Spring’s arriving early this year, and along with the melting snows and the first hints of tulip tips poking up through the ground, the NDSU Women’s Club Spring Event is early this year, too. Plan to join us for our festive quiche brunch and style show back “home” again at the NDSU Alumni Center (1241 North University Drive).

We’ve a special mid-Saturday Spring Event planned, with fashions provided by Sanford Medical Center’s gift shop and modeled by NDSU Women’s Club members Annette LaPalm, Judy Petermann, Miska Jarvinen-Bergdahl, and our president, Tanja Miljkovik.

Our Valley Gardeners interest group adds to the lush scene with tabletoppers which lucky winners will be able to take home. Mark your calendar now for Saturday, April 14, beginning at 10 a.m. Brunch is $12 for members, $15 for guests. Mail your check before April 4 to NDSU Women’s Club, PO Box 1404, Fargo ND 58107. Also include your Quiche preference (Quiche Lorraine or veggie quiche). Questions? Email us at womensclub.ndsu@gmail.com or contact a Board member for further information.

2012 Spring Brunch Event

- 10:00 Registration & Mingle
- 10:30 Business Meeting
- 11:15 Brunch (Quiche Lorraine or veggie quiche, fruit cup and beverages)
- 12:00 Style Show of Sanford gift shop fashions

Free Parking is right next to the NDSU Alumni Center.
President’s Message:

Spring is around corner! By the time we meet for our spring brunch on April 14, I hope we all see some daffodils and tulips in our gardens. This spring will for sure be different than the past several years. For the first time in a while we do not need to worry about the Red River flooding considering very little snow that the winter brought to us.

As we look forward to our get-together for the Spring Brunch Event, you should know that the Board is looking forward to filling several openings. These include positions of: vice president, secretary, treasurer, membership chair, program coordinator/s, and interest group coordinator.

Historically, the Board has had a challenge recruiting officers, so if you are interested in any of these positions, please let us know. The installation of new officers will be made at the Spring Event.

Take a moment to check out the NDSU Women’s Club webpage available at the following link: [http://www.ndsu.edu/diversity/diversityatndsu/wwwndsuedudiversitynsuwomensclub/](http://www.ndsu.edu/diversity/diversityatndsu/wwwndsuedudiversitynsuwomensclub/)

We are appreciative of the personnel at the NDSU Equity and Diversity Office who helped us put together this webpage. Also thank you to those board members who provided valuable comments and contributions in this project.

It has been my pleasure to serve as the President of the NDSU Women’s Club this year. I enjoyed working on the Board and contributing to the history of the club as I share the Club’s mission and its values. Thank you for your support and best wishes for a successful year.

Tatjana Miljkovic, President

The NDSU Women’s Club webpage now offers members and interested applicants information and links to our membership brochure and each of the past year’s newsletters. Share our story!
An update on NDSU Women’s Club Scholarship news:

This year, in order to reach a greater number of students regarding our scholarship, the Board agreed to publicize our scholarships to students differently. On January 10, 2012, each of NDSU’s eight Academic Colleges as well as the Equity and Diversity office were sent our scholarship guidelines and application form requesting that the department heads send this information to faculty and the general student listserv. This has had the desired outcome by yielding a greater response from students and faculty already. It has resulted in numerous inquiries plus at least three applications thus far.

Hopefully by our deadline of April 30, 2012, we will have a desirable number from which to select our scholarship recipient/s for the upcoming year of 2012-2013.

Judy Petermann, Vice President/Scholarship Coordinator

Housekeeping Changes to the Bylaws

In order to facilitate the most efficient processes for future Boards of the NDSU Women’s Club, the following Bylaws changes will be presented as a group for approval by the membership in attendance at the Business Meeting of the Spring Event, as is directed by the Bylaws of the NDSU Women’s Club. Underlined text is new text, replacing or adding to Articles currently in force. In parentheses are explanatory rationales for these changes.

- Article IV. Officers: "The officers of the Club constituting the Executive Board shall be those listed in the Bylaws, Article II, Sections I-IX." (to reinstate the Membership Chairperson(s) position)
- Article VI. Fiscal Year: "The fiscal year shall be June 1 - May 31." (to allow bills for the Spring Event to be paid before closing out the fiscal year)
- Article V. Meetings. Section II. "Officers elected shall assume office June 1." (to reflect the change in the fiscal year)

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- Article II. Section V. "The Treasurer shall be custodian of the funds of the Club and keep an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements." (deletes reference to maintaining a computer file of the membership and mailing addresses, since this will now be the responsibility of the Membership Chairperson)
- Article II. Section VII. DELETE second sentence: “The Coordinator shall appoint a chairperson for the interest groups that have not selected one.” (The chairperson should be selected by the women in the interest group.)
- Article II. Section IX. "The Membership Chairperson(s) shall maintain the computer database file of the membership, including email and mailing addresses." (the Executive Board recommends that this position be reinstated)
Monthly Interest Groups Keep NDSU Women’s Club Flourishing

The Interest Groups of NDSU Women’s Club offer us an abundance of opportunities to share enriching experiences — like January’s International Women’s night, hosted by Phyllis Peterson. Christel Hull introduced her hometown, Le Vesinet, just outside Paris, and members joined in to share a tasting of the best cuisine France has to offer.

Sample the diversity of interest groups NDSU Women’s Club has to offer. And if you’ve an idea for a new group to propose, let us know! Board members are interested in your suggestions and welcome your participation. Contact us personally or at our email address:

womensclub.ndsu@gmail.com

The NDSU Women’s Club Nominating Committee is now seeking applications and recommendations for the positions of Vice President (President-Elect), Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chair, Program Chair/s, and Interest Groups Coordinator for the 2012-13 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. Please reply promptly to give our hardworking committee time to recruit the upcoming board to be approved at Spring Event.

(Nominee’s) Name: _________________________________________________________

Board Position Preferred: __________________________________________________

Address: ________________________________________________________________

Preferred Telephone: _____________________________________________________

E-mail: _________________________________________________________________

Past involvement in NDSU Women’s Club (if known): ___________________________

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Nominations may be submitted to:
Bonnie Kirkpatrick, Ex Officio / Nominating Committee Chair
via e-mail at womensclub.ndsu@gmail.com (please be sure to put “Nomination” in the subject line)
Or mail to NDSU Women’s Club, PO Box 1404, Fargo ND 58107