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Our website is boulderuwc.org

Special Thank You Video's from our **Scholarship Recipients**

Visit our website to see recordings from our recipients:

http://boulderuwc.org/videos

Centennial Gala Canceled

We are not able to hold the event May 15

Introducing our 2020-21 Scholarship Recipients

Although we were not able to have our Scholarship Luncheon this year, we are pleased to announce our six Scholarship Recipients



Khrystyne Bata



Debby Bates



Alana Brummel



Samuel Lillibridge



Marissa Palamara



Paula Chacon Urrego

Generous donations have made these scholarships available to our scholarship recipients for the 2020-21 academic year. More information on pages 3 and 4 and on our website: http://boulderuwc.org/scholarships/current-scholarship-recipients/

President's Message



Merry Bullock, UWC President, 2019-20

What a year this has been! We celebrated UWC's 100th birthday and hosted a year of lecture luncheons focused on history. We went online for payments and registrations. And now, we are ending the UWC year with virtual contact only, as we collectively take to our homes to battle a world pandemic, and cope with physical isolation and an uncertain future.

As of this writing, in April, we do not know how the rest of the year will unfold. But, because almost all UWC members fall into the most vulnerable demographic group, we are pretty certain that it will not be "business as usual" when UWC resumes its activities in the fall. At its April meeting (held via ZOOM, with 21 board members attending), your Board decided to cancel (not postpone) the rest of the spring events. After much discussion, the Board also opted to prepare for a "virtual" fall, with our regular complement of membership activities.

We intend to fulfill UWC's mandate to promote friendships, mutual interests, and service. We don't know yet how this will work out for all our activities, but the UWC Board is planning to fill your second Tuesdays with virtual Lecture Luncheons (via webinar), and to hold social events (via ZOOM) and explore new ways to engage. Although we will miss the 100th anniversary Gala, we will collectively find ways to experience and celebrate together.

There are some milestones to celebrate! This spring, UWC awarded scholarships to six non-traditional CU students. You can read their bios in this issue of MESSAGES. The students were not able to attend a scholarship luncheon to celebrate their accomplishments and hear their stories, but they did graciously tape thank you videos that will be posted online along with their bios.

Another milestone is that UWC is launching a new and updated website that will feature regularly rotating photos, easy to find registration and membership forms, and a colorful layout. We hope that you will explore it, and will use that as your gateway into UWC activities as the year progresses.

For many of us, UWC interest group activities have been a pivotal in our social, intellectual and fitness lives. While some interest groups can continue to meet online and share learning, discussion or even knitting or music, others cannot continue without physical contact. This gives us all, as part of the UWC community, an opportunity to think about how we can promote our shared interests, and how we can continue to be a part of each other's social and community lives. In addition, our traditional end-of-the year celebration, thank you's, passing of the gavel, and UWC and presidential awards will take place unusually this year — online and in photos that will be shared in the first MESSAGES of the 2020-21 year.

In closing, I want to thank each and every one of you for your engagement in UWC, your membership, and your friendship. It has been an honor and delight to serve as this year's president and to work with an amazingly accomplished and active Board. I know I am turning over a vibrant and healthy UWC to the next President, Janet Brewer, and look forward to greeting you all in my new Past-President role!

I wish each of you safety and health as we continue to weather the coming months. Please stay tuned to your email for updates, and please find one reason for gratitude each day!

Merry

Our 2020-21 UWC Scholarship Recipients



Khrystyne Bata

Khrystyne exemplifies the saying "Pull yourself up by your bootstraps." She had a rough childhood, coming from a broken home with an abusive and alcoholic mother. She went to eight different high schools before dropping out from discouragement and frustration. At the age of 18, after completing her GED, she was accepted into the armed forces where she served for eight years. She met her husband at her first duty station of Buckley Air Force Base. They moved to Colorado in 2015 after serving together. She has a son Hunter.

In order to restart her formal education, she attended Front Range Community College in 2017, then entered CU in 2019. Having a natural ability in accounting, she entered Leeds School of Business

where she has a 3.5 GPA. This is especially commendable since her high school education was so deficient. Khrystyne has a special empathy for the homeless and those with financial insecurity having experienced this herself. Her aspiration is to help others using her business skills and knowledge.



Debby Bates

Not only is Debby Bates a first-generation college student, she is also a non-traditional student returning to her education as an adult. Her world was turned upside down when her eldest son age 10, was diagnosed with cancer. She learned first-hand where the system was lacking for children, families and parents going through such a catastrophic event. Through her education she plans to become an art therapist working in a children's cancer hospital. Her compassion, coupled with skills acquired in college, will enable her to assist families navigating the upheaval in their lives emotionally and physically. When families are stretched beyond capacity, she aims to offer a therapeutic approach replacing extreme fear and isolation with

support, guidance, tolerance and kindness. Debby is an inspiration in her compassionate drive.



