

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE
University of Virginia
Women's Club

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Letter from the President

Dear Ladies,

This coming academic year, 2018-2019, will be the 70th ANNIVERSARY of our UVA WOMEN'S CLUB. LET'S CELEBRATE!!! Be sure to get in on the fun! If you have not already done so, send in your dues today.

The BIG NEWS this year is the updating of our Website, <http://www.indorgs.virginia.edu/womensclub/>. Click on this website and be astonished at all the information you will find. You can also Google "UVA Women's Club," and the site will come up. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to Rosemary Grisham and her husband Charles for this wonderful asset.

I urge you to Google the UVA Woman's Club Website. The website will be the way to know our club schedule, as well as to send updates immediately on the latest changes to any schedule. Just click on the menu to check on your Interest Group. If you do not have a computer, call someone in your Interest Group, or call me at 977-7286.

One great addition to our website is the membership roster, accessible by password. See the emailed version of this newsletter for the password. Any new member who did not make the Handbook deadline before publication can be added here without a problem. This password is in reference to the glorious sterling silver teapot that the original UVA Faculty Wives Club acquired and engraved with the date commemorating its founding year, 1949. The picture is above. You need to remember this password, SILVERTEAPOT, as it is about the only information NOT on the UVA Women's Club Website. The roster also now can include two phone numbers. Be sure to add your phone numbers and email address to the membership form you mail in along with your \$25.00 dues made out to UVA. Women's Club, mailed to UVA Women's Club, P.O. Box 5714, Charlottesville, VA 22905.

To enlighten us on the history of the website, I did a little digging and I asked Kris Bean and Laura Hoffman to fill me in. This is what I learned: Women's Club had an online presence in the early 90s. The designers of the early website are unknown at this time, but eventually Verna O'Connell asked her husband, John O'Connell, to sponsor Women's Club so that the website could be located on a UVA server and that its web address - its URL - would end in virginia.edu. Because the club is not an official part of the University, our website is grouped with the websites of other "independent organizations" that are typically student-run. That is why the website URL includes the term "indorgs." Later, in 2010, Kris and Laura worked as a team to redesign the early website and add pages on various club activities and groups. Laura had experience designing and maintaining her own website, but Kris had to learn Dreamweaver from scratch, with Laura's help. They had to acquire UVA digital IDs and passwords to have access to the UVA



site. James Hilton, Molly Hilton's husband, helped guide them through the process. Upon John O'Connell's retirement, Kris's husband, John Bean, assumed the sponsorship of the website. Upon the recent retirement of Kris's and Laura's husbands, a new sponsor was needed. The UVA Women's Club is so fortunate to have Charles Grisham, Rosemary's husband, willing to step into this role. Due to his background in publishing his own books, he has used this knowledge to our advantage.

Plan now to attend our FALL MEETING, Wednesday September 12, 2018, from 1:30 to 4:00 at St Paul's Episcopal Church, Ivy. Come on time so you will have an hour to visit with friends, enjoy dessert together, and sign up for the various Interest Groups. You may want to bring a check book to pay the small fees associated with some groups or events, and also bring candy, or a donation for candy, to help with the Trick or Treat on the Lawn, one of our annual On-Grounds Philanthropy Projects.

We are so fortunate to have such knowledgeable and capable members willing to lead our Interest Groups and for members willing to host these events. Please be sure to thank them for their effort and help out in any way you can. I urge you to take advantage of at least one Interest Group activity: Antiques, Book, Crafty Ladies, Garden, Gourmet~Foodies, Hiking~Walking, and/or Trips. Not only will you have a chance to learn, but also cement friendships that will last a lifetime. Specifically, invite any new qualified friends to join. Remember, this may be the only way they know about the Club. Our club is a wonderful way to connect to the UVA community. If you would like to establish another interest group, please contact me. Your ideas are always welcomed!

We have the privilege of Professor A. E. Dick Howard speaking to us this year. As a continued celebration of the 800th anniversary of the Magna Carta, his topic will be "Magna Carta's American Adventure." Professor Howard is one of the preminent scholars on the United States Constitution. His biography is so interesting we have included an abbreviated form below.

The Newcomers Coffee will be held Thursday, October 11, 10:00, at the home of Ramona Shugart, 107 Cannon Place, Charlottesville, 22901-2109. This is a wonderful way to introduce new ladies to our club. Please consider who you would like to invite and plan to come along with them.

Edith Weber and Liz Marshall have already scheduled our fall trip October 18, 2018, to Poplar Forest, Thomas Jefferson's retreat in Bedford, Virginia and to lunch at Peaks of Otter Restaurant. Send a check for \$90 made out to Edith Weber, to her home at 1308 Lester Drive, Charlottesville, 22901-3144. If the trip is full, she will put you on a list in case there is a future opening. October 18th is two months away, and occasionally someone's schedule will change and they have to drop out.

We will celebrate again at our Valentine Tea, Feb 13th at Darden. Lou Williams and Marlene Stoner have arranged a glorious room for our party. More details will follow.

Additional club-wide events will include another Newcomers Coffee, March 29, 2019, an Evening at the Theatre musical, "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," April 26, 2019, 7:00 at the Culbreth Theatre, and the May Spring Luncheon, Greencroft Club in Ivy. Remember to check our website: <http://www.indorgs.virginia.edu/womensclub/> for our calendar and details.

I particularly want to thank Gale McCartney, Grace Giras, Rosemary Grisham, the Officers, Board Members, and each of the Interest Group chairs for all their work.

I am looking forward to seeing you September 12th!

Theodora Carey