

NDSU WOMEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

February 2021

“If you can't fly, then run. If you can't run, then walk. If you can't walk, then crawl. But whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward” -Martin Luther King Jr.

Over the last eleven months, our Interest Groups have kept moving forward. Though we would all like to see each other in person, our current circumstance prohibits that. For now, many of us are enjoying each other's company through Zoom and Google Meet. If you would like to be a part of any of these groups, please contact the Interest Group Leaders. Additionally, you could form your own “pandemic specific” group to meet and chat. Contact our president, Mary Bjerke, to set up and use the club's Zoom account.

President's Letter

Maybe spring isn't in the air, but the days are definitely getting longer and COVID-19 vaccines are being distributed! And now with multiple vaccines being made available, there is every reason to hope that we can indeed celebrate our 100th anniversary this May!

The International Women's Group, Any Book Club, Valley Gardeners and the Poetry Group all meet via Zoom. Please feel free to join in any one of them, whether you are normally a member or not. If you are unsure of the technology, don't hesitate to call me and we can try it out together, and practice, ahead of time.

Our membership numbers have fallen from about 79 last year to about 64 this year. In our Treasurer's Report you will see that we have \$2,243.80 left for scholarships this coming fall. Given the drop in membership, we will not be able to sustain 2, \$1,000 scholarships past this year. Therefore, the Board is considering reducing the number of scholarships, the amount of the scholarship, or both. Please feel free to contact any one of us with comments or ideas. From myself and all of the Board, thank you for your membership and support.

- *Mary Bjerke*, President

Centennial Planners Update:

The Centennial Planners are still hoping to have our Centennial Celebration Event in the spring; or when Covid allows. So stay tune for updated information. To learn more, contact: Darlene Rogers (701-293-5614) or Judy Petermann (701-478-9988).

The photo at right (from our archives) was taken at the Women's Club Spring Tea in 1951. Photographed from left to right at the punch table are Mrs. R.K. Wattson, Jr.; Mrs. Jay Simpson; Mrs. Murray Baldwin; Mrs. G.A. Walrath; Mrs. H.D. Stallings, president of the host club; Mrs. Fred S. Hultz and Mrs. B.C.B. Tighe.



Board Resignations:

Two of our Board Members have resigned. Sandy Huseby, Communications Coordinator, and Lois Schneider, Historian, have resigned effective December 2020. On behalf of the Women's Club, I would like to say a big THANK YOU to Sandy and Lois for their dedication and hard work as productive members of the Board. We wish you all the best for the future and look forward to seeing you at Interest Group meetings.

Meet our Newest Board Member:

Andrea Eberhardt, Secretary.

I was raised in Casselton, ND and graduated from the high school there. Later I received my Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration at MSUM. Currently I am living in Moorhead and have been living here for about ten years. My hobbies include fishing, music, movies/tv shows, and games. I enjoy volunteering for various non-profit organizations including Destination Imagination and River Keepers.



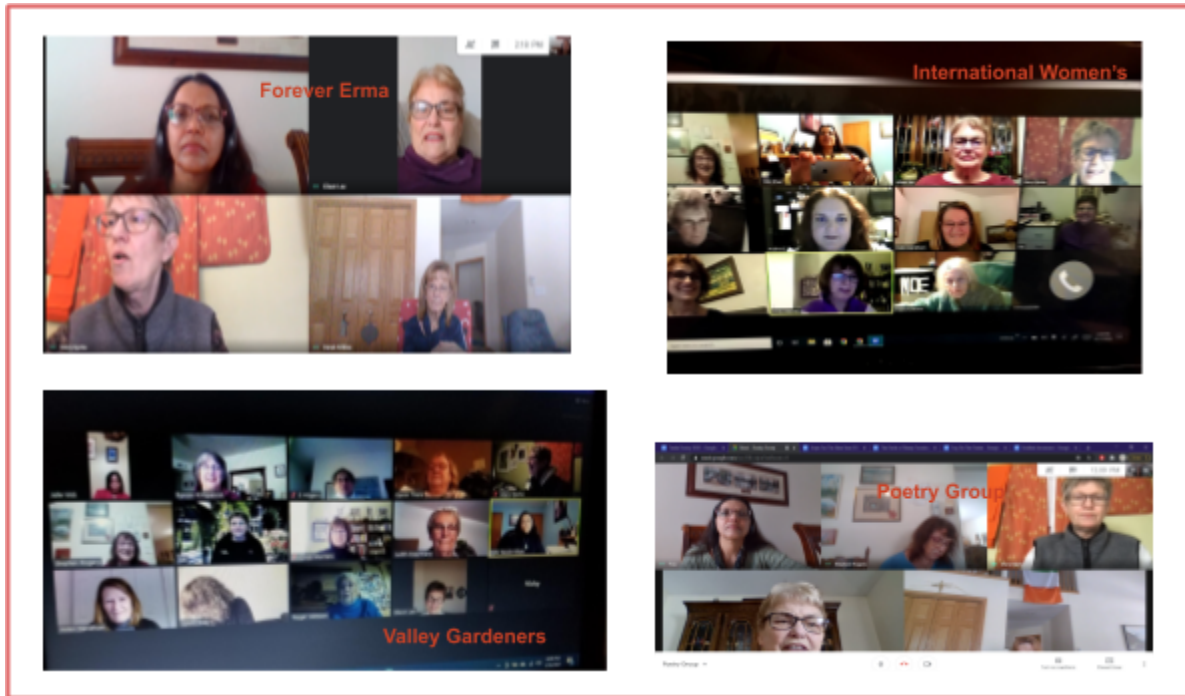
Board Member Reassignment:

Bibi Khan, our previous secretary, has now taken the position of Communications Coordinator for the Women's Club. Bibi has been a part of the club for over 20 years.

