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Message from the Presidents

The line-up of University Circle's springtime activities is taking shape. We look forward to seeing you and your friends at these events.

On April 20th University Circle hosts Settlement House children and parents at a Kids Fare Concert at Pick- Staiger Concert Hall. Led by Northwestern's Emmy award winning dance professor, Billy Siegenfeld, Jump Rhythm Jazz Project combines motion, dance gesture and unique choreography with great music. This is a wonderful opportunity to experience top-notch music and dance, have fun and benefit the children of Northwestern Settlement House. The pure joy and enthusiasm expressed by the children is contagious.



Sally Dobroski



Jean Wilson

interesting to you? Please contact us for additional information.

Our term as co-presidents has been full of learning – learning to know our members, learning in-depth about Circle's programs and philanthropies and learning the important role Northwestern University Circle has played throughout its 98-year history. It will continue to thrive well after its 100th anniversary. This organization brings women together from throughout Northwestern's diverse community, providing opportunities

to grow friendships and share in activities of mutual interest, enriching students' lives with scholarships and serving the larger community in charitable ways.

On May 17th we gather at Guild Lounge for Circle's annual Spring Luncheon. Scholarship Chair, Barbara Rossow, and her committee are hard at work with Tim Gordon, Associate Dean of Student and Alumni Services of the School of Continuing Studies, finalizing plans for the University Circle Scholarships, which will be presented at the luncheon. Each year University Circle awards scholarships toward tuition for full-time NU employees enrolled in the School of Continuing Studies. This is a lovely time to be on campus and celebrate together.

We thank each Circle member. We thank the Executive Board and the Interest Group Committees. Your consistent support and hard work has made these two years a very special time in our lives.

May is also the time that we share Northwestern campus with students from Noble St. Charter High School and Rowe Elementary School. Carolyn Krulee carefully plans each tour and welcomes all Circle members to join in on these very special and high energy visits. Look for further information about these events in this issue of the *Courier*.

The 15th Biennial Big 10 Women's Conference, hosted by the University of Illinois, will take place June 7 – 9, 2013 in Champaign-Urbana. This year's conference, titled *Cultivating Winning Strategies*, promises to be a very special time to explore the campus and interact in important ways with members of all 12 Big 10 universities. Does this event sound





Mission

The mission of University Circle is to provide opportunities for Northwestern University women to participate in service, scholarship, and social activities that enhance the University community.

Membership

If you know of a woman who is interested in becoming part of University Circle, please bring her along to a special interest group or general membership program. You may also contact Jane Dowding at 847.446.0302 and Jane will happily send membership information out by mail. You can find membership information on the University Circle web site:

www.northwestern.edu/university-circle

Board Meetings

University Circle Board meetings are held at noon on the third Thursday of most months, at Parkes Hall, Room 204 (behind Alice Millar Chapel). All members are welcome. Meetings last no more than one hour and are always lively and fun. Please contact one of the co-presidents if you plan to attend and if you have an item for the agenda.

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Potluck and Musical - *My Fair Lady*

by Debbie Crimmins

Circle members and their guests gathered in the Guild Lounge on February 2nd for appetizers, wine, and a potluck dinner before the performance of *My Fair Lady*, the 71st Dolphin Show at Cahn Auditorium. One of the executive producers, Louis Schermerhorn stopped by to tell us about his experiences with the show. This was the first year that he, his co-producer Rachel Birnbaum, and the director, Tristan Powell had worked on the Dolphin Show. In consultation with the director, they fairly quickly decided on *My Fair Lady* and started working on it last May.



