

The Willard Warbler

Alumnae President Report

Greetings Willard Sisters!

Another school year has flown by and by all accounts it was a successful one for the the Willards. After having a normal in person recruitment, we welcomed the new members to the Willard house at a small soup supper. Homecoming was a small event this year but we did have some Alumnae drop by the house.

We had hoped to have more alumnae events but just as I was planning the Spring Luncheon a new wave of COVID hit so we postponed that too. We did have a senior send off on the patio at the end of the year. Next spring, I promise we will have a full Spring Luncheon!

We will begin our year with a Patio Party Wednesday August 17th at 5:30pm before the Mock tours at 6:30. This is always a fun time to reconnect with Willards and we always have a great turnout to help the Actives get ready for recruitment. This will also be chance for you to meet our new House Mom Terry Dannatt.

Wesleyan will be hosting its homecoming events September 29-October 2nd. We will have a Willard open house on Saturday October 1st from 9 to 11am. We hope those of you attending will stop by and I am especially excited to be there because it is my 50th reunion year. Class of 1972!

I want to express my thanks to all the Alumnae in Lincoln who help keep the Willard house running smoothly, Nora Hinrich Corporation, Judy Eicher treasurer, Cindy Boss active advisor, Allison Thomas new member advisor, Stephanie Wiese and Jerilyn Schlueter Recruitment advisors, April Stevenson who puts together the Warbler, and all the women that serve on the Corporation and Foundation boards. Their work is vital to the success of Willard.

Also, a huge shout out to all the Alumnae all over the country who support us with their dues and donations. These monies help us maintain the house and do the little extras that make Willard feel like home. As always, keep in touch through our Facebook page and the Willardsorority.org website. You can always reach me at Judykrueger4@gmail.com

Willard Love

Judy Krueger ('72)

From the Corporation President

Dear Willard Alums,

When I wrote to you last year I had hoped that was the end of Covid and I wouldn't have to mention it again. Well, that didn't happen and college life and life as a Willard had many challenges throughout the year. I think that the girls handled it very well, however, Covid is a constant worry to them. They are worried about this fall and recruitment, etc. Last fall we had recruitment in person and it went very well. It was unusual to greet and meet girls with their masks and I must admit I am still struggling to learn names. We have learned that it is difficult to form close bonds with other girls when there are Covid restrictions.

We only had 21 girls in the house last school year. We were worried about our finances with such a small number of girls in the house, however, we managed fine. Fortunately we didn't have any major expenses. One big change was that we only had one chef that just cooked for us. The food was great and we had so much variety. We didn't have any catering to other houses. We will continue with that plan this next year too. When the girls returned they learned the new security system and use their phones to enter the house. The girl's safety and security is always our priority. This summer we are having cameras installed on the west and north sides of the house.

Beth Kirschner, our housemother for the last two years, has resigned and will be going to a fraternity house in Manhattan, Ks. She will be leaving the end of June. We wish her well. Our new housemother is Terry Dannatt and she has 28 years of experience. She has worked in fraternity and sorority houses. She is anxious to be in a sorority house again. She had never heard of a local sorority and is very interested in it. She is moving from a fraternity at Lawrence, Ks. She will arrive July 5th and we are excited to have her. I hope you will meet her.

This fall we will have 29 girls in the house. So many girls attend school abroad or Washington D.C. Many live at home and many live off campus. We haven't raised room and board for several years because we know how expensive everything is. Many girls live off campus because of financial issues and also because of mental health. We are hoping that we can strengthen our sisterhood, and work to decrease the stress and anxiety for the women of Willard.

We don't have any major projects this summer but our house is 60 years old so we often have surprises. We do need to replace the three doors on the north side of the house. Of course, we will do the usual summer maintenance. It is never too late to pay your dues and we always appreciate monetary gifts. Please send your checks to Judy Eicher, 10101 Edgewater Lane. 68527. She does a fantastic job as treasurer for the alums, corporation and works with the girls too.

Thanks for your continued love and support of Willard. Please take care and stay well. You are always welcome at 5110 Madison Ave., your Willard House.

