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NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY CIRCLE

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I would like to welcome all of you, longtime and new members, to the 2015-2016 year of the Northwestern University Circle. I hope you all had a wonderful summer and are now enjoying fall with its crisp temperatures, clear blue skies and vivid colors on the trees. With the start of school in September, however, fall does not so much feel like the end of summer but rather like a new beginning. And it also means that Circle interest groups are meeting again and programs are happening.



will be able to attend some of Circle's activities. Not only do the programs and interest groups give you an opportunity to be entertained, learn something new, or help others, but they are also a great way to find companionship and friendship.

When Debbie Crimmins, Gay Menges and I attended the 2015 Big Ten Women's Conference organized by the University Women's Club of Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, in June, we had a chance to

In early October, a group of Circle members enjoyed a tour of Northwestern's south campus in Evanston and visited two of its newest buildings—the Segal Visitors Center and Ryan Center for the Musical Arts, both buildings with stunning architecture and beautiful lake views. Also in October, the Ethnic Dining Group organized a Sunday dinner at the Senegalese restaurant Badou in Chicago where Circle members enjoyed delicious food and lively conversations.

learn firsthand about other universities' women's groups. The groups vary widely in size but they are all facing the problem of decreasing membership. I hope we will be able not only to maintain but to increase the number of Circle members in the future.

More activities are planned for fall and winter, such as a visit to the ETOPiA play with a dinner outing in November, the gift-wrapping party and cookie exchange in December, and the potluck dinner and play early next year. I hope many of you

I would like to thank all of the board members for their efforts in the Circle and I would especially like to thank Jane Dowding and Trink Newman for all their work as Circle co-presidents from 2013 through June 2015.

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## CIRCLE EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR 2015-2016

Left to right: Jane Dampts, Jean Wilson, Sally Dobroski, Diane Unger, Mary Schwartz, Elisabeth Malthouse, Jane Dowding, Pat Mathis, Gay Menges, Eleanor Prince. Not pictured: Jean Corvine, Debbie Crimmins, Margaret Schatz, Pat Ulmer

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## 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 Margaret Schatz at 847-475-2365 and she will happily send membership information out by mail. You can find membership information on the University Circle web site:

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## BOARD MEETINGS

University Circle Board meetings are held at noon on the third Thursday of most months, at Parkes Hall, second floor, Room 204. All members are welcome. Meetings typically last one hour and are always lively and fun. Please contact the president if you plan to attend and/or if you have an item for the agenda.

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For information about other interest groups, please contact the president.

# ADOPT-A-FAMILY HOLIDAY PROJECT

– by Margaret Schatz

In late October a small group of Circle members met with Belna Reyes at NU Settlement House to discuss the Adopt-a-Family Holiday Project. The group learned how the families are selected and gift-giving is organized. They came away feeling that the Adopt-a-Family Holiday Project, now in its 26th year, continues to be a very worthwhile effort and Settlement families are in need of our support.

The Adopt-a-Family Holiday Project letter will soon arrive; our goal is to



have as many Circle members as possible purchase one or more gifts for the 20 adults and children in five families we are serving. The format has been restructured a bit to simplify gift-buying. Members will even be able to sign up online for donations.

Many thanks to Claudia Krizek, Jane Wilson and Glenda Mockros who have so ably chaired this project for the last several years.

**See you at the GIFT WRAPPING PARTY, AT 7 PM ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10,** at the home of Margaret Schatz, 2426 Central Park Avenue in Evanston.

A promotional poster for the play "A Life of Galileo" by Bertolt Brecht, directed by Brian Bell. The poster features a teal and gold telescope and a lens cap. The text on the poster includes "ETOPiA PRESENTS", "A LIFE OF GALILEO", "BY BERTOLT BRECHT", and "DIRECTED BY BRIAN BELL".

ETOPiA PRESENTS

# A LIFE OF GALILEO

BY BERTOLT BRECHT

DIRECTED BY BRIAN BELL

University Circle members will gather on **Friday, November 13**, for a performance of Bertolt Brecht's "Life of Galileo." The play is this year's production of ETOPIA (The Engineering Transdisciplinary Outreach Project in the Arts), a program of the McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Sciences.

The play will be held at 8:00 pm at the Technological Institute. Admission is free but reservations are recommended at [www.mccormick.northwestern.edu/etopia](http://www.mccormick.northwestern.edu/etopia). Click on

"Reserve Tickets" and follow instructions. You may also call 847-324-3296. Performances run on Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons through December 6.

