

Champaign Urbana's Junior Woman's Club

May 2008

Dear Club Members and Friends:

Congratulations on another fun-filled, accomplished year of CUJWC! It feels like a footnote, but shouldn't be: **your contributions this past year have made C-U a better community!**

As we transition from one club year into the next, I again encourage you to ask yourself how you'd like to participate in the leadership of club. We have a fabulous Executive Board lined up for 2008-2009 (if I do say so myself!), and I know we will continue to make a difference. However, due to declining numbers of active members for various reasons, we do not have enough people to continue to do all the things we've done in years past.

This meeting's vote on 2008-2009 Projects is an important choice to focus our limited time on the things that are most important to the group. As is the Board's decision to waive hours requirements for this next club year, which is a decision we hope will make membership less intimidating to new guests as well as easier for current members to just jump into service activities, rather than spending time calculating and processing forms.

I feel that there must be a deadline to fill chair positions, and if there is no one to do that job by that time, we will not undertake it. Please see the "wish list" of jobs which are available (listed later in this journal and on the clipboards), consider which one you'd feel strongly about if it were gone, and sign up to chair something. These tasks are not difficult, but they do take a responsible commitment and are helpful to the function of club, and there are people around who can advise and assist as necessary.

I know that people are averse to being on Board because it comes with one extra meeting a month, but face-to-face discussions really are the best way to accomplish things. The one-hour (usually) get-togethers are vital to the teamwork aspect of the club leadership, and to keeping everyone on the same page. If this club is to have future Executive Board leadership, it needs to have experienced people who have attended board meetings and feel comfortable with the procedures and policies practiced there. Most people who have been on board have said they feel more connected, involved, and informed because of going to these gatherings. It's not rocket science, but it IS where the action is!

The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined effort of each individual. ~Vince Lombardi

Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the common people to attain uncommon results. ~Andrew Carnegie

Thanks for all your support over the past year. I wish you all well over the
~ Sandy



Summary of Board Activity from May 5, 2008:

1. Amanda Ressel moved to accept Susan Gonzalez as an active member for club year 2008-2009. Motion passed.
2. AR moved to accept the resignation of Cara Marcum, effective club year 2008-2009. Motion passed.
3. AR moved to change the members' hours requirements to: "Active & Provisional members are expected to participate in the designated Ways & Means event of each club year. Provisional members must attend fall orientation and one board meeting during their provisional year", effective club year 2008-2009. Motion passed.

CHAIRS NEEDED:

The following positions are open for club year 2008-2009. Please sign up on the clipboards or e-mail me if you are interested in serving in one of these positions, or if you need information on what that position entails. If any position is not filled by **September 1st**, that activity will not be done by club next year.

Thanks, Sandy (sandmc@juno.com, 356-2915)

Board Chairs

Dinner Meeting Coordinator
Funds Dist/Overall Projects
Journal/Calendar
Juniorettes Liaison
Past President
Publicity
TT Business Manager
W & M Underwriting

Non-Board Chairs

*Healthy Young Families**
*Crisis Nursery**
*DSC**
*Educational Emphasis**
*RIF**
Environment (tabs/pill bottle)
Long Range Planning
Programs
Scholarship
Scrapbook/Historian
Social
Web Administrator
Yearbook

Tom Thumb Chairs (non-brd)

Director(s)
Buffet
Costumes
Music/Choreography
Programs
Raffle
Scenery
Souvenirs
Stage Crew
Tickets
Ushers
Posters/Flyers

*dependent on 5/12 vote

This coming Tuesday is a Super Tuesday for JWC. We will be voting on so many things!!! Come one, come all (please come all because we need a quorum which is 2/3 of our active and tenured membership – which is 26 members!) Please return your votes via email (reply and indicate yes or no on officers and amendments to bi-laws 1-4, you can vote differently on each amendment, they are not a package deal) or attend the meeting on Tuesday to cast your votes. I cannot stress enough how important it is that we have a quorum of our membership vote on the below. If you have any questions at all, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for taking the time to read and answer.

The 2008-09 slate of officers is as follows:

Candidate President: Sandy Burt

Joined Club in 1998 Exec Board: Recording Secretary 2005/2006, 1st VP 2006/2007, President 2007/2008
Board Positions: Hours 2005/2006, Long Range Planning 2003/2004, 2004/2005, Federation 2003/2004, 2005/2006, Journal/Calendar 2002/2003, Overall Projects 2001/2002
Non Board Chair Positions: Tom Thumb tickets 2005, Stage Manager 2008, Babysitting 2003/2004, Yearbook 1999, 2001, Educational Emphasis 2000/2001
Committees: Scholarship 2004, Funds Distribution 2003, 2005, AGG Planning
Projects: Centerpoint, Conservation/IPA, Crisis Nursery, DSC, Educational Emphasis, Operation Smile, RIF, Special Services Day, Day in the Park, Taste of CU, Relay for Life, Adopt-a-Room at CWT
Ways and Means: AGG, Bake Sale Co-Chair 2001, PF, TT Federation Events: Membership Report 2003, Spring District Convention 2002, GFWC Illinois State Convention 2006 & 2007

Candidate Vice President: Laurie Johnson

Joined club in 1999 Past board position: Overall Projects 2007-2008
Other Positions: Dinner Co-Chair, Nametag Chair (twice), Healthy Young Families Chair, Scholarship Chair, Tom Thumb: Buffet chair, music/choreography chair, make-up chair

Candidate Secretary: Stephanie Alumbaugh

Joined club in 2005 Board Position: Dinner Meeting Chair 2007-08
Other: TT actress 06-07, 07-08, TT buffet, Crisis Nursery Holiday Shop & Snacks, DSC golf outing, Healthy Young Families

Candidate Treasurer: Regina Leuck

Joined club in 2005 Board Position: Hours Chair 2007-08
Other: TT Buffet Chair 06-07, 07-08, TT: Raffle sales, Ad sales, program & flier counting and distribution. Healthy Young Families. Crisis Nursery: snacks, Easter baskets, Holiday Shop. DSC: Golf outing, cookies, wine tasting event. Educational Emphasis. RIF: stamp & sort, distribution.

Proposed amendments to Bi-Laws

1. To change Bi-Law Article IV – Officers Sec. 5. Duties. to combine the duties of (a) First Vice President and (b) Second Vice President creating one new position known as Vice President.
2. To change Bi-Law Article IV – Officers Sec. 5. Duties. to combine the duties of (d) Recording Secretary and (e) Corresponding Secretary creating one new position known as Secretary.
3. To change Bi-Law VIII, Section 2. a. 1. to include the following: One member shall be elected from the Board of Directors, and 3 from the membership at large when the active membership is under 50 members. **(Previous nominating committee standards were for an active membership of 100)**
4. To change B-Law V – Meetings, Sec. 4. (a) Voting: When a quorum is present, a majority of votes cast, ignoring blanks, shall be sufficient for adoption of any motion, and for the election of officers; except that motions of dissolution shall require a two-thirds vote. Amendments to the bylaws shall require a two-thirds vote of active membership. **(Previous bi-law stated that you needed a 2/3 vote of your total membership to change a bi-law, we are asking to change it to 2/3 of active members, excluding tenure status)**

Happy May Birthdays!

Stephanie Alumbaugh 5/29

Karen Werth 5/31



Mary Beth sent me this picture of her son, Grahame, from China! She comes home with him this week.