

The Willard Warbler

Alumnae President Report

After a long break, we were able to have a Spring Luncheon this year. Alumnae were able to hear about all the success the women of Willard enjoyed this past year while also renewing friendships with other alumnae. Willard awarded eighteen women with Scholarships for receiving a 4.0 for their academic work in the past year. We also recognized the graduating seniors with a small gift.

We had a small but enthusiastic Alumnae group at the house for the Soup Supper in October where we were introduced to the new members. Sounds like they are a really impressive group of young women. We also enjoyed Red Velvet Cake Night with the actives in February. Who doesn't like red velvet cake! We always wish we could have more alumnae events but realize everyone is very busy so we do what we can.

Recruitment is August 17, 18 and concluding with Formal Night on August 19th. **We will be having a Patio Party and Mock Tour on Tuesday August 15th.** The actives can always use our help so we hope to see you in August. Wesleyan already has an increase in enrollment from last year so we know recruitment will be a bigger event. **If you know any incoming freshman or transfer students be sure to let us know by sending in your Alumnae recommendation forms before August 5th.**

Wesleyan Weekend is September 28-October 1. We will be having an open house with coffee and cinnamon rolls on Saturday, September 30th from 9-11. Looking forward to seeing everyone.

We have 1,273 Active alumnae on our list. Thanks to the 158 that paid their \$35 dues and a special thanks to the 109 who made gifts of \$18,565. This money will be put to good use as there are always issues with an old house. The Foundation received \$1,670 for scholarships. Many of the actives use these scholarships to help them pay for college and remain active in Willard.

The Willard house is looking great for her age. Sororities are changing but we can be proud that Willard is strong and we have a really wonderful group of women all of whom we can be proud. Willard strives to keep connected to Alumnae through our email, Willardsorority@gmail.com, our website Willardsorority.org and the Willard Alumnae Facebook page. I want to give a shout out to all the Lincoln alumnae who serve on Corporation Board, Foundation Board, serve as Active Advisors, New Member Advisors and Recruitment Advisors. We couldn't do it without you! If any of you are interested in being more involved with the Alumnae Association and the Women of Willard send me your email. And as always, thank you for supporting Willard with your dues and donations. Thank you!

I welcome any feedback you have and if there is anything you need, let me know. I can be reached at Judykrueger4@gmail.com or 402-432-3399.

Judy Krueger ('72)

From the Active President

This past semester we sent nine lovely seniors onto their future endeavors. We are going to miss them dearly but are so incredibly proud of them and we all cannot wait to see what they are going to accomplish in the future! As of the end of Spring semester, Willard has a total of 50 members, setting us in good standing to get wonderful recruits in the fall. This summer, many Willards have been documenting their travels and summer plans. It has been amazing to see what these women can accomplish over such short amounts of time!

Currently, Willards are working towards a successful fall recruitment and are planning many aspects that go along with that challenge. We are hoping to gain several new Willard new members over the course of fall recruitment. We are looking forward to fall recruitment while supporting our fellow chapters Alpha Gamma Delta and Delta Zeta. We hope to continue to build and strengthen our relationships with other chapters and create a better All Greek Attitude this school year.

Those that are living in the house will be moving back on August 6th. Following the move in, work weeks will start and fall recruitment will follow! We are so excited to have several new women in the house and are excited to have Mama Terry and Chef Jack back with us as well. We are very excited for this upcoming year and are ready for fall recruitment and all Greek, school, and extracurricular activities that are headed our way!"

Teddie Melcher

Recruitment News

From the Corporation President

Dear Willard Alums,

Fortunately life at the Willard House was back to normal this past school year. It was wonderful to see faces and to be able to participate in college life. Of course we still try to promote and encourage Covid safety measures.

Our new housemother, Terry Dannatt, had a very successful first year. She decorated the house for every holiday, special occasion, etc. and made every girl feel special. We hope it seemed like home to the girls.

Enrollment was down last fall so our pledge class had only 10 girls. We only had 26 in the house this spring semester and we are planning on 29 or hopefully 30 in the fall. The low numbers are a concern but thanks to all of your support we are managing.

We hadn't raised room and board for several years, however, we had to raise the room and board for the school year to \$6600. That was an increase of \$600. Our house is much less than what the dorms charge and also the other houses at Wesleyan and the University are much higher. We encourage the girls to live in the house for 3 years. If they apply to move out they have to be approved by Wesleyan, be 21, meet in front of governing board and answer many questions for us. Many girls move home, study abroad, have financial issues and struggle with mental health. The advisors are working hard to find ways to strengthen our sisterhood, and decrease the stress and anxiety for the women of Willard.

