

# NDSU Women's Club

# NEWS

*Members Spring Event*

*April 30 at 10 am*

*Radisson Downtown*

We're creating our own floral profusion at the NDSU Women's Club Spring Brunch Event of 2011—with a little help from guest speaker Pegi Palmes, president of the Northern Plains Botanic Garden Society.



Pegi will present a vibrant visual show that we are sure will whet your appetite for your own springtime gardening and garden appreciating. Take a tour with Pegi of beautiful flowers and gardens, and learn more about the Botanic Garden Society, free gardens to tour, and take this opportunity to ask your gardening questions.

Our own Valley Gardeners subgroup adds to the lush scene with tabletoppers which a dozen lucky winners will be able to take home. Mark your calendar now for Saturday, April 30, beginning at 10 a.m. Brunch is \$10 for members, \$12 for guests. Mail your check before April 22 to NDSU Women's Club, PO Box 1404, Fargo ND 58107.



## *2011 Spring Brunch Event*

- **10:00** Registration & Mingle
- **10:20** Business Meeting
- **10:40** Brunch (cream cheese-filled French toast, scrambled eggs)
- **11:15** Presentation + Q&A session + prize drawings

**Parking is available in the ramp for \$5. Nearby street parking is free of charge.**



## ***Happy Spring!***

As I write this column, the sky is blue and the birds are singing. Yet we all wait in anticipation of what the spring melt will bring to the Red River Valley. By the time we meet for our Spring Brunch on April 30, I hope we will be able to celebrate not only the return of warmer weather but another year of success in keeping our rivers from spilling over their banks.

This has been an exciting year for the NDSU Women's Club. We learned about women who shaped North Dakota's past at our Fall Event and heard about NDSU's future at our Winter Event. Our Spring Brunch will get us thinking about flowers, plants and all things green.

We have experimented with new ideas this year suggested by and planned with some of our members. Thank you again Noreen Thomas for inviting us to your farm in September, to Eeva Salejarvi-Teder and Miska Jarvinen-Bergdahl, for hosting the Wine, Women and Jewelry event in November and to Vicki Jo Bogart for facilitating our involvement in A Woman's Perspective at the Hjemkomst in March. Based on the number of people who attended these events and the feedback board members received afterwards, they were a big success.

None of this could have happened without our hard-working board members and volunteers. I'd like to offer a special thanks to all of them for hanging in there and being willing to try some new things, with the goal of keeping the Club energized and viable into the future.

I'd also like to thank all of you who have paid your membership dues this year. I realize that economic times are tough and that hard choices sometimes have to be made about where to spend each dollar. The board recognizes this, and has chosen not to cut anyone off from communication about Club events and activities, regardless of whether or not dues were paid.

You should know that the executive board is very frugal with your dues. We hold costs down so that as many dollars as possible can be allocated for scholarships. Although it may at first sound frivolous to hold our Spring Brunch at the Radisson, the cost came in lower than venues at other hotels, event centers or on the NDSU campus, since we now must pay to use its facilities. We are lucky that a previous board had the foresight to raise dues to their current level. This should enable us to cover increased operating expenses in the future.

The Club will award two \$1000 scholarships to NDSU women who will be juniors next year. Please help us spread the word. Half of your membership dues this year, \$1165, have been set aside for those scholarships. We received additional scholarship donations amounting to \$195, for a total of \$1360. The remaining \$640 will come from the Club's savings account. Again, we are lucky that the Club has a reserve in savings that allows us to do this. Our membership currently is 119—room to grow!

I have enjoyed getting to know more of you this year, finding out more about the history of the Club, hearing your ideas of things you'd like the Club to do and be in the future and having the opportunity to make some of those ideas a reality. And I look forward to continuing on as ex-officio next year as a strong supporter of the Club and its mission.

