



The Saint Louis Woman's Club

DECEMBER 2008

"The object and purpose for which this corporation is formed are as follows, to-wit: For educational purposes and especially to promote literature, science and art and the study thereof, and general intellectual culture".

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Monday-Friday
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

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Dubinovskiy
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314-630-6470**

Monday, December 1

Christmas House Decorating Day

From the Mistletoe to tinsel, to the last ornaments on the trees, join the House Committee and fellow members as we transform our Club House into a Christmas Wonderland.

Refreshments will be served as we deck the halls with our Holiday Cheer. The merriment will continue with a luncheon prepared by one of Santa's Special Elves. Dress for the day is Holiday Casual.

Decorating - 10:30 a.m.
Coffee, Egg Nog, Petite Pastries
Lunch - 12 noon

Green Salad with Vinaigrette Dressing
Russian Stew over Buttered Noodles
Spiced Ginger Cake with Cinnamon Ice Cream

\$14.00



Wednesday, December 3

Prospective Member Champagne Holiday Luncheon

What a wonderful time of year to invite a Prospective Member to our Club House, dressed in her holiday splendor, to enjoy a casual afternoon of conversation and one of Chef's delicious luncheons.

Champagne & Punch Bowl – 11: 30 a.m.
Lunch – 12 Noon

Petit Greek Salad
Chicken Pot Pie with Puff Pastry Crust
Peppermint Ice Cream with Chocolate Sauce and a Cookie

\$14.00

**December
Committee
Meetings**



Thurs. Dec. 4
Program Comm.-
Lunch Meeting-
11:30 a.m.

Fri. Dec. 5
Executive Comm.
– 10:30 a.m.

Mon. Dec. 8
Prospective
Member Coffee
9:45 a.m.
BOG Meeting–
lunch
10:30 a.m.

**Birthdays
Wishes**

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Rosemary Baue
Cynthia Berg
Linda Bryant
Jean Hrebec
Ernest McCoy
Elizabeth Sayad
Harriet Switzer
Jeanne
Townsend
Becky Zaccarello



Saturday, December 6

*The Saint Louis Woman's Club
Jingle Bell Rock Dinner Dance*

Cocktails – 7:00 p.m.

Chef's Choice of hors d'oeuvres

Dinner – 8:00 p.m.

Entertainment by The Expressions

*Artichoke Soup with a Grilled Scallop
Garnish*

Mint Sorbet

*Greenbriar Coffee-Encrusted Strip Steak
with Chocolate Salt*

*Parsnip Silk, Roasted Baby Beets,
Spinach & Potato Boat*

*Sleigh filled with Chocolate Mousse &
Jingle Bell Cookie*

\$90.00

Black Tie

Valet

Parking

Thursday, December 11

Christmas Luncheon

**Hosted by the SLWC Arts Committee
with Stella Markou and Alla Voskoboynikova**

**SAVE THE
DATES**

**Thursday, Jan. 1
- Club Closed**

**Wed. Jan. 7
St Louis Art
Museum –“The
Emperor’s new
clothes” or How
to look at
Modern Art
Luncheon at
The Club**

**Wed. Jan.14 –
Rep. Costume
Parade
Luncheon**

**Mon. Jan. 19
Club Closed**

**Saturday,
Jan., 24,
Monte Carlo
Night”-Dinner**

**Tues. Jan. 27 –
Debbie Baldwin
Luncheon**

What a wonderful way to have a relaxing afternoon over this busy holiday season with a lovely luncheon, cheerful conversation, and music with Soprano, Stella Markou, accompanied by pianist Alla Voskoboynikova.

Stella Markou is the Director of Vocal Studies at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. She has appeared as a featured soloist for numerous international and national performing venues, including the Heidelberg New Music Festival, Electronic Music Midwest, the Dance New Amsterdam Company, as well as the University of Nevada Las Vegas' guest artist series. Ms. Markou has performed roles from *Die Zauberflöte*, *The Turn of the Screw*, *The Mikado*, *The Telephone*, and *La Canterina*. She also performs regularly as a recitalist.

Ms. Markou holds a Bachelors Degree from the Oberlin Conservatory of Music and a Masters Degree from the Cleveland Institute of Music. She is currently completing her Doctoral studies at The University of Arizona.

Pianist Alla Voskoboynikova is the Coordinator of Piano Studies at the University of Missouri-St. Louis since 2004. She extensively performs and collaborates with local musicians and regularly accompanies and coaches for the Union Avenue Opera Company, as well as Webster University in St. Louis. Alla was the Russian coach for the Saint Louis Symphony performance of Sergei Prokofiev’s *Alexander Nevsky*, and coached the Saint Louis Symphony Chorus for the performance of Sergei Rachmaninov’s *Vespers*.

