

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Joyce Gyurina was appointed Social Committee Chairperson in June, 2014.

The Social Chairperson is responsible for arranging the Annual Meeting Luncheon, the Annual Picnic, and the Annual Holiday Gala. This includes booking a venue, selecting a Menu, table arrangements, and hiring the entertainment, etc.

The Annual Meeting Luncheon has always been held in June in the UWP Student Union Ballroom. Since I have been social chair, the members and guests have been entertained by a magician, the Sweet Adelines, a Jazz quartet, and a classical guitarist.

The Annual Picnic is held usually the second Monday in September, a week after Labor Day. Pritchard Park in Racine has adequate accommodations for our group and Danny's Catering in Racine has cooperated with us by providing the food in a timely manner. We always have a big group who enjoy picnic food, socializing, activities and games to enrich our minds, and even a hike if you desire. My committee arrives early to wash and cover the picnic tables, set up the refreshment and dessert tables as well as the registration table. They also stay afterwards to help clean up, which is very much appreciated. ALL members also are generous with providing homemade DESSERTS, which everyone loves! Members always seem to have a great time outdoors on sunny September days.

The Holiday Gala is held the first Monday in December. In the past, it has been held at the Marriott in Racine, Strawberry Creek Country Club in Kenosha, The Italian American Club in Kenosha, and at the Covenant in the Murray Mansion in Racine. The members and guests have been entertained by a comedy group; Carthage College professor, Greg Berg, and 2 opera students from his class; a Barbershop Quartet group and a presentation called "Down Memory Lane" provided by Rochelle Pennington.

I am also responsible for calling ALL "Greeters" who welcome members to the lectures which are held twice a month. They are stationed inside the Student Union greeting members with a smile and warm "hello's". They direct the members to the attendance registration table in the student union where the lectures are held. I use 2 volunteers for each lecture, and they arrive a half hour prior to the meeting. We also provide greeters for the Annual Meeting, Week of Learning, Lectures and the Holiday Gala unless otherwise instructed.

I am very proud of my volunteer greeters who willingly arrive in good and bad weather, always with a friendly greeting and an inviting smile. A huge "thank you" to you all.

Joyce Gyurina,, Chair Spring of 2018