Alana Brummel

At one time Alana Brummel defined herself as a drug addict, living a life without discipline or hope. Four years ago she became pregnant and realized she would be parenting alone. With hard work and determination, she overcame her drug addiction. She transformed her life because her child was dependent upon her. Alana enrolled at Southwest Community College in Memphis.

Today she is an honor student at CU majoring in mechanical engineering. She is passionate about preserving the earth and the systems that support human life. Alana believes that energy generation and consumption are the largest threats to nature. She plans

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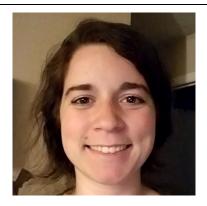
to study the various energy solutions to discover how they can work together effectively.

Our 2020-21 UWC Scholarship Recipients (continued)



Samuel Lillibridge

Sam came from a family of low income and academics was not a top priority. He received an AA Degree and was on the rowing team, but did not have the finances to continue. He enlisted in the United States Marines. While in the Marines, he and his wife had two children, Hayden and Logan. He felt that he now had the tremendous responsibility to provide not only sustenance, but a life of which to be proud. He has started back at CU to finish his education, majoring in Economics with a grade point of 3.7. In his words, "I take my education so seriously that I consider it the make or break in the outcome of my family's lives. The most important thing to me is being a great father to my kids and setting the example for them."



Marissa Palamara

The trajectory of Marissa's life is wonderful to behold. Powered by enormous determination, resourcefulness, pure hard work, and (she is very quick to emphasize) the unwavering support of her grandparents, she has launched herself from a childhood in a small rural town in western Pennsylvania to being a successful aerospace engineering student with big dreams. Marissa's favorite book is *Endurance* by the astronaut, Scott Kelly. That word so well describes Marissa as she went through setbacks. An undiagnosed medical condition caused her to lose her first university scholarship, and she thus had to leave that university for community college. She rebounded with appropriate treatment, and with great perseverance, set about regaining her goals to become an engineer. Eventually, that

effort resulted in her being accepted into CU's aerospace engineering program. She became involved with CU's Sounding Rocket Lab where she has already had hands-on experience building a small rocket. She says, "I plan on continuing to work hard every day to meet my goals," which include working in the space industry, getting a graduate degree, and even of applying to the astronaut program.



Paula Chacon Urrego

Paula Chacon Urrego describes herself as motivated, persistent and goal oriented. Growing up in an impoverished section of Bogota, she lived with her parents and extended family. At age eight, she took care of her siblings while her parents worked 16-hour days. In high school, Paula applied for a hotel job, but was refused employment because she was not fluent in English. Undeterred, she won placement in a specialized program for English studies. While working full time in Bogota after high school, Paula got an associate degree in tourism management. With her savings, she came to Boulder to work as an *au pair* and took community college courses necessary for entrance to CU. Now she is studying marketing, is married, hopes to get an MBA and start her own business. Her

mother's unwavering support of her dreams inspired Paula to be the first in her family to earn a university degree.

Scholarships to be Awarded & Donations

Congratulations UWC membership! With your generous donations we have reached our goal to fund six scholarships for the coming year. Donations were \$562 more this year than a year ago. In March we received over \$3,800 in scholarship donations. When we had to cancel the Opera Brunch, the Scholarship Luncheon, and the May Centennial Gala, many members chose to donate their payments to our Scholarship Fund. This included \$420 from the canceled Scholarship Luncheon, \$1,300 from the Opera Brunch and \$120 from the Centennial Gala.

A special thank you to all those donating this year! Reading the stories of our recipients, you can see how your generosity can have a positive influence in their lives!

Margaret Riddle, Scholarship Chair

Donors to this Year's Scholarship Fund between March 1 and 31, 2020

Pat	Angell	Karen	Haimes	Beth	Rauch
Lynn	Barrett	Isabelle	Henderson	Judy	Reid
Karen	Bell	Frieda	Holley	Sandra	Reynolds
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Sue	Collard	Diana	King	Berry	Todd
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Karen	Diamond	Karen	Neff	Leota	Voll
Arlene	Gerwin	Linda	Nordberg	Linda	Warfield
Helen	Goldman	Becky	Palmer	Lyn	Wickelgren
Mary	Greenwald	Mary	Pierce		

Donors contributed more than the amount included in annual dues and many donated their payments for canceled spring events.