Ms. Voskoboynikova was a pianist and vocal coach at the Kiev Opera and Ballet Theater in Ukraine. She received her Bachelors Degree in Piano Performance from the Music College in Voronezh, Russia and her Masters Degree in Piano Performance from the Gnssins Academy of Music in Moscow, Russia.

Punch Bowl – 11:30 a.m.

Luncheon – 12 Noon

Program – 1:00 p.m.

Veal Consommé Celestine

Turkey Mignon wrapped in Bacon with Lemon Wine Sauce

Portabella Cheddar Timbale

Broccolini with Garlic & Crispy Onion Straws

Buche de Noel

	\$25.00 Valet parking
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Wednesday, December 17

SLWC Book Club Christmas Luncheon

Join the ladies of the SLWC Book Club as they celebrate another year of good books, stimulating discussions, and delicious food at their Holiday Luncheon. Come enjoy creative cuisine and Christmas cheer, as we dine in our lovely Club House in its holiday dress. We meet at 11:30 a.m. to make our 2009 book selections before our luncheon from a list that we compiled at our November meeting. No book was chosen to read or discuss for the month of December. Please come for an afternoon of food and friendship.

Selection for books for 2009 – 11:30 a.m.
Luncheon – 12 Noon

Sri Lanka Pumpkin Soup
Seared Medallion of Alaskan King Salmon
Parsnip Pernod Puree & Baby Vegetables with Smoked Bacon jus
Chocolate Pistachio Terrine with Passion Fruit Cookie

\$20.00

Friday, December 19

**Ladies Christmas Tea Party for
Mothers, Daughters, Granddaughters, Nieces, and Friends**

Leave behind the hustle and bustle of Christmas preparations and join us for a festive and relaxing afternoon. Enjoy delectable treats during our traditional English Tea Party and join in as we sing Carols around the piano in our beautifully decorated Club.

4:00 p.m. -6:00 p.m.

The finest Black Indian Tea
Milk and Lemon
Rich Hot Chocolate with Tiny Marshmallows
Chef's Butter Scones with Clotted Cream and Strawberry Preserves
Lemon Tarts
Mini Blueberry Muffins

Cucumber, Smoked Salmon and Egg Salad Tea Sandwiches
Variety of Christmas Cookies especially made by Executive Chef Leon

\$18.00 per person

\$13.00 per child under 12



Sunday, December 21

**Christmas Buffet Brunch
11:30 a.m. till 2:00 p.m.**

Treat your family to a festive and delicious Christmas Brunch at The Saint Louis Woman's Club. Chef Leon will create a scrumptious display complete with soups, salads and carving station. A holiday ice sculpture will complete the tableau for a perfect celebration! Please join us and make your Holiday a memorable one.

Tomato Basil Soup & Asparagus Soup
Salad Station
Russian Beet Salad, Pasta Salad, Potato Salad, Crab Salad,
Mixed Greens Salad, Antipasto platter
Assorted Seafood Display
Crayfish, Smoked Scallops, Shrimp Cocktail
Fruit and Cheese Display
Baskets of Muffins, Danish and Breads
Eggs Benedict
Bacon and Sausages
Seasonal Vegetables
Mashed Potatoes
Stewed Fruits
Russian Meat Dumplings
Chicken & Andouille Sausage Jambalaya
Honey Baked Ham
Roast Beef with Au Jus Sauce
Traditional Christmas Dessert Display

Adults - \$42.00

Children 3 to 12 - \$15.00

Children under 3 – no charge

Membership Matters

~Prospective members ~

Our Board always looks forward to meeting prospective members. Our next Coffee is Monday, December 8 from 9:45 – 10:30 in the morning prior to the Board meeting. An informal invitation can be mailed to your friend to attend the coffee or if you prefer to invite her to a luncheon or for late afternoon tea or cocktails, let Janice Rohan Hulse know in advance. If you need more information on proposing a new member, please contact Janice: 314/495-7374 or janicerohan@aol.com. For reservations for the coffee, please contact Janine Harris: 314/367-0700 or slwc@sbcglobal.net.

Please keep in mind upcoming events and programs at the Club when talking with your friends that are potential members. It takes approximately two Board meetings for the proposing/voting in process of acceptance, so plan ahead! We have a big event of Monte Carlo night in January that would be a wonderful “getting to know you” venue. As always, we look forward to meeting our potential members at our monthly coffees.

~Welcome to our newest member~

Linda Flanagan (Mrs. Daniel) is a lifelong resident of St. Louis, has a Bachelor and Master Degrees from St. Louis University and is currently the Director of Risk Management and Safety at Furniture Brands International, Inc. in Clayton, MO.

