

# NDSU Women's Club

Winter 2010-2011

## NEWS

### Members Winter Event

January 9 at 1:45 pm

Barry Hall, NDSU Downtown

211 Second Avenue North, Fargo



Meet our new NDSU President, Dean Bresciani, at the NDSU Women's Club Members Winter Event Sunday, January 9. We'll hear from Dr. Bresciani a work-in-progress perspective on his first months at NDSU and his vision for the University in our vibrant academic Fargo-Moorhead community.

Dr. Bresciani brings a chock-full resume of experiences to his new role in the community. You can read the [full official bio](#) at the NDSU website: [www.ndsu.edu](http://www.ndsu.edu). We asked him to reflect on that CV and share his view of his own journey to Fargo and NDSU.

"The breadth of opportunities and related experiences, both in terms of the type of universities and university roles I've been offered — and their divergent geographic locations, has been somewhat unusual... but an extremely fortunate circumstance. As a result, there's not much about universities, nor what their roles are or can be, with which I haven't had direct experience."

What would you like us to know about you as a person that the official bio doesn't tell?

"I was raised fairly humbly and I'd like to think that's not a lesson I've forgotten. Being the President of NDSU is an incredible honor and responsibility, but it is also a privilege; I need to reflect all those features in how I do the job."

### VIP Tour of NDSU's Business Campus

Barry Hall grew from the historic Pioneer Mutual Building and lives that growth every day as not only the University's business campus, but also the home of the Center for Global Initiatives and Leadership and the North Dakota Trade Office. We'll learn much more about this dynamic hub during a special VIP tour of Barry Hall following Dr. Bresciani's talk. Come and bring a guest!

RSVP to Tanja Miljkovic, at [tatiana.miljkovic@hotmail.com](mailto:tatiana.miljkovic@hotmail.com) or 298-8601.



## Greetings!

As the calendar turns, join us to reflect on our accomplishments already this year and to look forward to the exciting future of the NDSU Women's Club.

Goals for the 2010-11 academic year were selected by the Executive Board from suggestions you provided: 1) recruit new and younger members (because our membership is aging), 2) improve communication with current members, and 3) make better use of technology. I hope you are aware of efforts to achieve these goals. It is our opportunity to honor what has made us strong in the past while focusing on our future as the Club moves into its 91st year.

Already this year we're ahead of last year at this time, with over 100 members. I appreciate and encourage your efforts to invite at least one new person as a guest to one of our meetings or special events. At the September Fall Event, we awarded one \$1000 scholarship. Our goal is to have 150 paid members this year in order to fund scholarships and meet our operating expenses.

We are improving communication with current members in several ways, focusing on providing more frequent e-mail communication, particularly about special events. For non-e-mail users, we're maintaining traditional mail and phone calls to keep you up to date. In addition, interest group coordinators receive timely information to pass along to you at your get-togethers.

Technology advances include more electronic newsletters, like this new Winter issue, and our new Facebook group. In order to provide in-depth information to technology users and keep mailing costs down, this newsletter is being e-mailed-only to everyone with an e-mail address. Non-e-mail users will receive the information about Winter Event also, so every member of NDSU Women's Club has the latest news about events and activities.

I hope to see you at our Winter Event on January 9, where we will hear from NDSU President Dean Bresciani about his vision for the future of NDSU. Plus, we've arranged a VIP tour of Barry Hall, which opened just last year. Yummy refreshments and warm conversation will help take the chill off our wintry weather. Bring a guest. It promises to be a wonderful afternoon!

**Bonnie Kirkpatrick, President**

## "Fun at the Farm" Launched Extra Events for Our Members

Responding to member requests for new and diverse activities, the Women's Club and guests met at Noreen Thomas' family organic farm in September to experience the lifestyle and tasty menu...and cow-milking. The Women's Club



November Extra event was a special members-only evening of wine and cheese-tasting and jewelry hosted by Eeva Salejarvi-Teder and Miska Jarvinen-Bergdahl. What would you like to do next? Let us know your interests and ideas so we can develop more Extras.

### Want to Help Guide the Future of NDSU Women's Club?

If you are interested in serving on the Executive Board in the future, or if you'd like to lead a subgroup of your own, or plan an event, contact any board member and tell us as we plan for the future.

## **For Past Presidents, Continuing Membership Is a Given**

Past presidents of the NDSU Women's Club gave extensive time and service during their years of leadership. We asked a sampling of presidents from past decades (and the past century...millennium...yes, we have thrived for a long time!) to reflect on their year and why they stay part of the NDSU Women's Club.

### **1. What is your best memory of the year you were president of NDSU Women's Club?**

**CAROLYN NELSON (1975-76)** — Women's Club was still only open to faculty wives; women faculty members were "questionable" but several were also spouses so they attended. We did an event with the President's wife. I sent a thank you to her after the event but since I had known the president's wife for many years as a friend, I addressed her by her first name. My mother, who was also a member of the club, raised a huge fuss. How dare I not use the proper protocol. I have remembered that ever since. Remember the circumstances and place when addressing people you know both professionally and socially. In my current situation, Governor Hoeven is Governor in all official places, but he can be called John at social events if the circumstances are relaxed, otherwise, Governor there too. Strange how I'm usually addressed as "Carolyn" yet there are times when protocol should have me addressed as Sen. Nelson. We have become a very relaxed society during the past 35 years or so.

