

Over a Century of Service

Founded in 1909, the University of Kentucky Woman's Club, UKWC, has a dual purpose: social activities for its members and service to the University. Originally established as a faculty wives' club dedicated to the well-being of students, over the last century we have expanded to welcome women with any past or present affiliation with the University of Kentucky - faculty, staff, alumni, spouses and partners, students and friends.

Our membership includes women with a broad range of interests and experiences who come together to create a network of support through friendships, fun and volunteer service. We have career women from both the University and Bluegrass communities who enjoy associations with other professionals; retirees and homemakers with time to enjoy new leisure pastimes; and senior women who are passing along their wisdom and life experiences through our organic mentoring relationships, teaching the arts and handcrafting, sharing discussions and outings. We are a circle of dynamic women united in providing good will and service to students, while building strong bonds of friendship with each other.

Our social activities take place throughout the year, with a concentration during the academic year. We host a series of holiday events in December and activities and trips during the summer months. The UK Woman's Club offers many Interest Groups that provide something for everyone to enjoy. Among the Interest Groups we offer are those focused on art, bridge, golf, needlework, drama (reading plays together), book discussion, socializing 'after five', going out to dinner, cooking with friends, and enjoying trips to area attractions. Each year we gather for four luncheons with interesting speakers.

We raise funds continuously with a variety of activities to provide full, or as near full as possible, undergraduate in-state tuition scholarships for nontraditional UK students. Since inception of the Aid Fund in 1973, we have awarded scholarships totaling almost \$600,000. In recent years we have been able to award the equivalent of three full-tuition scholarships each academic year. For the past four years, we have been able to award additional scholarships through the generosity of an anonymous family foundation. UKWC is deeply grateful to this family and our member who is affiliated with the foundation and has guided our Club toward this funding.

In addition, we support graduate students with fellowships through a \$200,000 endowment fund established at the University and administered in cooperation with the Graduate School. Since 2007, we have awarded over \$100,000 to graduate students. At this time, the UK Woman's Club Fellowship Endowment awards five \$2,000 fellowships every year.

Read the history of our more than a century of service on our website, ukwc.org, under the ABOUT US tab.

Join the Club! All women are eligible for membership! New members are always welcome!