



DEMETER NEWS

• FOCUSING ON OUR COMMUNITY & THE UW-MADISON COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL & LIFE SCIENCES •

MESSAGE FROM DEAN KATE



As we anticipate the beginning of a new fall semester – which will be conducted differently than any in the past – I wanted to share some news about how the college fared during spring semester.

During spring break, CALS instructors pivoted 360 courses to remote so that students could continue their studies while being physically distant. In fewer than ten days, instructors consulted with online teaching experts, familiarized themselves with best-practices and launched into a new environment for teaching and learning.

I am so pleased by the cooperative spirit of our students, faculty and staff. This spirit of cooperation continues with online summer term and planning for a fall semester where face coverings will be required inside UW buildings, courses will be offered both online and in person, and many services are being modified to ensure physical distancing.

One of the many things lost last term was the opportunity to celebrate the Class of 2020 in person. I want to share with you my message to our graduates because it illustrates the challenges and opportunities that are waiting for them – and for all of us who consider ourselves to be agricultural or life scientists.

Despite the unfamiliar situation we all find ourselves in these days, I cannot imagine a better time to be an agricultural or life scientist. Today's pandemic illustrates the tremendous value of the skills you have learned to improve public health, secure our food system, discover basic biological mechanisms and to forward public policy and public service that benefits our communities. The solution to the current pandemic will be derived from these components. And so will solutions to nearly all of the future challenges our society will face.

I look forward to being able to gather again with Demeter friends. Until then, be well and On Wisconsin!

Dean Kate VandenBosch

CORN ROAST & CORN-TO-GO

Due to the uncertainty of the COVID-19, it was a board decision to cancel the Demeter Corn Roast as scheduled. Therefore, we have made some changes and new opportunities. We are still growing corn and will have it available. We will miss seeing all of you in person but do want you to be safe in this unsettled time. We have tried to keep a few traditions alive such as corn which you can order and it will be delivered, a message via Zoom from Dean Kate and of course the opportunity for you to continue to support our students with scholarships. Please see the enclosed flyer to make a donation and place a corn order. The corn will be freshly picked at the research farm but not be cooked nor served with butter.

We are hosting a Zoom Corn Roast Event on September 9th at 6:30. We are hoping to share messages from Dean Kate, Alice in Dairyland, students and board members. Email information will be sent with an invitation and instructions to join the Zoom presentation on September 8.

Order Freshly picked corn. You will be contacted when the corn is ready and delivery will be arranged. There is no charge for the corn but a donation would be appreciated. See the enclosed order form.

The students need our support so we are asking that you continue to support our scholarships. See the enclosed Scholarship Donation form.

Jan Martin

SPRING ELECTION!

Gail Schaefer, President
Sally Leong, Vice President
Candee Craven, Treasurer
Linda Harvey, Secretary

Congratulations and many thanks to these members for their dedication to Demeter.

PAST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Demeter members and friends. The past six months have been a trying time to say the least. We had to cancel our winter event and annual meeting and luncheon. Thanks to Sally Andrews and Gail Schomisch and their committees for all of their work in planning those events. I'm just sorry that the COVID-19 pandemic prevented us from attending and enjoying time together.



Despite the setbacks we had a successful election of officers for 2020-2021. Thanks to everyone who sent their ballots via email or mail! Many thanks to Sharon Brantmeier who recruited new officers and who also shared her Zoom account so that our old and new boards could meet online in June.

Judy Barth has gone above and beyond serving as Demeter's treasurer for the past few years. She is working with Candee Craven, our new treasurer, to help make a smooth transition. Judy also has been involved in Demeter's mailings and organizing the annual garden party. Even though we had to cancel the garden party this year, we have many fond memories of past years. We can also be proud of Demeter's long-time support of Allen Centennial Garden.

Thank you Gail Schaefer for serving as vice-president, and Sally Leong, for serving as secretary this past year. And thank you for your continued leadership! Martha Maxwell and Nan Field, you keep the newsletter and member directory flowing smoothly. Liv Sandberg, you're the scholarship program rock star. Thank you all so much!

I want to return to Zoom for a moment ... because of Zoom, we'll be able to celebrate Demeter and UW CALS scholarship winners via a virtual corn roast Sept. 9. Jan Martin and her committee have made – as former president Liz Henry said – an inspired pivot during these difficult times. By Sept. 9, Demeter members, you'll likely have enjoyed the corn that Larry Binning arranged to have grown.