L-R: Sally Dobroski, Debbie Crimmins, Louis Schermerhorn, Jean Wilson



The Dolphin Show is America's largest student-produced musical. Hundreds of students work on all aspects of the show which creates many logistical challenges. *My Fair Lady* only has a few main characters and one of the aims of the director was to make ensembles a bigger part of the musical. Schermerhorn also talked about the challenges of casting. Northwestern has hundreds of productions a year and so they had to compete with other shows for the best talent. He was especially pleased with the selection of Northwestern senior Lillie Cummings who played Eliza Doolittle. Nick Day starred as Henry Higgins and Jake Perlman played his side-kick, Colonel Pickering. The musical was re-envisioned with a setting that was a blend of old England but with a modern sensibility. We all enjoyed seeing this lavish and energetic production of the well-loved Lerner and Loewe classic.



Michael Guerrero Receives University Circle Grant

One of University Circle's philanthropic interests is supporting Northwestern Settlement House in Chicago. As an extension of this support, in the past Circle has presented grants to graduates of Noble St. Charter School who become students at Northwestern University. Noble St. School is closely affiliated with Settlement House and its families.



L-R: Jean Wilson, Michael Guerrero, Sally Dobroski

At Circle's January Board Meeting, the board members voted to give Michael Guerrero a grant to be used towards his education at Northwestern. He is a graduate of Noble St. Charter School and is now a senior at NU. Michael is majoring in Learning and Organizational Change in the School of Education and Social Policy.

On February 18, Michael Guerrero met with Jean Wilson and Sally Dobroski at Norris Center. He was presented

with a \$500 grant from University Circle. At that time they had an opportunity to talk with him about his NU education and his future plans.

Michael expressed sincere gratitude for all he is learning and for all the professors and students that he has met while at NU. He aims to continue his education after his June 2013 graduation and would eventually like to earn his

PhD, aspiring to be a university professor. On campus he is very active with Alianza- NU's Latino Student Alliance. He serves as their secretary and is the editor of their newsletter.

As they parted, conversation touched on Rick Bayless' newly opened Mexican Frontera Grill at Norris. Michael said what a nice addition it is to Norris and that the people that work there are great, but the food cannot compare to his own mother's home cooking!

Rowe Elementary & Noble Street High School Visit NU Campus



Groups from Rowe Elementary and Noble Street Charter Schools are returning to the Northwestern University campus this spring for their annual college field trip.

The sophomores from Noble Street Charter School are scheduled to visit on April 23rd. The students arrive with questions about admission, financial aid and housing at Northwestern and to see for themselves what a top-rated college looks like. After a guided tour they will have lunch with several Northwestern students.

The Rowe Elementary School students will visit on May 21st. Most students will experience their first-ever college visit. They will be escorted on a brief tour and given an overview of the campus, followed by lunch and a mini-lesson taught by one of their own master teachers.

Volunteers will be needed not only to accompany the children and personnel from each school on tours, but also to bake cookies for the younger children. Think about spending some time volunteering with these energetic, motivated children – you will be enriched in the process.



Volunteers Needed

to help with the

NU Kids Fare/Settlement House Concert

Saturday, April 20th

We are looking forward to the annual NU Circle event hosting the Kids Fare/NU Settlement House at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall on Saturday, April 20 at 10:00 am.

Thanks to a generous ticket donation from Dean Toni-Marie Montgomery of the School of Music, the families will be treated to a lively performance called *"Jump to Conclusion."*

We expect up to 30 children and their families to take part in this event. Following the concert, everyone is treated to a pre-prepared bag lunch at the Norris Center. Please join us for this concert/lunch and lend us a hand in packing the brown-bag lunches.

Here is the volunteer schedule for this fun event on **Saturday, April 20:**

- 1. 8:00–9:00 am** Sandwiches will be prepared and the brown bags will be packed with many goodies. This will be done at Sylvia Taflove's house at 9816 N. Keystone Avenue in Skokie.
- 2. 10:00–11:30 am** we will transport the lunches to the Norris Center. Circle members will meet the Settlement bus at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall and enjoy the Kids Fare concert with the families.
- 3. 11:30 am–12:30 pm** Circle members will join the group in the Norris Center cafeteria while we enjoy our brown-bag lunches. You will have the opportunity to speak with Jose Alatorre, Director of Group Services at the NU Settlement House.