Nora Bohling Hinrichs

From the Active President

Hello to all reading! My name is Lauren Peters and I have the absolute pleasure of being the Willard Sorority President for the entirety of 2022. I have the blessing of watching Willard grow as well as the wonderful women in it. Our pillars: character, commitment, scholarship, service, and sisterhood have been at the heart of this chapter since 1889 and I am so honored to watch each of those ideals strengthen and evolve right before my own eyes.

This year has been a year of adjustment. Due to the world getting a little more back to 'normal' since the pandemic, we have been able to include and bring back a few of Willard's favorite things, including our philanthropies that were executed by Sarah Kallhoff, our philanthropy chair. These included Build Your Own Burrito and S'more Local Love this past spring, which we were able to have in house and we had a great turn out (including alums!)

A few more notable memories were the fun and creative sisterhood study events put together by the Vice President, Bailey Christensen, which aimed to help our women bond and collaborate on schoolwork. Our socials and formals, organized by Helen Whittaker, were able to come back as well. Mock Wedding formal included senior Reagan Janzen as the bride and Phi Kappa Tau senior Kyle Ott as the groom. Pink and Pearl was also held, which many Willards were super excited to carry on some traditions and have a successful end of the year celebration, especially for our wonderful Willard seniors. Senior Fireside was done by the recruitment chair, Cassie Workman, it was a very bittersweet moment to say goodbye to some women who exemplified Willard to a tee.

The university has been doing a wonderful job with keeping Greek Life at a fore front for student involvement. During Greek Week, the Order of Omega welcomed some new members, including Bethany Krenzer and Jasmine Doell from Willard.

We are extremely excited for next semester. We are anticipating a wonderful recruitment and a chance to meet some new NWU students.

I would like to take this time to thank Beth Kershner for her service to Willard for the last two years. We will be welcoming a new house mother, Terry Dannatte. All the Willards can't wait to be back in the house and back on campus.

I am so extremely blessed and honored to have this position and to be a Willard. If you have any questions or if you'd like to reach out please feel free. Thank you for all your support and Willard love.

Lauren Peters

Recruitment News

Hello! It's almost recruitment time! My name is Cassie Workman, and I am Willard's Recruitment Chair this year. Recruitment this year will be August 18th-August 21st, and we are planning for it to be fully in person! We have been working hard this summer to get recruitment back to the way it was before the pandemic with red velvet cupcakes, alumni mock tours and all! The important dates can be found below.

In addition to important dates for recruitment, I am providing the alumnae recommendation form. Please use the form attached when providing a recommendation for the potential new members. We value our alumnae recommendations, and it is an important part of the formal recruitment process. You can send recommendation forms to: 5110 Madison Ave Lincoln, NE 68504 or email them to willardsororityrecruitment@gmail.com and please have them returned by Sunday, August 14th.

If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact me at 816-305-2273 or cworkman@nebrwesleyan.edu. I am looking forward to another successful recruitment and to see you all at mock tours!

Important dates for Recruitment 2022

Wednesday, August 17 @ 6:30pm - Alum mock tours
Thursday, August 18 - First night of formal recruitment
Friday, August 19 - Second night of formal recruitment
Saturday, August 20 - Third night of formal recruitment
Sunday, August 21 - Bid day!



Willard Foundation Report

The Willard Foundation had the good fortune of rewarding everyone all, or most, of what they applied for. With the market falling now it might be more difficult in December. The Foundation will always help everyone we can, whenever we can, to try and make a difference.

We have very generous alums. There will be a scholarship available at NWU in September under the name Jan Brockley. The only scholarship registered for "Willards Only."

Donations to the Foundation are tax deductible and can be sent to Sara Knobbe Rolf at 7330 Blanchard Blvd., Lincoln, NE 68516.