Newsletter space doesn't allow for all the thank-you's that Demeter officers, chairpersons and members deserve. I just want to share my appreciation for their continued support of an organization that truly makes a positive difference in CALS, the UW Hospital and the community.

Lynn Grooms, immediate past president

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What has 2020 brought us! Demeter is adjusting to these new circumstances just as all of you are. I wish to thank Lynn Grooms for leading this organization through the tumult as Covid-19 arrived. As you know, we needed to cancel the annual luncheon and meeting in May. The Board met by Zoom conference call in June to discuss the business and activities of this organization. (Thanks to Sharon Brantmeier for providing the Zoom call.) More info is provided later in this newsletter about this September's Corn Roast which will not be an in-person event. It is uncertain as to whether or how our usual fall event might occur. The Board also discussed another significant Demeter initiative, which is provision of scholarship support. I encourage you to continue to remember and support our scholarship program. Our support for CALS undergraduates will be undoubtedly be met with gratitude.



Gail Schaefer, president



Spring flowers at Allen Centennial Gardens

Thanks to the planting crew of Sally Leong, Lloyd Bostian, Carrie Aberle, Dorothy Binning, Nan Field, Gail Schaefer, Gennie Bostian, Betty-Jo Dahlman, Gail Schomisch and Jan Martin the gardens bloomed in spite of COVID. Several areas of the garden were filled with a variety of bulbs for a colorful spring display. This year's planting date has not been set but emails will be sent in September.

Jan Martin



Unknown, Roy Haller,
Lou Arrington



Ron Doersch, Rick Daluge,
Norm Olson



Virgie Peoquin, Mary Boyle,
Wilma Rohweder

Corn Roast Picnic 2002 (L to R)

DONATIONS TO SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Sally Andrews, Ruth Apps, Sandra Bertics, Dorothy & Larry Binning, Gennie & Lloyd Bostian, Sandra Bubenzer, Lois Buelow, Sue Cowan, Candee Craven, Vera Cunningham, Betty-Jo Dahlman, Mary Diezel, Ruby Dobson, Mary Evert, W. Emy Gartzke, Janet Hedtcke, Daphne Holterman, Molly Jahn, Marian Kaesberg, Ruby Larsen, Sally Leong, Jan & Jeff Martin, Martha & Doug Maxwell, Sherry O'Connor, Sara Patterson, Mary Kay Reinemann, JoDee Sattler, Elmira Schultz, Nancy Spencer, Judy Stang, Judy Stevenson, Leone Suttie, Mary Whitmer

In Memory of

Cynthia Benevenga by Ben Benevenga
Allan Bringe by Joyce Bringe & George Shook
Ernie Briskey by Dawn Lund
Dennis Buege by Catherine Buege
Don Field by Nan Field
Laverne Forest by Betty Forest
June & Dwight Forsyth by David Forsyth
Gordon Harvey by Linda Harvey
Shirley Lower by Dick Lower
Marie McCabe by Ann Ellingboe
Louise Olson by Clarence Olson,
Darlyne Jorgensen and Beverly Schrag
Norm Olson by Nan Field
Arlene Peterson by Mary Tibbitts
Art Pope by David Thomas
Dwayne Rohweder by Lynn Grooms
Bill Saupe by Amy Lorimer
Elden Stang by Judy Stang
David Stuiber by Mary Stuiber
Eleanor Zenner by Ann Zenner

Education Fund

As part of the mission of Demeter, an Education fund was established to foster financial assistance for deserving College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (CALs) students. Generous gifts from members have provided the financial means to establish several endowments through the University of Wisconsin-Madison Foundation. The interest earned from these endowment funds enables Demeter to support scholarships, internships, and additional career development student activities.

For the 2020-2021 academic year, \$42,000 was allocated to support undergraduate students via scholarships, internships, (\$37,000) and CALs clubs and organizations (up to \$5000 allocation) for educational activities. In April, funding assistance to several clubs/organizations was 'temporarily' awarded to five organizations that submitted grant proposals for educational opportunities outside of the classroom. The following is a list of the five recipients and the activities involved for 2020-21 academic year.

