Dear Members,

Since the December Newsletter so much has happened. My husband, Garnet and I have settled into our new home. My daughter, April visited for three weeks with her two children, Julianna 6 and William 1. It was a busy few weeks and it was fun but tiring with little ones running about. My older grandchildren Ethan 15 and Anna 13 are playing competitive volleyball and I was able to watch them play online thanks to streaming technology. Finally, spring is here and the snow in our yard has almost all melted. Fingers crossed! We didn’t get to travel this winter again with the move, but we are planning an extended vacation to Maui in the fall.

As my term as President is winding down, I reflected over the past 2 years on the executive on how resilient we all are to adapt and to find new ways to meet the primary purpose of our club of friendship within the University Community. The ups and downs of this virus have been a challenge to navigate, remember the best summer ever? Through all of that I believe I have made my best effort to engage, consult and uplift the members considering the circumstances.

The final event of the year and my last duty as President of the club is the AGM which will be held May 2 starting at 5 pm at the University Club, if practical to do so. Knowing that some of you may choose not to attend in person events yet, I am investigating the option of allowing members to attend virtually as well. Whichever way you decide to attend I look forward to seeing you.

The notification of the changes to the Constitution and summary of the survey were emailed out on April 1st. Please take time to review. You can contact me with any questions or concerns at:

president.fwc@gmail.com

Donna Gorday President 2021-2022—Stay Safe My Friends

This picture is from a past trip to the Pineapple Plantation on Maui. Looking forward to travelling again there soon

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A message from your President - Donna Gorday
SAVE THE DATES

AGM - May 2, 2002
Summer Celebration Tea – June 9, 2022
Wine & Cheese – September 20, 2022

Information for the AGM

2022 Executive Position Postings

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Summary of Executive Position Vacancies

Program Committee: The Program Committee plans events of general interest that gather the whole of the membership together. The Program Committee has 2-4 members, elected for a rolling two-year term. The committee schedules venues, events and speakers and works within a budget for these events.

Publicity involves occasionally communicating with university representatives to ensure FWC is represented at different events, attending a few new staff orientations to distribute brochures and information about the FWC to new employees, helping with the development of new promotional tools for the FWC, attending four to five Executive Board meetings per year, and writing brief reports for the minutes.
May 2, 2020 - Saskatchewan Room, University Club
5:30 Cash Bar, Dinner 6:00
7:00: Speaker - Dr Katia Tonkin MBBS MD FRCPC FRCP(UK)
Medical Cannabis what you always wanted to know.
8:00 Business Meeting

AGM MENU

SALAD
Spinach, Mushroom & Strawberry Salad topped with Crumbled Goat Cheese and Berry Vinaigrette

MAIN ENTREE
All Main Course Entrées include Chef’s Choice Potato, Fresh Seasonal Vegetables & Fresh Baked Dinner Rolls
Chicken Riviera - Pan-Fried Breast of Chicken dipped in a light egg wash, topped with a Wild Mushroom Sauce
OR
Salmon Fruit Salsa - Baked Filet of Salmon topped with Fresh Fruit Salsa
OR
Vegetarian Stir Fry -Teriyaki Sauce, mixed Seasonal Vegetables served on a bed of Rice

DESSERT
Deep Caramel Pecan Flan Crunchy Pecans with Caramel Filling

PRICE $60
Includes Salad, Main Entree, coffee, tea and Dessert

Register for the AGM Online at the FWC website
https://www.ualberta.ca/faculty-and-staff/groups-and-associations/faculty-womens-club/events-calendar.html
Pay online - etransfer payment to treasurer.fwc@gmail.com
Pay by Cheque, mail to: Lorraine Deydey, 4708-116A Street NW, Edmonton, AB, T6H 3R4 Make Cheque’s payable to FWC (Payment must be sent by April 27)
AGM Presenter

Dr Katia Tonkin MBBS MD FRCPC FRCP(UK)
Medical Oncologist
Cannabis Specialist
Professor Emeritus U of A
Having spent 30 years as a medical oncologist specializing in breast and gyn malignancies Katia retired from her more than full time job having published more than 80 papers and she started prescribing medical cannabis in 2017.
Katia has been very impressed at how cannabis works and how few side effects there are. There has been a lot of research already and much more is ongoing.