**EITHNEA KILLILEA (1982-83)** — I had a wonderful year as president. It seems so long ago, but I remember especially the High Tea event at the Depot downtown. We all had a wonderful time. Many ladies came with fine china and linens and each set up a table and invited seven other ladies to sit with them. All wore white gloves and hats. It was wonderful!!

**MARY BJERKE (2007-08)** — I enjoyed the winter get-together—small, intimate group, lent itself to chatting. I loved using our silver service set at the Fall Event—very cozy.

### **2. Why have you stayed as a member of the Club?**

**CN** — I believe in our scholarship program and will attend if I'm in town or have time.

**EK** — I have stayed a member of the club because of all the wonderful members! I enjoy getting together and visiting with long term members/friends.

**MB** — I love the women there!

### **3. What unfinished business did you leave [that you're still hoping gets done]?**

**CN** — You have expanded your membership to include anyone interested in NDSU, that's good. In former days, we tended to be too exclusive. There was enough trouble with town-gown relations back in the '50s and '60s, that, thank goodness, has pretty much disappeared. In the early days there was a Newcomers Club. We were greeted warmly and met quite often. Many of us are still friends after 50+ years.

**EK** — I cannot remember!

**MB** — Finding direction for the group — either solidly filling social needs for older members and/or career/family networking opportunities for younger members.

### **4. What's your favorite part of Women's Club these days, and why?**

**CN** — I haven't been able to attend for several years but I do enjoy your newsletter and venture into technology.

**EK** — Meeting with new members and making new friends.

**MB** — Midday Meetup — comraderie, friendship with great women without the hassle of anyone needing to prepare, lead, RSVP, etc.

## **Subgroups Serve Special Interests Every Month**

**SPOTLIGHT ON INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S GROUP:** International Women's Club is off to a good start. We shared a pot-luck dinner in September and discussed differences among our various cultures. The October Halloween gathering at the home of June Johnson was a Mayan-themed "Save the Jaguar" party, and in November Beva Dahnke shared her spring/summer experiences of living in Germany. Our Holiday pot-luck will be December 16th at Messiah Lutheran Church with international dance entertainment, and in January, Tanja will share information about Serbia. If you are interested in receiving more information, please contact me at [jacintamm@yahoo.com](mailto:jacintamm@yahoo.com)

**Cindy Maritato, Leader**

### Welcome to NDSU Women's Club!

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and your payment to:

**NDSU Women's Club**

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Enclosed is my 2010-11 academic year dues payment (\$20 for regular members, \$10 for students), which entitles me to participate in any or all social groups, receive Club publications, and participate in the new Facebook group, NDSU Women's Club NOW!

**Half of every membership payment is dedicated to scholarships.**

\$\_\_\_\_\_ additional for scholarships  
(optional)

**Please check all social group(s) of interest to you for further information.**

- Book Group       Gourmet Club  
 International Women  
 Midday Meetup     Sewing Group  
 Valley Gardeners    Writer's Group

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**And you can help** by volunteering for:

- JOLT—Just One Little Thing

## Scholarship Awarded to Theresa Wilson at Fall Event

The 2010 recipient of the NDSU Women's Club scholarship is Theresa Wilson, a junior at North Dakota State University from Cambridge, Minnesota. The scholarship was presented at the Women's Club's 2010 Fall Event in Fargo.

Wilson was awarded the \$1000 scholarship based on academic excellence, strong recommendations from faculty, and a lengthy record of volunteerism and community service at NDSU and beyond.

Theresa is pursuing a major in biology and minors in chemistry and Spanish. She is current Panhellenic Council President and has been an officer of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. She has also volunteered for many community organizations, including Habitat for Humanity, YWCA, Meals on Wheels, Ronald McDonald House, and Special Olympics.

She is the daughter of Garth Wilson and Elizabeth Almer of Cambridge.



## December Member Drive

You can help the NDSU Women's Club continue to offer scholarships to outstanding NDSU women with your membership, of course, but now's the time to take it one step further.

Be a personal ambassador for the NDSU Women's Club and invite one new woman to join our organization with its two-fold mission of scholarship and fun activities that enrich us while they entertain us.

We've printed the membership form [left] to make it easy for you. Tell our story, invite a friend to a Women's Club event or subgroup gathering, and give the women you know the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of membership in NDSU Women's Club.

**And just one more thing...** There's one more way you can give back to Women's Club even if your time is limited. Volunteer for JOLT—Just One Little Thing. It may be helping with a mailing. Or making calls to fellow members. Or setting up an event. We can always use extra helping hands. So if you haven't done it yet, let us know that you'd like to do Just One Little Thing.

For information-sharing about NDSU Women's Club, contact us at [womensclub.ndsu@gmail.com](mailto:womensclub.ndsu@gmail.com)

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