We had a very unexpected plumbing expense of over \$15,000. Our main concern is the very high assessment of our house and this is a problem for all of the sororities and fraternities on both campuses. We will be having another appraiser and hopefully our taxes will decrease from the original assessment. This could be a huge financial problem if we can't get the taxes reduced. Our treasurer, Judy Eicher, is doing a fantastic job in dealing with this issue.

Our summer projects will be limited. Due to the financial stress we won't take on any big project. We will finally get the three north doors painted and of course there are lots of little projects to be done. A 61 year old house will continue to need maintenance. The corporation tries to be as fiscally responsible as we can.

We know we would not be thriving and moving forward if it weren't for all of your love, support and financial gifts. It is never too late to pay your dues or give a monetary donation. Please send it to Judy Eicher, 10101 Edgewater Lane, Lincoln, 68527. Thanks again and please take care and stay well. You are always welcome at 5110 Madison Ave., your Willard House.

Willard Love,

Nora Bohling Flinrichs

Hello!

My name is Bethany Krenzer, and I am serving as the recruitment chair for the 2023 calendar year. Formal recruitment will be taking place August 17th-August 19th, with Bid Day on August 20th.

The alum mock tours will be taking place the evening of Tuesday August 15th. Alums are welcome to come to Willard at 5:30pm for a patio party, and mock tours will run from 6:30pm-8:00pm. Anyone who is able to join us is greatly appreciated as experience with these tours is super important, especially for our first-year recruiters.

Thank you all so much, I am so excited for this year's recruitment!



Willard Foundation Report

The Foundation will benefit for years from a generous alum in 2017. It has enabled us to expand our scholarships, and create a sustainable account. We will be forever grateful!

We awarded 13 scholarships in 2022 based on need and grade point.

Jan Brockley,

President

WillardSorority.org

There is information on Alumnae officers, pay dues and make donations.

Find us on Facebook. There is an alumnae group and an active group.

Warbler News 2023

Class of 1948

Jean MacLean Douglas – Kearney, NE

I am 97 and enjoying life at independent living in Kearney. Many wonderful Willard memories!

Class of 1956

Jan Root Brockley – Lincoln, NE

George and I both turned 90 in 2022. Never did we plan to live this long. We are so blessed with good health and still in our own home. Willard will be in my heart forever. Blessings to all.

Class of 1957

Marlys Nelson Ballard – Overland Park, KS

Still at Tallgrass in Overland Park, KS near Super Bowl winning Chiefs! Everybody here loves Patrick Mahomes, quarterback and Travis Kelce, receiver, of SNL fame! Wonderful surprise last summer when Catherine and Marian Calvert came to visit their brother, Dr. John Calvert. Had not seen them for 60 years and they look the same. It was a brief visit but I hope they will come again. Congrats to actives for keeping up the Willard reputation of excellence and local alums for supporting them so royally.

Class of 1958

Janice Rolofson Gustafson – Lincoln, NE

No news, but greetings to all, especially those at Willard from 1955-58!

Class of 1959

Joy Haupt Carol – Penney Farms, FL

It's always great to get the Willard Warbler and to hear the news of Willards. My life has been truly amazing. I am now celebrating 10 years of living with the rare fatal diagnosis of paraneoplastic syndrome. I was expected to live perhaps three years after the diagnosis, but I am breaking all the records. Mayo Clinic – which absolutely saved my life by their diagnosis and treatment – is now making a new series of educational films about my diagnosis and life. (You can see another Mayo film on YouTube by writing Joy Carol Mayo health.) I am so grateful to be alive.

This year I am writing my tenth book focusing on positive relationships between people of different cultures, customs, faiths. It will hopefully come out sometime this year. I wish for my Willard sisters an inspirational and meaningful life.

Class of 1960

Janet Madsen Davidson – Colorado Springs, CO

Hello to all, especially the old timers! Hard to believe so much time has passed since I lived in the Willard House. I'm trying to sort thru & dispose of much of a lifetime accumulation. Still directing a church choir which I enjoy very much.

Class of 1968

Jerri Reher Haussler – Hastings, NE

My husband, Dee, and I had another duo art show. This time the Hastings Museum of Natural and Cultural History actually paid us to show our artwork January 9 to April 3, 2023. He carves life-like fish and I take photos of beautiful living things found in nature. So fun! We are still healthy and still very active in our retirement. Willard love to all!

Brenda Becker – Robertsville, MO

I moved to St. Louis area 7 years ago, bringing my 5 horses with me from Indiana. We live on 5 acres in the country, about 20 miles from my youngest daughter and her family. When my daughter moved from Indianapolis to St. Louis in 2015, I tried to convince them to leave the grandkids with me in Indiana. However, mom and dad didn't want to do that so I followed the "grands" to Missouri. It took awhile but I have made wonderful friends, many who also have horses. I've found a terrific church, sing in the choir, lead Bible study and also work 20 hours each week as a Chaplain for Mercy Hospital.