Membership and Directory Report

We hope everyone is well as we move forward after a trying two years. We are hoping to have some virtual activities this year as well as more of our usual in-person events for the coming 2022-23 year. So now it is time to remind members that there will be a membership fee for the 2022-23 year. The annual fee is $60.00 with an early bird fee of $50.00 if paid by the fall Wine and Cheese Social on September 20, 2022. The fee increase reflects the facts that membership has decreased, we have not collected dues for 2 years and costs have increased for all of our planned activities.

Registration can be completed online at https://uab.ca/fwc/ or in person at the AGM or Wine and Cheese. Payment can be made by E-transfer payable to treasurer.fwc@gmail.com or by cash, cheque, Visa or Mastercard in person at the AGM or Wine and Cheese Social.

Pat Petersen Tricia Unsworth
Membership Directory

TAKE CARE OF YOUR BODY. IT’S THE ONLY PLACE YOU HAVE TO LIVE IN.

Register On-line
Summer Celebration Tea

Thursday, June 9, 2022, 2-4pm

Please join us as we celebrate our long-standing members (25 years of FWC membership or more)!

Who: The Celebration is open to all members as we honour our members of long standing members.

When: On Thursday June 9 2-4pm.

Where: University Club, University of Alberta

What: There will be complimentary tea, coffee, and sweet treats for everyone to enjoy!

Parking: At the University Club or the Windsor Parking Lot. Parking is unfortunately not free.

If you require – or are willing to provide – a ride to and/or from the event: let Karen Doucet know BY June 1, 2022. Contact her with your home address and phone number (president.fwc@gmail.com or by phone as per the directory).

If you would like to attend the event: please RSVP directly to Karen (president.fwc@gmail.com) as soon as possible and by June 1 at the latest.
## 2021 - 2022 Long Standing FWC Members

### Gold Member: 50+ Years

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Our condolences...

Margaret H.M. Berry MacLean

Long Standing Member since 1950

MacLean, Margaret H.M. Berry
We are sad to announce the death of Margaret H. M. Berry MacLean on Monday, March 7, 2022, at the age of 92. Born in Moncton, NB, on February 28, 1930, she was the daughter of the late Bruce Maitland Berry and Helen Grace (Aiton) Berry. She was predeceased by her late husband, Dr. Hector R. MacLean.
Born in Moncton, NB, she attended Mount Allison University in New Brunswick (BSc, 1951) and the School of Dental and Oral Surgery at Columbia University in New York (BSc in Dental Hygiene, 1953). She returned to serve as New Brunswick’s first Provincial Dental Hygienist and then as Federal Dental Hygienist for Health and Welfare Canada.
In 1961, Margaret was appointed to establish the University of Alberta’s first School of Dental Hygiene, where she served as founding Director and Dean, followed by her retirement in 1975. In 2000, her accomplishments were recognized by the University of Alberta as recipient of the prestigious Bulyea Cup, the highest honour that the School of Dentistry confers on its faculty members, members of the dental and dental hygiene professions, and members of the community.
As a founding member of the Canadian Dental Hygienists Association, Margaret was awarded a Lifetime Membership as part of their 50th anniversary celebrations in 2016. Teaching was fundamental to her life, she maintained lifelong friendships with her students.
Margaret’s and Hector’s legacies at the University of Alberta continue through their endowments to the Schools of Dental Hygiene and Dentistry.
Margaret was active within the larger community. She enjoyed playing golf at the Royal Mayfair Golf and Country Club and was an avid student and player of bridge. When gardening in the backyard of her Windsor Park home, she was always in the company of her trusted and loved four-legged companion, Tigger. She rarely missed a Gray Cup game, and was always ready for a ‘chin-wag’ about almost any subject ... politics, business, cars, the NHL, or the U of A, the history of Windsor Park, or the best bread pudding in Edmonton. Her interests were as diverse as her thirst for learning. She felt knowledge was the greatest gift in life.
As well as intellectually curious, she was always adventurous. She enjoyed fly-fishing on the Miramichi River, skiing in the Rockies, and more esoteric activities like hot air ballooning over the Serengeti, exploring New Guinea, and sailing through the Galápagos Islands.
Whether recounting her experiences of partridge hunting, jungle safaris, or enjoying “pheasant under glass” at Raffles in Singapore, Margaret would tell the story with the same “matter of fact” attitude, never complaining and always encouraging others with this advice: “If you ever get the chance...do it.”
Margaret Berry MacLean lived each day to the fullest, and she advised everyone to “live without fear or regret, take chances, travel as widely as possible, and above all, continue, always, to learn.”
We extend our sincere thanks to the staff at CapitalCare Lynnwood, and to all the healthcare professionals who provided Margaret with exceptional care over the past two years. A private internment and celebration of Margaret’s life will be held at the Berry Family gravesite at Greenwood Cemetery in Hartland, NB.
Marg MacLean has been a member of the FWC since 1950.
Our most sincere sympathies to the family and friends of MacLean Margaret H Berry 2022..
The Extraordinary Lilian Green, Life & Times, by Anne Green