Our Interest Groups:

Our Interest Groups are the backbone of the NDSU Women's Club. Your paid membership entitles you to join any or all of the NDSU Women's Club Interest Groups. To learn more about our Interest Groups contact the group leaders by email or phone number. Their information can be found in the Monthly Calendar.

Some groups that have been active despite the pandemic, albeit online, include Poetry Group (Bibi Khan), International Women’s Group (Mary Bjerke), Any Book Group (Bushra Ahmad), Valley Gardeners (Melana Milanova and Bonnie Kirkpatrick) and our pandemic-specific book group, Forever Erma (Bibi Khan).



Recent happenings from January’s International Women’s Group involved members sharing their tips and tricks for traveling. In February, Darlene Rogers will take us to Campina, Brazil. Valley Gardeners lifted our spirits recently with a virtual tour of the Northwest Flower Show, Seattle, Washington via a video from Darlene Rogers and her son, Steve. Poetry Group wrote short and sweet Tankas in January, while our Forever Erma book group continues to laugh it up or sympathize with Erma’s very relatable essays. Any Book Group perseveres with their reading and sharing of the books they enjoy. Above, are some screenshots of us all virtually meeting. If you have not attended any of these virtual meetings yet, I urge you to give it a try. It is so easy to connect and keep in touch and you do not have to be a wiz in technology. Let’s all keep moving forward, as change is the only constant.

Summary of Funds
As of January 31, 2021

Checking/Administrative	3276.96
Savings/Scholarship Fund	2243.80
Savings/Centennial Planners	500.00
Gate City Donation/Centennial ...	4824.80
BALANCE ON HAND	10845.56

Current Board Members

President:	Mary Bjerke
Vice President:	Open
Secretary :	Andrea Eberhardt
Treasurer :	Grit May
Scholarship Coordinator:	Open
Program Chair:	Open
Membership Coordinator:	Eileen Lee
Historian:	Open
Communications Coordinator:	Bibi Khan
Interest Groups Coordinator:	Eileen Lee
Past Presidents Council: Bonnie Kirkpatrick, Judy Petermann, Sandy Huseby, Open Availability	

Welcome to NDSU Women's Club!

Send this completed form and payment to:

NDSU Women's Club

P. O. Box 1404, Fargo ND 58107-1404

Name _____

Email Address* _____

Telephone(s) _____

Address _____

* If you don't have email, please mark above best way to contact.

Enclosed is my 2020-21 academic year dues payment, which entitles me to attend free or reduced price Seasonal Events, to participate in any or all Interest Groups and volunteer activities, receive Club publications, and participate in the Facebook group, NDSU Women's Club. Half of every membership payment supports our scholarship awards. _____ \$20 general membership _____ \$10 student membership _____ \$ additional for scholarships (optional)

Please check each interest group for which you'd like more information:

- Any Book Group
- International Women
- Midday Meetup
- Poetry Group (Writers / Readers)
- Valley Gardeners

Volunteer service in the club and for the community:

- ACTion Team (community service)
- Centennial Celebration Planners
- JOLT (Just One Little Thing-club)

Other:

Contact Us!

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1922-23 Mrs. J. L. Coulter	1973-74 Mrs. Neil Jacobson
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1924-25 Alba Bales	1975-76 Carolyn Nelson
1925-26 Mrs. H. McArdle	1976-77 Mrs. Allen Hendserson
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1934-35 Mrs. I.W. Smith	1985-86 Mrs. Judy Humphrey
1935-36 Mrs. F.W. Christensen	1986-87 Mrs. Brendan Donnelly
1936-37 Mrs. L.L. Nesbitt	1987-88 Mrs. Jean Harrold
1937-38 Mrs. H.L. Walster	1988-89 Mrs. Darlene Feil
1938-39 Mrs. L. Metzinger	1989-90 Mrs. Bernice Pavek
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1945-46 Mrs. H.E. Rilling	1996-97 Dr. Jayma Moore
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1947-48 Mrs. Clifton Miller	1998-99 Darlene Rogers
1948-49 Mrs. Clifton Miller	1999-00 Renee McClean
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1951-52 Mrs. G.A. Walrath	2002-03 Lynn Grant
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1956-57 Mrs. Dell Colwell	2007-08 Mary Bjerke
1957-58 Mrs. Ralph Young	2008-09 Bushra Ahmad
1958-59 Mrs. Arlon Hazen	2009-10 Bibi Khan
1959-60 Mrs. Fred R. Taylor	2010-11 Bonnie Kirkpatrick
1960-61 Mrs. B.B. Brandrud	2011-12 Tatjana Miljkovic
1961-62 Mrs. Glen A. Peterson	2012-13 Judy Petermann
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1963-64 Mrs. David R. Moir	2014-15 Sandy Huseby
1964-65 UNKNOWN	2015-16 Chizuko Shastri
1965-66 Mrs. Arthur Schulz	2016-17 Jennifer Cook
1966-67 Mrs. Phillip Haakenson	2017-18 Jennifer Cook
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1969-70 Mrs. Donald F. Schwartz	2020-21 Mary Bjerke