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February 5 — Conversation with Monica Luciana, neurobehaviorist

Dr. Luciana was the recipient of the McKnight Land-Grant Professorship from 2001–03 and is a core faculty member in the University of Minnesota's Center for Neurobehavioral Development. She is associate chair of the Psychology Department.



Dr. Luciana received her Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota in 1994. From 1995 to 1997 she received postdoctoral training at the Institute of Child Development focusing on neuropsychological development in four- to eight-year-old children. She has been a faculty member of the

Psychology department since 1997 and an adjunct member of the Institute of Child Development since 1998.

Professor Luciana's research program involves the neurobiology of behaviors that are controlled or mediated by the brain's prefrontal cortex, including working memory, planning, attention, and emotional control.

She studies both adults and adolescents, ages 9-21. Her study populations include normal people and clinical populations with aberrations in various neurological pathways. The adolescent studies are being done to determine when adult levels are reached. The research will examine how thinking, feeling and a variety of problem-solving skills develop and whether these improvements coincide with structural changes in the brain's frontal lobe.

We anticipate an intellectually stimulating program with Dr. Luciana, and welcome her to our February luncheon.

February Meeting — At a Glance Conversation with Monica Luciana

Tuesday, February 5, noon to 1:30 p.m.
Becketwood
4300 West River Parkway, Minneapolis
Free parking in front or behind the building

Menu

- Salad with dressing on the side
- Chicken and dumplings
- Peas and carrots
- Rolls and butter
- Beverages
- Cost: \$16

Reservation deadline

Monday, January 28, 2008
See reservation form on page 3.

Mark your calendars - upcoming events

16th Annual Art Exhibit—Friday, March 28

1666 Coffman, St. Paul, West and East Galleries;
Doors open at 3 p.m., tours begin at 3:45 followed by reception at 5:15 p.m.
Dinner for Art Section members at 5:45 p.m.

Please direct questions to Janet Robb, 651-631-8170

April 1 — Conversations luncheon

The Conversations Speakers Committee is pleased to announce that **Arvonne Fraser** will be the speaker for the April 1 lunch at the Minnesota Humanities Center. Arvonne has been making the rounds of talk shows and book shops with her new book "She's No Lady..." You won't want to miss this special event.

May 5 — Annual Meeting

Dr. **Alison Davis-Blake**, dean of the Carlson School of Management since July 2005, will be our speaker for the annual meeting, May 5th. Having top women administrators at the U speak to our annual meeting is becoming a pattern. You will recall that Dean Darlyene Bailey, of the new College of Education and Human Development, spoke to us at the May 2007 event.

President's Message

As I write this, there are two more days until the solstice, when the sun will start to move north and give off a few more rays each day. By the time you are reading this, the December holidays and New Year's celebrations will be over. I hope yours were all happily filled with family and friends.

The club events since the last newsletter were very successful. The three events on November 6th, 2007, a Board of Directors meeting, a General Membership meeting, and Conversation with a Woman Leader, were well attended and productive.

At the board meeting three policy changes recommended by the Scholarship Committee were approved. The amount of the scholarships will be increased to \$2,000 (from \$1,200); sophomores will be able to apply (currently only juniors and seniors are eligible); and the required grade point average will be reduced from 3.6 to 3.2. The purpose of the changes is to provide for a larger applicant pool.

The non-controversial changes to the Articles of Incorporation and the By-laws were unanimously approved by the 44 members attending the General Membership Meeting preceding the lunch. See article on page 3 about continuing the process of improving the By-laws.

Cori Wegener from the Minneapolis Institute of Arts drew a record turnout of 95 members and guests to the luncheon at Becketwood. Her experiences with the U.S. Army to save and recover the treasures in the Iraq National Museum in Baghdad were fascinating. Our thanks go to Charlene Peterson, Joan Rathbun, and the Program Committee for so capably handling this event.

The annual Holiday Tea at Eastcliff was an event that one member described as "like being in a Disney movie." The snow, the festive setting, and the music were all memorable. See next column for more.

Upcoming business of the club will include our annual fund-raiser and the appointment of a Nominating Committee to ensure a smooth transition for the coming year.

As 2008 progresses, I am looking forward to interesting section activities, stimulating speakers at the luncheons, and successful fund raising (as usual) for our scholarships. There are brief articles about each of these in the newsletter.

May your days of 2008 be filled with good health, good cheer, and peace.

Jane Starr, President

Board of Directors meets on February 5

The board will meet at 10 a.m. in the Windsor Room at Becketwood, 4300 W. River Parkway, Minneapolis. Agenda includes discussion of financial policies and Section reports.

Open board positions need to be filled

Two board positions, Historian/office manager and co-Vice President for Programs, are now open. Because of unforeseen circumstances, Doris Howe and Joan Rathbun are no longer able to serve in these positions.

The president appoints the Historian/office manager while Vice President for Programs is elected at the annual meeting. It would be very helpful for the Program Committee if a willing volunteer could be found to at least fill in until May. Contact Jane Starr at 612-378-2590 or starr024@umn.edu

Holiday Tea, December 4, at Eastcliff

The annual Holiday Tea and Hospital Auxiliary Benefit at Eastcliff was a warm and pleasant event. Because the day was the eve of Hanukkah, Honorary President and host Susan Hagstrum had thoughtfully included a Menorah and cookies with blue six-pointed stars on the buffet table along with the Christmas goodies.