Jan Brockley,
President of Foundation

Meet the New House Mom

I am excited to introduce you to our new House Mom! Terry Dannatt has 28 years of experience as a house mom at various Universities in the Midwest. She most recently came from Lawrence Kansas where she was the House Mom to 60 fraternity members. After that working with the Willards should be a walk in the park. She has never worked with a local sorority before so is impressed with how quickly we can react and get things done.

Originally from Boone Iowa, she graduated from Ada Oklahoma with a Bachelors degree in Computer Science. She has two daughter who live in Kansas City and eight grandkids.



She is a Master Gardener, loves needle work, crocheting and water and snow skiing. She also loves to travel. This is her first time being in Nebraska and has been favorably impressed with Lincoln. I know you will all join me in welcoming her to the Willard family. Your first chance to meet her will be at the Patio Party before the mock tours on Wednesday August 17th at 5:30 pm. She encourages you to drop by the house any time and if you want to reach her the email is Geronimogold@yahoo.com.

I also want to take time to thank Beth Kirschner for her help the last three years. It could not have been easy navigating all the COVID restrictions. We wish her luck at her next adventure, House Mom to 60 fraternity guys at Kansas State.

Warbler News 2022

Class of 1950

Dorris Thomas Lanning – Cedar Rapids, IA

I turned 93 in January. Still doing choir, yoga and walking a mile every day. Life is good.

Class of 1956

Marilyn Wagner Allison – Temple, TX

During the past two years many friends and relatives have died. My sister, Virginia died April '21 and sister-in-law, Sally October '21. I want to pick up the phone and call but realize they are gone. Earl and I are well, working out at the gym. No traveling these days and content to stay close to home. My best to all the Willards. Happy memories serve me well.

Ruby Nixon Minert – Lincoln, NE

Much better news with 31 Willard's GPA 4.0. Wish you all a good year. Blessings, Ruby

Class of 1957

Connie Bray Holland – Highland, UT

2021 was a year of changes & new beginnings for this 84-year-old. The year began planning my Granddaughter's wedding – I still love to do crafts so she gave me the job of all the decorations – I was very pleased with them & the wedding was a great success. My son, wife & I had been discussing leaving CA for several years, so in May we decided to test the waters. Within a week we both had our houses sold & we were shopping for their home in Utah. Since I grew up in Nebraska I know snow, so I bought me a winter home in Sun City West, AZ (have 3 sisters who also have homes on same block & winter there). So, I now have my own complete home within their home in Utah & winter in AZ – the best of both worlds.

Maryls Nelson Ballard – Overland Park, KS

Lost the love of my life March 11, 2020 after being married for 64 years. Moved to Tallgrass Independent Living a year ago. Sons, Jeff and Randy are in the KC area. They have been great help to me as I was diagnosed with cancer in my jaw in August 2021 and had surgery at KU hospital October 5, rehab until November 16, and finally back to my apartment. So many lovely people here and I am thankful to be able to join them in the dining room. Early here I met Catherine and Marian Calvert's brother John who lives in the same building. Would love to hear from Willards from the fifties at my new address (13810 Metcalf Ave Apt 12231, Overland Park, KS 66223). Thanks Willard officers for making it possible to be in touch. I was an alum when the present house was built and a student in the former house. Seems impossible that the "new" house needs so much improvement, but so glad the alums have made it happen.

Class of 1958

Doris Roberts Reinholt – Zeeland, MI

I have moved to an independent living place (Royal Park Place) in Zeeland, Michigan. My daughter, Shari Moore, lives in Zeeland and my granddaughter plays soccer here. 500 Parkside Dr Apt 125, Zeeland, MI 49464

Class of 1960

Janet Madsen Davidson – Colorado Springs, CO

My husband, Paul, died last July so I am slowly sorting through stuff to clear out the house. Still enjoy directing my church choir and doing some accompanying.

Class of 1962

Ingrid Sandall Hutchings – Champaign, IL

We are in the midst of selling our casita in AZ. I keep in touch with Myrna Sandall.

Class of 1963

Annette Jayne Gausman Rasmussen – Tallahassee, FL

Howard Rasmussen '62 and I will celebrate our 60th wedding anniversary in June of this year.