Linda and her husband, Dan Flanagan, live in St. Albans and have a home in Waterville, Ireland. They have one daughter, Shannon, age 32.

Mrs. Daniel Flanagan
P.O. Box 225
208 Timber Trace Drive
St. Albans, MO 63073

Did you know?

...from the Board of Governors

***The parking lot is available to "Members Only"** for off-premises events and the price is to be determined per event and the date approved by the general manager. A waiver of liability form must be signed by the member renting the parking lot.

***Please do not send e-mails** to members about anything other than club business unless you have their permission to contact them on non-club topics, especially political or religious issues.

***It is with great sadness** that we remember our member, JoAnn Haynes Platt, who passed away in October. She was a true lady who will be greatly missed for her humor and guidance. JoAnn has been a very active member since 1992, most recently as a trustee of the Endowment Fund and the BOG Secretary 2006-2007.

Our sincere condolences go to her family, her husband, Dr. Daniel Platt and her children, Carol Platt Liebau, a non-resident member of the SLWC, sons, Drew and Brett and her much adored grandchildren.

***Our sincere condolences** to our Club President, Kathy Fulstone and her family on the passing of her mother, Irma Pinckert Schneider, on November 8, 2008

***Don't forget to order your Christmas Cookies.** Cost for a box is \$17.00. Orders need to be placed by Monday December 15 for pick up on Friday, December 19.

*** Do you need a little extra help** in your Holiday entertaining? From salad dressing to the dessert, call Chef Leon for ideas. Place your order no later than Monday, December 15. Last day for Pick up is Wednesday, December 24.

*** During this busy holiday season,** please remember to make your reservations for upcoming Club events early so that the staff can help better serve you at these festive events.

***Don't forget to give** to the annual Employee Gift Fund.

From The House...

Thank you Gerri Kessler for taking in our precious treasure for estimates on the cost to repair these items.

Large Punch Bowl which we use for most occasion: - \$500.00

The cost for fixing the various candelabra: \$35.00 to \$100.00

If you would like to give a donation to fix these items, please call or email: Christy Pershall-(314) 962-5615 or cpershall@aol.com or Janine Harris, (314) 367-0700 or slwc@sbcglobal.net.

The following donations have been given to: THE ENDOWMENT FUND

In honor of Marie Taylor's 90th birthday
Harriet Switzer
In memory of Margaret Blanke Grigg
Sue Schultz
In memory of JoAnn Haynes Platt
Irene Brooks

Lillian Finn
Betty Newbern
Jean Saunders

THE HERITAGE ACCOUNT

In honor of Marie Soell Taylor's 90th
Birthday
Kathryn Fulstone
Christy Pershall

December 2008 ~ A Time of Giving President's Report

Thank you for your generosity!

Two of our Past Presidents continue to be very generous. **Jane Black** donated all the money needed to install a new handicapped bathroom on the south side of our second floor. This is something that has been needed for years. Thank you so much Jane.

Irene Brooks has also been very munificent. She has donated a significant amount of stock to The Club, which she has designated to be used for helping to pay down the principal of the Line of Credit that we have had for a number of years. What a blessing that is, Irene. Thank you!

In addition, many of our women have given in honor or in memory of a number of our members through the Endowment Fund and the Heritage Account, Inc. (501 C-3). Gifting in this way is such a wonderful support to the maintenance and upkeep of our Club. We are listing these in the Newsletters as they are received. Thanks to each of you.

Thank you all for your heart-felt donations to our staff through **the Employee Gift Fund**. This Fund is intended not only to give a thank you gift to our employees, but also to help defray the cost of their health insurance. It is a lovely way to show our appreciation for the kind service they have given us throughout the year.

Profits from the sale of Julius Hunter's book – "TV- One on One"

Following the Dinner Program with Julius Hunter in early October, Julius signed his books for those who purchased them. He also gave 25% of the profit to our Club. Sixteen books were sold giving us a profit of \$140.00. The board has agreed that it would be suitable to allocate this money to The Saint Louis Woman's Club Centennial Award, which provides stipend support for post-secondary education students who are residents of the City of St. Louis and graduates of the Metro College Prep High School within the Public School System.

Fashion Shows were a big success!

In October, both the Weaver's Guild Tea Room modeling and our Annual Fashion Show were a tremendous success. Special thanks to Mary Romy who organized the Weaver's Guild and to Kathie Winter, Chair of Special Events along with her Vice Chair, Liz Von Rohr and their enthusiastic committee really pleased the crowds and also brought in a significant amount of donations to benefit this year's charity, St. Martha's Hall.

Looking forward to seeing you at all of the fabulous December Parties!

**Wishing you blessings all through the
Holiday Season and throughout 2009!**

**Fondly,
Kathy Fulstone**