**If you are interested in joining a group of NU Circle members for dinner at a local restaurant before the November 13 performance**, please e-mail Mary Alayne Schwartz at [mks859@ameritech.net](mailto:mks859@ameritech.net) for the location and time. We hope that you can join us for this fun evening!

# SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS EXPRESS APPRECIATION

– by Gay Menges

All who attended the dinner celebrating the 100th anniversary of Circle's founding at NU President and Mrs. Schapiro's home in April will remember the three young women who were honored as 2015 University Circle scholarship winners. They are all university employees and degree students in the School of Professional Studies, earning degrees in psychology and in public policy and administration. These hard-working, exceptional students have expressed how helpful the scholarship has been for them.

Caitlin Tucker writes, "Receiving an award is always an honor, but to sit in a room with the women of University Circle was the true honor. The personal stories of these women were heartwarming and inspiring. University Circle has succeeded in its mission to support Northwestern through service, scholarship, and social activities for more than a century. I hope to be seen as a woman leader one day, and if that day comes, I'll proudly look back on the support I received from University Circle's scholarship and community."

Jessica Agosto says, "This scholarship has significantly relieved some of the financial pressures I face, which in turn has allowed me to fully concentrate on my education. I am



President Morton Schapiro with the scholarship recipients  
Left to right: Jessica Anoya Agosto, Elizabeth Quinn, Caitlin Tucker

extremely passionate about psychology and hope to help those suffering from mental illness, trauma, or grief some time in the future."

Thanks to those who have sent in scholarship donations. Please consider contributing if you have not already done so. Send checks payable to Circle Scholarship Fund to the Office of the Provost, c/o Judith Donovan, 633 Clark Street, Room 2-154, Evanston IL 60208. Thank you.

## Remembering Circle Friends

We recently learned of the deaths of two long-time Circle members.

**JEAN RAHL** died on September 26, 2015. She and her husband came to Evanston and Northwestern University in 1946. While her husband was a teacher and dean at the law school, Jean participated in city and University Circle activities. An enthusiastic Circle member, Jean maintained her active interest even in her 90th decade.

**NIKKI ZAREFSKY** passed away on October 5, 2015. She has given so much to Circle over the years. She initiated knitting groups and book discussions, and was always an active supporter of Circle's Settlement activities.

*We send our sympathy to both families. Jean and Nikki will be missed.*



# NEWCOMERS' LUNCHEON

– by Sally Dobroski



Left to right: Jane Dampts, Luretta Spiess, Jane Dowding, Pam McGaghie, Jan Smith

On September 16, Circle's newest members were invited to a luncheon in their honor. Eleanor Prince hosted the ladies in her home where they were warmly welcomed by Circle President Elisabeth Malthouse and other Circle Board Members. New members include Carol Booth, Jean Corvine, Jane Dampts, Sally Hagan, Maureen Hanrahan, Katherine Longston, Ruth Lucchesi, Pam McGaghie, Carol Nielsen, Jan Smith, Luretta Spiess, Sally Sprowl, Donna Su, Gwendolyn Trindl and Jennifer Waldman.



Left to right: Jean Corvine, Elisabeth Malthouse, Sally Sprowl, Jean Wilson, Eleanor Prince

Eleanor Prince, Programs Chair, provided information about upcoming fall Circle events. This gathering provided a wonderful opportunity to learn a bit about each new member as they introduced themselves and shared some of the ways they are connected with NU. A special big welcome is extended to all new members of University Circle.

## BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

### THE UNIVERSITY CIRCLE EXECUTIVE BOARD

meets on the third Thursday of the month in Room 204 of Parkes Hall from 12 NOON to 1 PM on the following dates.

**2015**

**NOVEMBER 19**

**DECEMBER—NO MEETING**

**2016**

**JANUARY 21**

**FEBRUARY 18**

**MARCH 17**

**APRIL 21**

**MAY (DATE TBA)**

**ANNUAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON**

**JUNE (DATE TBA)**

**YEAR-END POTLUCK DINNER**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**NOVEMBER 13**

ETOPiA production of "Life of Galileo"

**DECEMBER 10**

Gift-wrapping party for Adopt-a-Family Holiday Project

**EARLY 2016**

Potluck dinner and theater performance

Watch for more information about these events sent via e-mail or postal mail.

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regularly to stay informed about the latest Circle news, upcoming programs and volunteer opportunities.