Class of 1966

Lucy Heather Kitt – Ballwin, MO

My husband and I have done some trips in our RV. We were in Texas for the big ice storms! It was an adventure. Bobbie Daughtery is back in Lincoln and I enjoy feeling more connected to her even if our connection is mostly still by phone. I am looking forward to the event in 2023. Maybe can locate some sisters through Facebook.

Class of 1967

Kay Bowmaster Green – Lincoln, NE

Hello dear Willard Sisters who were around 1967 - both before and after! It's time to plan another get-to-gather for this fall! It's been TOO long since our last gathering! What if I plan something around Homecoming? I'm on my second round of chemo treatments now for ovarian cancer and I'm tolerating it well. I'm very fortunate! The really great news is that my doctors have given me permission to travel to Germany in June to see the Passion Play and do a quick tour of sites in Germany. We had booked a tour in 2020, but for the first time ever, it had to be cancelled because of COVID. It's been rescheduled for this summer and we have tickets in June. I'll only be gone for 10 days and the doctors will schedule my chemo treatments around the dates I'll be gone. I'm very fortunate. Please let me know your wishes/suggestions for a reunion this fall. My cell phone number is 402-525-5431 and my email address is kkgreen7@gmail.com. I hope to hear from you! Willard Love, Kay

Class of 1968

Jerri Reher Haussler – Hastings, NE

My husband and I had a duo art show at the Minden Opera House Art Gallery in Minden, NE during September/October 2021: "Flowers, Fowl, and Fish, Butterflies & Bugs, Can You Find the Bugs?" (He carves life-like fish and I take photos to enhance our retirement years.) Lots of work, but FUN! Still healthy, we enjoy travelling to visit family and friends. Willard Love to all!

Class of 1970

Heather Craig-Oldsen – Ponca, NE

I am still enjoying the new pace of retirement. I am doing volunteer work with our community development agency and have written a grant to the department of economic development for community center planning. It was awarded, so the work just begins! I also volunteer with the Sisters of St. Francis and have been working with their systemic racism team, their ministry fund team, and the Lila Mae's House project for trafficked women. I'm getting back into bicycling after a two-year hiatus. Biking with a couple of friends on the Natchez trace in Mississippi at the end of April.

Cindy Hadsell – Omaha, NE

Greetings to all! The "Class that started in 1966" has finally started using technology for reunions on Zoom. It's been a delight to see and catch up with our friends, most who graduated in 1970 and some who left for nursing school or other places to study. We're gathering together from Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Missouri, New Mexico, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Vermont and, of course, Nebraska! It's as much fun to share (or correct!) old memories as it is to learn about what's going on in each one's life now. Thanks to the Alumnae team for all the work they do to keep the Willard House beautiful as new generations of memories are being created there now. "We belonged to the very best!!"

Class of 1972

Pat Vosta Friedli – Nebraska City, NE

Life is good here in Nebraska City. Doug and I keep busy with community work and hobbies. We have children and grand ones here in Nebraska City, Norfolk, Texas, Kansas and California.

Judy Bowmaster Krueger – Lincoln, NE

It has been 50 years. Still love my Willard sisters. Shall we get together this summer for a reunion? Email me, judykrueger4@gmail.com

Class of 1973

Diane Massen Moehlenbrink – Phoenix, AZ

Larry and I both retired last spring. We sold our house in Albuquerque, gave the snow shovel to the Salvation Army, and moved to Phoenix. We're settling in and enjoying our new lifestyle.

Cathy Gaines Mattoon – Sidney, NE

Still hanging in there in Sidney, NE!

Class of 1975

Sue Smith Kelley – Omaha, NE

Sue Smith Kelley (75) has been retired for 6 years after serving as Principal in the Millard Public Schools, but life is busier than ever. After 4 years of an elected term and chair of the Learning Community for Douglas and Sarpy Counties, I am now supervising student teachers, playing golf and pickle ball, and babysitting two great grandsons once or twice a week—all things I love to do!

