

# HOME Sweet HOME

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Marion's Historic Women's Club Home

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## FREE! 'Women's Wellness Wednesday' June 1 at WCH

Walk with a Doc — and ask questions. Learn tips to live with intention. Lunch, laugh — and celebrate a 'healthy,' humorous, happy hour at **"Women's Wellness Wednesday" (WWW) June 1 at the Women's Club Home. It's all free, including lunch,** and registration is not required. Guests may attend one, two or all sessions.

Sessions begin **on the hour, 9 a.m. — 5 p.m.,** with professionals from OhioHealth and others presenting physical/mental health information and hands-on wellness tips. A mobile mammogram unit will be on site to serve 15 underserved women.

"WWW coincides with **our mission to empower women,**" says Valerie Wigton, Women's Club vice president. "We start with an energizing walk around the Home with Dr. Heather Columber, and continue through the day with wellness sessions. We conclude with **'healthy' happy hour** featuring Shovel City Improv."

For a comprehensive schedule, call (740)387-1366, search "Marion Women's Club" on FB, or visit [MarionCountyFederationOfWomensClubs.com](http://MarionCountyFederationOfWomensClubs.com)

*Nancy's notes...*

## Hope filling hearts — and Historic Home



Nancy Hafer

As Spring approaches, I'm renewed with feelings of rebirth and hope. Our Club is no exception. Our record-setting "Turn Up The Heat" celebrity dance gala raised funds not only for our iconic front porch and iron fence restoration, but guests also donated \$10,000 to the Ida Barlow Brilliance Award fund, and **\$6,115 to the American Red Cross Ukraine Crisis Fund.**

This Spring, I'm truly excited as our membership is surging and dreams are becoming reality (see p. 2). Follow us on Facebook as we continue to evolve and bloom — inching ever closer to creating a *Women's History Museum*.

Gratefully,

*Nancy E. Hafer*

President, Marion Women's Club



**DANCING WITH GRATITUDE**—Thank you to dancers, instructors, sponsors, guests, volunteers — all who helped with our record-setting "Turn Up the Heat" celebrity dance gala, generating **more than \$50,000** to preserve the Historic Women's Club Home and implement our mission. Dancing the night away are (l-r): Professional dance instructor **Don Ewell with Amy Roston;** Professional Instructor **Eric Julian "EJ" Walker with Christine Hinton;** and **B.J. Gruber with Professional Instructor Sarah Stalter.** (See winners' photos, p.2.) — photos by Brandy Gatrell

## Calligraphy class coming

Ever wanted to learn calligraphy? Join **Professional Calligraphist and Women's Club member Pam DeGood** for a one-time 2½ hour class at 6 p.m. Wed., June 22. \$15 for members; \$35 non-members. Five students are needed to conduct the class. Call the Marion Women's Club Home at (740)387-1366 to register.



**'WRITE ON!'** Learn the Foundational style of calligraphy June 22 at the Women's Club Home. Call (740)387-1366 to register.



# "...preserving the Historic Home and the Club's legacy"

These photos 'capture' the meaning of the phrase, above, taken directly from the Marion Women's Club Mission Statement:  
*"Empowering Women and Enriching the Community, while Preserving the Historic Home and Promoting the Club's Legacy"*

## OPENING NEW DOORS—

Construction is nearly complete on the installation of custom dining room doors, thanks to a grant from the Marion Community Foundation. The period-correct bi-fold oak doors, which lead from the Abigail Harding Lewis Auditorium to the Historic Home, will allow visitors to view the room's exquisite woodwork and gold-leaf, coffered ceiling. **Contractor Randy Robinson** (far right, with Gary Brammell) researched, designed, and developed detail for the project; Marionite Craig Lackey built the doors.



**93 STRONG**—Support of the Women's Club continues to thrive with membership at 93 and growing. **Members carry out the Club mission** through five committees: 1) History, Museum & Preservation; 2) Programming; 3) Property



& Maintenance, 4) Fundraising & Development, and 5) Marketing & Communications. A group of our own "first ladies" visited the First Ladies Museum in Canton. "We discovered that Ida McKinley was a woman who knew no boundaries in achieving amazing heights — as a banker and president's wife," explained Sharol Herr, past Women's Club President, and chair of the History, Museum & Preservation Committee..



**"BUSY, BRILLIANT & BOSSY: DISCOVERING HISTORIES OF AMERICAN WOMEN'S COMMUNITY ACTIVISM"**—Taught by Board Member Dr. Margaret Sumner, students taking this Ohio State Marion course investigate WCH's archives and impact on our community. The course culminates in a presentation at the Historic Home (above). **Here's a sample of comments from OSU students:** "It was such a pleasure learning about the history of the Women's Club Home and the amazing contributions over the years." and "The women of the club were incredibly nice and patient...their kindness reassured me." and "I feel confident in my public presentation and research skills after this semester at the Women's Club."



**"GETTING PLASTERED"**— Thanks to a \$6,250 grant from the Ohio History Connection and a \$6,750 match from the Women's Club and the OSUM Pay it Forward Grant, ceiling damage like this on the second and third floors of the Historic Home is being repaired. With a new roof installed last year (**thank you, donors**), ceilings are being restored to their original elegant style. Ohio History Connection: [www.ohiohistory.org/historyfund](http://www.ohiohistory.org/historyfund).



**WINNERS**—Celebrity Dancer **Lu Chivington** (above, left, with Professional Dance Instructor EJ Walker) won the overall "Champion Award" for raising the most money at our March 12 fundraising gala, while Celebrity Dancer **Ralph Hill** and Instructor Trisha Hart won the "Judges' Performance Award."

## Save these Dates at the WCH...

- ✓ 5/18: WCH Open Studio, 6 p.m. Bring an art project to work on and/or a finished project to show.
- ✓ 5/25: WCH Book Club, 7 p.m. via Zoom. Call (740)387-1366 for Zoom link and details.
- ✓ 6/1: "Women's Wellness Wednesday," 9 a.m.-6 p.m. (see p.1)
- ✓ 6/22: Beginning Calligraphy Class, 6 p.m. (see p.1)
- ✓ 9/1, 10/6 and 11/3: Fall Forum Series, "Women's Vision: Histories of Women in Art," 7 p.m.
- ✓ 9/15: "Everyday Women's Guide to Success in Your Business" seminar, 5 p.m.
- ✓ 9/30: "Women's Vision" Art Show & Donor Appreciation Reception
- ✓ 11/5: Holiday Art & Craft Show