Class of 1970

Heather Craig-Oldsen – Ponca, NE

Busy in my retirement writing a book with my birth and Willard sister, Ann Craig. It will be a different sort of memoir with an anti-racism bent. I also continue to be busy with community volunteer work – writing grants for Ponca, as well as for Lila Mae's House for trafficked women in Sioux City. Library is also a focus and on July 27 we will bring William Kent Krueger to Ponca State Park. Would love to have Willard sisters there. His talks are always inspirational.

Diny Schepers Frank – Hastings, NE

We are doing well and enjoying our lives in Hastings. The coffee is always on & we'd love see Willard sisters anytime! The class of 1970 has been enjoying our zoom time every three months. Greetings to all and a special thank you to the Willard alums who so successfully manage, support and love "our house" at 5110 Madison Avenue. Your many efforts have not gone unnoticed.

Linda Neuswanger Novak – Omaha, NE

Hi to all 1967 pledge class. I'm enjoying retirement. Amy (41) is a history teacher in Denver. Shana (46) is #TheHeirloomist a photographer, that has a fascinating website. Fun to read.

Class of 1972

Linda Pielstick French – Hastings, NE

R.D. retired from medicine in June 2021. After practicing for 42 years. We've been traveling quite a bit after things opened up after Covid.

Class of 1973

Diane Maassen Moehlenbrink – Phoenix, AZ

After retiring in 2021 and moving to Phoenix, I was recalled to the New Mexico REALTORS Association in October to serve as Interim CEO while they conduct a search for a permanent leader. I've enjoyed the challenge but am glad the end is in sight (hopefully mid to late May). I'm usually in Santa Fe 3 days a week so spend a lot of time at Sky Harbor in Phoenix and The Sunport in Albuquerque. If anyone needs tips on how to get through TSA checkpoints quickly, let me know!

Class of 1975

Carolyn Jane Goin – Morrison, CO

Glad to receive the Willard updates. I'm lucky to get to ski with Barb Welsh Osga and catch up with Nancy Nelson in Colorado. During a Nebraska trip, Sue Dutton and I caught up on their latest expeditions and learning opportunities. Hope 2023 is a great year for everyone!

Class of 1978

Sue Krieger Anderson – Tucson, AZ

Hi to all my Willard sisters! Andy and I still live in Tucson, AZ, and would love a visit from you! We have been traveling quite a bit and have enjoyed seeing many parts of the world. Wishing all of you the best.

Class of 1981

Connie Hultman Carter – Chappell, NE

We are still farming wheat and corn. Our farm was recognized for being in the same family for over 100 years last August. We like to visit our four grandchildren often. Hello to my Willard friends.

Class of 1986

Cheryl Bones-Casey – Carter Lake, IA

I continue to teach high school business and Jim is still at Mutual of Omaha. We moved to Carter Lake to be close to the water. We plan on retiring in about three years. Our kids, Hannah & Ethan are doing well and both have jobs near home.

Class of 1992

Michelle Everts Fosler – Powers Lake, WI

My husband, Dave, and I live in Powers Lake, Wisconsin, where I am a Technical Sales Specialist for XenoTech/BioIVT selling drug development services to pharmaceutical and biotech companies. Our son, Tim, graduated from Valparaiso University (in Valparaiso, Indiana) with a Biology degree and Chemistry and Humanities Minor, as part of the Christ College Honors Scholars program. Our daughter, Rachel, graduated this past December from Lewis University (in Romeoville, Illinois) with an Art - Illustration degree and received the Top Art Student award. We enjoyed coming back to Nebraska Wesleyan University for my 30th reunion this past summer and seeing campus and the updated Willard house!

Class of 1994

Jill Colwell Burkey – Grand Junction, CO

Hello Willard sisters! I'm thrilled to share the news that I've achieved a lifelong goal with the publication of a chapbook of my poetry, *The Two Hearts Inside Us*, by Lithic Press. You can check it out and/or buy it at my website, jillburkey.com. I'm also going to sell greeting cards with lines from my poems, which I'm very excited about. In other news, our son graduated from UNT (Denton, TX) with a bachelor of music in performance. He's going to pursue a master's degree at UNT unless he gets an orchestra job first. (He plays tuba.) Our daughter completed her first year at CSU (Ft. Collins, CO) – she's currently an English major with a business minor but is thinking about switching to horticulture. Last but not least, Todd and I celebrated our 25th anniversary this year! I hope you're all happy and well. Willard Love, Jill jillbwriter@outlook.com

Class of 2007

Emily Hadley – Austin, TX

My family and I have relocated to Austin, Texas. I have joined Austin Maternal Fetal Medicine. We welcomed our second child, Vera, in April 2023.

