



100 Ways to Celebrate FWC's 100 Years

If you need inspiration or aren't sure where to start, we've put together this checklist of ways each of us can celebrate FWC's centennial. Keep this list handy and check off everything **you** do to commemorate this amazing year!

Celebrate

- Read one, two, or all the titles on our Book Sections' suggested centennial reading list. (You'll find the link on the centennial page of the FWC website, umfwc.org.)
- Take a walk down memory lane, alone or with a group, touring campus locations special to FWC. (A sheet highlighting points of interest is coming later this year.)
- Attend the Painters Art Exhibition this October.
- Knit or crochet outerwear (such as a hat, scarf, or mittens) for the Knitting Section's Knitbomb.
- Come to a Section activity outside your normal group(s) to honor FWC's 100th.
- Grab a pencil and enjoy the puzzles that we'll post to umfwc.org. (They'll be mailed to those who receive paper newsletters.)
- Keep yourself in stitches at the Quilt Show at the James and Anne Duderstadt Center in March 2022.
- Help us blow out the candles on our birthday cake at the 2022 Annual Meeting.
- Join the fun at additional centennial celebration activities throughout the year.

Reflect

- Ponder what life was like for members 100 years ago.
- Spend a quiet moment thinking of members who are no longer with us.
- Count all the people you have met through FWC.
- Reread the centennial history articles from our 2020 & 2021 newsletters. (Links are on the centennial page of our website, umfwc.org.)
- Think about how different your life would be without FWC.
- Review the directory list of past presidents to see how many you know.
- Tell a family member or friend about when and why you joined FWC.
- Imagine what the Club will be like in the year 2121.
- Look back at past FWC milestone celebrations, which are posted in the Historical Archive page on our website, umfwc.org.
- Contemplate what you can do to keep FWC vital as we enter our second century.
- Write your personal FWC history and submit it to the Centennial Committee for inclusion in our archives at the Bentley Historical Library. (Details coming in the September newsletter.)



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Explore

- Break out your walking shoes and head outdoors with the Hiking Section.
- Brush up your Spanish language skills with the Beginning, Intermediate, or Advanced Section.
- Join one of the Antiques groups...even if you're not 100 years old!
- Enjoy a movie with the Cinema Section.
- Work on your downward facing dog with the Yoga Section.
- Deal, duck, bid, and bluff with one of the Bridge Sections.
- Channel your creative side with Arts and Crafts at their monthly meeting.
- Toast to the Club's 100th birthday at an FWC Goes to Happy Hour gathering.
- Expand your art appreciation with monthly presentations by Art History.
- Know "Whodunit?" after you join the Mystery Book Group.
- Dine out with the Luncheon Adventures or FWC Goes Out to Dinner group.
- Don't drop a stitch...knit one purl two (and more) with the Knitting Section.
- Wear your maize & blue with the U-M Women's Sports Fans to cheer at a game, match, or meet.
- Socialize over a meal with Global Gourmets or International Cooking.
- Discover hidden gems and learn more about well-known spots across U-M with Campus Explorers.
- Perform—or enjoy performances by others—at the Music Section.
- Thread your needle and help create a quilt for Safe House when you join the Quilting Section.
- Prepare for a Tony nomination for your role in Tuesday Play Reading.
- Learn to distinguish Cabernet from Côtes du Rhône or taste your way through Tuscany's Chianti Classico region with the Wine Group.
- Sign up for all eight book sections and your calendar WILL be fully booked!
- Expand your horizons with Friends from Around the World.
- Check out the local thespian scene with Friends of Live Theater.
- Grab your brushes and palette and join the Painting Group.
- Cultivate your green thumb with one of our two Garden Sections.
- Travel virtually and/or share memories of a favorite trip with others through Around the World.
- Practice your French reading and speaking skills with Théâtre et Conversation or Conversational French.
- Discover what the new (!) Volunteer Section is doing and sign up for a shift. (Look for details in upcoming newsletters this fall.)

Give

- Round up your dues payment this year.
- Support a U-M student by contributing to the FWC Endowed Scholarship Fund.
- Recognize a friend's birthday, or some other milestone, by making a mid-year contribution to the Special Projects Fund.



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Learn

- Get a feel for U-M life in the 1920's through James Tobin's "[The First Women](https://heritage.umich.edu/stories/the-first-women/)" Heritage Project at this website: <https://heritage.umich.edu/stories/the-first-women/>.
- Visit the [FWC website](https://umfwc.org) and browse through all the information available there.
- Expand your horizons by attending one of the many free U-M lectures or presentations.
- Read [Kim Clarke's story](#) of FWC founder Nina Burton and her husband Marion Leroy Burton, the only U-M President to die in office. (<https://heritage.umich.edu/stories/death-of-a-president/>)
- Schedule an appointment to browse through the FWC memorabilia stored at the Bentley.
- Scroll through [FWC's scrapbook](#) (umfwc.org > About Us > Historical Archive > Remembrance of Things Past) to peek at mementos of years gone by.
- Watch a classic movie to recall days of yesteryear.

Connect

- Attend Newcomer get-togethers during your first two years in FWC.
- Send a card in the mail to a fellow member.
- Carpool to a Club-wide event or section meeting.
- Introduce yourself to our scholarship recipient at the Spring Lunch.
- Join FWC's Facebook group if you're on social media.
- Call a fellow member on the phone.
- Take a member out to celebrate a birthday.
- Invite a friend to join FWC.
- Help a member who is not feeling well.
- Send an email to another member "just because."
- Ask a Golden Member what FWC was like years ago.
- Reconnect with a member you haven't seen for a while.
- Invite a fellow member over for coffee and reminisce about your time in FWC.
- Introduce yourself to a member you haven't met.
- Learn something new about a member you already know.
- Ask a long-time member what their hopes are for the next 100 years of FWC.
- Perform a random act of kindness for someone in FWC.

Appreciate

- Thank the Information Resources Committee for their technical support of our virtual gatherings.
- Share your appreciation with a Social Committee member for the work they do.
- Thank current Board Members for their service.
- Give kudos to the Communications Chair for her outstanding work.
- Share your gratitude to our past presidents for their service to the Club.
- Thank the leader of your Section(s).
- Pat yourself on the back for **your** contributions to FWC.



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Participate

- Renew your membership each year.
- Keep the directory and newsletter handy to refer to them.
- Come to the Fall Welcome.
- Join this year's Living Room Chats.
- Attend as many of your section's gatherings as you possibly can.
- Connect with fellow FWC members at the monthly drop-in coffee.
- RSVP and mark your calendar for the Holiday Reception as soon as your invitation arrives.
- Enjoy the company of fellow members and vote on the Board slate at our Annual Meeting.
- Hop on the Spring Bus Trip to enjoy a day-long outing with fellow members.

Volunteer

- Start a new section based on a hobby or interest you share with others.
- Take and share photos with the newsletter and/or to the Club's Facebook page.
- Staff the nametag table or help the Social Committee at one of our annual events like the Fall Welcome or Spring Lunch & Annual Meeting.
- Become a leader or co-leader to keep our sections going strong.
- Join a committee.
- Say "Yes!" when the Nominating Committee asks you to serve on the Board.
- Consider becoming FWC President.

Conclude

- Participate, participate, participate every year you can—but especially this year.
- Realize what a bargain you get, all the above for just \$30 a year!
- Remember the FWC could not exist another 100 years without you, our current members, and all future members.

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