January 11 of this year, membership was treated to a lively and intimate presentation on the life & times of long time FWC member Lilian Green. Lilian was a beloved member of the FWC, participating in many interest groups, but especially appreciated by the French Conversation and Drawing groups.

As we listened to Lilian’s daughter Anne share Lilian’s family story, we all learned so much. We heard of her beginnings in India, of her wartime service and of her moves to England and then to Singapore. Finally, we heard about how she, her husband Leslie & daughter Anne made their home in Edmonton. The challenge of being slightly the stranger in a strange land & her deafness surely contributed to her strength of character.

Lilian was renowned for her gentile manners and warmth of personality. She was the consummate host.

Lilian Denise Green (née Meyer) passed away peacefully October 30th, 2020, a day prior to her 96th birthday. Her passing in the first year of the Coronavirus pandemic (November 2020) precluded the possibility of a proper memorial service. We certainly had the feeling that Anne appreciated the idea of sharing her mother’s history. Many of the members who attended the virtual presentation were very happy to share their own memories of Lilian.

For those that missed the presentation, there is a video available upon request. Please email vice.president.fwc@gmail.com.

We thank Anne for allowing us this precious insight into the life of her wonderful mother.
Virtual Luncheon and Lecture
Wednesday March 30, 2022

This year’s invited speaker was Katherine Koller, currently a Visitor in the Faculty of Arts (English and Film Studies Department). 28 members gathered (around our screens) for the Lecture.

During her lecture Katherine shared some insights into the particular identifiers of Indigenous writing. While speaking about the Indigenous concept of circular time she mentioned a quote from Thomson High-way’s Comparing Mythologies. In the moment she couldn’t locate the citation but shared it afterward:

*Existence in the universe is merely one endless circle of birth and life and death and re-birth, and life and death and re-birth and life and death so that those who lived in times before us — our mothers, our grandmothers, our great-grandmothers, those children of ours who have died, those loved ones— they live here with us, still, today, in the very air we breathe, in the shimmer of a leaf on that old oak tree, in that slant of sunlight that falls in through your window and lands on your wrist. They are here. Tears of sorrow are to be shed, yes, but tears of joy as well, tears of rampant celebration.*

She also noted some of her favourite Indigenous titles and did a short reading from the award winning *The Marrow Thieves* by Cherie Dimaline.

Katherine further noted that the Canadian Literature Centre’s upcoming Kriesel lecture would be featuring Cherie Dimaline at the Timms centre on April 21, 2022.

The lecture’s announced theme is: "An Anthology of Monsters: How Story Saves Us from Our Anxiety". Please follow this link for more information: [https://www.ualberta.ca/canadian-literature-centre/events-archive/kreisel-series.html](https://www.ualberta.ca/canadian-literature-centre/events-archive/kreisel-series.html)

Some other titles that Katherine recommended include:
- *The Break* and *The Strangers*, by Katherina Vermette
- *The Prairie Chicken Dance Tour*, by Dawn Dumont
- *The Rez Sisters*, by Thomson Highway
- *Moon of the Crusted Snow*, Waubgeshig R1ce
- *Starlight*, by Richard Wagamese (or anything by Richard Wagamese!)

Pat Peteson was the lucky winner of the ‘door prize’, a copy of *An Anthology of Indigenous Literatures in English: Voices from Canada*, edited by Armand Garnet Ruffo and Katherena Vermette.

