

**University Women's Connection
Spring 2008**

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

By popular demand the University Women's Club has officially changed its name to the University Women's Connection! Our hope is that this group will continue to be a service organization for Michigan Tech as well as a way for all campus female staff, faculty, and spouses to interact. Our mission remains the same, "to promote community for women." Remember, half our \$20 annual dues support a deserving student on campus. This year we are supporting Leanne Nordstrom with a \$1,000 scholarship. We had an opportunity to meet Leanne and she said "this act of generosity will have its lasting mark on my life today, tomorrow, and in the future." This is what part of what our organization is all about, making a difference in a young person's life!

Our next event will be held Saturday, April 19. Please watch Tech Today for more details. I look forward to seeing you all there!

Gail A. Mroz
President, University Women's
Connection

Publicity Chair

**University Women's Connection is
Born!**

The UWC voted at its Dec. 5, 2007 meeting to change its name to the University Women's Connection. The new name reflects the mission of the organization, which is to provide opportunities for women in the Copper Country to meet in fun and friendship, to develop interests and to use their many talents in service to the community, said UWC President Gail Mroz.

The University Women's Connection welcomes newcomers, promotes lasting friendships, links members and their families

**A Taste of Holidays Around the
World**

The University Women's Club and its president, Gail Mroz, hosted a holiday gathering on Dec. 5, 2007 at the University Residence. All women in the Michigan Tech community were invited, and 40 attended this event.

The holiday gathering was planned by a committee that included Alice Tahtinen, Chris Anderson and Jenn Donovan. Guests admired displays of holiday traditions around the world, nibbled on international and American holiday treats, and helped fill gift bags to be given to all first-year women.

The students' delight at receiving the gift bags is echoed in this thank-you note from Lena Wilson. She wrote "I hope you will be able to relate to all involved in the gift bags for the first year women that I was very happy to receive one. It is wonderful to know there is a group such as this around campus. Thank you, the treats were splendid! Have a wonderful Christmas!"



Patricia Gotschalk and Saleha Suleman take a moment to pose for the camera!



The UWC had quite the assembly line going as they filled the treat bags for first-year women.

Scholarship News

We currently have approximately \$1,556 to be awarded in scholarship(s) for the coming school year. Last year, UWC decided to give one \$1000 scholarship, but this year at our December meeting, it was decided to provide two scholarships for approximately \$750 each (the exact amount has yet to be determined).

Applications, which are due March 21, are available through the Financial Aid Office. Advertising will be displayed on the Electronic Display System starting around March 14. There will also be an article in *Tech Today* and you can view UWC's web page for more information. If you are aware of deserving students, please encourage them to apply.

The organization's annual dues are \$20, half of which is deposited in the endowed scholarship fund. Those of you that have contributed above the \$20, please accept a big hug from a grateful Michigan Tech student!

Submitted by Lou Ellyn Helman

Interest Groups

We are in the process of forming UWC Interest Groups and invite your involvement. We currently have two women who have stepped forward and are interested in leading. Susan Wagner would like to form a Book Club and can be reached at 906-482-8557 or cell number 989-430-9036. Email wagner5150@hotmail.com. We also have interest in forming a Board Game Group and have a leader. If you are interested in joining the Book Club please contact Susan Wagner directly. If you would like to join the Board Game Group, please contact Alice Tahtinen, phone 906-353-8520 or email atahtinen@up.net. Other interests which have been expressed are a gardening project, recreation group, crafts and quilting. If you would like to help form these groups or want more information, please contact Alice Tahtinen, Interest Group Coordinator.

Submitted by Alice Tahtinen



UWC Membership

The University Women's Connection current membership is 40 active members. We are working on a way to connect with women in the community who haven't heard about us yet, such as new staff and faculty member and significant others of Tech employees. If you have any suggestions, please let me know. I can be reached by email at jaoconne@mtu.edu or by phone at 487-1963.

Submitted by Jen O'Connell

UWC Upcoming Events

Spring is coming . . . no, really, it is!!

“A Taste of Spring” – please join us on April 19, 2008 @ 10:00 am for a demonstration put on by Pete Nissila on a portable herb garden. The event will be held at the University Residence. Keep an eye out for more information!



University Related Events

March 24 – 28, 2008 – Women’s Week Celebration

March 27 - Bra Show, 7:00 pm. @ the Mub Commons

March 28 – Vagina Monologues

March 29 – Afro-Caribbean Nite

University Women’s Club Webpage

<http://www.admin.mtu.edu/uwc/>