Class of 1977

Mickey Feis McDaniel – Lincoln, NE

Doug and I are still in Lincoln, and both our boys and their families are all in town too. We know how lucky we are to be able to all get together as a family once a week. We never take that for granted. We have six grandchildren. Our oldest grandchild starts high school next fall and the youngest is 18 month old. They keep us young for sure! Doug retired this spring and we are settled into a routine with both of us at home all day. He was a bit nervous that he wouldn't have enough on his plate to do, but, as most retired folks know, we are much busier now than when we had full-time jobs! We are traveling, helping with our grandchildren as needed, and volunteering in the

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community. We will celebrate our 45th wedding anniversary this July. I'm not sure how time goes by so quickly. Donna Manley and I manage to still get together at least once a year, either in California, or in Lincoln. We walked through campus during her visit last summer and talked about all of our wonderful memories of our time at Wesleyan and as Willards. Willard Love to you all! Be safe.

Class of 1978

Sue Krieger Anderson – Tucson, AZ

Hi to all Willards from Tucson, AZ! The birds are singing & the cacti are blooming – happy spring! If you are in the area, stop by for a visit. The best to each of you.

Class of 1980

Arlene Howe – Chesterfield, MO

Hi, No news from St. Louis but hello to all my Willard sisters.

Class of 1986

Cheryl Bones-Casey – Omaha, NE

Things are good in the Casey household. I continue to teach high school business and Jim works at Mutual of Omaha. My son will graduate college in the spring and Hannah works for Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

Class of 1988

Cindy Henry Boss – Waverly, NE

Enjoying retirement with a new job traveling & working with teachers. Also serve as Alum Advisor to the active chapter!

Class of 1989

Kay Pike Wenzl – Lincoln, NE

I am the Assistant Director at Aging Partners, the Area

Agency on Aging which covers Lancaster County & seven neighboring counties. Our daughter, Anna Ruth just finished her sophomore year at NWU & loves living in the Willard house.

Class of 1990

Susy Martin Miller – Lincoln, NE

Scott & I are still in Lincoln, making the most of being empty nesters. Scott has a new role at Lincoln Industries, as Vice President of People Resources. I continue to create a community at NWU of alumni who have a vested interest in our alma mater and wish to fulfill their dreams and the dreams of our students. Both of our kids are testing the waters living in Arvada, CO. Liesl, our youngest, got engaged on her birthday in March on our family vacation in San Diego. Fun times ahead planning a wedding!

Class of 2015

Hailey Esch Steider – Geneva, NA

Currently in Geneva, NE with my husband, Ryan, and son, Aiden. I'll be teaching 3rd grade in the fall.

Class of 2016

Kelly Krueger – Lincoln, NE

Hello Willards. I am so excited to announce that Luke Govault and I are engaged. We are planning a wedding for spring 2023!

Class of 2001

Caity Mobley Ramey – Chandler, AZ

We've lived in Chandler, Arizona now for 6 years and my boys are growing up fast (I'll have a high school freshman and senior next year, which is crazy to think)! Hope everyone is happy and healthy this year!

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.

Joan Spencer Beeney

Class of 1955 ~ died October 27, 2021

Alice Greenslit Provost

Class of 1948 ~ died January 28, 2022

Marjorie Christner Ficke

Class of 1958 ~ died February 2, 2022

Nancy Nicolai

Class of 1980 ~ died February 9, 2022

Robbie McBride Wimmer

Class of 1979 ~ died January 20, 2022

Joan Brooker Pollard

Class of 1958 ~ died January 4, 2021

Karen Christopher McCubbin

Class of 1957 ~ died May 9, 2020

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*Please Join us for our annual Patio Party
in the Helen Shafer Miner Memorial
Courtyard*

Wednesday August 17th at 5:30 pm

Meet the new House Mom

Mock Tours to follow at 6:30

Let us know you if can come

**Please send your email to
willardsorority@gmail.com to receive Willard
News and the Warbler electronically.**

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 2022 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 Sunday, August 14th.**

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,

Cassie Workman

Willard Sorority Recruitment Chair