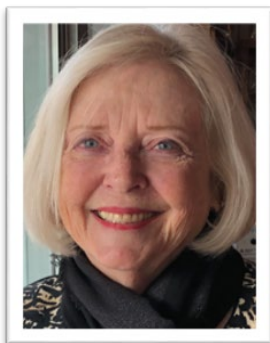




Twentieth Century Club CONNECTIONS

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Message from the President



A heartfelt thank you to all those attending the Thursday, 12 December Holiday program. Your smiles, laughter, singing voices and holiday spirit made a magical luncheon. A special thanks to the Silver Sage Ukeladies for their

outstanding program. As usual, the Atlantic Casino and Spa did not disappoint with the delicious luncheon and the decorations in our ballroom.

Next month we will be having Riley Gillis, a UNR school of Medicine researcher, as our speaker.

Please plan on attending our luncheon and bring your friends. The more, the merrier.

Lastly, continue to think about your basket contribution to our Basket Extravaganza in May.

Until January, have a very happy holiday and new year.

Sincerely,

Diane

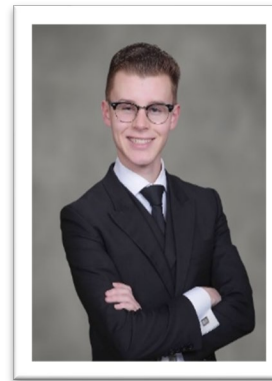


January's Guest Speaker

Ending Infectious Disease: Humanitarianism and Biodefense

New Year's Resolutions often include a commitment to improve our health, so it is fitting that our January speaker's career is focused on improving health outcomes – on a global scale!

Riley Gillis is an undergraduate researcher at the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine who is making global impacts.



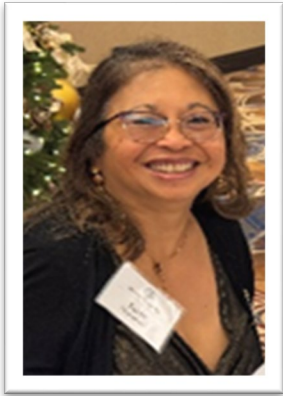
Riley's talk will focus on diagnostic immunology (and, potentially, novel treatment research) into emerging infectious disease and biodefense threats.

Don't worry, you don't need to be a science nerd to enjoy this program! A lively and engaging speaker, Riley will provide new insight into the era of COVID and other infectious diseases that touch all our lives.

Since graduating from Hug High School in 2022, Riley has already earned several research awards and public health accolades. Riley also moonlights as a professional pianist, where he holds tenure as the principal (section leader) and as a soloist for several professional symphonies. Riley volunteers as a Healing Arts Pianist at Renown Health Center for terminally ill patients and staff, has released a live classical album on Spotify, and leads musical therapy

groups at dementia care facilities. He is also the Vice President of UNR's medical fraternity: Phi Delta Epsilon. You won't want to miss this engaging young speaker!

Membership News: Welcome, New Member Imee Osantowski



Please join me in welcoming Imee to the Twentieth Century Club. I had the pleasure of talking with her and learning more about her life. Imee was born and raised in the Philippines. Her parents came to the United States for more opportunities for the family. Imee and her siblings stayed

behind until her family was able to move them to the United States. Imee described her mother as "brave" for coming to another country and leaving her children behind. She was motivated to give her children a better life.

Imee's family settled in the Bay Area and Imee attended UC Berkeley and graduated with a double major in Civil Engineering and Material Science Engineering. Imee met her husband while working for Caltrans.

For most of her professional life she worked for the Port of Oakland. After retiring Imee and her husband retired to Reno.

Imee has many interests such as traveling, sewing, knitting, glass fusing and exercising. She is excited about spending holidays and time with her children, who live in Washington State, and especially with her 3-year-old granddaughter.

Imee was looking for activities to get involved in after moving to Reno. She was a guest of our member, Jill Navarrette and enjoyed the program and decided to join.

Chrystine Klett -Membership

Loving Memory

Isabelle Marian Jones Pearce died peacefully on November 12, 2024. She was born in Spokane Washington on February 7, 1928 and lived a long and happy life.