If you missed the chance to attend the lecture live, it was recorded and will be made available for members.
As convener for the *Evening Book Club*, I was asked to write up our (very loose) “rules” for establishing a good zoom process. Perhaps other FWC groups would like to review them or may have more suggestions to add.

**General Protocol for Zoom Meetings**

When using Zoom for informal meetings, it is desirable to seek a balance between stilted formality, and not having any basic rules. The structure and process, however, may vary depending on the size and purpose of the group. Often groups slip into some habits that either stifle creativity and spontaneity or don’t allow sufficient time for individual participation without interruption. Some people are comfortable interrupting, monopolizing the conversation, or leaving with no explanation. Managing microphones and cameras respectfully again may depend on the purpose and nature of the meeting, number of participants, familiarity of participants, and perhaps other variables.

For example, a group of 10 to 20 discussing a book or problem-solving around a common issue would likely keep cameras on. Because they wish to have various opinions individually expressed, however, it seems prudent to keep microphones off unless speaking to the group. Background noise, ringing telephones, rustling paper, and any number of peripheral sounds can be quite disruptive to the audience and distract from the speaker’s information.

The yellow hand at the bottom of the zoom screen is useful. Not only does it indicate a person wishes to talk, but also the screen of that person is moved to the top left of the screen. This provides a visual prompt to the audience and the hand can be lowered and microphone turned on quickly when called upon.

**A few basic reminders that seem important:**

- Difficulties can be avoided by the host practicing with presenters prior to a scheduled meeting, especially if they want to “share screen” to show visuals or a youtube.
- Prior to signing in, it is wise to check cameras and microphones. Do you care if they are on or off? Arrange as needed.
- If the group likes to greet one another, talk about current events or families, opening the zoom 15 minutes early works well. This period gives less pressure to begin, especially if there is a guest, before people are ready. After joining, listening for a few minutes to see what is being discussed and who is talking is respectful. A wave or smile to the group is a good start if opening with camera on rather than talking immediately.
- When the host indicates the meeting is ready to start, members can turn off their microphones.
- After the speaker begins, when someone wishes to speak, they can then use the hand raise icon at the bottom of the screen. Remember, this automatically moves their picture to the top left position on the screen, or in the lineup to speak. The leader and members can easily see who is next. Following the turn, ensure the hand is lowered (if not, simply touch the hand icon again), and mute the microphone.

Zoom has given us small groups, family and friend connections, webinars, educational opportunities, and excellent learning experiences. Used politely it is our current window on the world!

*Thank you Karen. Some great tips. If others have more suggestions please send them to newsletter.Editor.fwc@gmail.com Our next newsletter comes out in August and we can add a tip section.*
We are about to close out another year of curtailed activities due to the ongoing pandemic. Vaccines, Zoom and some outdoor options have allowed some of our groups to continue and to restart. Other groups have remained on hiatus. Here's hoping this upcoming year allows all members to return to their regular activities!

The Autumn survey revealed some suggestions for new interest groups. Let's turn those suggestions into reality! Will you step forward to be a leader? We will be discussing the options at the Annual Meeting on May 2.

Current convener contact information can be found in your directory.

Below is a quick reference to all the current interest groups. A full list and descriptions of the activities can be found on our website: https://www.ualberta.ca/faculty-and-staff/groups-and-associations/faculty-womens-club/interest-groups/index.html  A BIG thank you to all conveners: for staying in touch with your groups and being creative through the past two years.