In Honor of

Demeter Bd Directors past & present for dedication and hard work by Andrea & Keith Kelling
Lynn Grooms by Gail Schaefer & Liz Henry
Betty Pope by Lynda Thomas
Lorna Saupe by Amy Lorimer
Sewing Group by Karen Bradley & Sue Cowan
Virgene & Dick Vatthauer for hosting sewing group for many years by Carrie Aberle
Leo Walsh by Mary Melvin Shapiro

Donations to Sewing Group

Betty-Jo Dahlman
Linda Harvey in Memory of Lois Buckingham (Lynda Thomas' mother)
Ina Herlitzka
Glenda Lindsay

(Ed Fund cont'd)

Food Science club toward a product development and National team competition; NAMA (National Agri-Marketing Association) to support Student marketing teams; SACNAS Genetics (Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science) for attendance at a National conference; Pre vet for attendance at a National symposium; BSE (Biological Systems Engineering for Quarter Scale tractor development and competition.

As committee chair, I would like to acknowledge Judy Barth and thank her for her efforts and expertise managing the financial communications associated with Demeter Education Fund. It has been a great pleasure to work with her over the past years.

Additional information is available from the Chair, Liv Sandberg.

Contributions to the Demeter Education Fund are greatly appreciated. Gifts can be directed to Candee Craven, our new Treasurer. Welcome Candee!

Liv Sandberg, chair Education Fund

Pandemic impacts on Educational funds

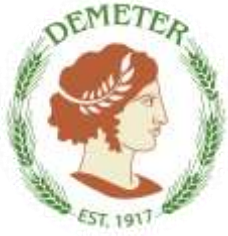
As you can imagine, the closing of UW campus due to the pandemic has significantly affected student programs. Internships, study abroad, short course, and student organization activities have not been active and will continue to be suspended until further notice. As a result, distribution of Demeter funding allocated to these programs for both the 2019-2020 and the 2020-2021 academic years will need to be reviewed by the board to make appropriate adjustments. For example: Allen gardens was not able to offer the annual summer internship due to a hiring freeze, so only 'essential' workers were approved to maintain the gardens. Demeter board members voted to redirect summer 2020 internship funding (\$2000) to help support 'apprentices' (recent graduates) whom Ben was able to retain to cover garden demands. The grandparents/little sprouts internship funding will not be distributed. The board felt redirecting the AG internship funding, but not the Sprouts internship funding, was an appropriate adjustment to continue to support a program we have been committed to for many years. Distribution of funding for study abroad programs and student organization activities will have to be reevaluated due to zero travel availability. Short course has also reduced course work offerings for students which may impact the \$1000 scholarship allocations (2020-2021 only). It is anticipated that four year scholarships should not be impacted, as course work is being offered to full capacity (albeit mostly on line). Given a lack of urgency associated with the remaining programs mentioned, the board will be addressing and making appropriate adjustments at their next meeting.

Liv Sandberg, chair Education Fund



?? Did you remember to send your dues (\$20) to

Candee Craven
6132 Sun Valley Pkwy
Oregon, WI 53575



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Judy Barth
1885 Briarwood Lane
Fitchburg, WI 53575-2001

Demeter Sewing Group

meetings at UW West Madison Agricultural Station are temporarily suspended due to the pandemic. Since the hospital is still distributing our caps and scarves to cancer patients, our efforts are still needed and greatly appreciated. We encourage members to cut and sew at home. Please contact Lynda Thomas or Mary Whitmer and we will help you get the materials you need.

Mary Whitmer, co-chair



Thanks to Gennie Bostian, Lynda Thomas and Jan Martin, 117 masks were donated to the Middleton Cross Plains School District for volunteers and needy families participating in the supplies and food distribution programs sponsored by the school district.

Jan Martin

Happy 100th Birthday!

Ruth Hodgson



Congratulations!

Dick Lower & Helen Elliott
married on
Valentine's Day, 2020



Thinking of You

Nan Field - shoulder surgery

Sympathy

Darlene Olson on passing of
husband Norm
Lynn Grooms on passing of brother



A truckload of thanks to the folks at Arlington farm who, once again, planted and cared for the excellent corn for our Corn Roast Picnic! And we are so very grateful to Larry Binning and his crew for picking and delivering it.

CALENDAR

Board Meeting

Zoom 11:30 am, August 12, 2020

Deadline for Corn Orders

Fill out order on insert and mail by
August 10, 2020

Virtual Corn Roast Picnic

See article page 1.
6:30 September 9, 2020
Join in by Zoom

Sewing Workshop

postponed - See notice at left

Spring Luncheon &

Annual Meeting

May 5, 2021, tentative

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