A talented and beautiful group of young women music students from the Sigma Alpha Iota Fraternity at the University of Minnesota provided the musical entertainment. Thanks to Barbara Fillion, chair of the Music Section, for arranging this enchanting music.

The approximately 80 members and guests contributed more than \$900 and many toys to the University Hospital Auxiliary to help brighten the days of hospitalized children.

We hope the beautiful music and good food sustained these intrepid women as they braved the heavy snowfall for the difficult drive home.



University of Minnesota singers at Holiday Tea at Eastcliff. From left to right: Leah Siltberg, piano; Liz Kohl, Angela Schmidt, Amber Olfert, Amy Jo Johnson, Ashley Nichols

Your good recipes needed for cookbook

Members have turned in about 180 recipes for the cookbook as of December 30, 2007. The Cookbook Committee needs about 300 recipes, so the deadline for submission has been moved to February 5, the next Conversations Lunch date.

The categories that need more recipes are: Salads, Soups, Fish and Seafood. However, if you have a good recipe for any of the other categories (Appetizers and Beverages; Vegetables; Meat and Poultry; Bread and Rolls; Desserts; Cookies and Candy; and This and That), please send it in. Be sure to include the number of servings for each recipe.

Cherie Hamilton, committee chair, would greatly appreciate it if you could send recipes as soon as possible by e-mail or snail mail to her at pimentamalageta@hotmail.com or 3151 Dean Court, Apt. 1003, Minneapolis, MN 55416.

Fund-raising time is fast approaching.

In February you will receive a letter requesting your consideration and financial assistance for the spring scholarship fund drive. Last year (2006-07) 99 donors contributed \$6,290 to the campaign in the 2007 spring drive.

Since June 2007, \$5,701 have been contributed to the fund. Please make our scholarship program a high priority on your philanthropic list. As the cost of college rises ever higher, we can really make a difference to these deserving young women.

We thank Van Linck who so successfully chaired this activity for several years. New member Janet Lund has volunteered to chair the drive this year. A long-time community activist,

Janet has served as treasurer for the Southeast Minneapolis community newspaper and various political campaigns.

Committee to work on By-laws update

With the approval of the non-controversial changes to the Articles of Incorporation and the By-laws of the UMWC by the members at the meeting on November 6, we should continue the process of reviewing and possibly updating the club's by-laws as printed in the Yearbook. Some by-laws subject to review include, (but are not limited to):

- 1) "There shall be four classes of membership." (p. 66) — Active, Associate, Honorary, International Women Visitors.
- 2) Regarding Associate membership: "She will continue to receive newsletters, yearbook, and other mailings, but voting privileges will not be extended. Male faculty and staff having a rank equivalent to instructor or above are eligible for associate membership." (p. 66)
- 3) "The president shall be a voting ex officio member of all board committees except the nominating committee." (p.70)

A careful reading of the by-laws will probably reveal some other issues we can address. Hoping that this will not take the 3 to 4 years the past effort took, I am calling for a few policy "wonks" to volunteer to bring these by-laws into the 21st century. Please call 612-378-2590 or e-mail starr024@umn.edu.

SECTION NEWS

The sections of UMWC have a wide variety of activities scheduled for the rest of this year. Here's a sampling from the yearbook, which you can check for further information and contact persons to call if you would like to attend.

International Affairs – April 11

Dr. George Weiblen, assistant professor of Plant Biology at the U, replaces the TBA listed in the Yearbook. Dr. Weiblen leads a research project on the people and plants of Papua, New Guinea, an island nation located in the Pacific Ocean. He will speak about the people and issues facing that nation. We meet at Becketwood at 12:30 p.m. — Cherie Hamilton, chair.

Vagabonds – January 25

Cactus of the Southwest Deserts - 7 p.m.
Room 10 McNeal Hall, St. Paul Campus

Restaurant Ramblers – February 20

Hoa bien, a Vietnamese Treasure - 12:30 p.m.
1105 University Ave. St. Paul

Nature – March 24

View heron nesting sites - 10:30 a.m. North Mississippi Regional Park

IN REMEMBRANCE

Dorothy W. Ohnsorg died October 17
Doris Lizee died October 9

Reservation Form

— Conversation with a Woman Leader —

Tuesday, February 5, 2008

Becketwood

Reservation deadline: Monday, January 28

Name _____

Guests(s) _____

Cost per person: \$16.00 x _____ = \$ _____ Total
(All meals must be prepaid.)

Send checks, payable to UMWC, and this form to:
Patty Kane, 1225 LaSalle Avenue, Apt. 2304,
Minneapolis, MN 55403
or Susan McKnight, 5025 Baker Road, Hopkins,
MN 55343

Help welcome new members!

To assist you in greeting and contacting new UMWC members, we are listing those who have joined since the publication of our last news letter.

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Donna Lou Reynolds
5919 Centerville Road, #164, North Oaks, MN 55127


Moving?

Be sure to notify Andy Banks at 651-646-0452, or andybanks@comcast.net, so your newsletter and UMWC mail will catch up with you!

**Deadline for the next UMWC Newsletter
February 16, 2008**

Please submit articles in typed or electronic format.
Send copy to Jane Starr, president, by mail: 126 Orlin Ave. S.E.,
Mpls, MN 55414 or by e-mail: starr024@umn.edu.

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