| INTEREST GROUPS: Karen Doucet, FWC Vice-President |

| Book Discussion - Afternoon | Cathy de Frece | Christine Forth |
| Book Discussion - Evening | Karen Bain |
| Bridge - Duplicate | Vacant |
| Bridge - Mixed | Lorna Stewart |
| Cookbook Club | Sandra Wiebe | Juli Gibbs |
| Couples Who Cook | Peggi Ferguson-Pell |
| Creative Writing | Christine Forth |
| Cross Country Skiing | Karen Doucet |
| Drawing Together | Margot Wanke |
| French Conversation | Sarah Nyland |
| Fun and Board Games | Rachel Frey | Sharon Morsink |
| FWC 2.0 | |
| Garden Club | Patricia Petersen | Marcie Bercov |
| Golf | Bonnie Austen | Gillian Rostoker |
| Gourmet Dining | Bonnie Austen | Rita Kopecky |
| International Movies | Mualla Berksoy-Boluk |
| Knitting | Linda Capjack | Linda Sorensen |
| Lunching Out | Laura Steadward | Eunice Barron |
| Mall Walkers | Kay Quon | Gillian Rostoker | Laura Steadward |
| Play Reading | Orla Ryan | Christine Forth | Vi Moskalny |
| Reading Circle Group 1 | Lorene Everett Turner |
| Reading Circle Group 2 | Orla Ryan |
| Reading Circle Mystery | Jean Frost |
| Tennis | Tricia Unsworth |
| Walking Group | Linda Weiner | Margot Wanke |
| Walking with Waggers | Marilyn Gaa |
The Afternoon Book Club thanks Karen Bain and the Evening Book Club members for allowing interested members from our afternoon group to join them for a discussion with Ifeoma Chinwuha, Writer in Residence at the University of Alberta.

The Afternoon Book Discussion Group has been meeting on Zoom for its monthly meetings from September 2021 to the present. There were 8 to 10 members in attendance at most meetings, which guaranteed interesting and thought-provoking discussions.

We are hoping to hold our meetings outdoors once the weather improves. Indoor gatherings might not occur until the fall.

The books that have been presented and discussed in 2022 are:

- *The Pull of the Stars* by Emma Donoghue
- *The Idiot* by Elif Batuman
- *The Guest Book* by Sara Blake
- *The Smallest Lights in the Universe* by Sara Seager
CWC – The Comfort of Casseroles

On a cold January evening, seven hearty CWC couples braved our fierce Alberta winter by staying at home, gathering via Zoom and sharing laughter, stories and – yes – casseroles (!) with each other for our first get-together of 2022. Though still virtual, it was a very relaxed and warm event as we welcomed CWC first-timers Janet and Greg Kawchuk to the group.

The challenge for the evening was to select a casserole from: 56 Casserole Recipes We Constantly Crave | Bon Appétit (bonappetit.com), make it, and then enjoy it in the comfort of our own homes while providing real time reviews of how we liked it, was it easy to make, and would we consider making it again, etc.

It was a lot of fun and given that we were virtual, it worked out that we had two people per casserole – so we pretty much also had ready-made dinners for the next few days – I know I did (and I can definitely recommend the Chicken Curry Pot pie – it tasted even better the next day).

Right now we are talking about what type of dinner we’d like to do next and it seems that some of us are ready to meet in person and some of us would prefer to wait a little while longer – so we will probably be offering both types of evenings in case you are interested. We have also talked about enjoying a virtual cooking class similar to what we enjoyed last year with the Atco Blue Flame kitchen which was a lot fun.
INTEREST GROUP UPDATES

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

Convener: Karen Doucet
Contact Info: karenlizdoucet@gmail.com

The cross-country skiing season was dismal. We only got started in January, then faced the brutal cold, then the warm & melty & icy, then the lack of snow, then the wind. As I write this, it is mid-March and I’m hoping for 1 or 2 more outings. But I’m not so secretly hoping that we’re done this winter.
INTEREST GROUP UPDATES CONTINUED

Drawing Group: 2021 – 2022
Convener: Margot Wanke

We are planning to get together on March 29th. It will be our first in-person meeting since we met at a member’s home in the fall. Thanks to the Internet, our group has been able to remain in contact with the exchange of emails and drawings. Encouraging comments on the drawings by all the members have been greatly appreciated. If possible, we will continue to have in-person meetings at 1:30 on the fourth Tuesday of each month, with the exception of December.

“Ukrainian Picture “
Will the Nightingale Sing Again

DESCRIPTION
Everything symbolic/National symbols.
Sunflowers (a major crop)
Nightingales (lovely sounding song birds modest and common) and the coat of arm. The colours blue & gold (yellow) flag colours; the hammer & Sickle cracking the egg (Russia as Putin wants to restore the old order) at any cost and blood. Blood from cracking the egg and blood dripping from the Sky (tear shaped) splatting on the sunflower in the shape of Map of Ukraine. I was actually crying while drawing the picture. My ancestors are Ukraine and Polish so this war is deeply affecting me.
MORE INTEREST GROUP UPDATES

Garden Group:
Convener: Patricia Petersen
Our group hasn’t been active since the fall except for a few intrepid members who made a trip to the Muttart Conservatory in December for their seasonal display.