# PIECEMAKERS' WORK HELPS "COVER" THE WORLD

— by Diane Unger

Members of Piecemakers, the Circle quilting group, worked quickly this fall to finish two quilt tops that had been donated to the group last spring. Members added embellishments, sandwiched each with batting and backing, and quilted them just in time to donate them to a sale and auction sponsored by the Glenview Community Church and held on Saturday, October 24. The quilts depicted underwater scenes of fish, sea creatures and coral, and were purchased by a collector for her home in Florida. Proceeds from the fundraiser, which included an auction of 100 quilts, went to Heifer International, a nonprofit humanitarian organization that gives farm animals and training in their care to families in need around the world.

The work of Piecemakers member Melanie Anderson will be exhibited at the Fine Art of Fiber Show, which runs from November 5 through 8 at the Chicago Botanic Garden. Photos from the annual show can be found at [www.fineartoffiber.org](http://www.fineartoffiber.org).



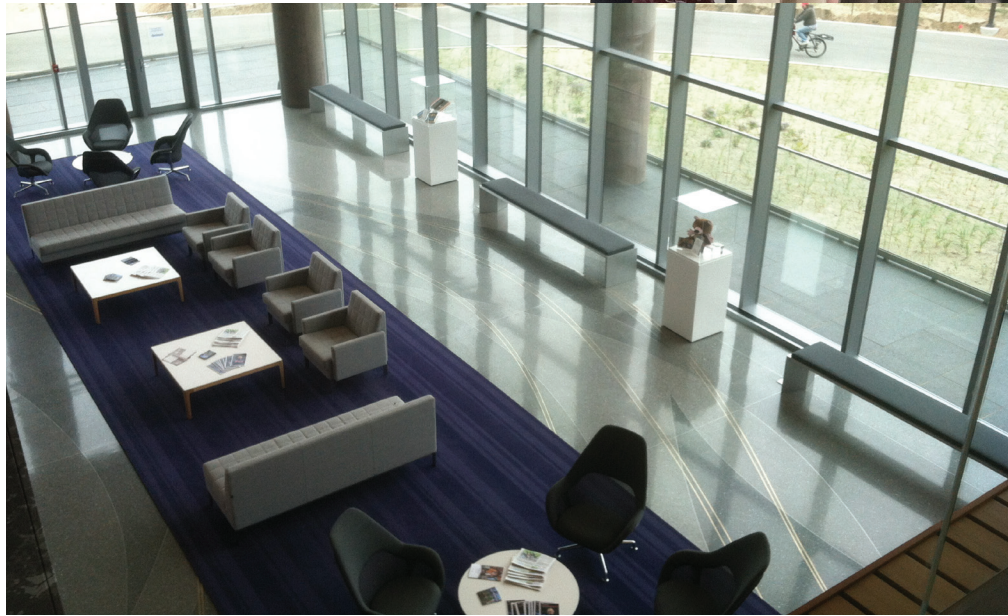
Left to right: Diane Unger, Margaret Schatz, Carol Nielsen



## TOURING NEW BUILDINGS ON SOUTH CAMPUS

– by Jane Dowding

On October 6, more than a dozen NU Circle members explored two of the newest buildings on Northwestern's Evanston campus: the Segal Visitors Center and the Ryan Center for the Musical Arts. Erik Halloway, the Assistant Director of Admissions, showed us how NU handles 50,000 plus visitors to campus each year. The stunning views of Lake Michigan and Chicago from the Visitors Center, as well as the convenient parking on the upper



floors, are attractive features of this new building. The Ryan Center, which houses the schools of music and communication, also has spectacular views of the lake, as well as several new theaters. After touring these new buildings, Circle members enjoyed a cup of coffee in the lower level of Norris Student Center. If you were unable to join us to see these buildings, we hope you will take the opportunity to see them in the near future.

## SENEGALESE DINING ON HOWARD STREET

– by Jane Dowding

The Ethnic Dining group of NU Circle enjoyed Senegalese food at **BADOU SENEGALESE CUISINE** on Howard Street in Chicago on Sunday night, October 18. Sixteen NU Circle members enjoyed the multi-course dinner prepared expressly for our group by chef/owner Badou Diakhate. Boulettes, plantains, beef stew, two types of chicken with rice, and very tasty lentils with potatoes in an exotic sauce were enjoyed by all. At the end of the meal, Badou was enticed out of the kitchen by a hearty round of applause from his appreciative diners. If you were unable to join us on October 18, you may want to try this restaurant, located at 2055 Howard Street in Chicago, phone 773-293-6913, which is open seven days a week for both lunch and dinner.





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