To help make this event a big success, please contact: Sylvia Taflove at 847-674-0597 or taflove1@comcast.net or Eileen McGowan 847-446-6897 or mcgowan1950@aol.com



Social Service Groups Update

by Glenda Mockros

We have been especially loyal to the Northwestern Settlement House. The groups are quite social and we all are fast friends. It would be great if younger members, who would either join our group or have a separate get-together of their own, could enjoy the lasting friendships that come with working together –in a 'party' atmosphere!



Nancy Spears and Claudia Krizek at work

Schedule for the upcoming meetings:

Daytime Social Service

Time: between 11 am and until 2 or 3 pm with a luncheon break.

Monday, April 15 at the home of Glenda Mockros
1017 Meadowlark Lane in Glenview Ph: 847-724-6010

Monday, May 13 at the home of Margareta Brown
2000 Chestnut Avenue # 210 in Glenview Ph: 847-729-0017

Monday June 10 at the home of Pat Gulliver
1900 Franklin Drive in Glenview Ph: 847-296-6907

Evening Social Service Meetings

Time: 7:30 pm to about 10 pm on the last Wednesday of the month. Dessert provided by the co-hostess.

Wednesday, April 24 at the home of Claudia Krizek
1366 Sanford Lane in Glenview Ph: 847-724-6180

Wednesday, May 29 - to be arranged

The dates are subject to change and members will be contacted either by email or phone. Anyone who is interested in joining this group please contact Glenda Mockros at 847-724-6010 or gmockros@wideopenwest.com to be put on the email list.

The *Butterfly Quilt*

Created by Northwestern University Circle Piecemakers

by Margaret Schatz

A beautiful piece of fabric was the inspiration for the NU Piecemakers' most recent quilt. Members chose royal blues, bright pinks, reds, lime greens and other colorful cotton from their fabric stashes to match the hues of the large fabric piece. They were given a pieced butterfly pattern, white background fabric and assigned to bring two completed blocks to the fall meeting.

Seeing everyone's blocks for the first time is always exciting and fun for the Piecemakers. Their creative streaks come alive as they arrange the blocks and decide on the final "layout." Despite not knowing any of the fabric choices for the blocks in advance, the quilt "worked wonderfully" to the delight of the group. And, it just so happened that one member had in her stash the perfect sashing and border fabric.



Work in progress: L-R: Maria Poeppelmeier, Lonnie Dunlap, Bert Mount, Cathryn Timmers, Margaret Schatz, Debbie Crimmins, Melanie Anderson

The Piecemakers are donating the lap size *Butterfly Quilt* to the silent auction at the April 12 fundraiser for Literacy Works, www.litworks.org, an organization that provides tutor training and professional development for organizations offering literary services (over 50 in the Chicago area).

The donation of the *Butterfly Quilt* in support of this excellent cause brings a very satisfying conclusion to another creative collaboration of the Northwestern Piecemakers.

Thanks to all the Piecemakers for their work on this project, with special thanks to Maria Poeppelmeier, Lonna Horowitz, Cathryn Timmers, Melanie Anderson and Lonnie Dunlap.

The finished *Butterfly Quilt* (left)

University Circle Scholarship News

by Gay Menges

University Circle is again pleased to announce that recipients of Circle Scholarships will be presented at the May Luncheon. We are proud of the 16 scholarships we have awarded since the program was established, and we look forward to more successful applicants. All recipients must be full-time employees of Northwestern University and enrolled in courses through the School of Continuing Studies. Recipients may be working toward completing a degree or certificate. As one scholarship winner said, ***"The Circle Scholarship made it possible for me to complete my degree. It made all the difference!"***



Board Meeting Schedule

The University Circle Board meets on the following dates:



Holiday Wrapping Party & Cookie Exchange



L-R: Dorothy Sissors, Barbara Mayo, Glenda Mockros, Jean Wilson, Marietta Paynter

by Jane Wilson

At the December 12, 2012 Wrapping Party Circle members worked energetically to wrap and box the many, many donated gifts for the Northwestern Settlement families. This year (the 22nd year for this event) Circle's assignment was to assist four families including six adults and twelve children ranging in age from 2 to 17. There was no way to count the number of gifts that were wrapped; but in addition to the donated items of clothing, toys, cold weather jackets and gloves and hats, gifts included sheets, towels and kitchen items such as microwaves and cookware.

