU’s Grinnell Hall has been identified for our use as a replacement for the Faculty House. No time-line for the transition has yet been identified. Interest Group chairs are encouraged to contact Julie Bohnsack, Interest Group Director, to review space needs in the new location.
The 2020 SIU Women’s Club Nominating Committee (Laura Helsel, chair, Marcia Anderson, and Elvira Muckelroy) presented the following proposed slate of officers and directors for the 2020-2021 year to the Board of Directors at its March meeting. This proposed slate will be voted upon by the membership at a general meeting to be scheduled after the current health crisis ends.

President
Marsha Ryan
First Vice-President (Program Director)
Lori Stettler
Second Vice-President (Communications Director)
Kathryn Sime
Secretary
Liz DeRuntz
Treasurer
Deborah Corker

Historical Director
Anne Marie Hamilton-Brehm
Interest Group Director
Julie Bohnsack
Membership Director
Olga Weidner
Scholarship Director
Susan Pearlman
Past President
Laura Helsel

SIU Women’s Club Winter Luncheon

Nearly 50 members attended the Winter Luncheon held at Hunan’s Restaurant on February 19, 2020. Guests enjoyed Hunan’s traditionally excellent food, chatting with friends, and Guest Speaker Cindy Buys’ useful advice regarding leadership.
Interest Group Director, Julie Bohnsack (jabohnsack@gmail.com)
The Faculty House, 810 South Elizabeth Street, Carbondale

All April Interest Group meetings are cancelled due to the COVID-19 Virus Outbreak

Adventure Gals

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

Book Discussion
Meets 2nd Thursday, 1 – 3 p.m., Faculty House

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 AMC University Place East

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

Meet 'n Eat
Meets 2nd Wednesday, Noon, at various local restaurants

Monthly Dinner Group
Meets in members’ homes—next gathering to be announced

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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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