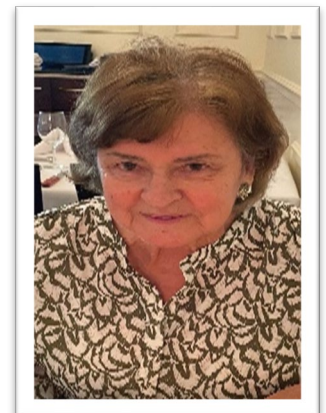


She was married to her childhood sweetheart the late Tom Pearce for 62 years and they enjoyed traveling around the world. While attending Oregon State College she was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta and stayed active in Panhellenic organizations throughout her life. She held leadership positions in charities and non-profit associations too numerous to mention, sang in choirs throughout her life, enjoyed sewing, and was a bridge-playing power. She was a stalwart member of the TCC Bridge Club.

However, her greatest achievement was as a peerless Mom, Grandma, and Great grandma. Too often the hard work, persistent optimism, intelligence, and patience required to do such work well is under-appreciated; she was truly exemplary. She is survived by four loving children, Jone (Harry), Bill, (Susie), Dave (Diana), and Luann (Dana); twelve grandchildren (David, Maria-Mercedes, Richard, Ryan, Jennifer, Christina, James, Darcy, Julie, Sheena, Haillee, Kaillee; and eleven great-grandchildren who will miss her.

Meet Philanthropy VP and Membership Chair—Chrystine Klett

Moving to Reno brought many unexpected surprises for me. As I explored what Reno offered, I met my neighbor, Sue Moore-Fry, as she walked her dog,



Lilly, by my house. I asked her about things to do in the area and about organizations that she belonged to.

Fortunately for me, Sue was the perfect person to ask these questions of. She had many activities and organizations she belonged to. As she described the Twentieth Century Club, I was immediately drawn to take a closer look at this club. I discovered that the club's core values and programming format for the monthly luncheons were perfect for me and matched my own values and interests. I am mostly in awe of the fact that this club is 130 years old!! It speaks to the commitment of the women who were visionaries so many generations ago. I realized that I wanted to be part of this "time travel" experiment and I joined TCC in 2022.

I love the opportunity to meet so many wonderful, interesting, and progressive women, enjoy a delicious lunch and learn something new from the speakers. My special interest is Philanthropy, and I grew up with the women in my life who were involved in volunteer work in education, children, animals and social causes.

Currently I am helping with Membership and Philanthropy and hope that I can contribute to the growth of this wonderful organization.

Philanthropy: Philanthropy and Empathy

TCC's most important committee is philanthropy. Okay, that might garner a few gasps because we would not have a club without the dedicated women who oversee our business activities. Nor, would we have existed for a century without the many women who have joined and provided their support to better our community.

The philanthropy committee is tasked with researching and recommending to the board the possible Legacy Fund grantees each year. This committee must have their fingers on the pulse of the changing needs in our growing community and look for organizations with proven track records in delivering services. But they also need to look for the up-and-coming "social disrupters" with new approaches or better programs.

Philanthropy VP Chrystine Klett has reached out to the membership to form this year's committee. The 2025 committee is comprised of Joan Sprau, Sandra Quiroz, Lynda Knepper, and Judith Coneh. It is exciting to see two new faces—Sandra and Judy—on the committee. Each member brings different views and life experiences, while Joan and Lynda will share institutional knowledge as well. Also serving on the committee in an advisory capacity is Lauren Renda with the Community Foundation of Northern Nevada.

Not often considered, is empathy which all these women possess. Empathy is what spurs us to connect with each other and our community. It's what drives us to do things not just monetarily, but little things in life to help others without thinking about it. Empathy helps us make better decisions by understanding the perspectives of grantees and other stakeholders.

The committee will meet this winter to discuss opportunities and make their recommendations to the board. There is \$22,588.82 available to distribute from Twentieth Century Club Legacy Fund for the 2025 grant cycle. The awards will be made at the May luncheon meeting.

Kimberly Elliott—Director

TCC's Book Club News



“Reading is like spending time with a friend. A book is a friend. You can never have too many.”
Gary Paulsen, Author, “Shelf Life: Stories by the Book”

The TCC Book Club meets on the first Tuesday of the month at The House of Bread on California Ave.

On Dec 3, we met to discuss *Taking Care: The Story of Nursing and its Power to Change Our World* by DiGregorio. This book only enhanced our understanding of Twentieth Century Club's commitment to Nursing Scholarships. We need more nurses, and we need to keep them in the field. We do

recommend this book to all. You can find it at the Washoe Co. library.

There will NOT be a meeting in January, 2025.

The book for February is *Dictionary of Lost Words* by Pip Williams. The meeting date is Feb 4, 2025, at 10:00AM at House of Bread.

Please come join us even if you haven't read the book.