Donations in Memorium

You can make a special gift "In Memory Of" or "In Honor Of" someone, at any time (see Membership Form, page 13). Online donations can now be made "In Memory of" and "In Honor of" at: http://boulderuwc.org/donate-to-the-uwc-scholarship-fund/

Next Year's Board Members

Next year's board members will assume their positions in mid-May.

2020-21 Board		
President	Janet Brewer	
President-elect	Tamera Van Spriell	
Secretary	Karen Bell	
Treasurer	Kathy Herder	
Past President	Merry Bullock	
Advisory/Parliamentarian	Frieda Holley	
Communications	Betty Huff	
Historian/Handbook	Vacant	
Honors Reception	Vacant	
Lecture Registration Chair	Lynne Barnett	
Interest Groups	Helen Hooper	
Margaret Willard Award	Kathleen Peterson	
Membership	Karen Neff	
New Members	Kathy Terrill	
Email/Directory	Berry Todd	
MESSAGES	Merry Bullock	
Nominating Committee	Arlene Gerwin	
Opera Brunch	Sandra Johnson	
Program Co-Chairs	Norma Portnoy, Sharon Nehls	
Scholarship Committee	Marge Riddle	
Scholarship Luncheon	Mary Pierce	
Telephone Tree	Helen Hooper	
Document Repository	Vacant	
Website	Joyce Spencer	
Secretary Elect	Karen Bell	
Treasurer Elect	Kathy Herder	

Seeking a Historian!

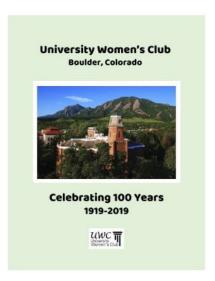
The Board of the University Women's Club has an opening for the position of **Historian** effective May 5, 2020 - May, 2021. The ideal candidate should be someone who enjoys photography, has her own equipment and is familiar with digital platforms. The Historian photographically documents all UWC events, submits pictures for *MESSAGES* and compiles a book of the year's activities. If this sounds fun to you, please contact Janet Brewer at <a href="https://documents.org/dtiple/dtiple/documents/dtip

Are You or Other Member(s) in Need of Support?

IN THESE DIFFICULT TIMES – Now more than ever, it is important to reach out. If you or a member you know, is in need of us to reach out with a card, note, or other personal contact due to illness, death, or other reasons for support, please contact Betty Huff, 303-919-8712, bethuff1@msn.com.

UWC Centennaíl

Our Centennial Book has been distributed to 250 members (or picked up by a friend)! We still have about 100 more members to whom we are trying to deliver a copy.



Thanks to our generous sponsors, this book is **FREE** to our members.

The book is approximately 100 pages of history and photos. It took about two years to generate it.

When we are able to once again to enjoy our activities by getting together, we will work on getting the Centennial Book to the members who have not yet received a copy.

DO YOU LIKE PHOTOGRAPHY & ON-LINE SCRAPBOOKS?

The UWC Historian position is both interactive and creative. The Historian collects photographs of all UWC events and interest groups, submits pictures for *MESSAGES*, and compiles a digital photo book highlighting the year's activities. Current Historian, Berry Todd, is happy to help out the new Historian in whatever way necessary for a smooth transition, including a tutorial on using digital photo book formats. It's a great way to meet UWC members.

If this sounds fun to you, please contact incoming President Janet Brewer at dtbj/deaol.com or 720-562-8254.

Donations to UWC through Shopping

TWO WAYS for UWC to receive contributions at NO cost to you, through your purchases:

AMAZON SMILE: For UWC to receive donations, link your Amazon account to the University Women's Club of the University of Colorado at Boulder, through **smile.amazon.com**. After your account is linked just shop using the smile.amazon.com website.

To link your account, go to https://smile.amazon.com/ch/84-1342699.

With all the on-line COVID-19 shopping—This is a great way to help raise scholarship monies!





KING SOOPER: If you donate through King Sooper registration to another organization, please consider donating a for a few months to UWC. To do this, please register your SooperCard/Loyalty card by doing the following:

- Go to the King Soopers Web site and sign in to your digital account (at the bottom See Community and click on Rewards.) or type in or link to:

 www.kingsooperscommunityrewards.com.
- Click on "Enroll Now" and enroll your Loyalty number for rewards to University Womens Club (or search on PJ370.) If you do not have your telephone number registered with King Soopers already, you can create a new account.

Questions? Contact Kathy Herder herders2@yahoo.com. If you have ANY trouble enrolling, please let Kathy know as there are some instances that require additional assistance. See more on our website:

http://boulderuwc.org/support-uwc/

What has been Happening - during the Pandemic Quarantine?