Furthermore, Jewel gift certificates were included for each family member and a check in the amount of \$1,250.25 was given to the Settlement House staff to assist the families with utility bills.

Circle members worked non-stop in four locations at the home of Glenda Mockros so that the wrapping and boxing was completed in about two hours. Glenda has generously hosted this event in the past and took care of the arrangements so that the tasks were taken care of smoothly. Four Circle members loaded their cars and delivered the boxes to the Settlement House the following day.

After the wrapping was completed, members surrounded the



table of homemade cookies and treats and enjoyed admiring and sampling from the many choices.

At the end of the evening members selected cookies to take home.

Ethnic Dinner at Taste of Peru

by Robert Launay

On Sunday, November 4, a large party of 23 was feasted at Taste of Peru, 6545 North Clark Street, Chicago. We were enthusiastically welcomed by the owner, César Izquierdo, who came to the United States from Peru in 1974 and has been serving delicious Peruvian food at Taste of Chicago since 1998. Aside from Peruvians living in Chicago, the restaurant has built up an enthusiastic neighborhood clientele and was even awarded a Bib Gourmand mention in the Michelin Guide for Chicago.

César began by serving us the most famous Peruvian cocktail, the Pisco sour, made from Pisco – Peruvian brandy – lime juice, sugar, water, and topped with egg whites and a sprinkle of cinnamon. We were then served a lavish spread of four Peruvian appetizers served family style, including Peruvian tamales (very different from the Mexican variety), beef skewers, ocopa – a Peruvian potato preparation, and ceviche. This was followed by a lavish spread of main dishes including beef braised csin beer, shredded chicken in creamy walnut sauce, and a special green-colored paella – the green was from herbs used to cook the rice. Finally, those who still had room could sample three desserts, including purple corn pudding and home made ice cream featuring Peruvian tropical fruit. The diners were unanimous in their appreciation of the rich flavor and variety of Peruvian cuisine, and expressed hearty thanks to Señor Izquierdo.

Circle Spring Tour 2012

by Dorothy Sissors

The Circle Spring Tour 2012 led us to the Union League Club in Chicago. We carpoled from Evanston for a wonderful tour. The Union League Club supplied us with a docent to lead us through their magnificent art collection. After the tour we had lunch in the main Dining Room. The trip was a big success and everyone agreed that we would like to repeat our visit there in the future.

Circle Spring Tour 2013

The destination for this year's Circle spring tour on April 23rd is the NU Settlement House and Noble Street High School in Chicago. Participants will carpool from Ryan Field in Evanston. First they will be given a tour of the school and then visit the Settlement House where they will have a box lunch. An email with more information about this tour will be sent to circle members in April.



There will be emails and flyers with details about these events. Please visit www.northwestern.edu/university-circle regularly to stay informed about the latest Circle news, upcoming programs, and volunteer opportunities.

visit www.northwestern.edu/university-circle for date
Outdoor Activity/Bike Tour

Rowe Elementary School Visit to NU Campus

Circle Spring Luncheon at Guild Lounge

Noble Street High School Visit to NU Campus

Spring Tour to Settlement House & Noble Street High School

Nu Kids Fare/Settlement House Concert

Mark your calendar for these upcoming Circle events:

Spring 2013 Calendar of Events

- April 20**
- April 23**
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- May 17**
- May 21**
- TBD**



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