The March book will be *The River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey* by Candice Millard.

We would love to hear your suggestions for future books to read.

Diane Coons—President



January Birthdays

Several longtime TCC members are celebrating birthdays this month—Kimberly Elliott, Roberta Gerber, Patricia (Pat) Sepulveda, and Tatjana Vukovic.

Wishing you all a Happy Birthday!

Breakfast Club—No Agenda

For those of you who haven't yet joined us, it's a fascinating way to get to know each other. I've learned that one of us was a Greek adoptee; another a Miss Nevada; another a career government employee in Alaska, and more.

We also had a new member join whose daughter found the event on the website. Join us—for coffee and conversation—if too late for breakfast for some and too early for others.

Breakfast Club: (Meets at 9a.m.)

January 1 (no club because NYD)

Feb 5 - Great Full Gardens, 555 S Virginia

March 5 - Sparks Coffee Shop, 2252 Oddie Blvd. Sparks

We're trying to spread the venues further east and south to accommodate our membership

Jan Browne—Treasurer

It's Like Christmas in May at the Spring Basket Extravaganza!

It's only December, yet it's not too early to start thinking about how you can support our 3rd Annual Spring Basket Extravaganza and 131st Charter Day on Thursday, May 8th.

With over 45 basket donations last May, it really was like Christmas in May! From golfing to wine, to music and art, the donations were arranged by our TCC elves with the sole purpose of helping to raise funds for our scholarship program.

There are many ways you can help support our philanthropic effort:

- Create and wrap a themed basket or donate an experiential item for the raffle.
- Contact businesses and organizations you may know for sponsorship opportunities or donations.
- Invite friends to join TCC and bring a guest to our May luncheon.
- Participate in the planning committee.
- Help wrap baskets donations prior to the luncheon.
- Volunteer to help pick up donations for basket wrapping,
- Volunteer to help with set-up, registration, or raffle tickets sales at the event.

Contact Jill Navarrette to volunteer or sign up for basket donation: 775.762.8626

Gardening Arts Events for 2025

Although we have a winter gardening hiatus, TCC's Gardening Arts group is busy organizing special events for 2025 that you won't want to miss.

Save The Dates!!!

April 16, 2025, at 2:30 pm

for an Ikebana demonstration at the House of Bread on California.

We are lucky to have Truus TenKate-Sharp demonstrate Ikebana flower arranging, a truly unique Japanese art form.



BB3 (Booze & Botanicals 3) is on the calendar for Thursday, September 25th. The board approved the event's third year at the last board meeting. If you would like to work on this fun annual event, please contact Kimberly Elliott.

Bridge Club

The Twentieth Century Club Bridge Club continues to thrive. We had 3 tables in December at Jane Chapman's



home and Jan Browne was the big winner. In fact, we were all winners because we had such a good time playing Bridge. Please let Jane Chapman or Roberta Gerber know if you would like to join the Bridge group.

Bridge dates: (Meets 10a.m.-2p.m.)

January 3, Bev Waldron's

February 7, Jan Browne's

March 7, Jane Chapman's

Help Wanted: No Technical or Writing Experience Necessary

The TCC's website has been active since 2017, and its content needs refreshing. We are looking for another set of eyes to review each of the pages to flag content that should be updated or deleted. If you are interested, please contact Kimberly Elliott.

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Twentieth Century Club

***Ending Infectious Disease:
Humanitarianism and Biodefense***

Thursday, January 9th 2025

11:00 a.m. Check-in and Socializing

12:00 p.m. Luncheon and Program

Lunch \$35.00 Per Person

Regular Entrée:

Greek Salad with Shrimp

Vegan Option Entrée:

Vegan Cobb Salad

Dessert: Pineapple Upside Down Cake

Dutch Crunch Rolls

Roasted Regular & Decaffeinated Coffee

Specialty Teas & Iced Tea

Payment or cancellation must be received by

noon on Friday, January 3, 2025

Mail reservation to: Jan Browne, Treasurer TCC,
4025 Bitter Creek Court, Reno, NV 89519

Member Name:

Phone:

Menu Selection:

Guest Name:

Phone:

Menu Selection:

Raffle Ticket Pre-Orders

To save you a trip to the ATM, we are offering the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets with your luncheon reservation.

Tickets are:

6 for \$5 12 for \$10 24 for \$20

Number of _____ tickets at \$ _____

Please add your luncheon order:

Number of _____ lunches at \$35.00 \$ _____

Enclosed is my check made payable to Twentieth Century Club for: Total: \$ _____