Class of 2010

Alyssa Sickel Finck – Falls City, NE

I continue to reside in Falls City, NE with my husband, Cliff, where I am a family medicine physician. We have two boys, Carter & Parker, who keep us busy!

Class of 2015

Hailey Each Steider – Geneva, NE

Hello from Geneva, NE. My husband, Ryan, and our son, Aiden, and I welcomed Emma Grace into our family on February 1st! I'm not teaching 3rd grade in our district.

Class of 2016

Kelly Krueger – Lincoln, NE

So happy to announce that Luke Covault and I got married on May 27. It was so fun having Willard sisters there to help celebrate!

Class of 2021

Mackenzey Navratil – Lincoln, NE

I have some exciting news to share with my fellow Willard sisters! I am getting married July of this year! I am getting married to Brad Ernesti who was a Theta Chi at NWU. We both graduated in 2021! We are so excited to start our lives together! I am also going into my second year of teaching 3rd Grade at Prescott Elementary School here in Lincoln. I have really enjoyed teaching and I hope to start my masters in the near future.

Reference given by: _____
(Maiden name)

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

**CONFIDENTIAL REFERENCE ON PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS
(For use ONLY by the members of Willard Sorority)**

This form will be used to assist our chapter in the 2023 new member selection process. Please give careful consideration to the questions asked and fill in as much information as possible.

Please return this form to: Willard Sorority 5110 Madison Avenue Lincoln, NE 68504, or scan and email to willardsororityrecruitment@gmail.com. **Please return before Saturday, August 5th.**

Name of prospective new member: _____

How do you know her? _____

FAMILY:

Relatives in Willard (include maiden name if possible): _____

ACADEMICS:

College attended (if transfer student): _____

High School attended: _____
Name City State

How would you characterize this woman scholastically? _____

Scholastic Awards: _____

ACTIVITIES:

_____ Art _____ Music _____ Sports _____ Publications
_____ Contests _____ Service Clubs _____ Dramatics _____ Student Government
_____ Civic _____ Church _____ Other _____

Please elaborate on these activities and include outstanding achievements (i.e. offices held, honors received):

Special Interests: _____

Outstanding Achievements in these areas (Offices, Honoraries): _____

PERSONALITY:

This young woman: (check what applies)

Is of good character and integrity
 yes no unknown

Accepts responsibility
 excellent good average poor unknown

Has leadership potential
 excellent good average poor unknown

Is willing to accept authority and to abide by group decisions
 excellent good average poor unknown

Please tell us why this young woman would make an outstanding Willard (giving special attention to each of the five pillars of sisterhood, scholarship, service, commitment, and character):

TO WILLARD GIVING REFERENCE: (please check the blanks accordingly)

- 1) I recommend this young woman for Willard membership
 - a) I know this young woman personally.
 - b) I do not know this young woman personally but I am basing my recommendation on information from:
 - another Willard, high school faculty, peers of the young woman,
 - a mutual friend, other
- 2) I do not recommend this young woman for Willard membership based on information received.
 If further clarification is required, the chapter membership advisor may contact me.
- 3) I am unable to commit myself to a decision regarding this young woman
 - a) Due to limited information received
 - b) After contacting all available sources and receiving no information

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this form. The information you have provided will be a tremendous help during our new member selection process this August.

In gratitude and Willard Love,

Bethany Krenzer

402-682-1016

Willard Sorority Recruitment Chair



Chapter Eternal

Chapter Eternal is a list of Willard alumnae who have passed away.

We recognize these women at our annual Alumnae Luncheon by reading their name and moving a rose from one vase to another vase in their honor.

Susan Shaffer

Class of 1977 ~ died June 26, 2023

Kathryn Lang

Class of 1971 ~ died October 9, 2022

Ruby Nixon Minert

Class of 1956 ~ died March 25, 2023

Nancy Young Ess

Class of 1954 ~ died January 26, 2023

Mary Schrunk Magnuson

Class of 1943 ~ died January 2, 2023

Cynthia Platt Murray

Class of 1965 ~ died October 14, 2016

Roberta Good

Class of 1967 ~ died September 13, 2022

Christie Lou Nelson Andersen

Class of 1959 ~ died April 23, 2022

Marilyn McClurg Wheeler

Class of 1957 ~ died April 10, 2022

Edythe Cochran Engleman

Class of 1949 ~ died August 28, 2021

Nancy Tompkins Harding

Class of 1958 ~ died July 13, 2022

Willard Alumnae Foundation

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Lincoln, NE 68516

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Please join us for our annual *Pat's Party*
in the Helen Shaker Miner Memorial
Courtyard
Saturday August 15th at 5:30 pm
Mock Tours to follow at 6:30
Let us know you if can come
judykrueger4@gmail.com