



The Woman's Club
of Evanston

Building community, friendship and leaders

The Bulletin

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Club Events

April 4

Scrip Order Due

April 8

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Pickup

April 11-12

Dreams Delivered

April 15-20

Clubhouse
Cleanup

April 17

Annual High Tea

April 19

Program:
Women in
Shakespeare's
Plays

April 23

Spring Benefit

April 28

Book Buzz

From our President ~

Hello Dear Members,

With our last new member workshop this past month and the great conversations held at our World Café meetings, I've heard us express all that we gain from our membership. A chance to give back to the community, new leadership opportunities that have helped advance careers, friendships, laughter, fun, the chance to be supported and to support others are just a few of the common themes running through our conversations.

For me, I joined the club to participate in community events and give back. But I stayed engaged because of the friendships I have gained. In her book, "All the Single Ladies: Unmarried Women and the Rise of an Independent Nation" Rebecca Traister writes, "For many women, friends are our primary partners through life; they are the ones who move us into new homes, out of bad relationships, through births and illnesses. Even for women who do marry, this is true at the beginning of our adult lives, and at the end – after the death or divorce of a spouse." This rings so true to me as I have friends from the WCE who have seen me through so many stages in my life. It is such a gift to know so many intelligent, giving and fun women.

The Woman's Club of Evanston gives us such a wonderful opportunity to develop lasting friendships. It may take some time and it certainly takes each of us opening ourselves to one another. After all, it takes a long time to become good friends. But what better way to find and make friends than by working together to give back to our community. In the next few months of the club year, I encourage each of you to spend just a few minutes at each club event getting to know someone new. Welcome a new member. Sit with someone new at the dinners. Ask questions, listen and learn from one another. Take the initiative to meet as many members as you can. You will never know when you will strike the chord that will create a lasting bond of friendship.

We closed the curtain on another show, and Jessica Trent and her Brain Trust did a wonderful job making us laugh and raising some money in the process. Thanks Jessica and all who were involved in the show. Carola Espinoza ran the front of the house and concessions so smoothly and every one of her volunteers looked smashing in their sparkly green ties! Julie Garrison Gaines gave us a most beautiful yearbook and kudos to Jennifer Schuman and Robert Shiverts for the wonderful pictures of our members.

The New Member High Tea hosted by the Past Presidents and the Membership Committee is coming up on April 17. Please RSVP and come to welcome our new members to the club. Also, and not to be missed, our annual Spring Benefit is being held at the Saddle and Cycle Club in Chicago on April 23. Ticket sales are going fast so purchase yours today and join in the event benefiting Curt's Café South.

In friendship,

Jan Hartwell, President 2015-2016