First UWC "ZOOMING" Board Meeting

Although not able to meet in person this month due to the state-wide "Stay at Home" ordered issued by Governor Polis, your Board persevered with planning for the remainder of this year and thoughts for next year.



Row 1 (L-R): Caroll Kalafus, Merry Bullock, Berry Todd, Janet Brewer, Diana King Row 2: Frieda Holley, Karen Bell, Kathryn Wardell, Arlene Gerwin, Sharon Nehls Row 3: Sandy Johnson, Marge Riddle, Joyce Spencer, Karen Neff, Nancy Liggett Row 4: Kathy Terrill, Kathy Herder, Betty Huff, Lynne Barnet, Norma Portnoy Row 5: Helen Hooper (present)

Many Interests Groups Continue as well.

Zooming 2nd Monday Book Group



Row 1 (L-R): Janet Evans, Lois Kraft, Jean Rohrschneider, Kathryn Wardell Row 2: Carrol Kalafus, Diana King, Kathleen Newton, Anitta Frant puppy Row 3 Helen Hooper cat, Julianne Cassady, Roberta Kimmel, Judy Hart

Zooming Advanced Spanish Conversation



Top Row Arlene Gerwin, Diana King, Andie Kutinsky Bottom Row: (Maestro) Varón Osorio, Kathryn Wardell (L to R):

Zooming Beginning Spanish



(Lto R) Jane Chicoine and Helen Williams joined Maestro Juan Carlos (upper right)

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Interest Group Times & Places	Chair(s) Information	Special Notes
Bicycling Meets every Thursday from May through October.	Gail Smith (303-960-5004) Gail2143@comcast.net	An email prior to the ride will provide time and meeting place. Please contact for details.
Bicycling – Easy Riders Wednesdays from May through October.	Mary Greenwald (303-443-6478) m.b.greenwald@comcast.net (Cell 303-817-2117)	An email prior to the ride will provide time and meeting place. Please contact the chair for more information.
Book Group – Biographies Third Thursday 1:30 p.m.	Gina Cook (630-862-5707) ginacook95@gmail.com	Please contact chair for details.
Book Group – Evening Second Thursday 7:15 p.m.	Linda Toomre (303-818-5550) linda.toomre@comcast.net Gina Cook (630-862-5707	Please RSVP to the chairs.
Bridge on Wednesday First Wednesday 1:00-3:00 p.m. Members' homes.	ginacook95@gmail.com Ginnie Ross (303-442-6014) vross921@gmail.com	Please contact chair for details.
French Conversation - All Speaking Levels 2nd and 4th Wednesdays 10-11:30 a.m. Panera Bread, 29th Street Mall	Beth Karpf (303-862-7335) bethk@alum.mit.edu	Please contact chairs for details. All levels of French speaking ability accepted and welcome.
Garden Group Usually meets third Wednesdays from April to October.	Jyotsna Raj (303-447-8831) <u>jyotsna.raj@colorado.edu</u> Jean Rohrschneider (720-542- 9788) <u>jmrohrsc@hotmail.com</u> (Cell 206-251-6256)	Please contact chairs for details.
Golfing For the Casual Golfer. Times vary.	Susan Planck (303-499-3916) plancksusan@gmail.com	Please contact chair for details.
Hiking Every Friday Meet east end of the lower level of Macy's parking garage.	Heidi Lynch (303-494-2879) hslynch@comcast.net Frieda Holley (303-499-3733) holleyf@msudenver.edu	This year-round group meets at 9:00 a.m., September to May and at 8:30 a.m., June to August.
Italian Conversation Every Wednesday 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. The "Y," 2850 Mapleton Avenue	Maxene Wilson (303-530-4619) mhgwilson1@gmail.com	Contact chair for details.
Music Time varies Second Mondays of most months Members' homes.	Carol Green (720-508-417) carolgreen802@gmail.com	We especially welcome new performers. Contact chairs for details.
Needlecraft Second and Fourth Thursdays 1:30 p.m.	Ginnie Ross (303-442-6014) vross921@gmail.com Georgianne Campbell (303-499- 2798) rpcampbell@att.net	Email will provide details.
On the Road Again Various times, various venues	Kathy Randall (303-530-1095) katherineran@gmail.com	Email will provide details.
Out to Lunch Fourth Wednesday 12 p.m. Meet at the restaurant at noon.	Jyotsna Raj (303-447-8831) <u>jyotsna.raj@colorado.edu</u> Jean Rohrschneider(720-542- 9788) <u>jmrohrsc@hotmail.com</u> (Cell 206-251-6256)	Email will provide details.