Many of our usual activities including the Orchid Show and the Garden Tours will not happen again this year. So we plan to go to the Muttart Conservatory on April 22 to see the Spring Flower Show. We will meet at the Muttart on Friday, April 22 at 1 PM.

Tickets can now be purchased at the Muttart or online.

General Book Circle:
Convener: Lorene Turner,
This has been a perfect group to carry on throughout Covid without much disruption to our ongoing enjoyment of reading recent new releases. Instead of meeting in person to make book suggestions for the year and voting on the 10 or 11 we would purchase and circulate, we’ve done it all online for the past couple of years. What a delight to have a new book delivered to your door each month! LT

Golf:
Convener: Bonnie Austen 780-439-2612
After more than 30 years, the FWC Golf hopes to continue in 2022. We generally play nine holes at Victoria (off River Road.). Last year we played on Thursdays in the late morning. We will be getting in touch with past members soon to arrange a luncheon to talk about our strategies for this spring. If you would like more information about this fun group you can contact us.

Mystery Circle:
Convener: Jean Frost
We lady sleuths continue to read and judge the mysteries. We are so happy to be safe in our homes.
Knitting Group:

Convenor: Linda Capjack

The FWC Knitting Group continue to actively meeting on line the 1st Monday of each month. Our members touch base with how they are doing and what is on their needles. Pictures of projects are shared and commented on with great enthusiasm. For our final meeting in May we are planning to gather at the University Club for lunch and in-person sharing of thoughts and actual projects done during the pandemic. Members are quite excited to be able to meet in person.
Lunching Out
Convener: Laura Steadward

After a delicious lunch at the Sicilian Kitchen in November, we took a “winter” break for December, January, and February. In March we are planning to attend the newly opened Fuzed Kitchen and Bar in Century Park Shopping Centre. The menu there is very diverse.

MALL WALKERS:
Convener: Kay Quon

Our Mall Walkers group is still on hiatus but hopes to meet by the time summer is here.
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Walking Group

Conveners: Margot Wanke, Linda Weiner

In December and January we have had to cancel most of our scheduled walks due to unfavourable weather conditions. Lately the situation has improved, and we are once again able to enjoy our walks.

French Conversation Group:

Convener: Sarah Nyland

Still on hiatus

En avril, ne te découvre pas d'un fil; en mai, fais ce qu'il te plait
Interest Groups

**Evening Book Club**
Convenor: Karen Bain

Meets: Third Thursdays 7:15 – 9:00ish Currently Via Zoom

On March 17 we will be joined by Ifeoma Chinwuba, Writer in Residence for the 2021-2022 year at U of A. We look forward to visiting with her and discussing two books she recommended to us. *African Romance, a poem, and Merchants of Flesh, a novel, will be reviewed. Several members of the Creative Writing group are planning to connect with us as well – we are open to guests.*

We were joined by Rona Altrows, Editor of *You Look Good for your Age, an anthology,* in January. *This was an enjoyable evening, both entertaining and thought-provoking regarding the content of the book, and also the writing and editing process.*

Although Zoom was initially somewhat annoying, stressful and certainly lacked the warmth of individual homes we always enjoyed, it has allowed our group to stay together regularly over the full two years of the pandemic. We can be joined from anywhere, have been able to invite authors, even if they are not in Edmonton, and are still pleased to have in attendance one long-time member who has moved to Ottawa. As well, by chance, two of our meetings this year have been on stormy nights and no one is missing the dark drive on icy or snow-covered streets!

I was recently asked to write up our (very loose) “rules” for a group that is struggling with establishing a good zoom process. Although not a book club, there are similarities to our group, so I drafted the following. Perhaps other FWC groups would like to review it in case it is useful or to add further suggestions?

We still have two meetings – April 21 (Book is *A Long Petal of the Sea*) and May 19 (Night and Day), then we will meet, (maybe even in person?) toward the end of June to select books for next year. *Guests and new members are welcome – please contact me by email kebain@telus.net or 780-436-6339.*

Register On-line Now

**From the Editor**

Thank you everyone for your contributions. Spring is here and hopefully weather will be warming up soon. Hope to see many of you at the upcoming events or on the golf course.

*Marilyn Steier*