***Bonnie Kirkpatrick, President***





## NDSU WOMEN'S CLUB

### 2010-2011 Financial Summary

(as of March 29, 2011)

#### Receipts:

Dues ..... \$2330.00

Additional Scholarship \$s ..... 195.00

**Total Receipts ..... \$2525.00**

#### Disbursements:

Scholarships (half of  
dues paid)..... \$1165.00

Scholarship donations .....195.00

Fall Event (includes brochures  
& newsletters .....392.61

Winter Event ..... 82.00

March Special Event ..... 50.00

Photo processing ..... 6.26

P.O. Box ..... 42.00

Interest groups .....19.26

**Total Disbursements ..... [\$1952.13]**

**Balance Forward: ..... \$ 572.87**



### NDSU Women's Club Scholarships

Two \$1000 scholarships will be awarded for use beginning in the fall semester 2011 for female NDSU students . To be eligible a student must:

1. Have a cumulative grade point average of 3.2 or above at the end of 2010 fall semester;
2. Be from North Dakota, South Dakota or Minnesota;
3. Have attained junior status entering the upcoming fall semester, regardless of age;
4. Provide evidence of extra-curricular and/or community involvement; and
5. Provide letters of reference from at least two NDSU-related persons, one of whom is the major professor.

Applications may be obtained at the NDSU Office of Student Financial Services. Completed applications must be submitted to Bison Connection by May 3, 2011.

For more information, visit <http://www.ndsu.edu/bisonconnection/finaid/aid/scholarships/external/> or contact Tanja Miljkovic, [tatjanamiljkovic@hotmail.com](mailto:tatjanamiljkovic@hotmail.com).

At Winter Event 2011 NDSU President Dean Bresciani spoke about the challenges of his new role as university president, answered questions, and mingled with all of us. We appreciate hearing his enthusiastic vision message for NDSU and his personal story.



2010-11 Executive Board members [L-R]: Christel Hull, historian; Bonnie Kirkpatrick, president, Mona Ibrahim, ex officio; Tanja Miljkovic, vp/president-elect; Cindy Maritato, secretary; President Bresciani, Sandy Huseby, newsletter editor, Phyllis Peterson, membership; Laurel Sparks, treasurer.



## Where are they now?

Near and far, NDSU Women's Club members past and present carry forward our spirit.

**Linda Arthur** has settled at Al Ain, United Arab Emirates after a brief sojourn in Fiji. "We have made friends with a lot of the locals and love them very much. They are warm and friendly and have taught me a lot about their culture, customs and religion. It is an education I would not have had the pleasure of had I not moved here. ...I always carry my experiences in Fargo with me and have often spoken of you wonderful ladies... Linda says of a family friend's camels, "Better than a spa day, as good as puppies,"

**Shura Salah** has had a front row seat to the democracy movement in Egypt, where she teaches business classes in Cairo and is very excited about the new possibilities for her country.



Photos by NDSU Women's Club historian Christel Hull are just a sampling of interpretations of the Elements thru foods and display at our March special event, partnering with "A Women's Perspective" at the Hjemkomst.

***The real secret of NDSU Women's Club's 90-year history ... comraderie and service.... and all that makes us look forward to a bright future is the people who join and step up to serve. Take a moment to catch up with members who've moved away. Then consider helping the next season of NDSU Women's Club by volunteering or nominating for service on the Executive Board. Your 2010-11 Board can attest...it's lively, fun, and fulfilling! We hope you'll join us for next year....***

The NDSU Women's Club is seeking recommendations for the positions of Vice President and Social Chair(s) for the 2011-12 academic year. The Nominating Committee seeks candidates who will provide the Board with a diversity of talent, expertise, age and background. Position descriptions are available, should you wish more information about what these positions entail.

Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work/Cell Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Past involvement in the NDSU Women's Club (if known):

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Nominations can be submitted to:

Mona Ibrahim, Nominating Chair

701.232-3761 or via e-mail: Ibrahim@cord.edu