Interest Group Times & Places (continued)	Chair(s) Information	Special Notes
Readers' Theatre 2 Third Monday 6:30 p.m. Meeting Room at Presbyterian	Patty Ludke (303-817-1020) pattycake.21@juno.com	Email will provide details.
Manor Senior	Kathy Randall (303-746-4528) <u>katherineran@gmail.com</u>	
Snowshoeing Thursdays Location to be determined.	Mary Greenwald (303-443-6478) m.b.greenwald@comcast.net	In need of a new chairperson for this season. Please call Mary Greenwald to volunteer!
Spanish Conversation Advanced Most Wednesdays 3:30 p.m.	Diana King (303-530-1860) dianaking.boulder@gmail.com	Please contact chair for meeting place, time, and details.
Spanish Learners Beginners & Intermediates Wednesdays and Fridays new location is in the lower level of the Boulder Junction Roadhouse	Jane Chicoine(720-328-8590) jane.chicoine@comcast.net	Contact chair to join a group session to learn or improve your beginning Spanish. Beginners are meeting at 10 a.m. on Wednesdays and Intermediates at 9 a.m. on Fridays (new day and time)
Sunday Afternoon at the Movies Matinee second Sunday	Diane Thoms dcthoms@yahoo.com	Email provides details of movie selection and meeting time. Please contact chairs to
Local movie theatre	Kathleen Peterson (303-579-3652) kathleenp333@gmail.com	join the list.
Theater Goers Date and Location Varies	Gail Moyes (303-786-9142) gpmoyes@gmail.com	Contact one of the co-chairs for details.
	Nancy Olman (513-404-4632) oivinenancy39@gmail.com	

The following Interest Groups are part of the UWC, but currently are full:

Interest Group	Chair(s)
Book Group—Afternoon	Phylliss Stenger
Book Group – The Bookies	Kathy Randall
Book Group Small - Fiction and Non-Fiction	Joyce Bograd
Book Group – Second Monday	Helen Hooper
French Conversation	Dot Thompson
Readers' Theatre 1	Jeannette Hillery

To start a new interest group requires at least five members including a chairperson.

If you would be interested to start another new group, please contact the Interest Group Coordinator for more information: Nancy Liggett, neliggett@gmail.com

To form a new book group, contact Kathy Randall (303-530-1095).

UWC Boulder Membership Form - 2019-20

Welcome! Please fill out the membership form completely, even if you were a member last year. It is important that we verify all the information presently in the database. Please print clearly, especially your email address and check if it is an update.

MESSAGES newsletters will be emailed to our membership.

The UV	NC members	hip year runs	s from September 1 to A	lugust 31.
Karen Neff, Membership Chair 303-494-0467 uwcmembershipchair@gmail.com			Kathryn Terrill, New Member Chai 303-530-9438	
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2019-20 Calendar

September	3	Board Meeting	
	10	MESSAGES Deadline	
	10	Membership Coffee/Tea	
October	8	Board Meeting	
	10	MESSAGES Deadline	
	15	Lecture Luncheon: CU Natural History Museum	
	15	Membership Deadline for Name to Appear in Directory	
November	5	Board Meeting	
	10	New Member Wine and Cheese	
	15	MESSAGES Deadline	
	12	Lecture Luncheon: Climate of Colorado over Last 100 Years, Dr. Russ Schmacher	
December	*	No Meetings or MESSAGES deadline	
	12	University Women's Club Day 100 Years!	
January	7	Board Meeting	
	10	MESSAGES Deadline	
	14	Lecture Luncheon: Story of LBBJ the First Black Woman CU Graduate, Dr. Polly McLean	
February	4	Board Meeting	
	10	MESSAGES Deadline	
	11	Lecture Luncheon: Mona Lambecht, Curator of History & Collections, CU	
		Heritage Ctr.	
March	3	Board Meeting	
	10	MESSAGES Deadline	
	10	Lecture Luncheon: Patty Limerick, Center for the American West	
	15	Opera Brunch - Canceled	
April	7	Board Meeting - by Zoom	
	10 21	MESSAGES Deadline	
		Scholarship Luncheon – Canceled	
May	5	Tri-Board Meeting - by Zoom	
	15	UWC Centennial Celebration Gala Evening - Canceled	

Executive Board 2019-20

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Scholarship Luncheon	Mary Pierce
Telephone Tree	Linda Blomquist Helen Hooper
Website	Joyce Spencer
Secretary Elect	Karen Bell
Treasurer Elect	Kathy Herder